

# SACRED HEART

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"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,  
you would say to this mulberry tree,  
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea' and it would obey you."

Luke 17:6

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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 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.sacredheartnewton.org](http://www.sacredheartnewton.org)

[www.ourlady.com](http://www.ourlady.com)

[www.bostondeafatholic.org](http://www.bostondeafatholic.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

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# OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 1  
4:00pm, Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
Sunday, October 2  
9:00am, Jane Blackburn and Joseph Payne;  
Deceased Members of the Guild of St. Francis  
11:00am, Dorothy Johnson  
12:00 Noon, Frank and Sally Daly  
Tuesday, October 4  
9:00am Luz Perla Perdomo  
Saturday, October 8  
4:00pm, Enrico and Nancy Tonelli  
Sunday, October 9  
9:00am, Parishioners of Sacred Heart  
11:00am, Clinton Macsherry, Jr.

## CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, October 8, 4:00pm: Fr. Sassani;  
Sunday, October 9, 9:00am: Fr. Milik;  
11:00am: Fr. Carey; 12:00 Noon: Fr. Milik;

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 2, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in  
*Ordinary Time*  
*Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4; Ps. 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9;*  
*2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17: 5-10*  
Monday, October 3  
*Galatians 1:6-12; Ps. 111: 1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c;*  
*Luke 10: 25-37*  
Tuesday, October 4, Saint Francis of Assisi  
*Galatians 1: 13-24; Ps. 139: 1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-*  
*15; Luke 10: 38-42*  
Wednesday, October 5  
*Galatians 2: 1-2, 7-14; Ps. 117: 1bc, 2;*  
*Luke 11:1-4*  
Thursday, October 6  
*Galatians 3: 1-5; Ps. Luke 1: 69-70, 71-72, 73-75;*  
*Luke 11: 5-13*  
Friday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary  
*Galatians 3: 7-14; Ps. Luke 1: 46-47, 48-49,*  
*50-51, 52-53; Luke 11: 15-26*  
Saturday, October 8  
*Galatians 3: 22-29; Ps. 105: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7;*  
*Luke 11: 27-28*  
Sunday, October 9, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in  
*Ordinary Time*  
*2 Kings 5: 14-17; Ps. 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4;*  
*2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17: 11-19*

## CALENDAR NOTES

Extended Coffee Hour: Sunday, October 2,  
10:00am—1:00pm Parish Center  
Small Faith Sharing Group: Sunday, October 2,  
10:30am, Convent Library  
Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, October 2,  
10:30am, Grotto (Behind Convent)  
Confirmation Parents Meeting: Sunday, October 2,  
7:00pm, Convent  
Guild of St. Francis Board Meeting: Tuesday,  
October 4, 7:00pm, Convent Guild Room  
Small Faith Sharing Group: Wednesday, October 5,  
7:30pm, Convent Chapel  
Small Faith Sharing Group: Thursday, October 6,  
9:30am, Rectory  
Coffee Hour: Friday, October 7, Following  
9:00am Mass, Parish Center  
Liturgy, Holy Hour, Rosary: Saturday, October 8,  
9:00am—10:30am, Lower Church  
Extended Coffee Hour: Sunday, October 9,  
10:00am—1:00pm, Parish Center

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our CCD classes have begun, and we are so blessed by all those who have responded in love to Christ's call to pass on the Catholic faith to the next generation. These teachers will soon discover that as they prepare each lesson, God teaches them to understand more than they ever have about the mystery of God's sending His only Son out of love, "so that whoever believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." (Jn 3:16). **We need more teachers to join us in the mission for Grades 1-5 at 4pm-5:15 on Tuesdays. Training is provided. Please don't miss out on these blessings! Call the Rel. Ed. office right away!**

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. We will begin to pray this prayer with the older children guiding the younger ones in how to pray it. We teach the children that the purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. We read a short scripture verse and are reminded of all God has done for us through Jesus and Mary. They will learn to offer their decade of the rosary for the sake of someone else. What a gift to be learned and practiced throughout their lives! Please join us in praying for peace in our world and for the gift of life!



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Our students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, October 16 at the 9:00am Mass. We want to thank all those who have been faithfully praying for them, their sponsors and their families that they might be open and prepared to have the Holy Spirit flood their hearts, minds & souls with His supernatural gifts. They will be enabled to fight off the battle of the culture with these gifts and even go out like St. Peter and be a witness for those they meet, and tell them that through Christ we can do all things!

Michelle Solomon, Director of Religious Ed

### AT HOME WITH THE WORD SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Starting this week, Sunday, October 2nd - All are welcome to participate in a six-week small faith sharing group centered around the Sunday readings this Fall. Check out the information available at the back of the Church. Contact Brian Romer Niemiec ([bniemiec@sholnewton.org](mailto:bniemiec@sholnewton.org)) with any questions.

### ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies of the Annual Report are available on the tables at the church entrances. It is also posted on the parish web site. Please contact a member of the PFC, whose names are listed on the cover letter, if you have any questions.

### GUILD OF ST. FRANCIS CLOTHING DRIVE

The Guild of St. Francis will hold the fall clothing drive for MEN and WOMEN guests at St. Francis House, Boston. A detailed flyer is located at the church entrances. Basically they are in great need of practical, serviceable, clean, gently used winter items for hundreds of guests. Items needed include: Winter hats, gloves, boots, scarves, coats, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts. Slacks, jeans, sweats, long and short sleeve shirts, walking shoes, and sneakers. The need is great for NEW socks, underwear and undershirts in original packaging. Contact Kathie 781-943-3939 or [longlongjj@verizon.net](mailto:longlongjj@verizon.net) for clothing pick up or more details.

### GUILD OF ST. FRANCIS KICKS OFF ANOTHER YEAR OF EVENTS

Welcome to another wonderful year of community and spiritual engagement. As the Guild of St. Francis Board begins its planning of this year's social events and volunteer activities we welcome new members. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Guild, please contact Ms. Mary

Salustro at [msalustro@verizon.net](mailto:msalustro@verizon.net). We welcome members from both parishes as well as new ideas for events.

Please join us this Sunday, October 2 in the grotto for the blessing of animals followed by refreshments. Don't forget that the Holly Harvest Fair will take place on November 19-20. Workshops are taking place on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm in the in the Convent Guild room. Come join us!

### ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

Thank you for your donations during the month of September. The items requested for October are peanut butter and jelly. You may bring in your donations at any time during the month and place them in the bins provided at church entrances

### OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Here are some of the ways you can be involved:

**Pray:** Each Saturday morning a group of parishioners pray the rosary for Life following the 9:00am Mass. Come join us!

**Donate:** Sacred Heart will once again be collecting items to aid Pregnancy Help. Donations of new baby items may be dropped off at the entrances to the Church throughout the month of October. Items needed are on the flyers in the bassinets. Please purchase as many items as you can. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

**Stay informed:** Throughout the month we will have a Respect Life display at the main entrance of the Church with literature available on: physician assisted suicide, capital punishment, abortion, and stem cell research. Please take a moment to stop by the table and pick up some literature after Mass.

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**SAVE THE DATE! for FATHER BOB'S SHOW**  
"Tunes, Tidbits & Tales: A Musical Encore with Father Robert Blaney" on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish. Stay tuned for more information to come!  
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### YOUNG ADULT OKTOBERFEST

All young adults in their 20's and 30's are welcome to attend Oktoberfest, on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM on the lawn behind the Sacred Heart Convent. Join us for food, games, and fellowship, and learn more about the other exciting events the Young Adult Group is planning this year. Questions? Email Brian Romer Niemiec ([bniemiec@sholnewton.org](mailto:bniemiec@sholnewton.org))



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### A NOTE FROM FR. KIELY

Perhaps you are unaware that Fr. Kiely, formerly in residence at Sacred Heart, has been reassigned as Rector of Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary. We are grateful for his service to Sacred Heart while in residence and wish him well in his new position. He sent a note:

“I just wanted to send a quick note to thank you for your kindness to me while I was in residence at Sacred Heart. I appreciate far more than these few words can express, all that was done to make my time there so pleasant. May God reward all of you because I know that I never could! With my prayerful best wishes and asking for a remembrance in your prayers, I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ, Fr. Brian Kiely

### ST JOSEPH PARISH MEDFORD CONCERT

St. Joseph Parish music ministry invites you to join us on Sunday, October 23 at 2:00pm in the upper church for the annual concert. This year's program is dedicated to prayer for World Peace and a portion of the proceeds from the concert program ad book will be donated to “Doctors without Borders”. There will be a luncheon in the social center following the concert. For more information, email Betsy Pesce at [stjosephmusic@msn.com](mailto:stjosephmusic@msn.com) or call 781-391-1457 (office) or 617-335-8155 (cell). St. Joseph's is at 114 High St, Medford, MA.

### SAVE THE DATES

The Archdiocesan Justice Convention will be held on Saturday, November 5 from 8:00am -1:30pm at Boston College High School, 150 Morrissey Blvd., Boston. To register: visit <http://tinyurl.com/hbq6u9w>. For more information, contact the Office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640 or [spititual\\_development@rcab.org](mailto:spititual_development@rcab.org)

Companions in Christ – A time of Prayer for Pastoral Visitors and Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick. Will be held at Our Lady's on February 25, 2017 from 10am-12noon. To register call the Office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640 or email: [spititual\\_development@rcab.org](mailto:spititual_development@rcab.org)

### THE CATHOLIC VOTER AND THE SIGNS OF OUR TIMES

The Sacred Heart/Our Lady's Justice and Peace Committee invites you to join Fr. Ken Himes, OFM, as he addresses the many critical social issues that ought to be considered as Catholic citizens go to the voting booths. The talk is Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM at Boston College. For more

information and for registration, please visit: <http://www.bc.edu/schools/stm/edevnts/events/2016.html>

### CATHOLIC MEMORIAL OPEN HOUSE

Catholic Memorial School is hosting its annual Open House on **Sunday, October 16, 2016** from 10:00 am-12:00 pm for the Middle School Program and 2:00-4:00 pm for the High School Program. Please join us for student-led campus tours. Meet faculty, staff, coaches, students and parents to discuss programs and answer questions. **Visit our website at [www.CatholicMemorial.org](http://www.CatholicMemorial.org) or call Admissions at 617-469-8019.**

### OPEN HOUSE AT MONTROSE SCHOOL

**Montrose School Open House: Sunday, October 16 from 11:00am-1:00pm.** 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).

### OPEN HOUSE AT MOUNT ALVERNIA ACADEMY

Mount Alvernia Academy, an independent coed Catholic school in Newton, serving students in preschool through grade 6 will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, November 6th from 11 am to 1 pm. We invite you to visit our beautiful campus, meet our teachers, student and parents. MAA was named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2015 by the Department of Education - the only private school named in Massachusetts! All are welcome. Please visit our website for more information: [maa.school](http://maa.school).

### XAVERIAN BROTHERS OPEN HOUSE

Xaverian Brothers High School, 800 Clapboardtree Street, Westwood is hosting an Open House on Sunday, October 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Register online at [www.xbhs.com/openhouse](http://www.xbhs.com/openhouse) or contact the Admissions Office at [781-326-6392](tel:781-326-6392).

#### Entrance Exam for Grade 7

Saturday, November 19, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 3, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Register at [www.xbhs.com/exam](http://www.xbhs.com/exam)

The Xaverian ISEE code is #570431

#### Entrance Exam for Grade 9

Saturday, November 19, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 3, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Register at [www.xbhs.com/exam](http://www.xbhs.com/exam)

The Xaverian HSPT code is #38



## SIGNINGS

As we heard Habukkah's complaint to God about destruction and violence occurring in Judah at that time, does this sound familiar to our society today? We have been constantly hearing about protests and riots brewing as a response to police shootings. Also we hear about terrorism around the world. Without doubt, we are wondering, "When will the violence ever end?!" Recently I viewed a poignant and powerful Facebook video posting from a man who spoke without voice and used placards to share his thoughts. One of the placards said, "Who are we?" The next one said, "Do we take sides? Do we have to pick a side?" Then the next one said, "Both sides share the blame." The next said, "But the fact remains...We are all Americans...We are all God's children...We have each other." Then the next one said, "What are we becoming?" Finally, the next one hit a homerun as it boldly emphasized the point; "it's Dark vs Light. Not Black vs White...The Dark Side ... Fear leads to anger, leads to hate, leads to suffering...it doesn't have to be this way... In the light love leads to forgiveness leads to unity leads to peace." On another day in the same week, I received a text message from a friend saying, "I pray for people who have no faith." Do people ever realize that going to church is the key to living our lives fully with virtue? Our souls are clearly hungry and thirsty to live in a better world than we are in now. Going to church is also a good reminder for us, that to serve others in God's name is a privilege, which does not require any further reward. We will be able to see the abundance of God's grace when we are committed as baptized Catholics to go to church on Sundays. It will guide us to see the truth more clearly and then we can live in it. This is how we can "increase our faith" as the apostles said to the Lord in the Gospel today.

In Christ, Fr. Shawn

## AN INVITATION

Members of the Outreach Ministries Commission at St. Ignatius Parish, 28 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, cordially invite you to join them for an evening with Dr. James O'Connell, the founding physician and president of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. Dr. O'Connell, the author of *Stories from the Shadows: Reflections of a Street Doctor*, will share stories of his 30+ years at BHCHP. The date is Thursday, October 6th, at 7:00pm in the lower level of St. Ignatius. Books will be available for purchase. We look forward to seeing you.

## PASTORAL PLAN UPDATE WEEK 3

The past two weeks, the pastoral plan updates have focused on the overarching goal of our three-year plan, and on the first of its three priorities: "Fostering a Personal Relationship with Christ." This week we focus on the second priority, "Discerning Our Call." This piece speaks to our understanding of vocation. A vocation, as understood by the Catholic faith, is not just a word used to describe those called to the priesthood and religious life. Vocation is a call that each of us has, which challenges us to live out our discipleship in a particular way. It is a call that resonates with the various gifts that we have been given, as well as with a particular need in the local or broader community. The two goals within this priority focus on both vocational discernment for all members of the collaborative, as well as vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Goal 1 - "25 young men will attend the RCAB St. Andrew Dinner by 2018." The St. Andrew dinner is for young men (teenagers) who are interested or simply curious about the priesthood. The Pastoral Plan committee will be working with the pastoral staff to identify possible teenagers, as well provide a space for conversation in the parish for all teenagers as they continue to discern where Christ may be leading them.

Goal 2 - "A team will be called forth, who will develop and initiate a program for vocational discernment for all walks of life, to be implemented by June 2018." Vocation is rooted in the Sacrament of Baptism. We are Baptized priest, prophet, and king, and are therefore called to live out our discipleship through this threefold ministry of Christ. Masses with infant Baptisms include prayers of the faithful that focus on vocation and its grounding in the Sacrament. As we begin to actively promote vocation in the collaborative, prayer and awareness are foundational steps.

Next Steps: The realization of this priority is only beginning to take shape. Much more needs to and will be happening. If these ideas and vision resonate with you, please contact a member of the pastoral staff. Happy Sunday!

Brian Romer Niemiec, Pastoral Associate

## HELP NEEDED

The care of our linens is a ministry that is essential to the celebration of the Eucharist which is the heart of our faith. We are looking for a small group of people who would be willing to undertake this weekly ministry. A brief training is all you need. If you think you can help out, kindly call Marie Buckley at 617-969-4021.

