PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
MARCH 20, 2016

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37a

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,
4:00PM
Arthur Saulnier, Anniversary Memorial, requested by his wife & family

Sunday,
March 20 Palm Sunday
7:30AM
For Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church
10:00AM
Giuseppe Alonge, Birthday Memorial, requested by his wife & family

Monday,
March 21
7:30AM
Jack Burley, Anniversary Memorial, requested by Paula & daughters

Tuesday,
March 22
7:00PM
Robert Rizzo, requested by Matthew Giardina

Wednesday,
March 23
7:30AM
Salvatore & Josephine Falzone, Anniversary Memorial, requested by their family

Thursday,
March 24 Holy Thursday
7:00PM
Pastor's Intention

Friday,
March 25 Good Friday
3:00PM
Living Stations of the Cross
7:00PM
Good Friday Service with Communion

Saturday,
March 26 Holy Saturday
7:30PM
Easter Flower Memorial

Sunday,
March 27 Easter Sunday
7:30AM
For Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church
10:00AM
Antonio & Benedetta Riscolo, requested by their daughters

6:00PM
NO LIFE TEEN MASS

Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

The Collection last week was: $4918.00

The Second Collection this weekend is Heat, Light & Power

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION: The collection for Easter Sunday will be for the retirement fund of the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate Conception Province of which Fr. Dennis and Br. Damian are members. Please be as generous as you can to help the Friars who have served our parish.

We welcome into our Church Community the following Children who were baptized recently:

Amelia Paige Bluvol
Henry Joshua Bluvol
Gabriel Santiago Parente

PRAYER CORNER

Our prayer corner gives an opportunity to place those in need of prayer at the center of our hearts, minds and prayers. It is also an opportunity for those in need of spiritual uplifting, healing and comfort to seek prayers of the community. If you would like to submit a name for the prayer corner, e-mail us at sacredheart311@aol.com. Before placing the name of others on the list, please seek the approval of the person, or the family of the person whose name you are submitting.

Please Pray For...

PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP, SHARING TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Week Ending
Weekly Offertory $ TBD
On Line Giving (WeShare) $ TBD
Additional Parish Income $ TBD
Total Income $ TBD
Bills paid $ TBD
Deficit/Credit $ TBD

STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own." - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents and abilities - these are all gifts from God. We aren’t really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

STEWARDSHIP AND THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

Today, Palm Sunday, is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent and marks the beginning of Holy Week for us. Officially the Church calls this day Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion. There is a dichotomy in this name that we must acknowledge for it reflects, in many ways, who we are and how we sometimes act. On the one hand is Palm Sunday, a time of celebration that marks Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It is a time of joy and celebration and we all festively raise our palms in salute to our King. However, as the readings continue, the mood turns somber with the reading of the Passion of the Lord. As we stand for this Gospel, and play a part, we call out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" What a change, beginning with Hosanna! and ending with condemnation. Although we may be intellectually aware that we are playing the part of the people of Jesus’ time, we really must reflect on whether this also represents how we can be today. Do we glorify Christ at one moment, but then condemn him through our own actions, our own inability to fulfill His expectations for us? Of course we do. As Lent culminates and Easter comes upon us, it is time for us to admit our sins and to vow as good stewards to live out the love to which the Lord has called us. Jesus made His sacrifice for us with determination to save us. Should we not show the same fortitude in converting our lives? For additional reflections on stewardship and the Sunday readings log on to: www.thecatholicssteward.com.

"WE SHARE!"

Why write checks or hunt down your weekly envelopes when online giving saves time and effort. With WeShare you’ll be able to support your church if you are away from the parish over the holidays or during the winter months. If you would like to enroll in e-giving, please visit https://sacredheart311.weshareonline.org/. If you have any questions or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office at 781-899-0469.

OFFERTORY GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2015

TAX RETURNS

Those enrolled in our offertory envelope system are reminded that their statements of offertory contributions will be available upon request. Please call the parish office at 781-899-0469, prior to picking up your statement.

PARISH NEWS, Continued

PARKING LOT FUND UPDATE

Have you considered making a pledge or one time donation to our parking lot renovation fund? Thus far we have raised $57,457.10 towards our goal of $250,000 for the parking lot project. We still have a way to go to meet our goal, but with your help we'll get there! If you have not yet committed a pledge or made a donation, we ask that you consider doing so. Our target date for construction of the parking lot to begin is July 1st 2016. We are asking EVRY parishioner to join us in this effort. Your donation, regardless of how large or small, will help us reach our goal. Donations may be made either in a one-time gift or by pledging an amount that can be paid weekly, monthly or quarterly as you wish. Special fund envelopes are available in the church. Remember that you can also donate online through WeShare our parish online giving program. When you sign into WeShare directly from our parish web site www.sacredheart311.org , click on "Give Online-WeShare" and click on Parking Lot Fund to make a donation online. If you have questions about this project, please speak with any of the Parking Lot Project committee members; Ken Lopez, Richard Cincotta, David Cavelli, Nick Pulsone and Patricia Vasquezi, or by contacting the Parish Office (781) 899-0469 or via e-mail at sacredheart311@aol.com.

CASINO OUTING

Join us for a fun filled spring outing to Foxwoods Resort on Saturday, April 9, 2016. The bus departs at 8:30AM. sharp from the Sacred Heart Church parking lot and will arrive at 10:30AM to the Foxwoods Resort & Casino where we’ll enjoy a full day of games, food and fun before departing at 4:30PM. for home with expected return time of 6:30PM. The cost for this trip is $24/per person which includes a $15 Buffet coupon or $10 Food Voucher. Reservations may be made by completing a reservation form and returning it to the parish on or before April 1st.

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2016

Cardinal Sean O’Malley invites us to consider participation in this year’s Catholic Appeal; “As we journey together through this historic Year of Mercy, we are called to celebrate the faith we share. Through the 50 central ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston, we bring the love of Christ to all who seek Him. Your participation in the Catholic Appeal helps to strengthen our parish communities, and enables us to continue living our faith together through the beauty and joy of the Gospel. I am truly grateful for your support”. Please consider contributing to the 2016 Catholic Appeal to serve the needs of these diocesan ministries and to help our parish reach its goal. Remember also to check with your employer to find out if the Catholic Appeal is part of their listings of “employee matching funds” We thank you in advance for your consideration. Our Parish Goal is $22,894.00 Thus far our donations total is $3,903 with 33 donors.

COFFEE AND DONUT SUNDAYS

Join us for our last Coffee and Donuts Social of the season on April 3rd. Stop in for a cup of coffee and fresh donut while visiting with your fellow parishioners.
HELP!
We are in need of volunteers to help with many little tasks in preparation for Holy Week. We'll need lots of help folding and stapling booklets for the Masses of the Easter Triduum, preparing candles for the Vigil Mass, filling Easter eggs to be given out at the Easter morning Mass and setting up crafts for the kids on Good Friday. If you have an hour to spare please contact Bernadette at 781-893-8461.

EASTER TOY DRIVE
In order to meet the needs of children served by the Franciscan Hospital for Children we will hold our annual gift drive. Donations of new toys will be distributed to the patients at FHC and the Kennedy Rehabilitation & Day School in Brighton, MA. Suggested toys are those which light or sound, battery/remote toys, audio children's books, infant and toddler sensory and developmental toys as well as DVD's of age appropriate movies and programs for the Franciscan Hospital's recreation room. Please return all gift items by this coming Monday, March 21st as gifts will be delivered on Tuesday and Wednesday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
During all the Fridays of Lent, with the exception of Good Friday, our parish will hold Stations of the Cross twice on Fridays at 3:00 and 6:00 PM. Following the evening Stations we hold a potluck supper in the parish hall featuring a meatless menu of soups and light entrees. Please consider joining us for the ritual of prayer and devotion and to share a meal with your fellow parishioners.

LENTEN SUPPER HOSTS
We extend our sincere thanks to all the parish lay ministers and volunteers who led the evenings Stations of the Cross and contributed to the Lenten Suppers during the Friday night Lenten meals. We thank the K of C, the Society of Saint Clare, Religious Education and LIFETEEN students and families, the Adult Choir, the liturgical lay ministers (Lectors, Ministers of Communion and all the parishioners who contributed to the meals. Thanks to all for giving us this wonderful platform for prayer and devotion and to share a meal together.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU
The last opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) before Easter will take place on Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:30 PM. Haven’t been to confession in years? Not sure how to participate in the rite of confession? Don’t let that hold you back! Log on to www.thelightisonforyou.org. It has videos on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sheets on how to make a good confession, answers to frequently-asked questions and more. Please make plans to partake in the sacrament and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know. The Sacrament will take place here at Sacred Heart Church on. Please note: There will be no confessions held on Wednesday or Saturday of Holy Week.

BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS
Once again, our parish Youth Ministry will hold their annual "Sock Drop" on Holy Saturday. This year they plan to distribute Blessing Bags for homeless Veterans and others in need. They hope to include in each bag: a pair of new socks and necessary items such as; lip balm, hand lotion, hand/foot warmers, Band-Aid's, bottled water, granola bar, lifesavers or mints, toothbrush and toothpaste, and a $5 gift card for Dunkin Donuts or McDonald's where they can have a light meal. Please consider helping us fill these bags by donating one or more of the items listed above and bring your donations on or before Monday, March 21st.
**SOCIETY OF SAINT CLARE**

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The Society of Saint Clare, the women’s group of Sacred Heart Parish, meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM. Drawing on the virtues of Saint Clare of Assisi, the mission of the group is to share faith and prayer among the community, offer service and charity to those in need, and to share in the mission of the church. The members of the Society of St. Clare are a fun-loving and sociable group of women with a common love of Christ and desire to serve their church. Meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of each month, from September through June. The Saint Clare meetings are informal gatherings that include friendly conversation and light refreshments while planning upcoming events and enjoying opportunities to pray and grow in faith. All women are welcome to attend and bring a friend. For more info, you are welcome to contact Patrice McGregor at 781-373-1371 or pmcgregor22@comcast.net.

**KNIGHTLY NEWS**

**CONSIDER BEING PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL!**
The Knights of Columbus are a group of Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are helping others to overcome the struggles of life and the problems of the world through the love of Christ. A Knight is a man committed to his community, his family and his Church. We believe that when such a man lives a life of faith and generosity and recognizes the mission of the Church, he is more than simply a man. He is a “Knight.” The Knights of Columbus is an organization rooted in the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. The Knights of Columbus meet on the THIRD Monday of the month at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. If you would like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus and the many benefits offered to members and their families please contact us at: sacredheartknights@hotmail.com.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**WINTER STORM CANCELLATIONS**
While we don’t want to run this announcement, the reality of winter in New England prompts us to be prepared! Before you make your way to Mass, religious education, or other church events, during inclement weather, please tune into the local storm cancellation broadcasts. You may also sign-up for text or email alerts on closings on any of the web sites of the networks listed below.

WCVB Channel 5 - http://www.thefirstchannel.com/closingssignup/index.html
WHDH Channel 7 – www.whdh.com then click on “Snow Day Alert”
WBZ Channel 4 - http://newsletters.cbsboston.com/ to sign up for weather alerts

Please DO NOT call the parish office as they may not have the information you need. All schedule changes will be noted on the stations listed. Also, daily Mass attendees are reminded that when the Waltham Public Schools close or have early cancellation there will be NO DAILY MASS that day. Those who have Mass intentions scheduled on a day when the parishes public Mass has been canceled, please know that your intention will be remembered during the Friars’ holy hour.

**EASTER CRAFT WORKSHOP**
On Good Friday, March 25th the children are invited to participate in our annual Easter crafts workshop at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall. A great selection of Easter Crafts that children can create themselves along with other activities such as Easter video’s and music and a “quiet prayer station” will be offered. Light snacks will also be served. Following the craft workshop the children and families are invited to attend the “Living Stations of the Cross” presented by Life Teen at 3PM.

**LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
The Sacred Heart Church Youth Ministry will once again present the Living Stations of the Cross. This dramatic interpretation of the Passion, held on March 25th, Good Friday at 3:00PM, invites the faithful to experience the way of the cross through the unique perspective of the scriptural characters who accompanied our Lord on the road to Calvary’s hill. All are welcome to join us for this inspirational presentation.

**SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP**
The Sacred Heart Church Youth Group schedule throughout the Lenten season will be Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 PM with the exception of the First Wednesday of the month when the High School YM serves the monthly meal at the Bristol Lodge. All high school aged teens are invited to attend this fun-filled and inspiring hour of faith sharing with their peers. Included in our Youth Group meetings are games and activities, awesome music and video clips, reflection on topics that impact teens today and practical ways to grow in faith. All that while enjoying lots of snacks and the company of friends! For more info or to be part of our FB group you can find us on Facebook and send a friend request. Parents of teens are invited to join the SACRED HEART PARENTS FACEBOOK page where they can find information on upcoming parish events and reflections for your own faith development and inspiration. For additional information contact Laura Peterson, Director of Youth Ministry at sacredheartyouthgroup.com or call 781-893-8461. Also, when Waltham Public schools are closed due to inclement weather then Youth Group will be canceled for that evening.
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS, Continued**

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS**

"I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" Mark 13:11. These words from Mark's gospel remind us of God's invitation to share in the grace-filled journey of life. Adult Catholics (ages 18 and older) who have been baptized, received First Holy Communion but did not have an opportunity for further religious education instruction, and did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to come join us in Faith Formation. Through participation in the adult Confirmation program you will have the opportunity to complete the Sacraments of Initiation and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. For more information or to register for the adult sacramental preparation program please contact Bernadette Scales at 781-893-8461.

**COMMUNITY NEWS, Continued**

**ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON – MENS CURSILLO**

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world.

The date for the Mens Cursillo Weekend is April 21-24, 2016

The weekend runs from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and is held at the Campion Center in Weston MA. For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo Website: www.bostoncursillo.org or call the Office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-5640 or email us at spiritual_development@rcab.org.

**NURSING POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Little Sisters of the Poor 186 Highland Ave. is looking for CNAs. All Shifts. Part-time and Full-time. Contact 617-776-4420 x318 or email: smhumanresources@littlesistersofthepoor.org spirituality

**SAVE THE DATE**

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted parish announced their upcoming fund raising HAM-A-RAMA! This popular event will take place on APRIL 10th BEGINNING AT 3:00PM and will feature a huge selection of raffle prizes, food and much more. For more information, contact Sharon Micco at sharonmicco@yahoo.com or 781-894-3481 x2.

**LOURDES 7 MARIAN SHRINE PILGRIMAGE**

Join Fr. Mike MacInnis, OFM on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes & The Marian Shrines of France April 6 - 15, 2016 price is $3,999 from Boston. This pilgrimage is 9 days long and all inclusive! Round-trip air from Boston including Airport taxes & fuel surcharges, Central-located first class hotels (3 star in Lisieux): (or similar), 2 Nights: Hotel Moderne – Lourdes, 1 Night: Grand Hotel De L’Esperance - Lisieux 1 Night: Hotel Saint Gabriel - Le Mont Sant Michele, 2 Nights: Hotel Trois Pigeons - Paray Le Monial, 2 Nights: Hotel Mercure Bastille – Paris. Breakfast and Dinner daily, Wine with dinners, Professional local guides throughout. Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary, Mass daily & Spiritual activities. For additional information Call Marge- Group Tour Leader @508-320-3498.

**SPRINGWELL, A SOURCE FOR SENIORS**

Springwell is a local source for resources and services for seniors and individuals with disabilities as well as their caregivers. If you are a caregiver or have concerns for an elder at risk, Springwell can help. For more information call 617-926-4100 or e-mail us at www.springwell.com.

**FIAT DISCERNMENT GROUP**

Fiat is a discernment group for single women in the Archdiocese of Boston who are considering a vocation to religious life. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, Foundress of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, will be the speaker. If you are interested in attending, please respond to Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious, Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org or call 617-746-5637.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY NEWS**

**SACRED HEART YOUNG ADULT FACEBOOK PAGE**

We invite all young adults, over age 21 to be part of our Young Adult Ministry. Check out our new Facebook page by searching “Sacred Heart Young Adult Group” and join our FB group. We’ll be posting news on both parish and Young Adult Ministry programs, news and events.

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?**

The Young Adult Ministry of Sacred Heart Church is hoping to connect with Young Adults (21 and up) who have settled in or around Waltham from hometowns near and far. We know that many of our parishioners come from as far as Italy, the UK and various parts of the United States. This spring we plan to hold a brunch for all our “transplanted parishioners”. This will be a great opportunity to meet other members of the parish, single, married and some with young children. There will be more information on this future event so stay tuned to the parish bulletin, web site and Facebook page “Sacred Heart Young Adult Group”.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**MARCH**

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