

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY'S COLLABORATIVE  
NEWTON, MA

*~ All Are Welcome ~*

*1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT*



"Get away, Satan! It is written:  
*The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.*"

Matthew 4:10

*March 1, 2020*

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## From Fr. Kevin, Parochial Vicar

**A warm welcome to Our Lady's and Sacred Heart!** We're grateful that you are with us today, and we will be remembering your intentions at our Masses this weekend.

**We are so grateful that our parish collaborative is blessed** by a dedicated group of parishioners who sacrifice much time and effort for the people of the collaborative, and for God's greater glory.

**I hope Lent has begun well for everyone.** We attach the word "happy" to greetings like "happy birthday" and "happy Easter," but we rarely hear "happy Lent!" Perhaps we should start saying that. Lent is both a time of sober renewal and a time that can bring us inner joy and peace—it's spiritual house cleaning.

**Now that Lent is here,** we can think about our spiritual growth, detachment from distractions, and renewed focus on what matters most: our personal callings, our families, and our friendship with God.

**Here are a few ideas for Lent—just suggestions—**meant to get the creative energies flowing:

1. Can we resolve, even for a day, that **every word we utter that day will be spoken in charity**—that is, nothing we say will be intended to wound, to snap back, or to score points?

Breaking the cycle of argument can bring us a lot of peace.

2. How attached am I to **material things**? What do I purchase that I really don't need? Can I commit to avoiding **luxuries** during Lent?

3. Most of us must use our **screens** for work or obligations, but perhaps we can revisit how much of our screen time is required, and how much is just time-stealing habit.

4. Read the **scriptures**. Daily or weekly reading from the Bible is a transformative way of hearing the voice of God.

5. **Try a new spiritual practice.** If you haven't been to **confession** in a while, it's a miraculous sacrament. We offer extra confessions at the collaborative during Lent at 6:30pm Wednesday evenings. Another worthy spiritual practice is the **Stations of the Cross**, or **Eucharistic adoration**.

6. Many Catholics decide to attend **weekday Mass** more frequently during Lent, if able. Just one extra day per week can make a difference!

7. **Evangelize**, even if you don't think you know how. Just tell people why your faith in Christ is real, and how it has transformed you.

-Fr. Kevin

## New & Ongoing in Our Community

### Father Dan Returns!

Great news! Fr. Dan will be resuming his full schedule on Friday, March 6. In the meantime, he will be celebrating the Daily Mass at 9:00am at Sacred Heart. While Fr. Dan continues to be offsite recovering for another week, we send our gratitude to Fr. Dick Clifford, S.J., who has been celebrating one or two Sunday Masses with us. Thank you, Fr. Clifford!

### 2020 Catholic Appeal

Next weekend, we will officially launch the 2020 Catholic Appeal in our parishes. Each year, we are called to make a gift to the Appeal so that we can support the Archdiocese and the many Central Ministries that make our parishes, schools, and communities stronger. This is our Church, and every gift to the Appeal makes an important difference in the lives of so many. If you would like more information, or to make an early gift online, please visit the new and improved Catholic Appeal website at [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org). Thanks in advance for your generosity!

### March 1 ~ First Sunday of Lent

Jesus is like us in all things but sin. In today's Gospel, Jesus is tempted over and over but does not give in to the temptations. This first Sunday in Lent is a good time to look at our lives and to ask ourselves what tempts us away from God and from the light of Christ. There are three spiritual practices of Lent that are intended to help us improve our relationship with God: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Which will most help you in avoiding temptation this Lent? Don't wait...start today!

### Celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation

We invite you to pray for those who will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter in our Collaborative! At the 8:00am Mass last Sunday morning at Our Lady's, we sent these people to be ready for the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross this Sunday, March 1. Brian Piscitello and Jason Reyes are preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Christine Pelrine and Marcela Nicola Reyes are already baptized Christians and will be received fully into the Catholic Church. As they now enter Lent and the period of Purification and Enlightenment—the most intensive part of their formation journeys, your prayers are most welcome!

### Friday Coffee Hour after 9:00am Mass

There's always room at the table! Perhaps you didn't know that Sacred Heart hosts a coffee hour following the 9:00am mass on most Fridays from September through June. It's a casual time of food and fellowship for people of all ages. You're welcome to come by and grab a cup of coffee to go or sit down for a short time to meet new people and gather in conversation. Even if you go to weekday Mass somewhere else the rest of the week, consider making Sacred Heart 9:00am Mass followed by coffee, tea, and pastries part of your Friday routine. We meet at the MacKenzie Center in the conference room off the stage. Please contact Nick at [nfrega@sholnewton.org](mailto:nfrega@sholnewton.org) or 617-969-2248 ext. 111 if you have any questions.

### 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—please join us! Contact Kate at [kneal@sholnewton.org](mailto:kneal@sholnewton.org).

### Volunteers Needed for Our Monthly Mass for the Sick Ministry

Would you like to volunteer a few hours of your time one evening per month to a very rewarding Ministry here in the Sacred Heart & Our Lady's Collaborative? Our Monthly Mass for the Sick started six years ago with a mission to bring comfort and hope to those struggling with illness. We have grown into a

wonderful group of 20+ people who come to Our Lady's once a month for respite and community through Mass, Anointing of the Sick, inspiring talks, and joyous entertainment.

Our ministry team needs someone who can help out on the fourth Monday of every month, to assist the priest during Mass with readings, anointing services and Communion. We also need people to help set up and decorate our tables ahead of time, make coffee, and/or bring some desserts and healthy snacks to share.

For more information, please contact Pat Enright at 202-531-3029 or at [penright298@gmail.com](mailto:penright298@gmail.com). You can also contact Rosemary Seibold in the office at 617-527-7560 ext. 213 or [rseibold@sholnewton.org](mailto:rseibold@sholnewton.org). Thank you!

### 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. We have 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](mailto:kneal@sholnewton.org).

### 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 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 Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)! Contact Nick Frega at [nfrega@sholnewton.org](mailto: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 RCIA team will work with you, forming you in a relationship with Christ and his Church.

### This Lent, Consider St. Vincent de Paul

Would you like to help make a difference in our community and live out the Lenten call to almsgiving in a new way? The Collaborative's Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is looking to grow its ranks. SVDP helps people mostly with needs for housing, clothing, and food. When someone presents with a need, we conduct a home visit, where two members of the ministry visit with a person to hear their story and address their needs.

Another way to help is to join our Community Response Team. Occasionally, we get requests for furniture or household goods, such as an air conditioner, couch, desk, and kitchen items. When these requests come in, we send an email to our this team. If someone has the item, we coordinate delivery; 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 for a family. The more people on the list, the more likely we'll be able to help.

Would you like to join the Community Response Team or learn more about home visits? Please send an email to [svdp@sholnewton.org](mailto:svdp@sholnewton.org).

## Lent in the Collaborative

See the flyer at the doors of the church for more!

### Journey to Easter with Fr. John Sassani

This Lent, our small faith communities will be reflecting on the Lenten gospels using homilies preached by Fr. John as a starting point for discussion and faith sharing. These reflections are so full of hope and practical wisdom for growing deeper in our relationship with Christ. These sessions are sure to bring much joy and insight into your own Lenten journey. If you would like to join a group, please contact Kate at [kneal@sholnewton.org](mailto:kneal@sholnewton.org). Groups meet 60-90 minutes once a week for 6 weeks beginning the week of February 24 and ending the week of March 30.

Session Time and Location Options:

**Sacred Heart:** Tue 9:30-11:00am, Wed 7:30-8:30pm

**Our Lady's:** Sun 7:00-8:15pm, Mon 10:00-11:00am, Mon 7:00-8:30pm, Tue 7:00-8:30pm, Wed 2:00-3:00pm, Sat 9:30-11am

### The Light Is On For You: Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday Nights

Spend some time in prayer with Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament, on Wednesday evenings in Lent, 6:30-8:00pm, beginning March 4. Join us for Adoration and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Contact Nick with any questions at [nfrega@sholnewton.org](mailto:nfrega@sholnewton.org).

—March 4, March 11, and March 18 at Our Lady's in the Lower Halls

—March 25, April 1, and April 8 at Sacred Heart in the Lower Church



Friday, March 27, 5:30-8:30pm

Sacred Heart MacKenzie Center (1337 Centre St)

Tickets: \$15 for Adults and \$5 for Kids, available at the door.  
All proceeds support our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry.

Menu: Homemade Fish 'n' Chips, Hushpuppies,  
Grilled Cheese option for kids. Cash Bar.  
Free Bingo with prizes, hosted by the Guild of St. Francis.

We are looking for volunteers for kitchen help,  
set up, clean up, ticket sales, and serving.  
One free meal and 2 drinks (beer or wine) to any volunteer!  
Contact Kate at [kneal@sholnewton.org](mailto:kneal@sholnewton.org)  
or 617-969-2248 ext. 112

### What about Fasting and Abstinence?

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of our Roman Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of our Roman Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

## Remembering Our Former Pastor, Fr. John—Your Participation Invited



*Take, Lord, and receive  
all my liberty,  
my memory, my understanding,  
and my entire will,  
all I have and call my own.  
You have given all to me.  
To you, Lord, I return it.  
Everything is yours;  
do with it what you will.  
Give me only your love and your  
grace; that is enough for me.*  
-The Suscipe Prayer  
of St. Ignatius Loyola

This prayer, which is found in St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises, was deeply meaningful to Fr. John. He led people through the Spiritual Exercises many times during his priestly ministry, and the words of the prayer became even more poignant in his illness.

As April 21 approaches, the Pastoral Staff invites you to participate in several opportunities to honor Fr. John's memory and to celebrate his legacy on the first anniversary of his passing to eternal life.

First, we invite the entire Collaborative to join us on Sunday, April 19, at 10:00am at Our Lady's for a special Mass of remembrance for Fr. John. Following Mass, a reception will be held in the Lower Hall.

We also now announce plans for several projects to create permanent memorials to Fr. John at each parish.

At Sacred Heart, we will be adding Fr. John's portrait to the pastors' wall in the parish office, and we are planning for an installation of the Suscipe prayer in the Grotto behind the convent.

At Our Lady's, we will be installing a new marble slab in the Lower Hall with Fr. John's name and dates of pastorship, adding to the existing memorial there. We are also planning to refurbish the Reconciliation Chapel in Fr. John's memory, in order to make it a more prayerful space; it will include the Suscipe prayer.

We are seeking your financial support to make these memorial plans a reality. If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to either "Sacred Heart" or "Our Lady's" with "Fr. John" written in the memo line. All contributions are tax-deductible. Any funds donated in excess of the projects' costs will be earmarked for the continued beautification and upkeep of these two parishes that Fr. John loved so deeply and served so faithfully.

We are grateful for your ongoing love for Fr. John and we thank you in advance for your generosity towards these projects. If you have any questions, please contact Kristina at [kpreaman@sholnewton.org](mailto:kpreaman@sholnewton.org) or 617-527-7560 ext.216.

-Fr. Dan and the Collaborative Pastoral Staff

## Fr. John Sassani—Homily Given on February 10, 2008 First Sunday of Lent—Liturgical Year A

The experiences recounted in the Sacred Scripture today may seem remote to us – Adam and Eve in the Garden, Jesus in the desert. They seem to be not only distant from our life but opposite to each other, only linked by temptation.

The word "temptation" may have a funny ring to it. Unless we grew up in a Catholic school or had unusually scrupulous parents, I suspect it's a term we barely notice except in the Lord's Prayer. However, the experience of the garden and the desert, I think, are familiar experiences to many of us.

The familiarity comes with the three-way internal dialogue that we so often experience. The dialogue is between God, myself and...How shall we describe the third conversationalist?...Satan, the tempter, God's evil twin, my alter ego...None of those names or descriptions, in my estimation, work so well. St. Ignatius refers to this third conversationalist as "the enemy of our human nature" – I like that – but these days, I call the third conversationalist the spirit or voice of sabotage. Its only goal is to sabotage the good I can do and the call God is issuing to me.

The readings show us how the voice of sabotage works. In Genesis, God has given permission for Adam and Eve to eat from all the trees in the garden. But God has prohibited them from eating from one tree – the tree of knowledge. The spirit of sabotage is the third conversationalist with Eve – and he

turns the prohibition into an option, just a thought. She thinks about it; it seems like a good idea, to be like God. There would be no gardening, no work, only leisure. This thought becomes a passion and she acts – and everything is changed.

Fast forward to the desert – Jesus has been there for forty days without much food, and he's very hungry – not just for food but for the Word of God. The tempter comes along and says – *God seems very silent and distant, but you, Jesus, are very faithful. God won't mind if you turn that rock into focaccia bread. You'll feel better, and even pray better too.* But Jesus knows better and chooses to remain faithful.

Lent is the season where we grapple with the interior conversation – so as to let the two primary partners, God and myself, dialogue with little interference from the spirit of sabotage.

St. Paul announces the good news – Christ is human like us, though he is also God's son. Christ was able to resist the thoughts of the third conversationalist – and Christ offers us this same capability.

Lent calls us to think with Christ, to pray with Christ, and to act with Christ, so that we are better able to recognize and resist the thoughts of the third conversationalist. As we gather for the Eucharist today, let's be grateful for this season of Lent and for Christ's accompaniment.

Homily reflections are also available each week online at [www.sholnewton.org/godeeper](http://www.sholnewton.org/godeeper).  
Photo Album will return in future bulletins. In the meantime, visit us on Instagram @sholnewton

# Beyond Our Walls

## Public Health and the Ignatian Vision

Join members of the Ignatian Volunteer Corp (IVC) for a conversation with Dr. Philip Landrigan, MD, MSC, FAAP, and Director of Boston College's Program in Global Health and the Common Good. Dr. Landrigan will address the questions: What is public health? How does public health align with the Ignatian vision? What is BC doing about appropriating the Ignatian vision in the area of public health? Monday, March 23, 6:15pm, at St. Ignatius Church (Friary Room) in Chestnut Hill. RSVP to Larry Feeney at [lawrencefeeney@comcast.net](mailto:lawrencefeeney@comcast.net). Sponsored by the Ignatian Volunteer Corp of Boston College.

## CURSILLO: An Opportunity to Deepen Your Faith

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Jesus Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and to strengthen your ability to be a witness of Christ in the world. The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Campion Center in Weston.

The Boston Cursillo community joyfully welcomes those in the our collaborative who most recently lived their Cursillo Weekend. Our newest Cursillistas include Stanislaus Billy, Andrew Bunton, Gina Chaimanis, John Chaimanis, Gianna Gemelli, Alec Jessiman, Mike McNally, Sioux Mont, Peg Morrison, Tom Morrison.

And the Cursillo Community expresses gratitude to those Cursillistas within our collaborative who are serving on the teams for the upcoming Women's and Men's weekends, including Traci Wright, Ruth Kennedy, Deb O'Sullivan, Tom Morrison, Chris Graf, Mary Ann McLaughlin.

The next weekends upcoming are:

Women: March 5-8      Men: April 23-26

For info or to register, visit [bostoncursillo.org](http://bostoncursillo.org) or contact Chris Graf at 617-332-5548 or [cmg829@comcast.net](mailto:cmg829@comcast.net).

## Care for Creation: Abstaining from Meat Is Good for the Planet, too!

Now that you've changed your light bulbs, why not consider changing your lunch? Make combating climate change a Lenten practice by reducing or eliminating your meat consumption for Lent! Meat and dairy, particularly from cows, have an outside impact on carbon emissions, with livestock accounting for around 14.5% of the world's greenhouse gases each year. That's roughly the same amount as the emissions from all the cars, trucks, airplanes, and ships combined in the world today! Perhaps, besides Fridays, we could add some more days of abstaining from meat to our personal Lenten practice as a way to love God, ourselves, our neighbors, and our Earth.

## Lt. Paul Sullivan Scholarship

The Lt. Paul Sullivan Scholarship is now online at <https://sites.google.com/view/lt-paul-j-sullivan-scholarship>. The application deadline is April 16. The top scholarship is \$5,000, with additional scholarships to be awarded. Last year, there were 9 scholarships totaling \$23,500. We are looking for student-athletes who are actively involved in their school, religion, and community. All Watertown students from any area high school who meet the requirements are eligible. Students from Newton, Waltham, Belmont and Cambridge who live within the areas of Sacred Heart, Newton; Sacred Heart, Watertown St. Mary, Waltham; St. Patrick, Watertown are also eligible. Given changes over the years, students from Collaboratives that include these parishes are eligible. If you have any questions, please contact Eleanor Donato at 617-484-5569 or [donatomom@aol.com](mailto:donatomom@aol.com).

## Discipleship Week 2020

Registration for Discipleship Week is open! This is a great opportunity for Catholic teens (Grades 9-12) who want to deepen their faith and spend five days with other teens from all over the diocese. June 24-28 at Assumption College in Worcester. Visit [disciplesinmission.com/discipleshipweek](http://disciplesinmission.com/discipleshipweek).

## Kids' Corner

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

Be merciful,  
O Lord, for we  
have sinned.

### Learn at Mass

Do you remember during Advent when the priest wore purple? That was because we were waiting for Jesus to be born at Christmas. The priest is wearing purple now because we are waiting for Jesus at Easter!

**Gospel:** Jesus lived in the desert for 40 days! The devil tried to tempt him to turn the rocks into bread when he was hungry. Jesus got help from the angels and knew that He could wait. He didn't listen to the devil, and neither should we!



## Sacred Heart News

### Religious Education News

Confirmation Sponsor Forms and Saint Name Forms are due as soon as possible. All forms are also downloadable at the "Faith Formation at Sacred Heart" tab on the website.

Grade 2 parents and students must attend a Parent and Child Eucharist Retreat on Saturday, February 29, 10:00am-12:30pm in the Church and Convent. Please confirm that you and your child will attend.

Michelle Solomon  
Director of Religious Education  
617-969-4031  
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### Fruit Juice Needed

In March, we are collecting fruit juice 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.

### Liturgical Ministry: Invitation to Serve

We are currently looking for parishioners interested in serving as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Sacristans. We ask you to prayerfully consider one of these important opportunities to serve the Sacred Heart community. Please contact Nick Frega at [nfrega@sholnewton.org](mailto:nfrega@sholnewton.org) or 617-969-2248 ext. 111.

### Keep Your Loved Ones Connected!

The Ministry of Care members would like to remind parishioners that we can visit, bring Communion to, and send cards and the weekly bulletin to homebound parishioners, keeping them in our prayers and keeping them lovingly connected to the parish. Monthly greeting cards are sent. If you think you or someone else would enjoy receiving a card from the parish, please contact the parish office to let us know.

### 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. Joining the choir is a terrific way to meet fellow parishioners who share a love of the liturgy and of singing. Interested singers can join at any point during the year. For more info, please contact Erica at [ejohnson@sholnewton.org](mailto:ejohnson@sholnewton.org).

### Envelopes Reminder

Please remember to make checks payable to **Sacred Heart** when giving for special collections, unless otherwise specified. Thank you!

### 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.

### Sacred Heart Decorating Committee

The Sacred Heart Decorating Committee, which tends to the physical environment of the church throughout the liturgical year, is looking for some helpful hands and creative eyes to join them. If you are interested, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Nick Frega at [nfrega@sholnewton.org](mailto:nfrega@sholnewton.org) to learn more about this important ministry in the parish. Thank you in advance!

### From Fr. Shawn: Now Showing! ASL YOUCAT

Fr. Shawn Carey reports on the project to translate the Youth Catechism (YOUCAT) into ASL:

I am excited to announce that the ASL YOUCAT team began to upload a series of weekly videos on January 24, which was the Feast of St Francis De Sales! It is no coincidence that this was released on St. Francis De Sales, because we know him as the patron saint for the Deaf and his story of catechizing a Deaf young man, Martin, in sign language. St. Francis De Sales made a point that any Deaf Catholic deserves to know more about the Catholic faith.

Not only will the ASL YOUCAT weekly videos enlighten young Deaf, but also all of us no matter the age can have our faith refreshed. We have four Boston Deaf Catholics involved in the ASL YOUCAT team: Mel Chua, Hannah Goldblatt, Colin Lualdi, and myself. We work with Deaf and hearing Catholics from other dioceses in the US. It is truly exciting to be working with them, and I am grateful that Deaf Ministry offices from other dioceses all come to work together.

The videos [with captions for those who do not sign] will be shown on the [bostondeafcatholic.org](http://bostondeafcatholic.org) website and on Facebook. May God fill you with His grace while viewing the ASL YOUCAT videos!

# Our Lady's News

## Grand Annual — \$40,000 Shortfall...

The 2019-2020 Grand Annual Collection will be coming to a close next week. Thank you to all who have contributed to this vital collection!

**As of February 25, we have raised \$160,831, about \$40,000 shy of our \$200,000 goal.**

### We seek your support to bridge this shortfall.

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

There are blue envelopes at the doors of the church.

Thank you for your generous support!

## NEW Scouts BSA Troop for Girls!

Our Lady's launches NEW Scouts BSA Troop for Girls—girls can now become Eagle Scouts too! Join us on Tuesday March 10, at 7:30pm in Our Lady's Lower Church Halls to learn more about the NEW all-girl Troop for ages 11-17. You will meet the new leaders and learn more about the BSA program. Our Lady's already sponsors a coed Cub Scout Pack for Grades 1-5 and an all-boy Scouts BSA Troop for older boys. For more info, contact Pat Kaltenbach at 617-922-3970 or [troop355@me.com](mailto:troop355@me.com).

## Honduras Coffee Sale Next Weekend

Coffee from our sister parish in San Marcos will be on sale at the doors of the church, next weekend, March 7-8 after all Masses. Thanks for supporting the coffee growers!

## Join Our Lady's Adult Choir

Looking for more ways to share your talents/love for liturgy? Join Our Lady's Adult Choir - we're always looking for new voices, of all levels, to join the ranks! We lead the congregation in song at the Sunday 10:00am Mass twice a month and at Holy Days and other special celebrations. Wednesday night rehearsals are held in the weeks leading up to Christmas and Easter, 7:00-8:30pm in the church. Joining the choir is a terrific way to meet fellow parishioners who share a love of the liturgy and of singing. Interested singers can join at any point during the year. For more info, please contact Anne Marie David at [amdavid@sholnewton.org](mailto:amdavid@sholnewton.org) or Paul Arpino at [paul@arpino.us](mailto:paul@arpino.us).

## A Fun Way to Get Involved

Coffee and Donuts are offered after most Sunday 10:00am Masses. We'd love to sign up a few more folks willing to give a half an hour before and a half an hour after Mass. We will train anyone interested in being part of this great ministry, and you can commit to as many or few Sundays as you like. Even if you can only help one week, that would make a difference! To sign up or learn more, contact Kate at 617-527-7560 x219 or [kneal@sholnewton.org](mailto:kneal@sholnewton.org).

## This Lent, Give Hope to Honduras!

One of the ways we support our sister parish in Honduras is with our Lenten campaign to support their parish scholarship program. Since 2011, we've supported the parishioners in San Marcos in lifting up the poorest young children and teenagers there, so their families can afford necessities for school like shoes, books and supplies, transportation, and even food. Each week during Lent in the bulletin, we will share a few of the students' letters, written to thank you. Here are the first:

"Thank you for the help you offer to me and to others. Thanks to you I have a better life with my mother. I have clothes to wear, and food to grow strong and healthy. I tell you that this year I am going to study in the 'Instituto Gubernamental San Marcos' and I am going to seventh grade. I am very excited because my dream has always been to study to be a veterinarian because I love pets, especially dogs and cats." - Luzdary Yakelin

"Thank you, brothers from the Boston-San Marcos parishes, for your valuable help, with it I can buy the materials I need for the school, meaning a relief for my parents since we are a family with limited resources. GOD of the universe bless you and keep you, my gratefulness always." -Yarixa Yamileth Orellana Melgar

## 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.

Last year, we came up just short of our \$15,000 goal, raising \$14,500.

Help us reach our goal this year and ensure that each of these wonderful students gets the support they need.

Yes, I would like to donate! Attached is my donation of:

\_\_\_ \$300 as a sponsor to a child \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ Other amount of: \_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*This can be returned by mail, in the Mass collection, or to the office during weekday hours.  
Checks should be made payable to Our Lady's. Thank you for your generous support!*

# 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

**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, February 29

**9:00am - Sacred Heart** - Bob Wilcox—Month's Mind  
Immediately following Mass: Rosary, Exposition, Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, ending at 10:00am.

**4:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Kevin Staley-Joyce)**  
Thomas & Mary Flaherty, Paula Flaherty  
Filomena & Angelo Panichella  
Romolo Pescosolido  
Ethel Kenneally

**4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Msgr. Dennis Sheehan)**  
Bill Walsh

### Sunday, March 1 - First Sunday of Lent

**8:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Kevin Staley-Joyce)**  
For All Parishioners

**9:00am - Sacred Heart (Msgr. Dennis Sheehan)**  
Geraldine Beck

**10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Kevin Staley-Joyce)**  
Elizabeth & Giuseppe Palazzo  
Maria & Antonio Fierimonte  
Loreto & Maria Venditti

**11:00am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Shawn Carey)**  
For All Parishioners

**12:00pm - Sacred Heart (Msgr. Dennis Sheehan)**  
For All Parishioners

**6:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Kevin Staley-Joyce)**  
Jacía & Guy Gilbert, Lourdes Matos  
Francisco Pimentel  
Dante Mazzola

### Monday, March 2

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

**9:00am - Sacred Heart** - Robert Wilcox

### Tuesday, March 3

**7:00am - Our Lady's** - For All Deceased Parishioners

**9:00am - Sacred Heart** - Mass of Thanksgiving for a Special Intention

### Wednesday, March 4

**7:00am - Our Lady's** - Catherine Shea

**9:00am - Sacred Heart** - Margaret Libernini  
& Charles Gucciardi

### Thursday, March 5

**7:00am - Our Lady's** - For the Sick of the Parish

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

### Friday, March 6

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

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

### Saturday, March 7

**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)**  
Barbara DeRubeis  
Robert L. Hodgdon

**4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Dick Clifford, S.J.)**  
Melvin Grady

### Sunday, March 8 - Second Sunday of Lent

**8:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Dick Clifford, S.J.)**

Giacomo Farina  
Giuseppe Bove  
Carmela Farina  
Mary McCabe  
James & Concetta Cummings  
Eleanor Desmond Miele—4th Anniversary

**9:00am - Sacred Heart (Msgr. Dennis Sheehan)**  
Jim Reilly

**10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)**  
Bruno & Anna DiBona

**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)**  
Rose & William Dezotell—61st Anniversary

### The Light Is On For You: Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday Nights

Spend some time in prayer with Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament, on Wednesday evenings in Lent, 6:30-8:00pm, beginning March 4. Join us for Adoration and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Contact Nick with any questions at [nfrega@sholnewton.org](mailto:nfrega@sholnewton.org).

—March 4, March 11, and March 18 at Our Lady's in the Lower Halls

—March 25, April 1, and April 8 at Sacred Heart in the Lower Church



*In your prayers, please remember*

*Gerard Gentile  
Thomas Conneely*

*and all who have died.*

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

### Scripture Readings for the Week

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

1	SUN	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
2	Mon	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
3	Tue	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
4	Wed	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
5	Thu	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
6	Fri	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
7	Sat	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
8	SUN	Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9