

April 28, 2019 – Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

. . . [Jesus] said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” John 20: 19-31

“Just Another Kid in The Neighborhood”

Islington Road in the Boston suburb of Newton is the kind of neighborhood where elderly neighbors’ driveways are shoveled, where you can expect a casserole if you or a family member is sick, where newcomers are welcomed with plates of cookies and offers of help. And so Glenda and Raphael Savitz were warmly welcomed by their new neighbors when they moved to Newton three years ago.

Three months after Glenda and Raphael moved in, their daughter Samantha was born. Within a week, newborn screening tests showed the Samantha was deaf.

That’s when something extraordinary happened.

About 20 of the Savitz’ neighbors hired an instructor to teach them sign language so they could communicate with their littlest neighbor. They wanted Samantha to know what their kids knew growing up on Islington Road: community, friendship, inclusion.

“This child will always be a child of this neighborhood,” says one woman, who grew up in the neighborhood and raised her own three children here. “We will all be participants in helping her as she grows. We do that with each other’s children. The community is already in place. This is just a new way to express it.”

So Samantha, her mom and dad, and their neighbors have been meeting together over the past year to learn American Sign Language. The teacher, Rhys McGovern, finds this is remarkable: many times even the parents of deaf children don’t bother to learn sign language. “But here Sam has a full community that’s signing and communicating with her and her family, and it is a beautiful story.” And McGovern notes that this level of inclusion will almost certainly guarantee a happier, more well-adjusted Samantha.

After one recent study evening in a neighbor’s living room, a woman remarks, “One of the most emotional experiences having [Samantha] is that I really learned about how much support and how much love there is here. How much I’ve learned about other people.”

The neighbors on Islington Road want their littlest neighbor to know that she belongs, so they lean down and sign with Samantha. And in every meeting in a store or on the street, Samantha points to a neighbor and makes the sign for “friend.”

Just another neighborhood kid.

[CBS Sunday Morning, February 15, 2019; The Boston Globe, February 7, 2019.]

The gathering of Samantha and her neighbors mirrors the scene on Easter night recounted in Luke’s Gospel: little Samantha is the living sign of God’s love in their midst; their determination to learn sign language to make Samantha and her family know that they are welcomed and love is the “breath” of God’s peace inspiring them to such compassion and generosity of heart. As he did that Easter night in the locked room, the Risen Jesus stands in our midst, making of us a people in communion with God and with one another. He is a real, living presence that makes us a community of dynamic, energizing faith. His “breathing” the Spirit of God upon us defines our identity as the people of God: shattering our tombs and knocking down locked doors, enabling us to realize God’s vision of a church that accepts one another, that affirms one another, that supports one another as God has done for every one of us in his Risen Christ.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7:00 pm

Wed & Fri at 10:00 am

First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months’ notice is required. A year’s notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.



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(April 18-21, 2019)

Regular Collection	2,098.80
Parish Insurance	100.00
Building Fund	30.00
Lenten Folders	630.00
Votive Candles	46.10
Mass Stipends	40.00
Good Friday (Holy Lands)	1032.60
Development & Peace	25.00
Easter Flowers	30.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Apr 29	No Mass
Tues, Apr 30	Late Brian Griffin & Late Mary Wheeler
Wed, May 1	Late Joe Gallant
Thur, May 2	Late Columbine Healey
Fri, May 3	Theresa & the Tompkins Family
Sat, May 4	Special Intention
Sun, May 5	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 4	
Jacket Jackson Dennis Bruce	John Carroll Joan Penney Eileen Moore
May 5	
Sherry Lynn Brake Debbie Allen	Elizabeth Carew Amelia Dicks Wayne Dicks
Communion to the Lohnes Complex	
Eileen Moore	

THANK YOU FROM FR. JIM: Please accept my personal thanks to those who gave me cards and gifts. I especially want to thank our sacristans, servers, lectors, communion ministers and choirs for going above and beyond. Your work made for beautiful Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

BIBLE STUDY: We continue to meet every **Sunday at 7:00 pm** in the Church meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

CONDOLENCES: Condolences to the family of Laura Wells. Her funeral was celebrated **April 25, 2019**. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: APRIL 28th –



In the year 1937, Jesus appeared to a Polish nun - St. Faustina. He told her that she was to be used as his instrument to spread his divine mercy to the world. He also told her that the world would be given a special grace on Divine Mercy Sunday - the Sunday

following Easter Sunday. Sister Faustina was canonized by St. Pope John Paul II in the year 2000. Please note: A special celebration marking this special Sunday will take place, **Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 pm** at All Hallows Church. All are invited.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Thomas Raymond Christopher, child of Philip Christopher and Katelyn Flanagan, who celebrated his Baptism on Sunday, April 21.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a parish council meeting on **Monday, May 6th at 6:30 pm** in the Church meeting room.

PARISH BINGO: Our next parish bingo will be held on **May 5th, 2019**. The list of donors is posted on the bulletin boards in the back of the church. It includes those with last names beginning with G-M. Please support this important fundraiser.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Our Parish is responsible for the month of **MAY**. We are in need of volunteers for desserts and serving. The sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.

POOR BOX COLLECTION: This weekend, **April 27/28**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be taking up its Poor Box Collection. Please generously support their very worthwhile work.

4YOUTH: Did you know that, in the Catholic Church, Easter is not just one day but is a full season? The Easter Season continues for fifty days, until the feast of Pentecost (June 9 this year). During the Easter Season, the Sunday readings focus on the appearances of the Risen Christ. The Old Testament readings are replaced by readings from the Acts of the Apostles, which focus on the growth of the early Church and how our faith spread throughout the ancient world. Easter is a time of joy and hope, because Jesus has overcome death by His Resurrection, which allows us to hope for our own Resurrection and eternal life with God.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The St. Vincent de Paul Society is desperately in need of Furniture. Dressers, tables, chairs, bed frames and mattresses. If you have any to offer please call 638-9010, we will pick up.

FOOD BANK NETWORK: 'Spring Into Action' Food Drive - **May 13th at 6:30 pm**. We are asking that you put your food donations in a grocery bag and place on your doorstep **before 6:30 pm**. Volunteers will collect all bags and will **start at 6:30 pm**. Thank you.

HUMOUR: The minister of a city church enjoyed a drink now and then, but his passion was for peach brandy. One of his congregants would make him a bottle each Christmas. One year, when the minister went to visit his friend, hoping for his usual Christmas present, he was not disappointed, but his friend told him that he had to thank him for the peach brandy from the pulpit the next Sunday.

In his haste to get the bottle, the minister hurriedly agreed and left. So, the next Sunday the minister suddenly remembered that he had to make a public announcement that he was being supplied alcohol from a member of the church. That morning, his friend sat in the church with a grin on his face, waiting to see the minister's embarrassment.

The minister climbed into the pulpit and said, "Before we begin, I have an announcement. I would very much like to thank my friend, Joe, for his kind gift of peaches ... and for the spirit in which they were given!"

PRESENTATION & REGINA HIGH SCHOOL REUNION: Attention 1979 graduated classes of Presentation and Regina. Plans for a 40th reunion to be held in Corner Brook on **July 19, 2019**.

For registration and other details, please contact Eileen at uecoombs@hotmail.com or Bill at bill.boland1@outlook.com.