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New to our Parish?

Please introduce yourself after Mass or at the parish office. We want to know and serve you! We hope you will participate in our parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means.

Sacraments of Initiation

Adults interested in baptism or joining the Catholic Church please contact Marie Buckley at x219. For high school confirmation contact Kristina Preman at x216. Adults preparing for confirmation only contact Fr. John at x215.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office at least six months in advance. A preparation program is offered to all couples. For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.ourladys.com>.

Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please notify the pastoral staff if anyone is ill, in the hospital or confined to home and unable to get to church, and we will be happy to visit.

Infant Baptisms

Infant baptisms are celebrated at Mass or on special Sundays throughout the year. Parents are asked to call the office well in advance. A special program of preparation is offered for all parents. For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.ourladys.com>.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 2:30pm-3:30pm at Our Lady's Church or anytime by appointment.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

For more information, email: svdp@ourladys.com or call 617-527-7560 x255.

Saint Joseph Preparatory High School

St. Joseph Preparatory High School is a unification of Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Trinity Catholic High School. It is a college preparatory high school, offering a curriculum characterized by interdisciplinary teaching and collaborative learning. For more info please contact: admissions@saintjosephprep.org.

Schedule of Liturgies

Saturday.....	4:00pm
Sunday.....	8:00am
	10:00am
	6:00pm
Holy Days.....	As Announced
Weekdays.....	Mon-Fri 7:00am

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3rd Sunday of Easter

April 29 - May 7, 2017

Sat	4:00pm	First Communion For all First Communion Families	Fri	7:00am	Margaret A. McLaughlin
Sun	8:00am	Francis E. & Mary C. Bradley John Vignogna	Sat	4:00pm	First Communion For all First Communion Families
	10:00am	First Communion For all First Communion Families	Sun	8:00am	William Rice
	6:00pm	Glenn Mackery		10:00am	First Communion For all First Communion Families
Mon	7:00am	For all Victims of Abuse		6:00pm	Edward Long
Tues	7:00am	Louise Doyen			Rick & Mae Conley
Wed	7:00am	For all Men & Women Serving in the Military			Peggy & Joe McGah
Thurs	7:00am	For all Emergency Workers			

In your prayers please remember Bernice B. Antonellis, Catherine E. Daly and all who have died.
May they experience the new life promised by Christ's Paschal victory.

Our Lady's Is Pleased To Announce This Upcoming Marriage:



Kathleen Durkin & Jeremy Vincent

Scripture Readings [can be found at www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

Sun., April 30	Acts 2: 14,22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
Mon., May 1	Acts 6:8-15; Jn 3:6:22-29
Tues., May 2	Acts 7:51--8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
Wed., May 3	1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Thurs., May 4	Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Fri., May 5	Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Sat., May 6	Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:160-69
Sun., May 7	Acts 2: 14a,36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
Sun., May 14	Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Offertory Collection Update...

The offertory collection is one of three primary sources of income for the parish. (The other two are the Grand Annual and Rental Income.) Below are weekly offertory figures for last month, March 2017.

Via Baskets	\$26,445.50
Via ParishPay	\$ 9,507.45
Via Online Banking	\$ 3,582.08
March Offertory Total	\$39,535.03
March Offertory Budget	\$42,553.45
Budget Variance	-\$3,018.42

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.

Save the Date! Sunday, May 21st is the date for our collaborative farewell gathering to wish Fr. Bob godspeed in his new assignment. Watch for information next week if you want to help!!

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 13th & 14th, 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 4th). 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).

Mark Your Calendars for May 11th as we welcome MC Sullivan, the Director of Palliative Care for the Archdiocese of Boston, to our collaborative. MC will explain what palliative care is and why it is so important for people of all ages to understand it. She will also explain what the Church teaches about this important practice.

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!!

Meeting Christ In Prayer is an 8 week guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. It call for a commitment of eight weeks of daily prayer and eight weekly meetings of faith sharing. The program will be offered at Our Lady's May 3rd-June 21st on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. To register contact: Maribeth Scott at 781-929-6327 mbskis@yahoo.com or Marie Clory at 617-332-0651 clorymarie75@gmail.com.

To Ensure Your Child(ren)'s Safety, please accompany them to the restroom during Mass. Thank you!

Honduras Coffee Sales: Our next two sales of coffee from our sister parish in Honduras will be May 6th-7th and June 3rd-4th. Then we will take a break until September. Please support our friends, the coffee farmers, and enjoy delicious coffee!

Free Childcare Is Available every week during the 10:00am Mass in the McPherson Room, at the bottom of the steps on the rectory side for those who wish to use it. This is for children under age 6.

Preparation to Receive the Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion at the end of grade 2, begins in 1st grade. Please contact Rosemary if you need to enroll your child. If you have **older children** in need of Baptism or Eucharist, please also contact Rosemary. Please let families and friends know.

2017 Catholic Appeal Update: The 2017 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at Our Lady's. So far, 138 parishioners have participated, and together, we have raised \$41,446 toward our parish goal of \$114,040. Thank you to all who already have participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of

Father Robert Blaney's Farewell

It is with much sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Father Blaney when his assignment at Our Lady's and Sacred Heart Parishes concludes in May. He will celebrate his final Masses the weekend of May 20th & 21st. We will keep him in our prayers as he moves on to his next, yet to be determined, assignment in the Archdiocese of Boston. A collaborative celebration in his honor will be held after the 10:00am Mass in the lower halls at Our Lady's. Please plan to come and give thanks for his presence among us these last four years.

Boston, and at Our Lady's. With \$72,594 left to raise, we need the participation of every parishioner. If you have yet to participate in the 2017 Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org or complete a pledge form available at the doors of the church. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE: The Guild of St. Francis will hold a rummage sale on May 13th in the MacKenzie Center while the Knights hold their yard sale in the Sacred Heart parking lot. Please start collecting clothes, household items, toys, etc. to support this event.

Knights Of Columbus Yard Sale: The Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart Parish in Newton Centre is accepting donations for our annual yard sale to be held in May. 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 at 617- 964-1860 in the evenings. Thank you.

Are You Going to the Hospital? If you are going into the hospital for surgery and would like to have a blessing before the surgery please contact the parish office to have one of the priests offer you the Anointing of the Sick.

Wills and Bequests: Please consider remembering Our Lady's when drafting your Estate Plans. We invite you to consider leaving a gift to Our Lady Help of Christians to

continue the work you found important in your life. For more information, call or email Michael Bliss: 617-527-7560 x226; mbliss@sholnewton.org. Thank you!

Dearborn Academy's 16th Annual Benefit: Please join the extended Dearborn community for an exclusive introduction to their new home on the campus here at Our Lady's on May 19th and help us raise funds for their Music Program. Their goal is to raise \$30,000. This special occasion will be their first official event hosted in their new facility at Our Lady's! They will show off the renovations made to the school over the last six months, honor two very special friends and a new community partner and raise money to help the school launch its first music program. Friday, May 19th from 6:30pm-10:00pm in the gymnasium. For more information or to register, please call 781-641-5992 or visit: dearbornacademy.org.

April 30th ~ Third Sunday of Easter: The Road to Emmaus is a long Gospel passage but well worth reading again – and again: *“He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them...their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us...?’”* Put yourself in their place. Feel how their sadness and fear turned to joy in the breaking of the bread. Jesus is with us at every Mass in the breaking of the bread: Eucharist. Our hearts should always be burning within us.

SPONSOR A WORKCAMPER!

This June, for the 21st year, a group of young people from the parish will serve people in need at Workcamp in Plattsburgh, New York. It costs more than \$500 to give one young parishioner this opportunity to serve. We ask that you consider giving, according to your means. We are most grateful for whatever you can give, including your prayers of support.

WORKCAMP PLEDGE FORM

I would like to pledge: \$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ \$25 _____ \$10 _____ Other _____

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