# SACRED HEART & OUR LADY'S COLLABORATIVE NEWTON, MA

~ All Are Welcome ~



March 4, 2018
Third Sunday of Lent

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### **MASS TIMES**

#### Saturday Vigil

4:00pm Our Lady's 4:00pm Sacred Heart

### Sunday

8:00am Our Lady's 9:00am Sacred Heart 10:00am Our Lady's 11:00am Sacred Heart (ASL) 12:00pm Sacred Heart Lower Church 6:00pm Our Lady's

#### Weekdays including Legal Holidays

Mon-Fri: 7:00am Our Lady's Mon-Sat: 9:00am Sacred Heart Lower Church

#### Holy Days of Obligation

7:00am Our Lady's 9:00am Sacred Heart 12:00pm Our Lady's 7:30pm Sacred Heart

# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday, 2:30-3:30pm, at both churches on the lower level, or by appointment.

# **Mass Schedule and Intentions**

Priests' schedule is subject to change

#### Saturday, March 3

**9:00am - Sacred Heart -** Deceased Members of the Parish Immediately following Mass: Rosary, Exposition, Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, ending at 10:30am

### 4:00pm - Our Lady's (Msgr. Dennis Sheehan)

Catherine Shea

Eleanor Desmond Miele - 2nd Anniversary

Robert L. Hodgdon Romolo Pescosolido

Edward Phillip York

Lucy Dello-Russo, Carmen & Mary Maiullo

Lawrence P. Quinn, Clara Graziano

Mary Quinn Joan Sheehan

4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Dan Riley)

Hugh Dalzell

### Sunday, March 4

8:00am - Our Lady's (Msgr. Dennis Sheehan)

Michael Murray

9:00am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Dan Riley)

Deceased Members of St. Francis Guild

#### 10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Adrian Milik)

Loreto & Maria Venditti

Mary McCabe - 5th Anniversary

Francis Coffey

Walter M. Geegan

Lucio, Lucia, Nunziato, Carmela & Cesido Leone

James & Concetta Cummings

11:00am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Shawn Carey)

12:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr Michael Hahn)

All Parishioners of Sacred Heart

6:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Adrian Milik)

Michael Annis

### Monday, March 5

7:00am - Our Lady's - For All Military Personnel

9:00am - Sacred Heart - Margaret Libertini

Charles Gucciardi

Tuesday, March 6

7:00am - Our Lady's - Robert G. Duffy Joan Sheehan

9:00am - Sacred Heart - For the Sick of the Parish

### Wednesday, March 7

7:00am - Our Lady's - George T. & George E. Bliss

9:00am - Sacred Heart - For All Military Personnel

### Thursday, March 8

7:00am - Our Lady's - Mary & Gerry Guerri

William & Rose Dezotell

9:00am - Sacred Heart - For the Sick of the Parish

### Friday, March 9

7:00am - Our Lady's - For All Victims of Abuse

9:00am - Sacred Heart - For All Victims of Abuse

#### Saturday, March 10

**9:00am - Sacred Heart -** Deceased Members of the Parish Immediately following Mass: Rosary, Exposition, Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, ending at 10:30am

### 4:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)

Caterina & Alessandro Serra

Joseph Tiberio - 9th Anniversary

Marc & Umberto Germani

Alfonso & Maria DeSantis

### 4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Adrian Milik)

Dino Tonelli

### Sunday, March 11

8:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Michael Hahn)

Caroline Walsh

### 9:00am - Sacred Heart (Msgr. Dennis Sheehan)

For the Deceased members of St. Francis Guild

### 10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. John Sassani)

Marc DeSantis Germani

Dante Angelucci Sr.

Antonio "Jerry" Franchi

Betsy Tedoldi

Bruno & Anna DiBona

Donato Tempesta, Assunta Tempesta Salvucci

Edward J. Boudreau

11:00am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Shawn Carey)

12:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr Adrian Milik)

All Parishioners of Sacred Heart

6:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)

Glenn Mackery

# **Collaborative Information**

New to our Collaborative? Welcome! Please introduce yourself after Mass or at the parish offices. We want to know and serve you! We hope you will participate in our parishes with your prayers, presence, talents, and stewardship according to your means.

Sacraments of Initiation: For adults interested in Baptism, Confirmation, or joining the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Adrian Milik; for high school Confirmation only, contact Michelle Solomon at Sacred Heart or Kristina Preman at Our Lady's; for older children to be baptized or to receive Holy Communion, contact Michelle Solomon at Sacred Heart and Rosemary Seibold at Our Lady's.

**Infant Baptisms:** Infant Baptisms are celebrated at Mass or on special Sundays throughout the year. Parents are asked

to call the parish offices to begin the process. A program of preparation is offered for all parents. For more information, please visit our website.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Please contact the parish offices at least 6 months in advance. A preparation program is offered to all couples. For more information, please visit our website.

Pastoral Care of 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 the Anointing of the Sick, Eucharist, or Reconciliation, please call the parish offices. Please also notify us of hospitalizations, so that we may be of help.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society: For more information, email <a href="mailto:svdp@sholnewton.org">svdp@sholnewton.org</a> or call 617-527-7560 x255.

# **Collaborative News**

## The Light is on for You

Spend Wednesday evenings in prayer this Lent, and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. All are welcome to a time of Taize Musical Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 6:30PM - 8:00PM at Our Lady's (Lower Hall) on March 7th, and then at Sacred Heart (Lower Church) on March 14th, 21st, and 28th. Questions? Contact Brian at bniemiec@sholnewton.org.

### **Pot Luck Dinner**

Pot Luck Dinner with Bingo to be held on Saturday, March 10th, following the 4:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart. The Guild invite all families and friends for the dinner, bingo and a night of lively music from musician George Healy. There is no charge for this event. We ask guests to bring a favorite dinner for 6 to 8, salad or dessert. There will be great prizes for bingo winners; with prizes for children too! Please connect with Barbara Hatem at 617-969-2567 or <a href="mailto:bchatem@comcast.net">bchatem@comcast.net</a> to let her know how many are coming and what you plan to bring. We would like to know how many places to set, but if you can only make it at the last minute, you will be more than welcome.

# Pastoral Council Meeting This Week

The next Pastoral Council Meeting is this Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have any items you wish the council to address, please contact Brian Romer Niemiec at bniemiec@sholnewton.org.

## Archdiocesan Addiction Recovery Pastoral Support Services

The Archdiocesan Addiction Recovery Pastoral Support Services (AARPSS) is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston and collaborates with various agencies and organizations to assist parishes in serving the needs of those struggling with addiction including their families and loved ones. We seek to educate, prevent, treat, and find solutions for the disease of addiction. For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.aarpss.org">www.aarpss.org</a> or email <a href="mailto:aarpss@stjosephboston.org">aarpss@stjosephboston.org</a>

### Refugee Job Search

The father of our refugee family, Mujahid Komi, has now begun his search for a job with the assistance of Jewish Vocational Services (JVS). He is looking for an entry level job which does not require English fluency and is reachable by the MBTA from home in Roxbury. We ask parishioners who know of possible opportunities to send our employment team a brief description of the opportunity, its location, and contact information for the employer (preferably a name and telephone number) via Peter Metz at <a href="mailto:pmetz@alum.mit.edu">pmetz@alum.mit.edu</a> or 339-777-5144. We will pass this information on to JVS who will call the employer to inquire about the details and to set up an interview, if appropriate. Thank you!

# Remember to Fill out your Disciple Maker Index Survey!

Please take a few minutes to help the Collaborative Staff better serve the needs of Sacred Heart and Our Lady's by filling out the Disciple Maker Index Survey at disciplemakerindex.com. For those who are not internet savvy, paper copies of the survey can be found at the doors of the church. A big Thank You (!) to all who have already completed the survey.

### 24 Hours for the Lord

Initiated by Pope Francis in 2014, 24 Hours for the Lord is an annual worldwide Lenten initiative for Catholics to receive the mercy of God through Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The following locations in the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for 24 hours (either for 24 hours straight, or two stretches of 12 hours each day) Friday, March 9, through Saturday, March 10. Host parishes will be offering Eucharistic Adoration and ongoing Confessions during the hours provided below. Host locations include: St. Paul, Hingham; St. Joseph, Kingston; St. Stephen, Framingham; St. Brendan, Bellingham; St. Theresa,

### March 4 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel gives us a picture of Jesus that may make us uncomfortable. Jesus knew well the wrongs and injustices that were prevalent in some temple practices. Let us remember the wrath of Jesus against those who made it difficult, if not impossible, for people to be welcome in the house of God. As we strive to become better at being evangelizing parishes, is there anything about our parish life—a snobbishness, an exclusiveness, a coldness, a lack of welcome—which might keep the seeking stranger away? Lent gives us a good opportunity to make the necessary changes to those behaviors.

# **Collaborative News**

### From Fr. Dan, Administrator

Dear Friends,

NEW! At no cost, we can give a big boost of financial support to our parish by filling out a Catholic Appeal envelope at Mass on March 10 &

11. Making our appeal goal will be measured by: (1) the number of envelopes filled in (even those where no donation or pledge is made), and (2) the amount of money raised. So no matter what you give, even if it is nothing, filling out an envelope really helps us meet our goal. This matters because the more we exceed our goal, the larger the refund of money to us, and if we were to not make our goal, the more we fell short, the more we would owe. Even if you have already given on line, or by mail (as I have), or by any other way, please still fill out an envelope at Mass on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11th to be counted toward our goal. Under Cardinal Sean's leadership, the Catholic Appeal makes possible so many crucial ministries. So in addition to filling out an envelope, I urge you to be as generous as possible. Thank you so much!

5<sup>th</sup> most popular verse in the Bible: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4).

"Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people—your family, friends, and coworkers, and even strangers you meet along the way."
—Barbara Bush

**During Lent, Pope Francis said** it was necessary, "to climb up with Jesus on the mountain and to stop with Him, to be more attentive to the voice of God and to allow oneself to be enveloped and transformed by the Spirit." He concluded, that during this time it was important to live out the experience of prayer, in order to enjoy familiarity with God.

**Humor:** Q: Why did the giraffe get bad grades? A: He had his head in the clouds.

**Sports Section:** For college hoop fans, March Madness is coming. The Red Sox took a big step forward with J.D. Martinez. Who will go further in the playoffs, the Celts or Bruins? What is the Pats greatest need in Free Agency? I think it is a pass rusher.

Love and God bless you,

Fr. Dan

N. Reading; St. Mary, Lynn; St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, Lowell; Sacred Hearts, Bradford; Seaport Shrine; Boston; and St. Anthony, Cambridge. For more info, visit bostoncatholic.org/24hours.

# Forming Leaders for Mission: Upcoming Workshops

Forming Leaders for Mission is a one-day or twoevening session designed to support all in the parish community in discerning and developing their particular calls to lead within their personal, family, community, and parish lives. During the session, participants will begin to discover their unique charisms to lead and learn skills to be effective. This dynamic workshop includes a mixture of group activities, individual reflection, prayer and conversation. Upcoming workshops include March 7 & 8 at St. Timothy Parish in Norwood. To register, visit disciplesinmission.com/formingleaders or contact Rosemary Maffei at rmaffei@rcab.org.

# Forming Disciples in Mission: Upcoming Workshops

Forming Disciples in Mission is a one-day or twoevening session to provide every Catholic with a common language and tools for the work of New Evangelization. Our next workshop date is March 10 at the Pastoral Center in Braintree. You can register for all workshops at <u>disciplesinmission.com/</u> <u>formingdisciples</u>, or contact Patrick Krisak at <u>pkrisak@rcab.org</u>.

### **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 dates for the weekends are:

### Men's Weekend April 26-29, 2018

The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Campion Center in Weston. For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo Website bostoncursillo.org

# **Collaborative News**

## Scripture Readings for the Week

also found at usecb.org

- 4 SUN Ex 20:1-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25
- 5 Mon 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30 6 Tue Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
- 7 Wed Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- 8 Thu Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
- 9 Fri Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
- 10 Sat Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
- 11 SUN 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

or contact Chris Graf at 617-332-5548 or cmg829@comcast.net.

## **Meeting Christ in Prayer**

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an eight-week guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola. By prayer, reflection and faith sharing Meeting Christ in Prayer can bring people to a new level of discipleship and to a renewed sense of Christian mission. The Meeting Christ in Prayer group meets once a week for eight weeks with Sister Anne D'Arcy. Participants pray with suggested scripture texts daily. The group will meet at Fontbonne Convent, 444 Centre Street, Milton, MA on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:00pm, February 21 through April 11. For further information or to register, call 617-433-5065 or email Anne.D'Arcy@csjboston.

## Transformed in Love Marriage Prep

Transformed in Love for engaged couples is the Archdiocesan program for marriage preparation. For upcoming 2018 dates, locations and registration information, visit bostoncatholic.org/familylife or contact Liz Cotrupi at ecotrupi@rcab.org.

### **Project Rachel**

Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston which offers hope and healing for women suffering from the pain of a past abortion. Project Rachel offers confidential support, retreats and referrals for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Spring 2018 retreat dates are March 10, May 5, and June 2. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

### **On Care for Creation**

"The natural environment is a collective good, the



patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone. If we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all. If we do not, we burden our consciences with the weight of having denied the existence of

others. That is why the New Zealand bishops asked what the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" means when 'twenty percent of the world's population consumes resources at a rate that robs the poor nations and future generations of what they need to survive." (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, no. 95)

### A Time of Grace

"A Time of Grace" is the title of a 20-page booklet about our Collaborative's resettlement of a refugee family, the Komi family. If you would like a copy, they are available at the back of church. The booklet is also online at <a href="mailto:sholmewton.org/refugees">sholmewton.org/refugees</a>.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Would you be willing to visit St. Elizabeth Medical Center once a week only? You will be easily trained to offer Holy Communion to our patients. If interested please contact Fr. Salamone at 617-789-2609 or Maureen Higgins at 617-789-2093.

# Mass of Remembrance and Healing

The St. Anne / St. Catherine Collaborative Respect Life Ministry and Project Rachel will sponsor a Mass of Remembrance and Healing for Pregnancy and Infant Loss on Wednesday, March 7th, at 7:30pm, at St. Anne's Church, 75 King Street, Littleton. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents and siblings who grieve the death of children as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion or early infant death. These losses may be recent or extend over many years. The guest homilist will be Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, Secretary for Health & Social Services of the Archdiocese of Boston. A light reception and opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will also be available after Mass. For more info, contact Respect Life Ministry at life.collaborative@icloud.com or Project Rachel at 508-651-3100, help@projectrachelboston.com.

### Walking with Mary

Walking with Mary, a multicultural Marian Procession through the streets of Boston with Cardinal Seán O'Malley, will take place on Saturday, April 7, 2:00pm to 7:00pm. The program begins and ends at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (The Mission Church) in Boston and includes an address by Cardinal Seán. Confession, adoration, praise, and worship will also be available following the procession. For more information, contact Gail Mattulina at gmattulina@rcab.org.

## **Discipleship Week**

Discipleship Week, a dynamic evangelization experience for high school students, is returning to Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH, from Wednesday, June 27, through Sunday, July 1. Hosted by the Secretariat for Evangelization and Discipleship, this year's theme is "Made for Greatness." Designed for teens who are ready to take the next step in their relationship with Christ, the week features times of recreation and activities, worship, teachings, sharing in small and large groups, daily Mass and opportunities for confession, as well as time for individual prayer and reflection. Registration opens March 1 at disciplesinmission.com/discipleshipweek. For more information, contact Mike Drahos at mdrahos@rcab.org.

# Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day at the John F. Kennedy Library!

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day take a musical trip to the Emerald Isle! The Irish Balladeers will perform traditional stories and dances with authentic Irish instruments. Free performance and parking 10:30am - 11:30am at the JFK Presidential Library and Museum on Saturday March 10. Reservations: <a href="mailto:visitjfklibrary.org/celebrate">visitjfklibrary.org/celebrate</a> or call 617-514-1644. Plan to arrive by 10:15. Each month Celebrate presents a free family cultural event.

# **Spring 2018 Writer's Workshop**

The Women's Table of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston will host another six-week series, entitled "Writing: A Kaleidoscope of Memories," starting March 8th and ending on April 12th. This program inspires women to freely express their thoughts & feelings through writing. The facilitator of the group, Mary Caruso, provides a skillful balance of thought-provoking writing prompts and opportunities for participants to share their writing as they wish. The series will be held on Thursday mornings, 10:00-

# High School Students Sign Up Now!

# For all teenagers around Boston



Coming together as a *community of faith* to: acknowledge Christ's *Good Friday sacrifice*, *serve* those in need in our community, *praise and worship* our God, and *raise money for charity*.

5:00pm Good Friday, March 30, to 5:30pm Holy Saturday, March 31

St. Brigid, Lexington

# abideboston.com

Questions? Contact Kristina at kpreman@sholnewton.org or Michelle at msolomon@sholnewton.org

11:30am. Specific dates are March 8-15-22-29 and April 5-12. Each session is held in The Penthouse at the Sisters of St. Joseph residence, 637 Cambridge St., Brighton. To register, please contact Mary Rita Weschler at 617-746-2056 or <a href="maryrita.weschler@csjboston.org">maryrita.weschler@csjboston.org</a>. There is no cost for this series, but a free-will offering is gratefully accepted!

# Sacred Heart News

### Parish Musicians! Join us!

We would love to include all of our parish musical talent within the music ministry program at Sacred Heart. Do you sing or play an instrument? Please come forward and let us know that you are here! Instrumental music adds color and beauty to our liturgies, and our Adult and Children's Choir are always looking for new voices. Contact Erica for more information: ejohnson@sholnewton.org. She welcomes all instruments, especially students in school bands or orchestras, and will help you to play for Mass.

# Advent Gift Giving Program Thanks!

We received thanks from the agencies you all generously donated to this past Christmas season during our Advent Gift Giving program at Sacred Heart! Your gifts and gift cards helped hundreds of parents who would have been unable to give a bit of joy and surprise to their children. "Each and every contribution...brought joy, hope and healing as well...to those struggling, knowing they are not alone and that people truly care." Thanks so much for your effort and generosity!

~Martin and Michelle Solomon

# **Upcoming Events at Sacred Heart**

### March 10, 2018 at 5:00pm

Guild of St. Francis Potluck Dinner and Bingo MacKenzie Center

March 29, 30 (7:30pm), and 31 (8pm), 2018

Easter Triduum Liturgies Upper Church

### March 31, 2018 at 10:00pm

Easter Vigil Reception MacKenzie Center

### April 1, 2018 at 10:00am

Parish Easter Egg Hunt Rectory Lawn

### **Religious Education News**

Please join our CCD students and families each week as we continue to strive to fast, pray and give alms. If any parishioner would like to give to the poor through the Lenten Rice bowl program, pick up a Rice bowl box at all entrances to the church and turn them in by Tuesday of Holy Week. It's not too late to begin to follow in Jesus footsteps through Lent. Jesus fell down on the way to Calvary but got up and continued on His journey to the Cross. Our smiles and kindness and letting others go first are daily ways to follow in His footsteps! Meditating on the Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary and/or the Stations of the Cross will be our encouragement in doing for others what Jesus did for us on the Cross! Our reward is becoming a new creation at Easter! Happy Lent! Michelle Solomon Dir. Of RE

### Introit to Begin our Lenten Masses

During the Sundays of Lent, we invite you to pray together with the cantor and the choir as they lead the singing of the Entrance Antiphon or Introit. This biblical text sets the tone for our celebration and changes each week to underscore the important theme of the Mass. The texts can be found in the music worship aids in the pew racks. Often these antiphons are omitted or replaced by the opening hymn. During Lent we wish to enter more intentionally, deeply, and focused into our prayer, and so the addition of the antiphon before the opening hymn is one way to prepare ourselves anew for the Mass.

## **Hospitality Committee Seeking New Volunteers**

As you may know, the hospitality committee helps the parish by coordinating social events related to our parish mission. Hospitality committee volunteers can participate in one or as many of the parish activities they wish and in any way they like (e.g. baking goods, helping decorate, cleaning up, etc.). If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Dr. Maura Iversen at <a href="mailto:mdiversen@verizon.net">mdiversen@verizon.net</a>. She looks forward to working with all current & new members.

# **Our Lady's News**

### **Honduras Coffee**

Honduras Coffee from our sister parish, San Marcos, will be on sale at the doors of the church after all the Masses this weekend. Thanks for your support!

### **New Bell Ringers**

Our Lady's hand bell choir is looking for new members in the collaborative interested in another opportunity to worship God through music. New members are always welcome! Throughout the year, our hand bell choir offers music for selected Saturday and some Sunday morning 10am Masses. Bell music adds distinctive sonorities to worship and to special occasions. It's an opportunity for personal growth. Participants in our ministry have a wide range of skills and ability. They also have a fabulous sense of humor.

In other words - we have a lot of fun! Handbell Choir rehearsals are Tuesday evenings 7:15-8:30pm in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in exploring bell ringing, once rang bells and want to get back to it, or simply want to a new, adventurous way to praise God, please contact Kim Petot at Kim3petot@gmail.com.

## Offer an Egg for Lent!

Next weekend, March 10th and 11th, our Easter Egg tree will grace the back of the church. Please consider taking an egg and returning the items requested to be included in the assembly of Easter baskets for our homebound parishioners and our neighbors at Genesis II. The recipients are most grateful not only for the delightful baskets, but also for being remembered by fellow parishioners! Thank You!

### **Honduras Corner**

One of the 50 students we have supported with scholarships in the parish of San Marcos is Lourdes, a young woman who is totally blind and comes from a poor family. She has a wonderful, joyful personality and is an example of courage and personal accomplishment despite difficulties. Thanks to a San Marcos family that helped her, she was able to study in a special school for blind children in the capital. But she returned to San Marcos for the last two years of high school because the family that had helped her could no longer afford it. So she was given a scholarship from Our Lady's fund to continue studying in San Marcos, where she graduated in October 2017.

Lourdes then hoped to go to a university, so the San Marcos committee decided to continue her scholarship, as a special case. (Our other scholarships are limited to grade school and high school.) She has just begun her first year of university. In asking for the scholarship, she wrote the committee and us:

I am sending warm greetings and many blessings to all of you. I am writing to kindly request that you consider helping me obtain a scholarship that will allow me to continue with my studies, given that I don't have the necessary resources to start my first year at the university, because my parents have scarce resources. . . . You have already helped a lot of people and I am confident that you understand my needs and that you will be an advocate in helping me meet my dreams.

For Lourdes' description of her dreams for her life, see next week's bulletin. You can view the Honduras Corner online at www.sholnewton.org/bulletin.

### Donation Form for San Marcos, Honduras Scholarship Fund

Our Lady's is supporting 50 students in our sister parish in San Marcos, Honduras, with scholarships. Any donations beyond filling that need will go toward the San Marcos parish TV station for education and evangelization, which beams out Mass and programs to the over 50 remote hamlets in the mountains that are part of the parish.

the parish.		
Yes, I would like to donate! A	Attached is my donation of:\$300 as a sponsor	
	\$100\$50\$25Other amount of	
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Address	Phone	