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New to our Parish?

Please introduce yourself after Mass or at the parish office. We want to know and serve you! We hope you will participate in our parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means.

Sacraments of Initiation

Adults interested in baptism or joining the Catholic Church please contact Marie Buckley at x219. For high school confirmation contact Kristina Preman at x216. Adults preparing for confirmation only contact Fr. John at x215.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office at least six months in advance. A preparation program is offered to all couples. For more information, please visit our website: http://www.ourladys.com.

Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please notify the pastoral staff if anyone is ill, in the hospital or confined to home and unable to get to church, and we will be happy to visit.

Infant Baptisms

Infant baptisms are celebrated at Mass or on special Sundays throughout the year. Parents are asked to call the office well in advance. A special program of preparation is offered for all parents. For more information, please visit our website: http://www.ourladys.com.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 2:30pm-3:30pm at Our Lady's Church or anytime by appointment.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

For more information, email: svdp@ourladys.com or call 617-527-7560 x255.

Saint Joseph Preparatory High School

St. Joseph Preparatory High School is a unification of Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Trinity Catholic High School. It is a college preparatory high school, offering a curriculum characterized by interdisciplinary teaching and collaborative learning. For more info please contact: admissions@saintjosephprep.org.

Schedule of Liturgies

Saturday	**4:00pm**
Sunday	**8:00am**
	10:00am
	6:00pm
Holy Days	**As Announced**
Weekdays	**Mon-Fri 7:00am**

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4 - February 12, 2017

Sat	4:00pm	Mary Bellafiore
		George F. Cullen - 1st Anniversary
		Romolo Pescosolido
		Francis J. Marchand
Sun	8:00am	Perpilio & Margherita Bove
		Larry Todd, Christopher Dickinson
		Judith Hammond
		Judith & Thomas Flynn
		Sarah & Patrick Hughes
		Joan Lanciano
		Patricia, Elenora & Anthony Fazio
	10:00am	Edwin J. McDonough
	6:00pm	Joseph Reilly
Mon	7:00am	All Men & Women Serving in the Military
Tues	7:00am	For all Emergency Workers
Wed	7:00am	Pfc. John J. McLaughlin
Thurs	7:00am	For all Victims of Abuse
Fri	7:00am	For the Sick of the Parish
Sat	4:00pm	John P. & Carolyn Kling
		David, Natalie & Brendan Driscoll
		Alberto & Clelia Parilli
		Francis. J. Marchand
Sun	8:00am	Caroline Walsh
	10:00am	Francesco Cortina
		Donato Tempesta, Assunta Tempesta Salvucci
	6:00pm	Tony & Bonnie Algeri

In your prayers please remember Edward F. McIsaac, Ariana Galloway, Colin MacNevin, and all who have died.
May they experience the new life promised by Christ's Paschal victory.

Scripture Readings can be found at www.usccb.org

Sun., February 5	Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
Mon., February 6	Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
Tues., February 7	Gn 1:20--2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
Wed., February 8	Gn 2:4b-9,15-17; Mk 7:14-23
Thurs., February 9	Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
Fri., February 10	Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
Sat., February 11	Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
Sun., February 12	Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37
Sun., February 19	Lv 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Offertory Collection Update...

The offertory collection is one of three primary sources of income for the parish. (The other two are the Grand Annual and Rental Income.) Below are weekly offertory figures for last month, January 2017.

Via Baskets	$30,367.00
Via ParishPay	$ 9,360.01
Via Online Banking	$ 2,755.62
January Offertory Total	**$42,482.63**
January Offertory Budget	$40,387.66
Budget Variance	+$2,094.97

February Book Club Selection: *No Irrelevant Jesus* by well-known biblical theologian Gerhard Lohfink. Three chapters will be discussed: 1) What Constitutes the Church's "Newness"? 2) What Distinguishes Christianity from the Religions? 3) How Does Faith Work? Contact Jim Allaire at 617-244-2143 to obtain PDFs of these chapters. Two copies are available at Our Lady's parish office. The February meeting will be Thursday, February 23rd, 7:00pm, in the Colella room at Our Lady's.

Do You have a Heart for Prisoners, Refugees and Immigrants? Next weekend, February 11th and 12th, the Christian Service Committee will adorn the vestibule of the church with valentines soliciting gift cards to aid volunteers from the Sisters of St. Joseph Prison Aftercare Ministry. The sisters help women newly released from prison, shop for household items needed upon release. Workers, students and refugees from 120 countries around the world are serviced by the Irish International Immigration Center here in Boston, whose mantra is *"all residents deserve justice, equality and dignity."* Gift cards can be left at church the following weekend, February 18th and 19th. Thank-you for helping those persons frequently forgotten and deemed "on the fringe". Your generosity is always overwhelming!

Collecting Palms - Do you have any palms in your house? How about the trunk or back seat of your car? If so, Our Lady's will be collecting old palms during two weekends in February: February 11th & 12th and February 18th and 19th. The palms will be burned, and the ashes will be used for future Ash Wednesday liturgies. Thank you for your help!

Coming This February! - Have you ever wondered if there is more to life than this? Does believing in Jesus really change anything in your daily life? Were you ever curious to know how or why people pray or read the Bible? If so, consider coming to Alpha on Tuesday February 21st at 7:00pm for dinner, fellowship, a video presentation, and discussion. Want more information? Contact Brian Romer Niemiec (bniemiec@sholnewton.org).

Invitation to join the Handbell Choir: The Bell Choir would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in participating in this joyful ministry! No music experience is required. We rehearse most Tuesday evenings 7:15pm-8:30pm. We offer music once a month at the 4:00pm Saturday mass and occasionally on Sunday mornings. Please contact Anne Marie David at 617-527-7560, or email Kim Petot for more information: kim3petot@gmail.com.

This Week's Special Collection supports the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Together with a diverse network of collaborators, they serve the elderly poor located in Somerville. They offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself. Please visit www.littlesistersofthepoorboston.org for more information.

To Ensure Your Child(ren)'s Safety, please accompany them to the restroom during Mass. Thank you!

Registration For Our first Collaborative Faith Festival, *"Three Days That Changed the World,"* is Tuesday, February 7th. For people of all ages. Friday, February 10th from 5:30pm-8:30pm at Our Lady's; Sunday, February 12th from 11:00am-2:00pm at Our Lady's; Sunday, February 12th from 4:00pm-7:00pm at Sacred Heart. All are welcome to any session which begins with a simple meal. Registration forms are available online or at the exits of the church.

Forum on Non-Violence and Just Peace - Join Dr. Lisa Sowle Cahill, Professor of Theology at Boston College, for her first hand reflections on last April's Vatican symposium on Nonviolence and Just Peace, which recommended that the Catholic Church drop its teaching of "Just War Theory." Sunday February 5th, 3:00pm, Our Lady's Church, lower halls. See the Collaborative online calendar for a full description.

Honduras Coffee Sale: The next coffee sale by the Honduras Committee will be after all the Masses on the weekend of February 4th-5th. Please support our friends, the growers in San Marcos, who receive all the proceeds.

Free Childcare Is Available every week during the 10:00am Mass in the McPherson Room, at the bottom of the steps on the rectory side, for those who wish to use it. This is for children under age 6.

Our Lady's Moms, Pops and Tots Afternoon Playgroup: Babies of all ages and their parents or caregivers are welcome for fun and socialization for the children and adults. The group meets on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30pm-5:00pm. For more information contact Sue Bauer at toonces44@msn.com or 617-304-1670. All are very welcome to attend!

CatholicTV Mass to Broadcast at New Time on Channel 56: Beginning on Sunday, January 1st, Channel 56 will air the CatholicTV Sunday Mass at 8:00am instead of 7:30am. The Mass will be celebrated at the Chapel of the Holy Cross at the CatholicTV Network's Watertown, MA studios.

NEW Inclement Weather Policy for the Newton Collaborative

Effective immediately: During the week, if Newton Public Schools are closed or have a delayed opening, the weekday morning Masses at both Sacred Heart and Our Lady's will be cancelled. The same is true for weekend masses. Please check Channels 5, 7 & 4 or call 617-527-7560 or check the website to see if Masses have been cancelled. This is for the safety of those who attend Mass and it also allows us to clear the parking lot and stairways. If the scheduled Mass has an announced intention, the intention will be rescheduled at the next available Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

Preparation to Receive the Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion at the end of grade 2, usually begins in 1st grade. Please contact Rosemary if you need to enroll your child. If you have **older children** in need of Baptism or Eucharist, please also contact Rosemary.

Coming to St. Mary's - a Free Morning Women's Event: Seeking the Peace of Forgiveness. Do you struggle to forgive or do you need to be forgiven - you are not alone. Did you know that forgiveness is only achieved in cooperation with God's grace? Join us Saturday, March 18th from 8:30am to noon at Saint Mary Parish, 133 School Street, Waltham, MA. Offered by BreadboxMedia.com radio host, Allison Gingras. Continental Breakfast served. A free will offering will be taken. To reserve your seat visit: www.ReconciledToYou.com or call 508-243-1133.

Are You Going to the Hospital? If you are going into the hospital for surgery and would like to have a blessing before the surgery please contact the parish office to have one of the priests offer you the Anointing of the Sick.

Wills and Bequests: Please consider remembering Our Lady's when drafting your Estate Plans. We invite you to consider leaving a gift to Our Lady Help of Christians to continue the work you found important in your life. For more information, call or email Michael Bliss: 617-527-7560 x226; mbliss@sholnewton.org. Thank you!

The Grand Annual Collection:

As of January 31st we have raised $193,489 from 409 parishioners. **Our goal is $200,000** and we need everyone to take part in order to attain that goal. Whether you give $100 or $300; $1,000 or $5,000, your gift will be appreciated as it promotes the well being of Our Lady's. Thank you for your generous support!

2017 Catholic Appeal: Recently, many of you received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your support of the 2017 Catholic Appeal. Our parish directly benefits from the 50 ministries supported by the Appeal. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making an early pledge. You may mail your pledge or visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to give online. Thank you!

SPONSOR A WORKCAMPER!

This June, for the 21st year, a group of young people from the parish will serve people in need at Workcamp in Plattsburgh, New York. It costs more than $500 to give one young parishioner this opportunity to serve. We ask that you consider giving, according to your means. We are most grateful for whatever you can give, including your prayers of support.

WORKCAMP PLEDGE FORM

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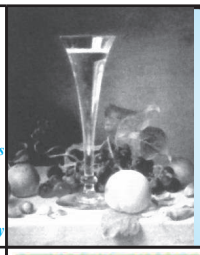

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