

SACRED HEART

N E W T O N



*“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;
but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never
thirst; the water I shall give will
become in him a spring water welling up to
eternal life.”*

John 4:13-14

T h i r d S u n d a y o f L e n t

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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.sholnewton.org

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

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OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 19

9:00am, Robert Chermesino

11:00am, Kathleen Carey

12:00 Noon, Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Monday, March 20

9:00am, Intentions of Gustavo Perdomo

Friday, March 24

9:00am, Sister Judy Breen

Saturday, March 25

9:00am Msgr. Donato Conte

Sunday, March 26

9:00am, Parishioners of Sacred Heart

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, March 25, 4:00pm: Fr. Milik;

Sunday, March 26, 9:00am: Fr. Sassani;

11:00am, Fr. Carey; 12:00 Noon, Fr. Blaney

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 19, Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

Monday, March 20, Saint Joseph

2 Samuel 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps. 89: 2-3, 4-5,

27 and 29; Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Matthew

1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tuesday, March 21

Daniel 3: 25, 34-43; Ps. 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,

8-9; Matthew 18: 21-35

Wednesday, March 22

Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9; Ps. 147: 12-13, 15-16,

19-20; Matthew 5: 17-19

Thursday, March 23, Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

Jeremiah 7: 23-28; Ps. 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Luke

11: 14-23

Friday, March 24

Hosea 14: 2-10; Ps. 81: 6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,

14 and 17; Mark 12: 28-34

Saturday, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8:10; Ps. 40: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;

Hebrews 10: 4-10; Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, March 26, Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps. 23: 1-3a, 3b-4,

5, 6; Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41

CALENDAR NOTES

Extended Coffee Hour: Sunday, March 19,

10:00am—1:00pm, Parish Center

Small Group Faith Sharing: Sunday, March 19
10:30am, Convent

Knights of Columbus: Wednesday, March 22,
7:30pm, Convent Dining Room

Small Group Faith Sharing: Wednesday, March 22,
7:30pm, Convent Library

Small Group Faith Sharing: Thursday, March 23
9:30am, Rectorry

Coffee Hour: Friday, March 24, Following
9:00am Mass, Parish Center

Liturgy, Holy Hour, Rosary: Saturday, March 25,
9:00am—10:30am, Lower Church

Extended Coffee Hour: Sunday, March 26,
10:00am—1:00pm, Parish Center

2017 CATHOLIC APPEAL

If you have not yet made your pledge to the Catholic Appeal you may do so by completing an in-pew pledge form available at the back of the church or go online to www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Grade 2 students now begin to study God's gift of the Holy Eucharist given to us by Jesus at the Last Supper. Knowing he was to die on the Cross and return to his Father, He did not want us ever to be without His presence, so He gave us His own Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist to remain with us and be united with us until we are with Him forever in Heaven! What greater love is there than this?

Our Confirmation students are attending a retreat with Our Lady's students in order to prepare to receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Confirmation Day. Please remember to pray for them who need the strength and courage to live a life pleasing to God and be a witness to others!

We encourage all our CCD families to strive to grow closer to Christ during this Lenten season by attending Mass, praying together, meditating on the Sorrowful mysteries of the rosary and the Stations of the Cross. All our students & families have been given a Lenten Rice Bowl to fill with their own allowance as their gift to the poor. If your family has not received one please pick one up at the back of the lower church during CCD classes.

Michelle Solomon, Director of Religious Ed



SAVE THE DATE!

No meat on Friday's in Lent? No problem! The Young Adult Group will host a Fish Fry dinner for all members of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's communities on Friday, April 7th. Tickets will be available later this month. All proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society chapters.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

Spend Wednesday evenings with the Lord this Lent, and strengthen your life-giving and life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. All are welcome to a time of Taize Musical Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 6:30pm - 8:00pm at Our Lady's (Lower Hall) on 3/22, and at Sacred Heart (Lower Church) on 3/29, 4/5, and 4/12. Questions? Contact Brian Romer Niemiec (bniemiec@sholnewton.org).

NEWTON CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

The March Book Club Selection is *Strange Gods: A Novel About Faith, Murder, Sin and Redemption* by Peter Daly and John Myslinski. Six "papable" Cardinals are killed around the world, some of them obvious murders, others suspicious. Nate Condon, a young Catholic New York lawyer gets selected by the Pope to find out what is going on. In his detective work he uncovers larceny, homosexuality, and greed in the Vatican. And more. . . . The March meeting will be Thursday, March 23rd, 7:00pm, in the Colella room at Our Lady's. Two copies of the book 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.

POT LUCK THANK YOU:

The Guild of St. Francis would like to thank everyone who attended the pot luck on Saturday night. Thank you for coming, for winning the bingo games, for bringing a large assortment of absolutely delicious items for the dinner and appetizers. Thanks to board members who made a wonderful variety of dessert items too! VERY Special thanks to Tim Regan for his creative wall of Irish charm and shamrocks, which by the time of the Irish coffee hour on Sunday morning the Mackenzie Center had become full of Leprechauns, green balloons and happy Mass-goers! Good memories because we enjoyed being together!

FAITH FESTIVAL RESCHEDULED

Did you miss the Faith Festival because of the snow or for any other reason? Did you hear how much individuals and families enjoyed the time together? **Please consider joining us for the final Collaborative Faith Festival on Saturday, March 25th**, after the 4:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart. The evening will begin with a light dinner (pizza and salad). Please consider coming and do bring a friend. Registration deadline is March 19th.

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 - 617 964 1860 in the evenings. Thank-you.

EASTER FLOWERS

It has been our custom to accept donations for Easter flowers in memory/honor of loved ones. If you subscribe to the envelope system, the envelope provided for this purpose is included this week. If you do not use envelopes and wish to donate, please put your donations and the names of those you wish remembered in an envelope clearly marked EASTER FLOWERS and either drop it in the Offertory basket or mail it to the rectory no later than April 2 for names to be included in the Easter Bulletin. Thanks!

MASS FOR THE SICK

The next Monthly Mass for the Sick, sponsored by the Faith-Based Cancer Support Group of Sacred Heart and Our Lady Help of Christians Church, will be on **Monday, March 27 at 6:30pm at Our Lady's Church**. **Msgr. Dennis Sheehan, Senior Priest-in-Residence**, will celebrate the Mass and Anointing of the Sick. **Following refreshments, Msgr. Sheehan will speak on "A Saint with Local Ties: Mother Theresa"**. The evening is designed to bring joy, hope, and peace to those who are affected by illness, including family and friends. The Mass and program will both be held downstairs at Our Lady's church, located at 573 Washington Street in Newton. For questions or more information, please contact Pat Enright at 617-467-4482 pme1130@aol.com, or Lorraine Higgins: 617-244-0267 or higlor1@msn.com, or the parish offices. All are welcome!



SACRED HEART HISTORY: LENTS OF THE PAST

Some treasures can be found in the basement of the rectory. Among them are bound books of altar announcements from August 1942 to December 1952. These were days prior to printed bulletins.

Looking back at the Lenten schedules, it is amazing how much was offered to parishioners and how often you could attend church services or functions associated with the parish clubs.

In March of 1943, the religious offerings were many. Daily there was Mass at 7 am and 9 am except on First Fridays in Lent when additional Masses were said at 6 am and 7:30 am along with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day. On Wednesdays, Lenten devotions included Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction at 7:45 pm. On some other mid-week days, a Lenten service was offered including praying the rosary followed by a sermon and Benediction. Stations of the Cross brought the parish together on Fridays at 3:45 pm and 7:45 pm. And then there were the Ember Days (days for fasting and prayer) on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. The Forty Hours' Devotions (continuous prayer made for forty hours during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) rotated among the various Newton parishes. When at Sacred Heart, the devotions opened with 9 am Mass on a Friday and the litany of the saints were chanted by the children.

On Palm Sunday in 1943, the palms were blessed at the 6:15 am Mass and distributed at each Mass; the procession was held in conjunction with the 10 am Mass. That year, His Excellency, the Bishop, prepared a special Easter card for the members of the parish who were serving in the Armed Forces of our nation. This card was a spiritual bouquet of three Masses that were offered for these men and women. The cards were distributed by the parish priests after one of the Sunday Masses – presumably to the families of those serving in the Armed Forces.

It is interesting to take ourselves back 75+ years; Sacred Heart has always been a parish of faith; parishioners have always been given many opportunities to practice faithful devotions.

POWR PARISH INITIATIVE

Join the Justice and Peace Committee at their next meeting to discuss plans to become a POWR (Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees) Parish. Parishes are now partnering with Catholic Charities to strengthen faith-based and community support for refugees by adopting a refugee family, recruiting a network of

volunteers, and organizing special events and activities designed to welcome and integrate a refugee family into the community.

Please join the conversation on Sunday, March 19th at 11:30AM in Furlong Hall at Our Lady's Church (lower hall). For additional information, please contact Brian Romer Niemiec (bniemiec@sholnewton.org).

“The Church is ever mindful that Jesus Christ was himself a refugee, that as a child he had to flee with his parents from his native land in order to escape persecution. In every age, therefore, the Church feels Herself called to help refugees.”

Pope John Paul II,
Refugee Center, Morong, Philippines 1981.

ADULT SERVICE RETREAT

Come learn more about this year's 23rd Annual Adult Service-Retreat Week in Eastern Kentucky from July 8-15, 2017. Our upcoming Information Meeting will be Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians (Lower) Church in the McPherson Conference Room. This is a working-retreat with daily Mass, meals in common, 'good work' and new friends without the distractions of everyday life. Cost of \$300 covers transportation, lodging & food. For more information, please contact Fr. Ed Riley at 617-746-5425 or Vincent Vignaly at vvignaly@gmail.com.

SPEAKER EVENT IN NEEDHAM ON CLIMATE CONCERNS

In celebration of St. Joseph Parish's Centennial Year, the Justice and Peace Committee will be presenting a program on Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si'* Care of Our Common Home, featuring Father Paul Soper of the Boston Archdiocese, and Fran Ludwig, leader of the Boston Catholic Climate Movement. This program will include discussion on how Catholic Social Teaching and *Laudato Si'* honor the Creator by urging care for people, especially the poor, and care for the natural world. The event will take place on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Middle School at 110 May Street, Needham.

Father Soper is the Secretary for Evangelization and Discipleship, and Director of Pastoral Planning, for the Archdiocese. Fran Ludwig is a member of the Lexington Catholic Community Faith and Environment Group, and BC Alumni for Climate Justice. All are welcome to attend. Handicap-accessible.



SIGNINGS

In St. Paul's letter to the Romans, he mentioned that "one might find courage to die" for another, even if a friend. This statement is indeed striking for us to understand. Just imagine if you are a parent or a soldier, you would definitely cover for your child or your fellow soldier, even in the case of a willingness to die for them. Even though pop culture today might seem indifferent to this concept of a loving sacrifice for one another, we often see police, detectives, and federal agents on TV shows or films whose character say, "I'll cover you" or "I have your back" to another every time they face a threat of a potential shoot-out. It is unfortunate that many may overlook the value of these courageous actions of offering their lives for another. We also hear and read war stories from our grandfathers and great-grandfathers and the like about how they witnessed such courageous acts of a loving sacrifice in their eyes. They reflected on these actions ever since and may have wished that they could have switched places with them. But, those who sacrificed their lives indeed showed them how much brotherly love they had for them. This resembles how God showed His love for us when Christ died for us. This sacrificial love is something valuable that should often be in our minds and hearts in our daily lives regardless of how difficult some may find it. As we continue in our Lenten journey, this is a good time and our opportunity to pray and reflect upon how we can show our willingness to offer sacrificial love.

In Christ, Fr. Shawn

LIEUTENANT PAUL J. SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Lieutenant Paul J. Sullivan Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the 49th Annual Lt. Paul J. Sullivan Scholarship. A Scholarship Award of \$4,000 will be awarded to a deserving high school senior to perpetuate Paul's memory. There will also be awards for other finalists. Last year, a total of \$18,000 was awarded to seven young men and women. The Scholarship Awards will be presented at reception on May 14. Paul Sullivan was a prominent student-athlete, successful coach and friend to youth and sports in this area. He was killed in Vietnam on August 9, 1968. This scholarship was established, in his memory, by his family and friends, to be awarded annually to that young person who best exemplifies the kind of person Paul was.

Seniors may qualify for the scholarship if they belong to the following parishes: Sacred Heart - Newton; St. Mary's - Waltham; and the

collaboratives of St. Patrick's - Watertown, Sacred Heart - Watertown, St. Luke's, Belmont and St. Joseph's, Belmont. In addition, other residents of Watertown who fulfill the following criteria may apply. We are looking for well-rounded student - athletes, those actively involved in their school, religion, and community.

Applications may be obtained at the Rectory, area high school Guidance offices, or by calling Eleanor Donato at 617 - 484-5569. Deadline for receipt of completed applications is **April 13, 2017**.

PROJECT RACHEL HEALING RETREAT

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 May 20. Location is confidential. Limited to ten participants. For more information, contact Project Rachel 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Is the LORD in our midst or not?" Let God enhance your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Apr 22-23, 2017 in Brewster, MA and Jun 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

In many parishes those preparing for initiation into the Catholic Church – Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist – at the Easter Vigil, will experience the first of three Scrutinies today. Scrutinies are "... rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose.... meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good." All of us can benefit from 'self-searching and repentance'. Look at the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel. Her conversation with Jesus put her on the 'fast track' to self-searching and repentance. Her conversation with Jesus transformed her into a great evangelizer: "Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, 'Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?'" This week, share what God has done for you with someone. Invite someone to *Come see.....*

