

# Update Sundings

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## Special Appearance: CSJ and MSJA Combined Choirs at Bethany *by Roseann Amico, CSJ*



The Combined Choirs of the Sisters of St. Joseph and Mount St. Joseph Alumnae made a very special appearance at Bethany Health Care Center in Framingham on Saturday, Jan 10, 2015. Eighteen Choir members plus six Alumnae guests sang, served treats, and visited with the residents. The Choirs were directed by Pamela Pandolfo Halpern, MSJA, 1967 and accompanied by Florence Kahler, CSJ, a former MSJA faculty member. The "concert" included musical selections sung at the St. Joseph Prep Christmas Concert as well as a sing-a-long. The residents were treated to desserts prepared by the women. It was a lovely afternoon that warmed the hearts of many and sent everyone out on a high note to enjoy the Patriots' game. ❄️



PICTURED TOP TO BOTTOM: Bethany and St. Joseph Hall Residents are entertained by the combined CSJ and MSJA Alumnae choruses. Florence Kahler, CSJ, accompanies the group. A close-up of the group with director, Pamela Pandolfo Halpern, in foreground.

### Dates to Remember

- FEB. 3, TUES., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — all welcome
- FEB. 7, SAT., 9:30-11:00AM — *RESCHEDULED* CLUSTER INFORMATION SESSION — Fontbonne Convent, Milton
- FEB. 7, SAT., 12:30PM — ASSOCIATE GATHERING, Fontbonne Convent, Milton  
— call 617.746.1670 to participate
- FEB 8, SUN., 9:30AM — SUNDAY LITURGY, Fontbonne Convent, Milton  
— all welcome — note date and time change
- FEB. 12, THURS., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — all welcome
- FEB. 18, WED., 5:30PM — ASH WEDNESDAY MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — all welcome
- FEB. 19, THURS., 7:00PM — TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — all welcome
- FEB. 26, THURS., 5:30PM — MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY — all welcome
- FEB. 28, SAT. — CONGREGATION GATHERING — details to follow.
- MARCH 12, THURS., 7:00PM — TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse — all welcome



## Youth Experience a Sense of the Larger Church at March for Life *by Barbara McHugh, CSJ*



PICTURED TOP TO BOTTOM: Jake Fulton, Barbara McHugh, CSJ, Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Olivia Scioletti, Danielle Sullivan, Olivia Casey, and Grace Zukowski pause for a picture during the march. Cardinal Seán enjoys the moment as Gracie takes a selfie with the cardinal and the other Arlington Catholic students. *Selfie photo used with permission of The Pilot.*

For students at Arlington Catholic High School, participation in the annual March for Life has become a spiritual experience that offers a sense of the larger Church in the Boston area and across the county. The AC group joined more than 800 others from the Boston area who participated in the pilgrimage to Washington, DC, on January 22, 2015.

On the evening of January 21, we went to George Mason University with 10,000 others for a Christian rock prayer. On January 22, 2015, we joined hundreds of thousands of others at the Washington Monument where the march began.

Two members of this year's group had participated last year. It was such a positive experience for them that they not only wanted to go again but encouraged others. Those who accepted the challenge did so knowing that it was exam week and they would need to make up exams when they returned.

In addition to the positive experience of the events surrounding the march, the bus ride yielded the opportunity to form a faith community among students from a variety of archdiocesan schools and parishes. Approximately 18 busses were part of the Boston group. Those on our bus were from St. Joseph Prep in Brighton, Malden Catholic in Malden, Nazareth Academy in Wakefield, Pope John XXIII in Everett, and St. Mary's Parish, Georgetown. The students on our bus bonded both spiritually and socially.

As you can see from the pictures, Cardinal O'Malley was most gracious about the students' enthusiasm for picture taking. We returned to Boston at midnight on Friday, with renewed faith and energy to advocate for human life. ❄️

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