

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY'S COLLABORATIVE  
NEWTON, MA

*~ All Are Welcome ~*



*'Behold, I am  
sending my messenger  
ahead of you; he will  
prepare your way  
before you.'*

*Matthew 11:10*

***December 15, 2019  
3rd Sunday of Advent***

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## From Fr. Dan, Pastor

Dear Friends,

**So happy you came to Mass!** Everyone is a first class person here, whether this is your first time, first time in a long time, or you have been here every week for a long time. You belong, and we are honored you are here.

**Today is Rejoice (Gaudete) Sunday!** We rejoice that we are more than half way through Advent and that Christmas is just 10 days away.

**Attracting our loved ones to attend Christmas Mass.** Those who are rarely at Mass are good people. We can make it more likely they will be a Christmas Mass. How? Speak positively around them about how you love Mass at either of our parishes. Rave about what you like. You might even invite them to come.

**Pope Francis on Christmas:** Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. It's a time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbors. Joy, prayer and gratitude are three ways that help us experience Christmas.

**Charlie Brown:** Isn't there anyone who can tell me what Christmas is all about? **Linus:** Sure, Charlie Brown, I can tell

you. Lights, please. (A spotlight shines on Linus.) "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you this day is born in the City of Bethlehem, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men'". That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.

**Sports:** The Pats are behind the Chiefs 20-7. I hope to make it home before the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and see a great comeback! We should handle the Bengals today! Loving the Celts and Bruins! Which Bowl is BC going to? Did they hire a new coach yet?

Love and God bless you,  
Fr. Dan

## New & Ongoing in Our Community

### Mass for the Sick:

#### A Week Earlier Than Usual This Month

The next monthly Mass for the Sick, sponsored by the Mass for the Sick ministry of our Collaborative, will be this Monday, December 16, at 6:30pm at Our Lady's Church. Our pastor Fr. Dan will celebrate the Mass and Anointing of the Sick. After a delicious cookie swap offered by the Ministry Team, we'll usher in the holiday season with a Christmas Singalong, led by Our Lady's Music Director, Anne Marie David. The evening is designed to bring joy, hope, and peace to those who are affected by illness, including family and friends. The Mass and program will both be held downstairs at Our Lady's Church. For questions or more info, please contact Pat Enright at 617-467-4482 or [penright298@gmail.com](mailto:penright298@gmail.com), Lorraine Higgins at 617-244-0267 or [higlor1@msn.com](mailto:higlor1@msn.com), or the parish offices. All are welcome!

### Clergy Health & Retirement Trust (CHRT) Special Christmas Collection

Whether they work to enrich our parishes or see to the needs of the broader communities in which they serve, priests have dedicated their lives to helping God's children. Each Christmas, we have the opportunity to support our priests through the special collection benefitting the CHRT, which offers health and wellness programs, provides one-on-one support and advocacy to priests with health concerns, and operates Regina Cleri, a state-of-the-art facility where senior priests live in community. Please support our priests by giving generously to this year's Christmas collection. This special collection is a primary source of funding to care for our priests. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

*Funds from this special collection are managed by the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust—an independently-managed trust with a majority-lay board of trustees. The funds are used for the sole benefit of active and senior priests in good standing.*

### Marriage Banns

Sacred Heart & Our Lady's Collaborative is pleased to announce the following upcoming marriage:

Carolyn Carver and Matthew Giorgio

### Refugee Ministry: Volunteer Tutor Needed for Huda

The Komi family is getting ready for the Christmas holidays and will soon be celebrating baby Ann's 2nd birthday! We are so fortunate to have such a generous Collaborative that has helped the family with computers, a bicycle, and a tutor for Mansy - as well as English-speaking classes at the International Institute for Komi and so much more over these last few years. We are now looking for an English tutor for Huda. Her schedule has changed, and she could be available on the weekends and at times during the week to improve her English skills. We also will be receiving a scholarship from the South Sudanese Family Enrichment Program in Lincoln to help defray the costs of hiring a paid English tutor for Huda. If you have some extra time and would be interested in this opportunity, please contact Ann Capoccia at [anncapoccia@verizon.net](mailto:anncapoccia@verizon.net) for more info. Thanks so much!

### Upcoming Speakers in Our Young Adult Speaker Series

All those in their 20s and 30s are invited on Thursday nights to hear a speaker and to socialize with other young adults. All talks are held in Our Lady's Lower Church and start at 7:00pm. Following the presentation, all attendees are invited to join us just down the road at Tommy Doyle's to discuss and socialize.

December 19: "The Feminine Genius" with Melissa Kalpakgian. Melissa has worked to promote New Evangelization efforts in various regions of the country since 2003. She moved to Massachusetts in 2017 to work with the Archdiocese of Boston as they implement their Pastoral Plan, *Disciples in Mission*. She has a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from the University of St. Thomas in Houston and her Master of Arts in Thomistic Philosophy from the Center of Thomistic Studies.

### Justice and Peace Committee Meeting

The next Justice and Peace Committee meeting will be Sunday, January 5, at 11:30am at Sacred Heart in the Lower Church Conference Room. All are invited as we discuss climate change, the refugee ministry, and nuclear disarmament – please feel free to join us. For more info, contact Kate at [kneal@sholnewton.org](mailto:kneal@sholnewton.org).



## Christmas Mass Schedule

Please join us to worship together in joy! All are welcome - invite your friends and neighbors!

### Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24

4:00pm at Our Lady's  
6:00pm at Our Lady's

4:00pm at Sacred Heart  
7:00pm at Sacred Heart (ASL with English interpretation)  
10:00pm at Sacred Heart

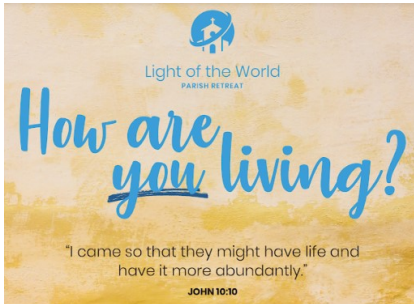
### Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25

12:00am (Midnight) at Our Lady's  
10:00am at Our Lady's  
10:00am at Sacred Heart

### Fair Trade Craft Sale This Sunday

Sponsored by our Collaborative Justice and Peace Committee, beautiful, artisan products - handmade by "Tantakuna," a women's group in Bolivia - will be sold this Sunday, December 15, after the 9am Mass during coffee hour at Sacred Heart. Your fair trade purchase helps women in extreme poverty generate needed income for themselves and their families. Christmas tree ornaments and alpaca stockings, cell phone and tablet covers, bags, key chains, and pencils cases are among the products for sale. A former lay missionary with the women's cooperative will join us to sell the products. She has firsthand stories of the entrepreneurial women! All proceeds benefit the women, their children and community. Bring your holiday shopping list and cash (or checks)! Questions? Contact Kate Neal at [kneal@sholnewton.org](mailto:kneal@sholnewton.org) or 617-969-2248 ext. 112.

### Save the Weekend for the Light of the World Retreat



This on-site retreat will be held at Our Lady's on MLK weekend and will come to Sacred Heart in Fall 2020. It is free of charge, and you'll be able to sleep in your own bed at night! Encouraged for and open to parishioners of both Sacred Heart & Our Lady's!

The commitment to attend is:

Friday 1/17: 7:00-9:00pm  
Saturday 1/18: 8:00am-8:00pm  
Sunday 1/19: 8:00am-8:00pm  
Monday 1/20: 6:30-9:30pm

*Please know that we believe what you will gain from attending the Light of the World retreat will far outweigh your investment in time and commitment.*

For more information or to register contact Kate Neal at 617-527-7560 ext.219 or [kneal@sholnewton.org](mailto:kneal@sholnewton.org).

### Adult Confirmation Preparation

Are you an adult who has not yet celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, or do you know someone who is? It is never too late to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit! We invite those interested in exploring preparation for Confirmation to reach out.

There are two options for those who may be interested in exploring preparation for the Sacrament:

1. Individual preparation through our Collaborative, with a schedule that will reflect your own availability and needs.
2. A group class offered by the West Region of the Archdiocese

(of which we are a part). These six sessions will be held on Tuesday nights in Spring 2020: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7. All sessions will be 7:00-8:30pm at St. Zepherin Parish Center, 99 Main St, Wayland.

If you would like to learn more or take part in either option, please contact Nick Frega at 617-969-2248 ext. 111 or [nfrega@sholnewton.org](mailto:nfrega@sholnewton.org).

### Care for Creation: Gift-Giving

During Advent, we spend a lot of time, energy, and money buying Christmas gifts. Here are some questions to help us lower our carbon emissions, and help our warming earth and its people:

1) Can I buy local, from a local business or even a local producer of goods? 2) Can I give a refurbished or second-hand product? It's a way to recycle. 3) Can I buy a practical product? What does this person really need? 4) Can I give an experience, like tickets to a play or concert, tuition for a class, or time spent together on something we both enjoy? 5) If buying online, can I plan my purchases to group them together for shipping in one box? And can I avoid getting fast or rush shipping, which creates a lot of extra carbon emissions? 6) Can I support a cause I care about? I could either give a donation in someone's honor, or buy gifts that help poor producers raise much-needed income.

### Collaborative Playgroup

Attention Parents, Grandparents and Caretakers of Children 5 and under: you are invited to join our playgroup, which meets Friday mornings from 11:30am-1:00pm in the McPherson Room of Our Lady Help of Christians. This is a laid-back playgroup; come for part of the time or the whole thing. McPherson is located in the Lower Church of Our Lady's (just off the entryway from the parking lot) and is a carpeted room with plenty of toys! Join us on December 20, and invite friends (we won't meet on December 27, the Friday after Christmas)!

### Happy Ordination Anniversary, Msgr. Dennis!

Msgr. Dennis Sheehan marks 56 years a priest this Wednesday, December 18. He was ordained in 1963 by Bishop Filippo Pocci, Auxiliary Bishop of Rome, at Sacro Cuore di Cristo Re (Sacred Heart of Christ the King) in Rome.



Photo at left: Msgr. Dennis outside Cristo Re with his sister Molly, mother Cecilia, and brother Bill

May there be many more years of faithful ministry ahead!







**Fr. John Sassani**  
**Homily Given on December 16, 2007**  
**Third Sunday of Advent—Liturgical Year A**

In 2004, as the baseball season was beginning, how many of you believed that the Red Sox would win the World Series that year – that the Curse of the Bambino would be broken? Raise your hand if that was true for you. Now – close your eyes...if you weren't sure it would happen, raise your hand. In those days, the signs were everywhere – "Believe in Boston!" – but people doubted.

In the Gospel today, signs were everywhere that essentially said "Believe!" But people doubted! John the Baptist himself doubted. He sent people to Jesus to ask, "Are you the one we're looking for or is there someone else?" Just three years earlier at the Jordan, John said to Jesus, "You should be baptizing me – I shouldn't be baptizing you." What happened to John the Baptist in those three years?

Though John recognized Jesus at the baptism, Jesus wasn't exactly the kind of Messiah that John expected. John was a hellfire and brimstone sort of believer – Jesus was not a hellfire and brimstone sort of savior. Jesus took faith seriously, of course, but by means of mercy and compassion. John's preconceived ideas of how life and faith "should be" got in the way of his belief. Then his suffering for the truth became a challenge to his faith, and the defeat of his mission and the likelihood of his death made him doubt even more.

Doubt. It seems like such a dangerous word with regard to faith – but doubt precedes or accompanies all of our important relationships and each of our significant ventures and decisions. But doubt can and does create the opportunity for greater faith and hope.

Christ sent people to John to strengthen him by their testimony and by their experiences with Christ – tell them what you see: the blind given sight, the deaf hear, the lame walk, those who doubt have strong faith, the dead are raised to life.

I once was meeting with a woman who was lost in doubt. It was no good to her for me to point out the Gospel along or to share with her about my own experience and of the ups and downs of faith. It only helped to show her, buried in her own experience, faith and doubt alongside each other. She had lost her faith, but she realized that doubt either was capable of destroying her faith OR would be the crucible wherein it would be forged into a stronger faith.

How is our faith – your faith – my faith – not just about dogma – about what we believe – but about a living relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit and especially Christ. Are we looking for another, like John thought he may have been, or is Christ the One for us?

---If we are believing, let us be grateful.

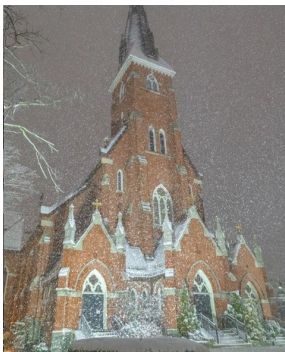
---If we are doubting, let us ask Christ for eyes to see and ears to hear – to see the Kingdom and to hear the Gospel.

*"Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief." -Mark 9:24*

Homily reflections are also available each week online at [www.sholnewton.org/godeeper](http://www.sholnewton.org/godeeper)

## Collaborative Photo Album

Take a look at all the great things that have been going on in our community these last few weeks!



Fr. Kevin took this stunning photo of Our Lady's during the season's first snowstorm on December 2



It takes a lot of food to feed folks at a 9th Grade Confirmation retreat, at Sunday morning coffee, and at an Advent party!



Fun and treats at Sacred Heart's Advent Party last Sunday, December 8. More photos on the next page!

## Beyond Our Walls

### Annual New Year's Eve Vigil and Mass with Cardinal Sean

All are invited to begin the new year in prayer with Cardinal Sean at the annual New Year's Eve Vigil and Mass on Tuesday, December 31, at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine Church, 1105 Boylston St, Boston (at the corner of Ipswich St). Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and Confession begins at 10:30pm. Rosary at 11:00pm. Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, at 11:30pm. Special prayer intentions for life, love, and vocations. For more information, contact the Pro-Life Office at 508-651-1900 or [ProLifeOffice@rcab.org](mailto:ProLifeOffice@rcab.org).

### St. John's Seminary MAM/MTS Program Announces Spring Courses: Open to All

Spring 2020 classes for the Master of Arts in Ministry (MAM) and Master of Theological Studies (MTS) Programs begin the week of January 13. Course offerings include Liturgy & Sacraments, Church History, New Testament, Faith & Reason, and more. Courses offered on weeknights and Saturdays. To learn more, visit [sjs.edu/mam-mts-spring-2020-courses](http://sjs.edu/mam-mts-spring-2020-courses) or call 617-779-4104.

### Volunteers Desperately Needed at Maristhill in Waltham

Maristhill Nursing & Rehab is seeking volunteers with open hearts and friendly smiles to serve the elderly population there through friendly visits, distributing Holy Eucharist, transporting residents to and from the chapel for Mass, and ministering at Mass. Mass is celebrated Sunday

through Friday at 11:00am. For more information or to sign up, contact Janet Hutchison, Director of Mission and Spiritual Care, at 781-893-0240 ext. 25.

### Ministers of Care Needed at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center

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 call Fr. Salamone at 617-789-2609 or Elli Goeke at 617-789-2093. Thank you!

### FIAT for Discerning Women

Fiat is a discernment group for single women considering a vocation to religious life in the Catholic Church. For information, contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at [marian.batho@csjboston.org](mailto:marian.batho@csjboston.org). Check out their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/FiatForDiscerningWomen](https://www.facebook.com/FiatForDiscerningWomen).

### Transformed in Love Marriage Prep

Transformed in Love Marriage Prep is the Archdiocesan program for marriage preparation. For upcoming 2019-2020 dates, locations, and registration information, visit [www.bostoncatholic.org/transformedinlove](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/transformedinlove) or contact Liz Cotrupi at [ecotrupi@rcab.org](mailto:ecotrupi@rcab.org).

## Kids' Corner

**Psalm:** Trace the words and learn to pray like Jesus!

Lord,  
come and  
save us.

### Learn at Mass

Today is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "to rejoice". The pink candle on the wreath reminds us to rejoice, because Jesus is coming!



**Gospel:** John the Baptist was a great man, and people thought he might be God. John told them that a greater man was coming. They were waiting for Jesus!





## Sacred Heart News

### Religious Education News

Our students prepared the "Way of the Lord" this week by making beautiful Christmas cards for our homebound parishioners to remind them they are not alone because "God is with Us"! The students received the Sacrament of Confession to make room for Jesus in their hearts on this Christmas day as well! So to remind us that we are waiting for Jesus at Christmas and the end of time, we light our Advent wreath and set up our Creche and keep it empty, while we fill the manger with small acts of kindness and love each day to those around us.

Please note, our Religious Ed classes have ended early this year with our last class this past week, December 10. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 14, 2020!

O Come O Come Emmanuel!

Michelle Solomon  
Director of Religious Education  
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### Advent Party



Pictures from the Advent Party last Sunday, December 8. Thanks to all who helped to organize and to all who attended!

### Christmas Flowers

Christmas flower donations will be graciously accepted to help decorate Sacred Heart for the holidays. If you would like to submit names of loved ones to be remembered in the memorial booklet, please print their names clearly, and submit them by next Sunday, December 22. Names submitted after that date will be published in the bulletin.

### Altar Linens Ministry

Many of our parishioners have a devotion to the Mass; for this, we are deeply grateful. If you would like to live this devotion by helping clean our altar linens, the opportunity to do this is available. You would undertake this ministry in the comfort of your own home, all while helping us have the most reverent liturgies we can. Please contact Nick Frega at [nfrega@sholnewton.org](mailto:nfrega@sholnewton.org) or 617-969-2248 ext. 111 if you would like to undertake this ministry, so that he can schedule a training session with you.

### Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Sacred Heart is grateful every time a family decides to have a child baptized with us. As a result, we want to show our thanks to each family. Please come for a special Mass at 9:00am on Sunday, January 12, 2020, in which we will pray for all of the children baptized in the past year, honor their parents, and have a special reception at the Coffee Hour. The homily at this Mass will be tailored to children, so your older children will benefit as well. All are welcome!

### Instant Coffee & Tea Needed

In December, we are collecting instant coffee and tea for St. Francis House. Donations can be dropped off during the week in the lower elevator lobby or at weekend Masses in the elevator lobby or upper church foyer at Sacred Heart.

## Cheverus Award Recipient Barbara Hatem

Every three years, the Archdiocese of Boston asks Sacred Heart to select a volunteer in our parish who "has served the parish well over an extended period of time and who has done so in a quiet, unassuming and, perhaps unrecognized fashion." This person receives the Cheverus Award from Cardinal Séan at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston.



Photo credit: George Martell

This year, the staff selected **Barbara Hatem** for the award, and we are deeply grateful to her for her outstanding service.

Barbara has guided the Guild of St. Francis in coordinating the Holly Harvest Fair for many years. This is one of the largest events the parish has, is a great builder of community and fun, and assists the parish financially. Barbara also volunteers in many other ministries, and her generosity of time and spirit is vital to Sacred Heart.

Please join the Sacred Heart Staff in congratulating Barbara, who received her award from Cardinal Séan on Sunday afternoon, November 24.



## Our Lady's News

### Help a Neighbor in Need at Christmas

With Christmas quickly approaching, we are in need of approximately 10 additional volunteers to provide meals for Christmas to local families in need by purchasing groceries - **you DO NOT cook the meal!**

If you are willing to assist, please contact Rosemary as soon as possible at [rseibold@sholnewton.org](mailto:rseibold@sholnewton.org) or 617-527-7560 ext.213. Please include your contact information (name, phone, and email) and the approximate family size for whom you are willing to provide. Rosemary will send all the details in writing.

Donors are asked to purchase a main meat and all the trimmings and to drop them off at the Our Lady's Parish Office next **Sunday, December 22, between 11:00am and 1:00pm.** This outreach is being coordinated and provided by the parish, in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you for your willingness to share your resources with our neighbors in need!

### Christmas Church Decoration: This Friday

**Come by yourself or bring a friend! Many hands make light the work!**

**Help us dust and decorate our beautiful church for Christmas this Friday, December 20, 12:00-4:00pm.**

**Thank you in advance for your help!**

### **Poinsettia Fundraiser for Workcamp**

Poinsettias are available for pickup in the Lower Hall (even if you forgot to preorder) after all Masses this weekend, December 14 & 15. All proceeds go towards our 24th annual Workcamp trip to help people in need. Thank you!

### **Christmas Flowers**

Christmas flower donations will be graciously accepted to help decorate Our Lady's for the holidays. If you would like to submit names of loved ones to be remembered in the memorial booklet, please print their names clearly, and submit them by next Sunday, December 22.

### **Honduras Coffee Returns in February**

After a great Christmas sale of coffee last weekend, we will take a break for January. Your favorite Honduran coffee will return for sale after all Masses on February 1 & 2.

### **Bristol Lodge Food Request**

We are in need of jarred tomato sauce (plain, traditional, or marinara is best) and 12-packs of soda for our Confirmation Program, which prepares and serves dinner at Bristol Lodge in Waltham once a month as part of their service formation. If you can help us, please drop items off in the lift-top bins under the stairs on either side of the church. Thanks to your generosity, we do not need any elbow pasta for the time being. Thank you!

### **Hearing Assistive Devices**

We have four hearing assistive devices for parishioners who may have difficulty at Mass. Parishioners can request a device from one of the greeters or from someone in the work sacristy (at the end of the ramp to the right of the sanctuary). Anyone who uses the device is asked to return it to the work sacristy or to a Greeter at the end of Mass. (Note: the devices are linked to the sound system in the church and are not useful anywhere else.)

### **Invitation to Serve: New Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Greeters Needed and Welcomed!**

Would you like to become more involved in the Our Lady's community? Consider serving at Mass as an Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Greeter. Contact Maribeth Scott (617-469-8110 or [mbskis@yahoo.com](mailto:mbskis@yahoo.com)) or Chris Graf (617-332-5548 or [cmg829@comcast.net](mailto:cmg829@comcast.net)) to learn more.

### **Giving Thanks**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady's and the Pastoral Staff send out many, many thanks for the overwhelming generosity that 80 local families experienced as they received the Thanksgiving meals provided by YOU for our "neighbors in need". It is truly an honor to witness this generosity of spirit here at Our Lady's. And it is a reason to continue to give thanks beyond the holiday, for sure. Please know you made a difference in people's lives. God bless you!

We also extend our sincere thanks to Bertucci's of Newton for providing us with the bread rolls for the Thanksgiving Eve Mass.

### **Grand Annual Collection**

The 2019-2020 Grand Annual Collection is now ongoing. Thank you to all who contribute to this vital collection!

**As of December 10, we have raised \$78,115.  
Our goal is \$200,000.**

Whether you give \$100 or \$300; \$1,000 or \$5,000, your gift will be appreciated as it promotes the wellbeing of Our Lady's. Thank you for your generous support!



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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.

**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.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church. If you or a loved one wishes to receive the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick, Eucharist, or Reconciliation, please call the parish offices. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated after all parish Masses on the first full weekend of each month. Please also notify us of hospitalizations, so that we may be of help.

**Sacraments of Initiation:** For adults interested in Baptism, Confirmation, or joining the Catholic Church, please contact Nick Frega; for high school Confirmation, 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 or 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 office to begin the process. A program of preparation is offered to 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.

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society:** For more information, email svdp@sholnewton.org or call 617-527-7560 x255(OL) or 617-969-2248 (SH).



## Mass Schedule and Intentions

*Priests' schedule is subject to change*

### Saturday, December 14

**9:00am - Sacred Heart - Pedro Sole**  
Immediately following Mass: Rosary, Exposition, Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, ending at 10:00am.

### 4:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Bart Geger, S.J.)

Antonio & Amalia Barreto  
Sandra Stover—5th Anniversary  
Rosemary Joerg  
Rosemarie Belli  
Phyllis & Nicholas Bontempo  
Joseph & Agnes McCarty

### 4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Kevin Staley-Joyce)

For All Parishioners

### Sunday, December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

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

Maria Farina, Giacomo Farina  
Pasquale & Carmela Antonellis

### 9:00am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Kevin Staley-Joyce)

For All Parishioners

### 10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)

William "Fergie" Ferguson  
George "Buddy" Sherman  
John J., Nora & Patrick Mathews  
John Stack  
Andrew & Theresa O'Hare  
Esther & William St. George  
Antoinette & Armando Cedrone  
Augustino & Jennie Bianchi  
Edward, Joyce & Mark Berberian  
George & Mary Iovanna

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

Alice Schultz

### 12:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Kevin Staley-Joyce)

Blessings for Joseph Avcikurt on His 18th Birthday

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

Michael Annis

### Monday, December 16

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

**9:00am - Sacred Heart - For All Emergency Personnel**

### Tuesday, December 17

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

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

### Wednesday, December 18

**7:00am - Our Lady's - Ann Tambascio**

**9:00am - Sacred Heart - Roberto Villanueva**

### Thursday, December 19

**7:00am - Our Lady's - For All First Responders**

**9:00am - Sacred Heart - For All First Responders**

### Friday, December 20

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

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

### Saturday, December 21

**9:00am - Sacred Heart - For All Parishioners**

Immediately following Mass: Rosary, Exposition, Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, ending at 10:00am.

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

Patricia Coughlin—1st Anniversary  
Mary Sauro  
Frank LaPorta, Dominic & Mary Palumbo  
Tina LaPorta  
Ann Marie & Mary Peltier  
William "Fergie" Ferguson

### 4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Bart Geger, S.J.)

Charles & Fran Gale  
Pat & Bob Daley

### Sunday, December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

### 8:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Kevin Staley-Joyce)

Thomas & Ruth Boucher

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

For All Parishioners

### 10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)

Dan & Catherine Cleary  
Sheila & Christian Meyer  
William "Fergie" Ferguson  
Michael Viscomi  
Cyrilla Mooradian, Peter Mooradian  
Peter & Takhouey Mooradian  
John & Sheila Boyce

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

For All Parishioners

### 12:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Dan Riley)

For All Parishioners

### 6:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Kevin Staley-Joyce)

Antoinette & James Caccavaro  
Pasquale Di Spena

*In your prayers, please remember*



**Dickran Babigian**  
**Jeanne Moreau**  
**Theresa V. Walsh**  
**Clare Lowney**  
**Charles C. Gryska**  
**Larry Cetrone**

*and all who have died.*

*May they experience the new life*

### Scripture Readings for the Week

*(Also found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org))*

15	SUN	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
16	Mon	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
17	Tue	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
18	Wed	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
19	Thu	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
20	Fri	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
21	Sat	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
22	SUN	Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24