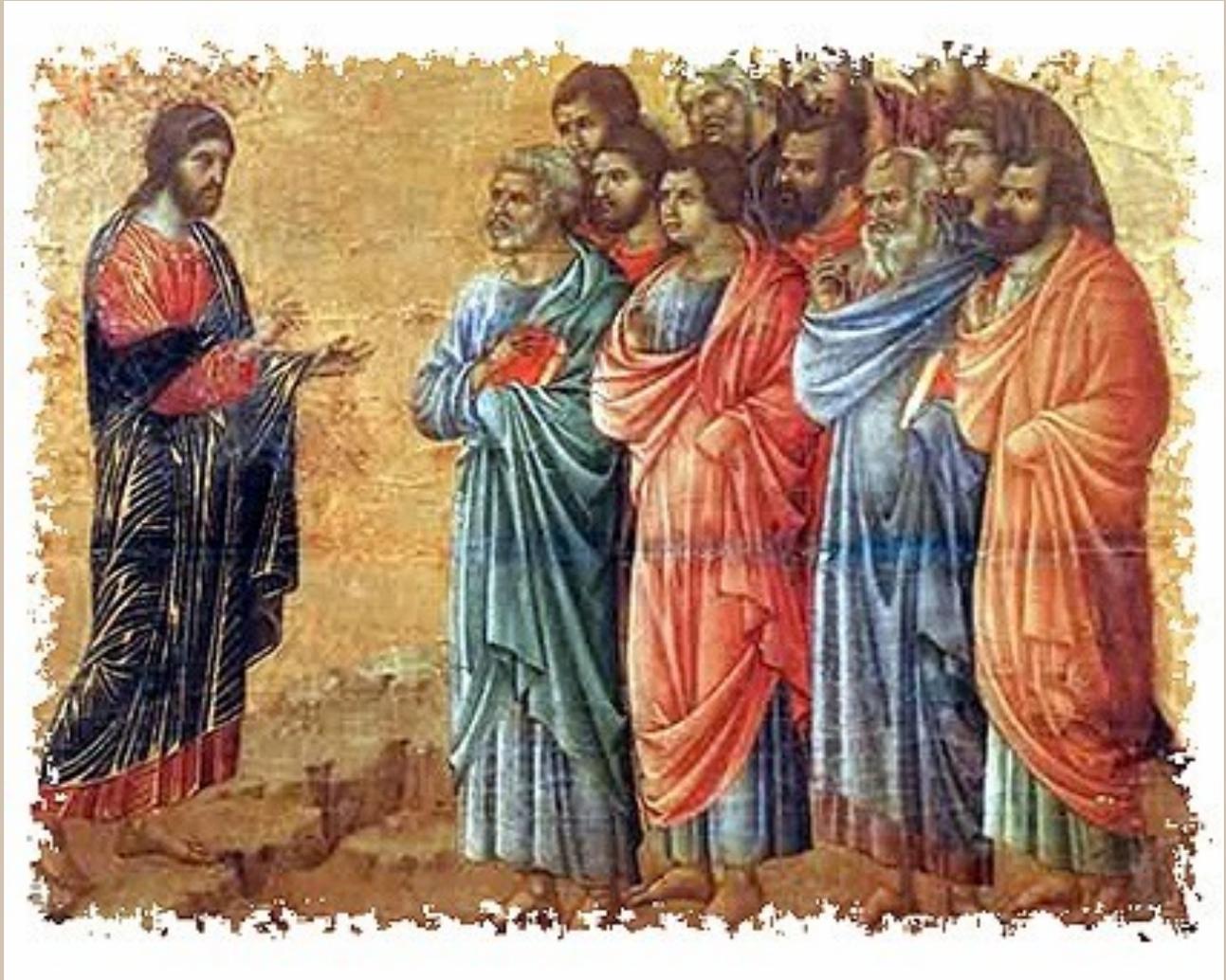


SACRED HEART

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"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

John 14:12

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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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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

Saturday, May 13
4:00pm Sheila Werbinski
Sunday, May 14
9:00am, K.J. Joseph
12:00 Noon, Sister Julia Breen
Monday, May 15
9:00am, Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Tuesday May 16
9:00am, Martin Murphy Sr.
Thursday, May 18
9:00am, Antonio Secinaro
Saturday, May 20
12:00 Noon, Nancy Pignatelli
4:00pm Margaret Goudreau and Nancy Tonelli
Sunday, May 21
9:00am Barbara Jackson
12:00 Noon, Parishioners of Sacred Heart

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, May 20, 4:00pm: Fr. Hahn
Sunday, May 21, 9:00am: Fr. Sassani
11:00am: Fr. Carey; 12:00 Noon: Fr. Milik

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

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*
Monday, May 15, Saint Isidore
*Acts 14:5-18; Ps. 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14:
21-26*
Tuesday, May 16
*Acts 14:19-28; Ps. 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21;
John 14:27-31a*
Wednesday, May 17
*Acts 15:1-6; Ps. 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15:
1-8*
Thursday, May 18, Saint John 1
Acts 15:7-21; Ps. 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; John 15:9-11
Friday, May 19
*Acts 15:22-31; Ps. 57:8-9, 10 and 12; John 15:
12-17*
Saturday, May 20, Saint Bernardine of Siena
Acts 16:1-10; Ps. 100:1b-2, 3, 5; John 15:18-21
Sunday, May 21, Sixth Sunday of Easter
*Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps. 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;
1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21*

CALENDAR NOTES

Extended Coffee Hour: Sunday, May 14,
Following 9:00am Mass, Parish Center
Prayer Group: Wednesday, May 17, 7:30pm,
Convent Chapel
Coffee Hour: Friday, May 19, Following 9:00am
Mass, Parish Center
Liturgy, Holy Hour, Rosary: Saturday, May 20,
9:00am—10:30am, Lower Church
Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, May 21,
8:00am—12 00 Noon, Parish Center

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Last Sunday we heard 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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This past week our parish celebrated our 1st Communicants receiving Jesus for the first time! What a joyful day for them, their families and all of us! Every time one of us comes to know Jesus so intimately it is a call to celebrate. We pray that this intimate union with Jesus grows into a lifelong friendship with Him. We want to thank once again Marty Solomon, Kathie Long, Emily Cedrone and our Confirmation students for preparing a festive atmosphere and a delicious brunch for all of us to celebrate this day! A reminder to all 1st Communion parents to pick up your group and individual pictures at the rectory in 2 weeks!

As you all relax and enjoy the gifts of God's creation this summer, may you in gratitude, consider giving thanks to God by offering the gift of faith you have received to our youth, by becoming a catechist! We are ready to supervise and train you on using a simple Teacher's guide so that you can then share your love of God to our open and eager students. You and they grow closer to God by learning about His great goodness and love! Call the Religious Ed office 617-969-4031 any time over the summer to inquire!

Registration forms for Religious Education will be available throughout the church during the summer or you may download the form from the Sacred Heart website at any time. Please send or drop them off at the rectory during normal business hours.

Happy Mother's Day to all who have nurtured and loved children. Have a wonderful summer!

Michelle Solomon, Director of Religious Ed

FATHER BLANEY MOVES TO WELLESLEY!

We are sad to say 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 assignment at Saint Paul and Saint John the Evangelist parishes in Wellesley. 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.

WE EXTEND OUR THANKS TO FR. BOB

If you would like to help with the reception, the planning group has a web sign up page at <http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=JNMW5514&welcome=1> or you can call Mary Farren at 617-924-2240.

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 this weekend 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).

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 from Blessed Sacrament in Walpole, where for the past 8 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 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!!

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00pm 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 our welcome! Contact Brian Romer Niemiec (bniemiec@sholnewton.org) with any questions.



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:

Thanks for the donated items and for all the help with the sale. We are grateful for our shoppers too!!

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! RSVP 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!)

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. For more information about the book club contact Jim Allaire at 617-244-2143.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST MAY 21

Join Boy Scout Troop 205 on Sunday, May 21 from 8am to noon for the 3rd annual pancake breakfast at the Bishop MacKenzie Center. Troop 205, chartered in 1911 and one of the oldest continuously chartered troops in the country, meets weekly at the center and is sponsored by the generosity of the Sacred Heart Parish. Come meet the scouts and support local scouting while enjoying pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. Tickets are \$7 per person, \$25 maximum for a family, and free for ages 5 and under. You can buy tickets at the door.

PALLIATIVE CARE

As a follow up to MC Sullivan's presentation on May 11th, please join us as Gretchen and Richard Daggett present "Honoring Choices," a formal program approved by the Archdiocese, to help individuals and families have conversations about issues of care during serious illness and at the end of life. Forms will be offered to take home if you wish to, and questions answered. Gretchen and Richard are parishioners who are certified in this process, who have offered this information in many places. Though we understand these conversations can be difficult, they are not only important, but a loving way to help your family when a crisis or serious illness arises. We hope you will consider coming, and also consider bringing your family. We will meet in the lower church halls on Thursday, May 24th at 7:00pm.



SACRED HEART NEWTON

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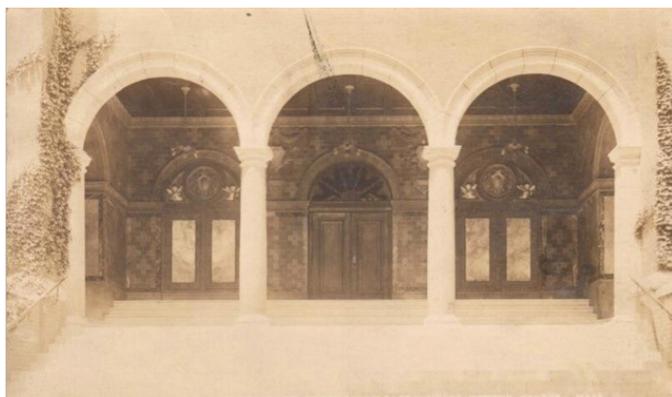
Mark your calendars! On Saturday, June 17th, Fr. Shawn Carey will celebrate Mass at 4:00pm in Sacred Heart Parish. Please note that the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, June 18th will be cancelled. Come and join us for the 4:00pm Vigil with our brothers and sisters of the Newton Collaborative!

In Christ, Fr. Shawn
The Boston Deaf Apostolate

SACRED HEART HISTORY

The Loggia Part 2

Below are two photos of Sacred Heart Church before the loggia was enclosed. The close-up is from a "real picture" postcard of 1911. The second photo is from the early 1940's.



ST. FRANCIS HOUSE Thank you for your generosity during the month of April. The item

needed for May is sugar. You may bring I your donations at any time during the month and place them in the bins at church entrances.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do". Let the Lord into your marriage to do His works 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.

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.

SUMMER SEMESTER AT THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AT SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY

Summer Semester 2017 Classes begin: Tuesday, May 30th, 2017

Explore and learn more about: Religious Education and the Impact of VCII, Basic Truths of the Catholic Faith, Redemption as Drama in Balthasar, Dying, Loss and Bereavement: Ministerial Perspectives, Spirituality for Ministry, or Paul: the Contested Letters! The Institute is located at 149 Washington Street in Brighton, MA. Summer 2017 Registration is now opened at: www.theologicalinstitute.org.

Theological Institute FREE Summer 2017 Biblical Seminar with Professor Celia Sirois begins: Monday, June 5th

Where do many gather to learn more about the Scriptures? Here at The Institute on the Monday Evenings in June: June 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Come for one or all four! Bring a friend or fellow parishioner. There is no cost to attend. The topic for the 9th Annual Biblical Seminar is: "Prayer in the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament." The Theological Institute is located at 149 Washington Street in Brighton. Registration is now open at: www.theologicalinstitute.org.

