

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

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.

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OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Saturday, May 13
4:00pm Sheila Werbinski
Sunday, May 14
9:00am, K.J. Joseph
12:00 Noon, Sister Julia Breen

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, May 13, 4:00pm: Msgr. Sheehan
Sunday, May 14, 9:00am: Fr. Blaney
11:00am: Fr. Carey; 12:00 Noon: Fr. Blaney

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

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
Monday, May 8
Acts 11:1-18; Ps. 42:2-3, and 43:3, 4;
John 10:11-18
Tuesday, May 9
Acts 11:19-26; Ps. 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7;
John 10:22-30
Wednesday, May 10, St. Damien Joseph de Veuster
Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps. 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8;
John 12:44-50
Thursday, May 11
Acts 13:13-25; Ps. 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27;
John 13:16-20
Friday, May 12, Sts. Nereus and Achilleus and
St. Pancras
Acts 13:26-33; Ps. 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab;
John 14:1-6
Saturday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima
Acts 13:44-52; Ps. 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
John 14:7-14
Sunday, May 14, Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7; Ps. 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Peter 2:4-9;
John 14:1-12

CALENDAR NOTES

First Communion Reception: Sunday, May 7,
10:00am—1:00pm, Parish Center
Knights of Columbus: Wednesday, May 10,
7:30pm, Convent Dining Room
Prayer Group: Wednesday, May 10, 7:30pm,

Convent Chapel

Palliative Care Presentation: Thursday, May 11,
7:00pm, OLHC lower Hall
Coffee Hour: Friday, May 12, Following 9:00am
Mass, Parish Center
Liturgy, Holy Hour, Rosary: Saturday, May 13,
9:00am—10:30am, Lower Church
Extended Coffee Hour: Sunday, May 14,
Following 9:00am Mass, Parish Center

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

This Sunday we hear Jesus describing himself as the gate of the sheepfold. He is the Shepherd who guards and cares for his sheep; he calls to them, and the sheep hear his voice. Throughout my life, I have heard Christ calling me, and have always tried to respond as best I can. My response to Christ has brought me unexpected joys, and a peace that I would not have thought possible.

About a year ago, I was diagnosed with a progressive neurological illness. This disease is incurable, and will continue to affect the way I live my life. I have been blessed with a strong support system of family, friends, colleagues, and doctors that have made these last few years joy-filled and life-giving. I can say without hesitation that I have no worries or concerns as I continue my journey with this disease, and I now rely more and more on the voice of Jesus, our shepherd, to guide me in these next years of ministry.

As part of the reality of my condition, the collaborative will be getting a new priest. **Fr. Dan Riley will be joining us on June 1st.** His official title will be “Parochial Vicar Assisting the Pastor with Administration.” I will remain the Pastor and will continue to guide us as we journey through this collaborative process, but Fr. Dan will be here to help me in the execution of that leadership, and in the daily management needs of the collaborative.

In this Easter Season where we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and the promise of our own immortality, I ask that you please pray for me as I face this next step in my life’s journey. Thank you for your love and commitment to the collaborative, and please know of my promise of prayers for you.

Peace, Fr. John Sassani



SACRED HEART NEWTON

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The long-awaited day for our First Communion families has arrived! Mrs. Sanroma has prayerfully led our students to know that Jesus is present, body and blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist and wants to be united with each one of them today and always! Please pray that our children will always look for Jesus in the Eucharist to be their best friend and good shepherd throughout life! Here are our 1st Communicants:

**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**

Come and share the joy of Jesus' love, after Mass with a delicious Brunch in the Parish Center. We want to thank Kathy Long, Marty Solomon, Emily Cedrone, and our Confirmation students for making this celebration possible. All guests and parishioners are invited to share the joy!

Many thanks to all our teachers who worked so hard to teach our students this year about the Father's love! We pray they will enjoy a restful summer and a chance to recharge their batteries!

Registration forms for Religious Education will be available on the Sacred Heart website and throughout the Church during the summer!

Have a Blessed and Restful Summer!

Michelle Solomon, Director of Religious Ed.

FATHER ROBERT BLANEY'S FAREWELL

It is with much sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Father Blaney when his assignment concludes 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. A Collaborative Celebration in his honor will be held in the lower halls of Our Lady's Church after he celebrates the 10am Mass there on Sunday, May 21st. Please plan to come and give thanks for his presence among us these last four years.

Information about how you can help to make this a memorable occasion will be forthcoming.

WELCOME ERICA JOHNSON

Our Collaborative is thrilled to announce that Dr. Erica Johnson is the new Director of Liturgy and

Music at Sacred Heart. Erica comes to the collaborative from Blessed Sacrament in Walpole, where for the past eight years she has built and directed a music ministry program with about 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).

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd at 7pm in the parish offices at Our Lady's. We will continue our planning around the POWR (Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees) initiative, as well as other emerging social justice issues. All are welcome! Contact Brian Romer Niemiec with any questions: bniemiec@sholnewton.org.



125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF SACRED HEART PARISH

Come celebrate with us on Saturday, June 24, 2017, as we recognize our **125th anniversary as a parish!!** Bishop Robert Reed, Auxiliary Bishop of our district, will preside at the 4:00pm liturgy. You probably best know Bishop Reed from Catholic TV. We eagerly await his sharing this great occasion with us and we hope some returning SH priests will be on the altar with him. Following the Mass there will be a wine and cheese reception, dinner and entertainment at the MacKenzie Center. All are cordially invited. Further details to follow soon.

COLLABORATIVE EVENTS, SPONSORED BY THE GUILD OF ST FRANCIS:

Rummage Sale:

Saturday, May 13 at 9:00am—Come and shop this sale. The Knights of Columbus will sell in the parking lot and the Guild will sell in the MacKenzie gym. Continue bringing items to the gym after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday or on Friday night May 12, Help is needed to set up the rummage after 8:00pm that evening: join us!

Gently Used Clothing Drive for St. Francis House:

The clothing room at St. Francis House dresses 40-50 guests daily. The need for serviceable clothes and shoes is great! Clean out! The items should be clean and gently used for spring/summer use. Then, bag or box items, label and bring to the statue of St. Anthony in the SH lower church entrance between May 13 to 30 when the St. Francis truck will pick up the items. (First door off the small parking lot). No fancy clothes needed. New, packaged underwear and socks are greatly appreciated! There is a request for new water bottles and shower shoes/flip-flops too! Used tote and duffle bags, backpacks, and reusable bags are in great need. Flyers with more details will be found at the church entrances.

Trip to McMullen Art Museum

We have arranged 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 SH parking lot outside MacKenzie at 12:30. This exhibit will close on June 4; hopefully we can all make the reception for Fr. Blaney at 11:30 and then gather at the BC Museum. We can do both! This 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. The museum would like to know approximately how many will attend. Kathie email: longlongjj@verizon.net.

Communion Breakfast:

All parishioners invited to attend our annual Communion Breakfast after the 9 am Mass. Drs. Lija and Jacob Joseph will be speaking about their journey in September to Rome to witness and celebrate the canonization of Mother St. Theresa. Come to enjoy conversation and breaking bread together and hearing of their inspirational journey of faith and witness. (Mother St. Theresa is one of our newest saints, very close to our hearts since Our Lady's parishioners had the privilege of having the saint, when she was living..... visit and pray with them in their church!)

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

The Women's Book Group at Sacred Heart has had two events this week. Think of joining us next year! First, we attended a wonderful talk by Rev. James Martin S.J. at St Cecilia's on Monday evening, and then closed the year with a brunch on Sunday at Bread and Chocolate. During brunch, we warmly wished Mary Murphy her 80th birthday! We welcome suggestions for our next year's books.

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, 7pm, Colella room, OLHC.



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SIGNINGS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ferrer (Jonathan & Gleidys) of Miami, FL on their wedding last week. The ceremony was truly blessed and amazing! My marriage prep work with them was fruitful! Please keep them (your Deaf Catholic brother and sister) in your prayers and thoughts as they embark on their married life journey. God is good!



In Christ, Fr. Shawn

SACRED HEART HISTORY

The Loggia

In the hustle and bustle of getting into the pew before the start of Mass, have you ever stopped to notice Sacred Heart's beautiful loggia? You may ask, "What loggia?" since a loggia is an architectural feature that is a covered exterior gallery or corridor usually on an upper level of a building. The outer wall of a loggia is open to the elements, usually supported by a series of columns or arches. In the church building's early years, our loggia, now essentially the narthex or vestibule, was indeed open to the elements.

As you leave the building today or the next time you enter, stop and admire the beauty of the space. Look up to see the lovely wooden ceiling and down to see the mosaic flooring. Notice the weather-resistant tiled walls of a blue-green color, perhaps symbolizing the waters of baptism. As you approach the "new" exterior doors note the three beautiful polished red granite columns that define the original loggia. Take time to look at the shields with emblems of the Sacred Heart and see how this design is repeated in the clerestory windows of the church's nave. When you step out onto the sidewalk look back and in your imagination remove the wooden front doors to behold the Italianate structure of Sacred Heart Church with an open loggia across the front of the church. You now understand why early newspaper articles refer to Sacred Heart as having a Tuscan and Renaissance exterior.

OFFERTORY INCOME for the month of April

Envelopes, cash, checks	\$17,896
On Line Giving	2,400
Holy Land	505
Clergy Benefit	6,885
Home Missions, Black/Native Americans	975

REDEVELOPMENT PLAN ON CENTRE STREET

Please join Mayor Setti Warren on **Friday, May 12, 2017 at 8:15am** at **1294 Centre Street**. The Mayor and First Cambridge Realty Corporation will announce a new and exciting redevelopment plan for the City-owned property at 1294 Centre St. Hear about plans to restore the historic grandeur of the building, introduce a new restaurant to the center, provide innovative and transformational housing, offer community meeting space, and share details for a specialty hotel in the heart of Newton Centre. RSVP to attend in person or view the livestream at www.newtonma.gov/1294CentreStreet

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 to register for a tour, meet the principal, and learn why our students are thriving!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Live your married lives "more abundantly" by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are June 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA and September 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"The Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." These words from today's Gospel hold both comfort and challenge! Can we hear Jesus calling us by our name? Are we willing to respond to what Christ asks of us? We are not asked to "go it alone." We have the promise of Christ's presence as we go out to others and share the "Good News." Take time this week in prayer to listen to the voice of our Good Shepherd and ask for the grace to be responsive to His call.

