

Sacred Heart & Our Lady's Collaborative

Newton, MA



“Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to those on
whom his favor rests!”

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2019

Welcome and Merry Christmas from Fr. Dan Riley, Pastor



Cover art: detail from stained glass of the Nativity at Sacred Heart

Art above: detail from stained glass of the Nativity at Our Lady's

Dear Friends,

A very warm welcome and a Merry Christmas to you. I hope you feel at home and welcomed.

We feel abundant joy and great rejoicing, because Jesus, the Son of God and the Prince of Peace, has been born!

We are celebrating good news of great joy. In the manger in Bethlehem, a savior has been born for us who is Christ the Lord.

With Mary tenderly holding the baby Jesus, and smiling upon him with affection, we sense that God loves us in this way.

We hear the angels joyously proclaim: "Glory to God in the highest and on peace to his people on earth," and we trust that God's love conquers all.

May we experience Jesus: in the baby in the manger, in his real presence in the Eucharist, in the love of family and friends, and in the vulnerable and needy we care for.

Love and Merry Christmas!

Fr. Dan

Welcome All!

We are truly grateful that you have joined us for the celebration of Christmas. Whether you were raised as a Catholic or are new to the faith, whether you come to Mass every week or less often, we warmly welcome you!

We consider your presence here with us on this joyful holiday to be one of the greatest blessings of our ministry in our community. We're so glad you are here, and we hope you will make this your spiritual home today, and that you will return again and again.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to show you Christ's love and care as you are with us. You may call us at the parish office, or email us about any questions you have. Our contact information is at the back of the bulletin.

We wish you a blessed Christmas season filled with great joy!

-The Staff of the Collaborative of Sacred Heart & Our Lady's

New & Ongoing in Our Community

Clergy Health & Retirement Trust (CHRT) Special Christmas Collection

Each Christmas, we have the opportunity to support our priests through the Christmas collection that benefits the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. With the goal of ensuring the health and well-being of our 564 priests in good standing, the Trust offers preventive 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, who through their ministry create stronger communities for all, by making a gift to the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust at clergytrust.org or 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.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: January 6

Our next Collaborative Pastoral Council meeting will be on Monday, January 6. If you would like to submit an agenda item to be considered, please contact Lija Joseph, representative from Sacred Heart (lijjoseph@gmail.com), or Monica Pacheco-Tougas, representative from Our Lady's (moqui12@gmail.com). To see a photo listing of all Council representatives or to read minutes from previous Council meetings, visit <https://www.sholnewton.org/pastoralcouncil>.

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! We are on a holiday hiatus, but please join us in the New Year: January 10, January 17, January 24, and January 31.

Save the Date: Middle School Youth Group Back in Action on February 7

All those in Grades 6-8 are invited to join us for our next Middle School Youth Group on Friday night, February 7, 6:30-8:00pm. Youth Group is held at the MacKenzie Center at Sacred Heart Parish. It starts with pizza and lots of other snacks and then moves into games, discussions, prayer time, and much more. It's led by two awesome Boston College grad students. Preregistration is required. Please contact group leader Kristin Hauser (hauserkr@bc.edu) for info. You can also contact staff members Kristina (kpreaman@sholnewton.org) or Michelle (msolomon@sholnewton.org). Hope to see you there!

Looking to Connect?

Catholic Young Adults in Their 20s and 30s

The Collaborative's new Young Adult Group offers several opportunities a month, including a once-a-month speaker, social events, and service opportunities. Follow our Facebook page: "SHOL Newton Young Adults" or get on our email list for monthly updates by emailing Kate at kneal@sholnewton.org. Please feel free to reach out with any ideas for speakers/events you'd like to have. Hope to see you soon!

January Book Club Meeting

The January Book Club selection is *The Spiritual Meaning of the Liturgy* by Goffredo Boselli. Boselli explains the deep meaning of the Sunday liturgy and how to live it in our daily life. The January meeting will be Thursday, January 23, at 7:00pm, in the Colella Room in the Parish Office at Our Lady's. Two copies of the book are available for loan; call Ed Desmond at Our Lady's Parish Office to reserve a copy. For more information about the book club, contact Jim Allaire at 617-244-2143.

Interested in Joining the Catholic Church or Preparing for a Sacrament as an Adult?

Are you looking to return to the Church after a long time away? Are you hoping to learn more about the Catholic faith? Are you a non-Catholic who desires to see what this Church is all about? Are you an adult who was baptized Catholic but who never celebrated your First Communion or Confirmation? If you answered yes to any of these questions or know someone who could, check out the Rite of Christians Initiation for Adults (RCIA)! Contact Nick Frega at nfrega@sholnewton.org or 617-969-2248 ext. 111 if you'd like to learn more. Your first contact is in no way a commitment; Nick will just meet with you to see where you are in your desire to connect with the Church. If you decide to continue, our great team will work with you, forming you in a relationship with Christ and his Church.

Have You Lost Someone You Love? Grief Support Workshop

Join us for an 8-week grief support workshop this spring, titled "Living with Grief". The death of a loved one is unlike any other. Whether the death was sudden and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us shocked, confused, and sad. These feelings may last for years. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Your loss may be recent, or it may have been years ago. Sacred Heart and Our Lady's has developed a program to help you and yours start the healing process. This group will begin Sunday, March 29, and run through Memorial Day weekend. The group will meet Sundays from 11:30am-12:30pm at Our Lady's. Advanced registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact Kate Neal at 617-527-7560 x219 or kneal@sholnewton.org.

You're Invited! 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.

New & Ongoing in Our Community

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 for more info. Thanks so much!

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Update – Would You Like to Help in Our Community?

Would you like to help make a difference in our community? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is looking to grow its Community Response Team. SVDP helps people mostly with needs for housing, clothing, and food. Occasionally, we get requests for furniture and household goods. We've received requests for items such as an air conditioner, couch, desk, bureau, and kitchen items. When these requests come in, we send an

email to our Community Response Team. If someone on this list has the item, we coordinate delivery. And if you don't have the item, you simply hit "delete". All told, we send fewer than 10 requests per year. It's a volunteer opportunity that takes very little time but could have a very positive impact in the life of a family. The more people on the list, the more likely we'll be able to help. Would you like to join this team? Please send an email to svdp@sholnewton.org.

Want to Receive the Weekend Update and Bulletin by Email?

Are you getting the Collaborative's weekly email updates each Friday? The Update delivers the most important Collaborative news items to your inbox, so you can stay up-to-date on all the happenings at Sacred Heart and Our Lady's. It's a fast and easy read, and we've gotten wonderful feedback from parishioners. Sign up by emailing Sioux at smont@sholnewton.org.

You can also get the bulletin delivered by email each week. Visit <http://pilotbulletins.net/sign-up/>, and scroll down to either Our Lady's or Sacred Heart (listed alphabetically by parish name) and select the "sign up" button.

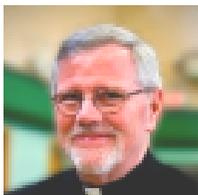


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Marriage Banns

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

Anne McIntyre and Elliot Bruce



Fr. John Sassani (1954-2019) Homily Given on Christmas Day, December 25, 2010

Several years ago, I had some incidences of dizziness and was diagnosed with vertigo, the sensation of feeling off-balance. Life can certainly be lived a dizzying, unbalanced pace.

As Christ was born, the angels announced to the shepherds, "Peace". Peace is described by one of my favorite authors, Fred Craddock, as *the wholeness of life that God grants to people and societies by restoring balance to all the forces in creation that influence our lives*.

Shepherds were in need of balance, and angels sent them to the manger. There, they experience all they were looking for – and more.

St. Paul, in his life before his conversion as he was hauling people off to prison, wasn't even looking for peace – he thought he had it already. Christ, risen from the dead, met him in the middle of his unbalanced life. He was taken by the balance and peace that Christ offered. Paul gradually realized that this grace, this gift, was not just a gift for him – but for all, to bring balance and peace to all seekers.

Here as seekers, we have come to celebrate Christ's birth, for his birth is like none other. As and with the Church, we have come to celebrate the Eucharist, to meet him here around the table. He helps us follow him, and he offers us grace – peace for our unbalanced lives – which is salvation here and now.

Merry Christmas to all!

Homily reflections are also available each week online at www.sholnewton.org/godeeper

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.

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. Check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FiatForDiscerningWomen.

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 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.

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 or contact Liz Cotrupi at ecotrupi@rcab.org.

Kids' Corner

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

Today is born
our Savior,
Christ the
Lord.

Learn at Mass

We are finally singing Christmas Carols! During Advent, we didn't sing any because we were still waiting for Jesus.

Gospel: Happy birthday, Jesus!

Do not be afraid. A Savior is born!

Angels visited the shepherds in the field and told them that Jesus was born in the manger.



Sacred Heart News

Religious Education News

Our students prepared the "Way of the Lord" at their last class of the calendar year by making beautiful Christmas cards for our homebound parishioners to remind them they are not alone because "God is with Us"! The students also received the Sacrament of Confession to make room for Jesus in their hearts on this Christmas day! Let us fill our manglers with small acts of kindness and love each day to those around us.

Please note, our Religious Education classes will resume on Tuesday, January 14, 2020!

Michelle Solomon, Director of Religious Education
617-969-4031, msolomon@sholnewton.org

Instant Coffee & Tea Needed

In December, we are collecting instant coffee and tea for St. Francis House. In January, it will be canned vegetables. Donations can be dropped off during the week

Advent Gift Giving Celebration and Thank You!

Thanks to all of our incredibly generous parishioners for once again making the Advent Gift Drive a tremendous success. We fulfilled every gift request for St. Ambrose Family Inn, Julie's Family Learning Program, New England Home for the Deaf, and The Learning Center for the Deaf's Walden School. The staff and volunteers at the agencies are, as is true every year, overwhelmed by your generosity!

A special thank you to Isabelle Albeck and Margaret Leblanc for help with checking in and organizing the gifts as they were received at the Advent party; to Liam Fitzpatrick and Victoria Stephen Nam from the Confirmation class for their help organizing and moving the gifts over to the convent; and to other parishioners who joined in when more help was needed! The true spirit of Christmas sharing and giving is manifested every year in this project!

—Marty and Michelle Solomon

in the lower elevator lobby or at weekend Masses in the elevator lobby or upper church foyer at Sacred Heart.

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 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!

Coffee Hour after 9:00am Mass

All are welcome at Coffee Hour in the MacKenzie Center, immediately following the 9:00am Mass on most Sunday mornings. It's a great opportunity for us to form the community we want our parish to be. Bagels, donuts, coffee, OJ, and other treats are offered. Families and folks of all ages are welcome to attend.

Join the Sacred Heart Choir!

Music Ministry at Sacred Heart is enriched each Sunday at 9:00am Mass by our Liturgical Choir. The choir is always looking for new voices, of all levels, to join the ranks! The choir rehearses Thursday evenings 7:30-9:00pm in the church and gathers at 8:15am on Sundays to rehearse before Mass. For more info, please contact Erica at ejohnson@sholnewton.org.

Check out some highlights from the life of our community

Collaborative



Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil at Our Lady's on April 20



Teen parishioners upon arrival their at Catholic Heart Workcamp (CHWC)—a weeklong service trip—in Saranac Lake, NY, on June 23



Doubly blessed celebrating the baptism of twins at Sacred Heart on June 30

Our Lady's News

In Gratitude for Your Generosity and Compassion

As we celebrate Christmas, we must thank all those who graciously donated toys, clothing, gift cards, money, and groceries for meals to children, elders, and families in need. Through your generosity, you have truly acted as the hands, feet, and heart of Christ and made Christmas brighter for those in need.

A huge thank you is also due to our Christian Service Committee, who organize The Giving Tree outreach each year, and to St. Vincent de Paul, who helped in a big way at the meal distribution for needy families.

We are so grateful to all of you!

-The Our Lady's Parish Staff

Religious Education for Older Kids

Do you have an older child who has never been baptized or never received their First Holy Communion? Do you have a child with special needs who would like to join our program? It's never too late, and your situation is not as unusual as you may think! Each year, we help families with children of all ages, at all levels, in ways that are comfortable for them. Please contact Rosemary Seibold at 617-527-7560 ext. 213 or rseibold@sholnewton.org.

Invitation to Serve: 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. We would be glad to have your service and help! Contact Maribeth Scott (617-469-8110 or mbskis@yahoo.com) or Chris Graf (617-332-5548 or cmg829@comcast.net) to learn more.

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. Thank you!

Sunday Coffee after 10:00am Mass

Please join us at and after the 10:00am Mass on most Sunday mornings during the school year for coffee, donuts, and conversation. All are welcome to gather downstairs in the Lower Hall when Mass is dismissed—see you then!

Honduras Coffee Returns in February

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

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.)

Join Our Lady's Music Ministry

Our Lady's has many opportunities to praise God through music! **Kids' Choir** enhances our Sunday 10am Masses twice a month. Children in Grades 3-8 are encouraged to join. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm. **Adult Choir** leads the congregation in song at the Sunday 10am Masses twice a month. They also rehearse in the weeks before Christmas and Easter, Wednesdays 7:00-8:30pm. **Hand Bell Choir** is always happy to welcome new members! They offer music for select Saturday 4pm and Sunday 10am Masses. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 7:15-8:30pm in the church. For info about joining the music ministry in any capacity, contact Director of Music Anne Marie David at amdavid@sholnewton.org.

Grand Annual Collection

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

**As of December 18, we have raised \$97,635.
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!

over the last several months. Follow along on Instagram @sholnewton



A fun dress-up tea party for the ladies of Sacred Heart, hosted by the Guild of St. Francis on September 29



Opening Hymn and Entrance Procession at Our Lady's at 10:00am Mass on October 6



Grandma's Attic, just one of many treasure-filled booths at the Holly Harvest Fair at Sacred Heart on November 16

Photo Album

Our Collaborative



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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

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

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

For the People of the Parish

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

For the People of the Parish

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

For the People of the Parish

7:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Shawn Carey)

For the People of the Parish

10:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Bart Geger, S.J.)

For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

12:00am Midnight - Our Lady's (Fr. Kevin Staley-Joyce)

For the People of the Parish

10:00am - Sacred Heart (Msgr. Dennis Sheehan)

For the People of the Parish

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

For the People of the Parish

Thursday, December 26

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

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

Friday, December 27

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

9:00am - Sacred Heart - Cynthia Flamm - 1st Anniversary

Saturday, December 28

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. Kevin Staley-Joyce)

Romolo Pescosolido

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

For All Parishioners

Sunday, December 29 - Feast of the Holy Family

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

For All Parishioners

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

For All Parishioners

10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Bart Geger, S.J.)

For All Parishioners

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

For All Parishioners

12:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Bart Geger, S.J.)

Carl Michaud

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

Joseph & Mary Proia

Jose & Cecilia Matos, Pierre & Alix Deguise

Felipe, Mercedes, Sonia & Jorge Lopez

Juancho Bermudez, Dorys DeMarco

Parish Office Holiday Closures

Please note the following office hour changes for the upcoming holiday weeks:

For Christmas week: Both parish offices are closed through Sunday, December 29. They will reopen on Monday, December 30.

For New Year's: Both parish offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, reopening at their usual hours on Thursday, January 2.

January 1 Holy Day: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Masses will be celebrated on:

Tuesday, December 31, at 4:00pm at Our Lady's (Vigil)

Wednesday, January 1, at 10:00am at Sacred Heart.

There will be no 7:00am or 9:00am Daily Mass on Wednesday, January 1.



In your prayers, please remember

all who have died,

especially all those who

have died since last Christmas.

*May they experience the new life
promised by Christ's Paschal victory.*

Scripture Readings for the Week

(Also found at www.usccb.org)

25 Wed Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

26 Thu Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

27 Fri 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

28 Sat 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

29 SUN Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23