

# SACRED HEART

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# PARISH RESOURCES

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 2:30 to 3:30pm or anytime by appointment

**BAPTISM** Arrangement for this Sacrament of Initiation may be made by contacting the Rectory.

**MARRIAGE** Arrangements for Marriage should be made with the parish priest at least eight months in advance to allow for adequate preparation.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Grades 1 through 5 - Tuesdays 4:00 to 5:15pm

Grades 6 through 10 - Tuesdays 7:00 to 8:30pm

**VISITATION TO THE SICK** We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in Church. If you wish to receive the sacraments of Confession, Communion, or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalization so that we may help.

## MASSES

Weekends (Upper Church)

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am in ASL (also Voiced)

12 Noon (Lower Church)

Weekdays (Lower Church)

Monday—Saturday: 9:00am

Saturday following Mass: Rosary, Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding at 10:30am

Holy Days (Upper Church)

7:00am at Our Lady Help of Christians

9:00am at Sacred Heart

12:00 noon at Our Lady Help of Christians

7:30pm at Sacred Heart. This Mass is in both English and ASL

Holidays (Lower Church)

9:00am

## WEBSITES :

[www.sholnewton.org](http://www.sholnewton.org)

[www.bostondeafcatholic.org](http://www.bostondeafcatholic.org)

**WELCOME:** If you are new in the Parish, please introduce yourself after Mass or at the rectory office. We want to know and serve you.

## OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

1321 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02459

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, 9:30am to 5pm; Wednesday, Thursday, 8:30-3:30; Fridays 9:00am to 12:00 Noon

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Mrs. Michelle Solomon, Religious Education Director

Mrs. Margaret Miller, Administrative Associate

Mrs. Marisa Cimino, Activities Coordinator, MacKenzie Center

Mr. David Nahabedian, Facilities Manager



# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 30

9:00am, Parishioners of Sacred Heart

12:00 Noon, Sister Judy Breen

Saturday, May 6

4:00pm, Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, May 7

9:00am, First Communicants and their Families

12:00 Noon, Julia and Martin Groden and  
Claire Groden Smith

## CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, May 6, 4:00pm: Fr. Sassani

Sunday, May 7, 9:00am: Fr. Blaney

11:00am: Fr. Carey; 12:00 Noon: Fr. Sassani

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 30, Third Sunday of Easter

*Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps. 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;*

*1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35*

Monday, May 1, St. Joseph the Worker

*Acts 6:8-15; Ps. 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;*

*John 6:22-29*

Tuesday, May 2, Saint Athanasius

*Acts 7:51-81a; Ps. 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17,*

*And 21ab; John 6:30-35*

Wednesday, May 3, Saint Phillip and Saint James

*1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Ps. 19:2-3, 4-5;*

*John 14:6-14*

Thursday, May 4

*Acts 8:26-40; Ps. 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;*

*John 6:44-51*

Friday, May 5

*Acts 9:1-20; Ps. 117:1bc-2; John 6:52-59*

Saturday, May 6

*Acts 9:31-42; Ps. 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;*

*John 6: 60-69*

Sunday May 7, Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps. 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;*

*1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10*

## CALENDAR NOTES

Extended Coffee Hour: Sunday, April 30,

10:00am—1:00pm, Parish Center

Young Families Gathering: Sunday, April 30,

10:30am, Parish Center

Justice and Peace Committee Meeting: Sunday,

April 30, 10:30am, Convent Library

Prayer Group: Wednesday, May 3, Convent

Coffee Hour: Friday, May 5, Following 9:00am  
Mass, Parish Center

Liturgy, Holy Hour, Rosary: Saturday, May 6,  
9:00am—10:30am, Lower Church

First Communion Reception: Sunday, May 7,  
Following 9:00am Mass, Parish Center

## CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to all who responded so generously to the recent request to make a contribution to the 2017 Catholic Appeal. We now have cash contributions and pledges totaling 98% of the parish assessment. Just \$1000 to go!! Please help us reach our goal. Envelopes are available at the church entrances or you can donate on line at [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

As we ended our CCD year, our students from Grades 1-5 crowned the Blessed Mother in thanksgiving for her prayers for our teachers, classes and loved ones. Our Grades 6-10 participated in a Thanksgiving Mass for all our teachers, families and especially our students receiving 1st Communion and Confirmation. We pray that all our families stay close to Our Lord throughout the summer months by weekly Sunday Mass and loving our neighbors in word and deed!

Our 1st Communion students are eagerly waiting to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time next week, May 7th at 9:00am Mass. All guests and parishioners are welcome to join us at Mass and afterwards to feast and celebrate this happy day in the Mackenzie Center. Here are the list of students receiving Our Lord for the first time:

**OWEN BRADLEY, KYLIE CASE, EMMETT CHEN, LUCIA DAVILA, PATRICIA DAVILA, STELLA DIPIERRO, MAEBH FRENCH, VIVYAN GARCIA, PETER LOOBY, ZOE MATTA, KAELEIGH NEIL, CATALINA PERDOMO, ETHAN PIERRE, COLIN SAKAKEENY, NIKHIL STANCAMPIANO, WILLIAM RAYMOND.**

Please pray for these students & families to come and be fed with the Bread of Life always!

Joyous Easter Blessings!

Michelle Solomon, Director of Religious Ed.

## YOUNG FAMILIES GATHERING

All families with young children are invited to gather at Coffee Hour after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday,



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April 30th in the MacKenzie Center. There will be activities for the kids and conversation and refreshments for the adults. Contact Brian Romer Niemiec [bniemiec@sholnewton.org](mailto:bniemiec@sholnewton.org) with questions.

**Save the Date!!**  
**Sunday, May 21 is the date**  
**for our collaborative gathering**  
**to wish Fr Bob godspeed in his new assignment.**

**Watch for information next week if you want to help!!**

### WELCOME ERICA JOHNSON

The Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Collaborative is thrilled to announce the hire of Dr. Erica Johnson as the new Director of Liturgy and Music at Sacred Heart Church. Erica comes to the collaborative from Blessed Sacrament Church in Walpole, where for the past eight years she has built and directed a music ministry program with around eighty volunteers. She holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Organ Performance and Literature from the Eastman School of Music, and brings with her a great wealth and diversity of experience. Erica will start in the collaborative on June 1st. Welcome Erica!!

### COLLABORATIVE PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Archdiocese of Boston describes the role of the Collaborative Pastoral Council as a committee of parishioners from both parishes whose role is, "To assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education and service activities within the parish." The Pastoral Council will assist the Pastor in implementing our local Pastoral Plan, and in creating and executing a high level vision for the evangelization efforts of the collaborative. The Pastoral Council will work directly with the Pastor and the pastoral staff, and also with other committees in the collaborative as necessary (liturgy, finance, adult faith formation, social justice, etc...).

Starting the weekend of May 13/14, there will be nomination cards in the pews of the churches for each of us to nominate a fellow parishioner (or ourselves) to serve on the Pastoral Council. Six parishioners will be asked to serve from each parish. After confirming that those nominated are willing to serve, the selection process will happen on Pentecost Sunday (June 4). It is hard to

underestimate the necessity of this council, and the influence it will have on implementing a ministerial and missionary direction in the years to come. We ask that the process begin today with each of us prayerfully considering who would be good members of the Pastoral Council. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Romer Niemiec ([bniemiec@sholnewton.org](mailto:bniemiec@sholnewton.org)).

### BOSTON COLLEGE THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY SUMMER PROGRAMS

#### Summer Hybrid M.A. Program

Our M.A. in theology and ministry can now be completed through a combination of on-campus courses and online courses taken throughout the year. It's designed to be flexible so that you can craft the best program of study and sequence of courses for you. You can take advantage of our on-campus course offerings throughout the academic year, take online courses, and take courses over the summer sessions. Apply by June 1, 2017.

#### Post-Master's Certificate in Spiritual Formation

July 17 - July 28, 2017 - Ideal for those in active ministry who already have a graduate degree, our Post-Master's Certificate offers an in-depth, intensive program of study that enhances one's ability to mentor the spiritual lives of individuals and Christian faith communities. The program cultivates skills, including spiritual direction training, that are applicable for a wide range of ministerial positions and settings.

#### Summer Conference Week July 10 - July 13, 2017 *At the Bedside and Beyond: Contemporary Perspectives on Health Care Chaplaincy*

The conference focuses on the ministry of health care chaplains today both within and beyond the health care setting, with special attention to palliative care in interdisciplinary perspective and the needs of Latinos/as in medical crisis.

#### Featured Course offerings include:

Online: Christology - May 23 - June 23, 2017

#### On Campus

*Adolescent Ministry: Theological Foundations, Liturgical Perspectives, and Pastoral Practices for Youth Ministry* - June 26 - July 13: Monday - Thursday, 5:45pm - 9:00pm

*Finding God in All Things: Ignatian Spirituality in Theory and Practice* June 26 - July 13: Monday - Thursday, 5:45pm - 9:00pm

*All Shall Be Well: Psychological and Theological Resources which Promote Flourishing for Individuals and Communities* - July 17 - August 3: Monday - Thursday, 8:45am - 11:45am



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### **125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF SACRED HEART PARISH**

Save the evening of Saturday, June 24, 2017 to join us for our special 4:00pm Anniversary Liturgy to be celebrated by Bishop Robert Reed. Remember the past and celebrate the present of Sacred Heart Parish serving God and God's people since 1891.

### **GUILD OF ST. FRANCIS NEWS**

Please begin to gather items for the annual Rummage sale to be held on May 13. Items such as: clothing, toys, bric-a-brac, kitchen, art work, and jewelry may be brought to the Mackenzie center parish hall on Sunday mornings after Mass.

The Guild will be sponsoring the Spring Clothing Drive for St. Francis House clients for two weekends in May (20 -28). Begin to look for bargains on new socks, underwear, water bottles, and shower flip-flops. Gather serviceable jeans, t-shirts, backpacks, jackets, sweatshirts and pants, baseball caps, shoes, sneakers for men and women.

We will sponsor a private docent tour at BC's McMullen Art Museum (2101 Commonwealth Ave, on the Brighton campus) exhibit of the Cuban artist, RAFAEL SORIANO's exhibit, 'THE ARTIST AS MYSTIC' on Sunday May 21 at 1:15. You can meet at the Museum or car pool from our parking lot outside Mackenzie at 12:30. The tour is FREE and all are welcome!

Soriano was a major colorist and geometric abstractionist who fled Cuba for Miami in 1962. He didn't paint for two years. As he started painting again, his abstractionist brush changed. Come see where exile and faith and a long life are expressed in diaphanous, shimmering, mystical colors. The docent will give us true understanding of his themes and style. BC would like to know approximately how many will attend. Please email Kathie at: [longlongjj@verizon.net](mailto:longlongjj@verizon.net).

Save the Date of June 4 for the annual Communion breakfast with Drs. Lija and Jacob Joseph speaking about attending the canonization of St. Theresa in London.

### **K OF C OF SACRED HEART PARISH ANNUAL YARD SALE MAY 13**

We accept most household items, electronics, furniture, clothes and any other item you feel might be a good selling item for a yard sale. We will pick up or you may bring items to us. For further

information or for questions or pickup, call Bob - 617-964-1860 in the evenings. Thank you.

### **NEWTON CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB**

**May Book Club Selection:** *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis AND *The Wormwood File* by Jim Forest. Both books are short, about 110 pages, and consist of communications from a senior devil to an apprentice on the art and methods of temptation. The books are a fun read and full of insights. Forest updates Lewis for the digital age. Read one or both. The May meeting will be Thursday, May 25th, 7:00pm, in the Colella room at Our Lady's. Two copies of the books are available for loan. Call Ed Desmond at Our Lady's Parish Office to reserve a copy. For more information about the book club contact Jim Allaire at 617-244-2143.

### **BOSTON CATHOLIC LAWYERS GROUP**

The Boston Catholic Lawyers group is a new Boston lawyers group and we would like to invite all Catholic lawyers who live or practice in the Boston area to join us for networking and volunteering. The purpose of the group is to provide a place to grow spiritually and professionally. If interested, please email us at [bostoncatholiclawyers@gmail.com](mailto:bostoncatholiclawyers@gmail.com).

### **PROJECT RACHEL**

Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven. – Pope Francis. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat on Saturday, May 20. Location is confidential. Limited to ten participants. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

### **MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER**

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an 8 week guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. It calls for a commitment of eight weeks of daily prayer and eight weekly meetings of faith sharing. Sessions begin on May 3, at 7:00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church. To register call Maribeth Scott at 781-929-6327 or email at [mbskis@yahoo.com](mailto:mbskis@yahoo.com) or Marie Clory at 617-332-0651 or email [clorymarie75@gmail.com](mailto:clorymarie75@gmail.com).



## SIGNINGS

The Road to Emmaus is one of my favorite Scripture passages because it depicts how much Jesus shows respect for human experience. As we often hear this story, one question that can easily come into our minds is: "Why did Jesus not let the disciples know that it was really him walking with them?" However, I have to answer that with a question! Suppose if Jesus actually let the disciples know it was him, then what would our human experience be like? We would not be able to grasp the real human experience of finding glory through trials and tribulations, which was why God sent His only Son to show His children that with their dependence on hope through His guidance, they would be able to endure such trials and tribulations and then find glory! That is why we observe Lent and then celebrate Easter every year! Every time we hear the story of the Road to Emmaus, it is always an awesome reminder to us that it is okay to experience our burdens and then lift them up to the Lord who will lead us into victory! May the Emmaus story give you many Easter blessings!

In Christ, Fr. Shawn

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Celebrate God's love and mercy for each other by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jun 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA and Sep 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at [www.WWMEMA.org](http://www.WWMEMA.org).

## REDEMPTORIS MATER SEMINARY GALA

The Redemptoris Mater Seminary is pleased to announce its 8th Annual Gala Dinner, to be held on Sunday, June 4, 2017, at 5PM, at Boston Marriott Quincy, Quincy. This year's keynote speaker and honorees are George Weigel, a Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, and local businessman Ronald J. Brodeur, Braintree. For information, reservations, or to buy space in the Ad Journal, please visit [www.rmsboston.org](http://www.rmsboston.org). For all questions, please call 617-879-9814 or email [seminary@rmsboston.org](mailto:seminary@rmsboston.org). The gala dinner is the Seminary's main yearly fundraising event. Please

help us, if you can, either by attending the dinner or by making a contribution to the Seminary.

## MONTROSE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Join us on Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00pm. Learn more about our nationally recognized program with lifelong results. **Intellect with character. Leadership with service. Faith with reason.** Inspired by the teachings of the Catholic Church, Montrose is an independent day school for girls in grades 6-12 in Medfield, MA. Visit [MontroseSchool.org](http://MontroseSchool.org).

## COME FOR A TOUR!

St. Joe's Elementary (pre-k – gr 5) and Monsignor Haddad Middle School (gr 6- 8) in Needham are accepting applications for the 2017-18 school year. Visit our website [www.saintjoes.com](http://www.saintjoes.com) to register for a tour, meet the principal, and learn why our students are thriving!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM

The Knights of Columbus Museum recently opened *World War I: Beyond the Front Lines*, an exhibition exploring America's involvement in the "Great War", including the K of C's Catholic outreach to servicemen at home and abroad. A series of public lectures is planned throughout the show. The museum at 1 State Street in New Haven, CT is open 10am to 5pm daily. Admission and parking are free. More information at [kofcmuseum.org](http://kofcmuseum.org).

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Risen Christ comes upon two disciples walking away from Jerusalem. After he listens to their disappointment, discouragement and loss of hope, he explains the scriptures and then breaks the bread, their eyes are opened to this life-changing encounter with Christ. Just as for the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, Christ walks with us explaining the scripture and breaking the bread of the Eucharist before us. Do our hearts burn within us as we listen, as we receive Christ in Holy Communion? Do we leave Mass with our hearts burning to tell others about the Christ we met today?

From the beginning of time God loved us, ransomed and transformed us and all creation. Within this very truth we find our meaning. In this very love we find our hope.

