

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY'S COLLABORATIVE
NEWTON, MA

~ All Are Welcome ~



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good,
but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil.” Luke 6:45

February 27, 2022

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From Fr. Dan, Pastor

Dear Friends,

Ash Wednesday is this week! Please spread the word to all.

Russia invading Ukraine sadly seems likely (as I write this on Sunday, February 20). Let us join in this Prayer for Peace by Pope Francis. "Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried...But our efforts have been in vain. Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: 'Never again war!'; 'With war everything is lost'. Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us, and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our

weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words 'division', 'hatred' and 'war' be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be 'brother or sister', and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen."

Make a wise and safe choice on wearing a mask at Mass. As of March, masks at Mass are optional and not at all discouraged. When in doubt, err on the safe side and consider wearing a mask, especially if, due to age or medical conditions, your doctor would recommend this.

Sports: Which Boston team is closest to winning it all? I am guessing the Red Sox.

Love & God bless you!
Fr. Dan

New & Ongoing in Our Community

Upcoming Clergy Changes

New Weekend Priest: We are delighted to announce that, beginning last weekend February 19 & 20, Fr. Juan Salazar, S.J., is helping us with weekend Masses for the next four to five years as he pursues his License and then Doctorate in New Testament. As with Frs. Bart Geger, S.J., Bill Murphy, Piotr Stanowski, S.J., and Deacons Bill Koffel and Vaclav Novotny, S.J., I am sure you will be delighted with Fr. Juan and the Masses he celebrates.

Three Other Weekend Clergy Changes Coming: Fr. Piotr is finishing his studies in late May and will be returning to ministry in Poland at that time. Deacon Vaclav will be home in the Czech Republic over summer and will be ordained a priest, and then he will be back in Boston for two more years of studies, during which he will continue to say Mass for us on weekends. In September 2022, we will be pleased to welcome the weekend assistance of James Antonio, S.J., who will be ordained a transitional deacon that month. He will assist our collaborative in the way Deacon Vaclav has this year. We are so blessed with them all!

Confirmation for Adults

Are you a baptized Catholic who has received First Communion, but not Confirmation? Do you want to take your faith more seriously and receive the grace of Confirmation in doing so? The Archdiocese is planning for a celebration of Confirmation for adults in the months ahead.

Contact Nick Frega at nfrega@sholnewton.org or ext. 111 and he'll be glad to help you prepare for the sacrament. The grace of Confirmation is for all who wish to receive it, so we invite you to take advantage of the opportunity!

Palms to Ashes

This weekend, we are collecting any palms from last year to burn for ashes for Ash Wednesday (March 2) this year. There are baskets at the doors of the church if you would like to contribute.

February 27 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Remove the wooden beam from your eye first, then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's [sister's] eye." The scriptures these last few weeks call for some self-examination and serious changes in our thinking and attitudes. While difficult to hear, this gospel reminds us of the necessity of taking time to reflect on those attitudes and behaviors that adversely affect our discipleship. Make time this week to receive the Sacrament of Penance. Acknowledge the "wooden beam in our own eye" and accept the grace of the sacrament as you begin the upcoming Lenten journey!



2022 Catholic Appeal: "Faith in Action. It All Starts with You"

Next weekend, the Catholic Appeal will be announced in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Each of us is responsible not only for the wellbeing of our parish, but also for the wellbeing of the Church throughout our Archdiocese. In preparation, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift. When our parish reaches its goal in paid pledges, a portion of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our Parish. Thank you. To make an online pledge, please scan the QR code or visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. When you make a gift to the annual Catholic Appeal, you are helping put faith into action in countless and far-reaching ways. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this year's Appeal.

This Weekend's Special Collection: Support of the Church Around the World

This weekend's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe, and three important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. Thank you for your support!



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New & Ongoing in Our Community

Lent in the Collaborative

Ash Wednesday Is March 2

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent, is this week!

Services in the Collaborative will be:

7:00am Mass at Our Lady's
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
12:00pm Mass at Our Lady's
12:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart
3:30pm Service of the Word
with Ashes at Our Lady's
7:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart



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, with exceptions for reasons of illness, pregnancy, and breastfeeding. 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, with exceptions as stated above.

LIVE LENT! Join a Small Faith Group

This Lent, our small faith communities will be reflecting on the Lenten Gospels using the a faith sharing book called *Live Lent!* With reflections and prayers written by Sr. Terry Rickard, O.P., *Live Lent!* will help you make the most of this season of preparation and spiritual renewal. *Live Lent!* will be your ideal companion as you gather weekly in small groups to gain inspiration from next Sunday's Gospel and its roots in the Old Testament and as you reflect each day of the week on how to live your faith in everyday life. Be inspired by the Sunday Gospel readings, explore Old Testament insights, and take action in everyday life. These sessions are sure to bring much joy and insight into your own Lenten journey.

Groups meet for an hour and fifteen minutes to an hour and a half, once a week for 6 weeks beginning this week and finishing the week of April 4.

Session times: Sunday 7:00-8:15pm, Tuesday 7:00-8:30pm, Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm, Saturday 9:30-11:00am. All sessions will meet on Zoom this Lent and are open to parishioners across the collaborative.

If you would like to join a small faith group, please contact Kate at kneal@sholnewton.org or ext. 219.

February Book Club

"Living in the Light of Christ's Peace: A Conversation Toward Nuclear Disarmament" by Archbishop John Wester of Santa Fe is the February Book Club selection. It's an excellent and very readable pastoral letter by the bishop of the diocese at the center of nuclear weapons development (New Mexico's Los Alamos); he is a courageous and articulate man. Wester is calling on Catholics in his state and our nation to have a conversation about eliminating nuclear weapons. We will discuss the pastoral letter on Zoom on Thursday, February 24, 7:00pm.

The full text of the letter as well as a concise summary can be found at <https://archdiosf.org/living-in-the-light-of-christs-peace>

If you currently don't receive Book Club emails and want to join, contact Jim Allaire at james.allaire@gmail.com.

Poem for Black History Month

Langston Hughes (1902-1967) was an influential poet of the Harlem Renaissance, the period in 1920s when Black art flourished in American cities. Hughes' poetry portrayed Black working class life. Although many Black writers criticized him for showing a picture that was not always pretty, Hughes maintained, "... artists who create now intend to express our individual dark-skinned selves without fear or shame. If white people are pleased we are glad. If they are not, it doesn't matter. We know we are beautiful. And ugly too."

Evil by Langston Hughes

Looks what drives me crazy
Don't have no effects on you-
But I'm gonna keep on at it
Till it drives you crazy, too.

Online Mass Ending This Sunday

It has been a pleasure to bring you online Mass from our collaborative during the Covid Omicron surge. This weekend's Mass is the last online Mass from our collaborative for the foreseeable future. There are many wonderful online and TV Masses, like: —Catholic TV: 9:30am daily (locally recorded, [https://](https://www.catholic.tv/catholic-mass.html)

www.catholic.tv/catholic-mass.html). 10:00am Sundays (from the University of Notre Dame, <https://www.catholic.tv/notre-dame-mass.html>).

—From the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception: Saturdays at 7:00pm and 11:30pm <https://www.catholic.tv/national-shrine-mass.html>

We are so grateful to Fr. Dan for all his efforts over the course of this pandemic to keep our prayer lives vibrant and familiar despite unusual circumstances. And to all who contributed musically, your familiar voices and your beautiful music always inspire. Thank you so much!

Sacred Heart & Our Lady's St. Vincent de Paul – Winter Update

St. Vincent de Paul continues to be busy helping our neighbors in need, and we thank you for all your support for our clothing drive, for participating in the Holiday Meal programs, and for your prayers and contributions.

Since September, SVDP has helped over 40 families, mostly in the areas of food, clothing, and housing. We respond to needs from people living in Newton and surrounding towns, who either call the parishes looking for help or who are referred to us by the City of Newton social workers or the Newton Housing Authority. Since COVID, we haven't been able to meet with neighbors in person, as is our usual custom, but we have been able to conduct our visits over telephone or Zoom.

Most often, the families that come to us have been managing well enough until a crisis occurs such as a lost job or a serious illness, and they do not have a cushion to help them get by. This has been particularly true since the onset of COVID, when so many families' lives have been turned upside down.

Currently, we need more volunteers to help with this work and would love to talk to anyone interested in learning more about joining St. Vincent de Paul. Are you interested in helping those in need in our community? Please contact Dorothy Koffel at 508-561-6393 or Dorothy.koffel@gmail.com.



Msgr. Dennis Sheehan

Homily Given on February 25, 2001

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Liturgical Year C

When first I looked at this Gospel, I was tempted to cry: Slow down, Jesus! You're all over the lot! First you tell us about the folly of the blinded guides. Then you're on to wooden logs in my eye. Finally, you bury us in a heap of agricultural images: rotten trees, figs, grapes and brambles. How's a poor preacher to find one message for a gathering today and point ahead to Lent as well?

After a bit of pondering, I confess I decided to take the easy way out. Let's look together at only one of Jesus' multiple sayings today, namely, the one on the wooden beam in our own eye. I submit that by starting there, maybe the other sayings will make more sense. Then we might see more clearly how very appropriate this passage is for a Catholic hearer a few days away from Lent.

Recall where we are in Luke's Gospel. Today's reading has Jesus giving what commentators have come to call his "sermon on the plain". It began a few weeks ago with the Beatitudes. Last week, we heard about love for those who hate us. Today's passage is yet another part of the same sermon. Notice that this is not about doctrine, theology, or even Scriptural interpretation. Jesus, in the words we hear today, is talking very clearly about attitudes and behaviors. He's calling his disciples, then and now, not just to "talk the talk" but to "walk the walk". Nor is the behavior Jesus is calling for based on common sense. Quite the opposite. He asks for behavior in his disciples very out of the ordinary: loving enemies, forgiving injuries, lending with no hope of reward or even repayment. Very simply, Jesus is challenging all of us to behave like God, to see life and relationships not from human wisdom but from God's point of view.

Behaving in this unnatural, inhuman, superhuman way is no easy task. It requires a clear head. That brings us to today's passage. Jesus is talking quite simply here about self-knowledge and, specifically, self-criticism. What could be a more timely topic at the threshold of Lent than an invitation to look more closely, more clearly, more keenly at our own behavior as disciples? "Why do you notice", Jesus asks, "that there is a splinter in your sister's eye when you can't even see a log sticking out of your own?" The image is arresting, even a bit repulsive. But the image shows Jesus as a keen student of human nature. How often we decry the failings of others simply as a way of deflecting attention from ourselves!

The poet Robert Burns put the same message this way: "Would the gift the Good God gives us to see ourselves as others see us". Even our highway driving experience

reinforces Jesus wisdom. Recall the bumper sticker you often see on an 18-wheeler: "Is my driving ok? Call us (and there's a number) with your comments. And thanks". This is not just a public image pitch. The company is risking a real response with the knowledge of the old saying: "The room for improvement is the biggest room in the world".

The ancient Greek philosopher Socrates told us that self-knowledge (not self-esteem or self-worth) is the real beginning of wisdom. Few of us, it seems, are really wise in that way. We're so busy dealing with faults in our family and workplace, we leave little room for the most basic exercise of all: truly looking at ourselves.

Back in colonial America, New England churches had an unusual character in every congregation. He was called "the Pointer". When the preacher denounced a particular vice, it was the Pointer's task to call out the name of the parishioner guilty of the fault. Many of us would have loved that job. We would have been good at it too.

I've often asked myself why Jesus is so opposed to our judging others. I found a possible answer as I studied this passage. Jesus, after all, does not want disciples who do not have standards of moral conduct. But what Jesus is opposing is an attempt to improve others without a similar and prior attempt at improving ourselves! That's the whole point. A commentator wrote something of a lyric that sums up the wisdom of Jesus quite aptly, "There's so much bad in the best of us and so much good in the worst of us that it ill becomes any of us to find fault with the rest of us."

Hold your tongue, says Jesus today. Use your analytical powers first on yourself and you'll have little time for judging others. What an invitation to all of us just a few days short of Lent!

Jesus, knowing human nature, suggests we leave judgments about others to God. Often, our rush to judgment seems to think that God won't strike down the sinner fast enough. We seem trying to save God the trouble.

Lent begins Wednesday. In our Catholic tradition, Lent is not first about doctrine or theology. Lent is about discipleship-in-action, about life in the very real world as a confessing Catholic. Suppose I were to bridle my tongue this Lent. Suppose I was to hand out compliments instead of criticism. The point won't be lost on those around me. And who knows, it might even become a habit! Blessed Lent!

Mask Mandate for Mass Continues until February 28

Masks at Mass Become Optional on Tuesday, March 1

This is in compliance with Cardinal Sean O'Malley's directive for the entire Archdiocese. (The City of Newton's lifting of the indoor mask mandate on February 18 does not prevent organizations from having additional requirements, as with the Cardinal for Masses and with Newton Public Schools for Newton schools.)

Once March 1 arrives, the decision to wear a mask or not at Mass is yours. We urge you to put a high value on protecting your health. That means, even if fully vaccinated and in good health, you may want to consider continuing to wear a mask, and you are welcome to do so. You can also choose to not wear a mask.

We particularly urge caution for those with medical conditions that would put you at a higher risk, including immune issues and age.

We will continue to provide a section of seating in the church for those who wish to maintain more social distance from others.

Beyond Our Walls



Care for Creation Virtual Workshop

"God's Plan(et): Heal Our Common Home and Respond to the Cry of the Poor". Sunday, March 12, 11:00am-12:30pm, a virtual workshop sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston Social Justice Ministry and the Boston Catholic Climate Movement. Learn about actions we can take to combat climate change and to promote environmental justice. Join us to hear how Catholics are taking steps to build

the Vatican's Laudato Si' Action Platform (<https://laudatosiplatform.org/>) both globally and right here in Massachusetts. You can help provide a safe and thriving world for future generations of all species. For details and to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/Home-3-12-22>

Join Fr. Adrian Milik on Pilgrimage This Spring

Walk in the Footsteps of St. Paul with Fr. Adrian Milik, Former Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart & Our Lady's. April 22-May 3, 2022. Visit Athens, Thessaloniki, and Kalambaka (Meteora), and enjoy a 4-night cruise. 4-star hotels with breakfast and dinner daily, daily Mass, and much more. The Gospels will come alive on this life-changing pilgrimage in the Greek Isles. For more information and a brochure, please contact Marian Pilgrimages at 781-331-2444 or mary@marianusa.com.

COVID-19 Information

Visit [COVIDtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov) to receive four free COVID-19 at-home test. Simply enter your contact information and mailing address, and the federal government will mail them to you. For statewide vaccine information and appointments, visit www.mass.gov/vaccine. For assistance with food or other financial resources, visit the City of Newton's Social Services page at <https://www.newtonma.gov/government/health-human-services/social-services> or call the department at 617-796-1420.

Kids' Corner

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

Lord, it is
good to give
thanks to
you.

Learn at Mass

The word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving"! During Communion, take time to be thankful for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Gospel: Jesus told parables to his disciples. A parable is a story that teaches a lesson. One story teaches that we should work on being our best, before we correct other people. Listen to Jesus for more lessons!



Sacred Heart News

2021 Catholic Appeal: Both Parishes Succeeded! Thank You!

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Children's Homily

On Sunday, February 13, at the 9:30am Mass, the Children's Homily returned! Fr. Bart did a great job helping us understand that God is the best crutch in our lives. And then he invited the children to join him around the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer! (Note: the Children's Homily is given monthly at the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.)



2021 Parish Contribution Statements

If you would like to receive a tax statement listing your 2021 monetary contributions to either parish, email Sioux Mont for Sacred Heart at smont@sholnewton.org or Ed Desmond for Our Lady's at edesmond@sholnewton.org, or call either one in the parish offices.

Liturgical Volunteers Needed

Ensuring Mass goes smoothly is vital to our parish, and your participation would be greatly appreciated!

Whether you're new to our faith community or a longtime member looking for a new way to be involved, the parish needs you!

If you would like to serve Mass as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, or Head Usher, please get in touch with Nick Frega at nfrega@sholnewton.org or ext. 111. Let him know which ministry you're interested in when you email him. Every one of these ministries serves the parish by ensuring that Mass is celebrated as reverently as possible. Nick will give you more details after your contact about the ministry you choose. Thank you in advance!

Religious Education News

We have been back to in-person learning as of the beginning of February, after moving to a virtual model for the month of January to be extra cautious during the Omicron surge. It is so wonderful to be together in the Lower Church on Tuesdays!

Our First Communion retreat was held on Saturday morning, February 12. A special experience both students and parents alike, together we explored the amazing gift of love that Jesus has left us in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We are all getting so excited for First Communion, which will be on Sunday, May 1, at the 9:30am Mass. **(Note: last weekend's bulletin incorrectly stated First Communion would be May 15. We apologize for the error!)**

As for Confirmation, our candidates continue to work hard on their material from the *Chosen* program. We look forward to the day of Confirmation: Sunday, October 23, at the 9:30am Mass with Bishop Robert Reed.

Thank you to our volunteers! We are so grateful to all our catechists. Our program is strong because of you!

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Our Lady's News

Honduras Coffee Sale March 5-6

We will be selling the very popular coffee from our sister parish in Honduras the weekend of March 5-6 after all the Masses at Our Lady's. If you would like to order ahead, by Friday March 4, please email barbara.allaire@gmail.com with your name, cell number, number of bags of whole bean or ground you want to order, and the Mass after which you will be picking up and paying for your order. Thanks for supporting our friends, the coffee farmers!

Religious Education News

We're on a school vacation hiatus from Religious Ed, but, when we are back in together in early March, we have six straight weeks together leading to the end of our year, and they always go so fast!

Our monthly webinars for our virtual learners have been wonderful as well. Here's a quick summary of what we've done together. October: the Bible;; November: saints; December: Advent & Christmas; January: sacraments. For this month, February, we use St. Valentine as inspiration to talk about love—the love God has for us, revealed through Scripture and in the person of Jesus Christ, and the love that we are called to share with our family, friends, and neighbors around the world.

We are in full preparation mode for First Communion, with our retreats scheduled for the end of March and our First Communion Masses in late April and early May. This is such an exciting time for families and the parish alike!

Confirmation preparation is moving right along as well. Our 10th graders have a retreat to Cape Cod coming up in a few weeks, and we know the day of Confirmation (Saturday, May 14) will be here before we know it! We look forward to welcoming Very Rev. Brian McHugh on that special day.

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Baptism Joy

Congratulations to Benjamin (center in the white shirt), who was baptized at Our Lady's on Saturday, February 19. We rejoice with Benjamin, his parents, godparents, and entire family, as he joins our Church!

Scouting for Girls

Our Lady's Scouts BSA Troop 355G (Girls) is now active! Girls ages 11-16 can join the fun and earn the rank of Eagle Scout! The girls practice leadership skills while learning life skills and serving their community. The girls meet Tuesdays 7:15-8:30pm in the lower church hall. The troop currently has 5 girls, but we'd love to have 20! The troop is separate from Troop 355B (Boys) and has its own trained female leaders. The girls enjoy monthly camping trips to hike, cycle, ski, and canoe; earn over 120 badges; and attend Camp Yawgoog in RI in August 2022. So join us at a meeting to meet the leaders and other scouts, and register your daughter for fun and adventure with T355! For information, please contact Pat Kaltenbach, Our Lady's Scouting Coordinator, at 617-922-3970 or troop355@me.com.

Thank You for Your Amazing Generosity!

The number and the generosity of the Grand Annual contributions at Our Lady's is moving and has impressed me. These donations make possible all that goes on here. (Though Sacred Heart does not have a Grand Annual Collection, the people at both parishes are equally generous.) Thank you! —Fr. Dan

Grand Annual Collection: Goal Exceeded!

As of February 18, we have raised **\$159,935**. Our goal was \$150,000. **Thank you!**

The campaign is still open, and your donations are most welcomed! 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 of this vital collection. We are most grateful!

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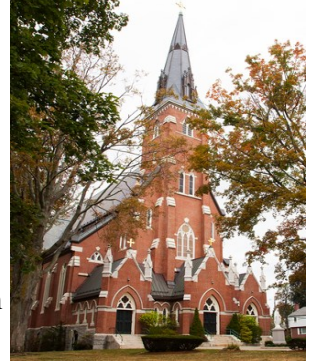
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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil

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

Sunday

8:00am Our Lady's
9:30am Sacred Heart
10:00am Our Lady's
11:30am Sacred Heart
6:00pm Our Lady's

Weekdays including Legal Holidays

Mon, Fri, Sat: 9:00am Sacred Heart
Tue, Wed, Thu: 7:00am Our Lady's

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

Saturdays, 2:45-3:30pm

Month of February: Sacred Heart Main Church
Month of March: Our Lady's Lower Church

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturdays at Sacred Heart, immediately following
the 9:00am Mass

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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. 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 Confirma-

tion, or for older children (7+) to be baptized or to receive Holy Communion, contact Kristina Preman.

Infant Baptisms: Infant Baptisms (those under age 7) 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 information, email svdp@sholnewton.org or call 617-527-7560 ext. 255.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Priests' schedule is subject to change

Saturday, February 26

9:00am - Sacred Heart - James Reilly

4:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Piotr Stanowski, S.J.)

Frank Albano

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

For All Parishioners

Sunday, February 27-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Bart Geger, S.J.)

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9:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Dan Riley)

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

John J. Miskella - 25th Anniversary

11:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Juan Salazar, S.J.)

For All Parishioners

6:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Bill Murphy)

Jose & Cecilia Matos

Joseph & Mary Proia, Joseph Proia, Jr.

Ricardo Moran

The Guruceaga Family

The Meneses Family

Monday, February 28

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

Tuesday, March 1

7:00am - Our Lady's - Maria Fierimonte

Wednesday, March 2—Ash Wednesday

7:00am - Our Lady's - Patrick J. Kelly

9:00am - Sacred Heart - For All Parishioners

12:00pm - Our Lady's - For All Parishioners

12:00pm - Sacred Heart - For All Parishioners

3:30pm - Our Lady's - Service of the Word with Ashes

7:30pm - Sacred Heart - For All Parishioners

Thursday, March 3

7:00am - Our Lady's - John & Marie Kelly

Friday, March 4

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

Saturday, March 5

9:00am - Sacred Heart - Deceased Members of the Parish

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

Robert L. Hodgdon

Mary E. Laughlin

Thomas, Mary & Paula Flaherty

Barbara DeRubeis

Daniel & Catherine Shea

4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Piotr Stanowski, S.J.)

For All Parishioners

Sunday, March 6—First Sunday of Lent

8:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)

Eleanor Desmond Miele—6th Anniversary

Mary C. Kelly

9:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Bart Geger, S.J.)

Romilda D'Innocenzo—6th Anniversary

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

Sabato and Antonietta Iannetta

Angelo and Iris Libertini

Mary McCabe, Bob Morris

Guiseppa, Gaetana & Francesca Cedrone

Walter Geegan

11:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Bill Murphy)

For All Parishioners

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

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Upcoming Location Changes

Confessions (Saturdays 2:45-3:30pm)

For the remainder of February, Confessions are being heard in the Upper Church at Sacred Heart.

For the month of March, Confession will be at Our Lady's and return to the Confessional off the Lower Church Hall.

When Confession moves back to Sacred Heart for April, they will be heard in the Lower Chapel Confessional.

Daily Mass at Sacred Heart

Daily Mass at Sacred Heart will move back downstairs to the Lower Chapel beginning on Friday, March 4.



In your prayers, please remember

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SCRIPTURE READINGS 2022

8TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Feb 27	Sir 27:5-8/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/1 Cor 15:54-58/ Lk 6:39-45
MONDAY Feb 28	1 Pet 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9,+10c/Mk 10:17-27
TUESDAY March 1	1 Pet 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31
ASH WEDNESDAY March 2	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Joel 2:12-18 and 2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14+17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
THURSDAY March 3	<i>Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i> Deut 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6/Luke 9:22-25
FRIDAY March 4	<i>Saint Casimir</i> Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
SATURDAY March 5	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT March 6	Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15/ Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



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This tragic story was shared with us by Dan S. a Burlington resident who has peripheral neuropathy. And while no one was hurt in this accident, Dan S. had suffered almost everyday of his life with tingling and burning in his feet until numbness set in and he could no longer feel even the brake pedal beneath his foot.

"The first stage is pain," shares Acupuncturist Min Jeon of AWC|Acupuncture & Wellness Clinic. "You feel burning, tingling, sharp pains, or you feel like you're walking on tacks or marbles. This pain eventually subsides and the numbness sets in. Unfortunately, the numbness brings with it a whole other host of problems."

This was the case with Dan. "I said I wasn't going to drive again. What if that had been a pedestrian?"

It is terribly common that peripheral neuropathy and its debilitating symptoms interfere with a person's ability to live their life. Dan was now reliant on his wife to drive him around, even the simple pleasure of cruising down Route 1 or taking her out to dinner was outside his capabilities. And even more common, Dan's general practitioner and several specialists told him there was nothing they could do other than prescribe him pills that would ease the pain of his neuropathy.

That's where Acupuncturist Min and her staff at AWC come in. "About 75% of our current patients come to us suffering from the same condition as Mr. Dan," tells Min Jeon Lic.Ac.

"They're in constant pain from neuropathy and it prevents them from not only living their lives but more importantly, it prevents them from enjoying it. Depending on the severity of their nerve damage, we typically see tremendous progress in 3-4 months of treatment. I like to say we're in the business of making your golden years golden."

"I can't lie," confides Dan.

"I was skeptical at first. The folks down at Mass General told me there was nothing that could be done and then there's a Acupuncturist right here in Burlington tells me she can help. Turns out she was right! About three months after treatment I was able to confidently drive myself to my appointments! My wife and I celebrated by buying ourselves a new car! It's hard to put into words how incredible this is, quite frankly Acupuncturist Min Jeon gave me my life back."

While AWC specializes in acupuncture and it's definitely part of their protocols in treating neuropathy, the real secret is in a more modern medical solution called ATP Resonance BioTherapy™. "This technology was originally developed by NASA to expedite healing and recovery" shares Maureen, a Senior Patient Care Technician at the clinic. "It's like watering a plant. ATP Resonance BioTherapy™ stimulates the blood vessels to grow back around the peripheral nerve and provide them the proper nutrients to heal and repair."

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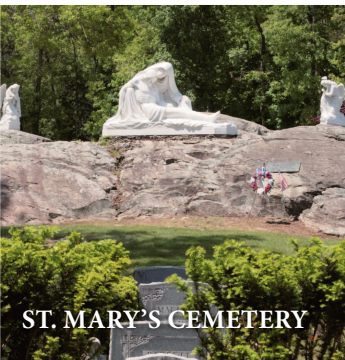
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