

# SACRED HEART & OUR LADY'S COLLABORATIVE

NEWTON, MA

*~ All Are Welcome ~*

5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
of Lent



See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. Isaiah 43:19

*April 3, 2022*

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## From Fr. Dan, Pastor

Dear Friends,

**God is a welcoming God, and we warmly welcome you** to Sacred Heart and Our Lady's. God welcomes anyone and everyone into His family. Jesus always welcomed anyone into His presence. We warmly welcome you!

**Prayer for Ukraine:** "Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen."

**Forgiving:** "In the shadow of my hurt, forgiveness feels like a decision to reward my enemy. But in the shadow of the cross, forgiveness is merely a gift from one undeserving soul to another."

**Palm Sunday is a week away, and Easter two weeks away.** Please spread the word to those who may not be at Mass this week. They will be grateful to not miss out.

**Pope Francis & inestimable value of every human**

**life:** "[E]very human life, unique and unrepeatable, has value in and of itself; it is of inestimable value. It calls us to solidarity and fraternal love for the great human family and for each of its members." We see this in Ukraine. We see this from the beginning of life in the womb and in Moms in need. We see this in the fight to overcome racism and avert climate catastrophe. Let us work to protect every human life!

**"Like when you sit in front of a fire** in winter — you are just there in front of the fire. You don't have to be smart or anything. The fire warms you." — Bishop Desmond Tutu on God's love.

**"Be grateful for what you already have** while you pursue your goals. If you aren't grateful for what you already have, what makes you think you would be happy with more."

**Kindness:** "Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life."

**Sports:** The Red Sox open the season against the Yankees on Thursday. Go Sox! Celts, if they stay healthy, could actually win it all! Bruins also have a chance.

Love & God bless you!

Fr. Dan

## New & Ongoing in Our Community

### Thank You for Your Generosity

The generous people of our collaborative raised more than \$7500 to support our Ukrainian sisters and brothers through our special collection on March 19 & 20. Thank you!

### Remembering Fr. John Sassani

Our former pastor Fr. John Sassani passed away on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019. In the initial months after his death, we began planning for a special Mass of Remembrance and reception on the first anniversary of his passing. Of course, the pandemic forced those plans to be cancelled. Now in April 2022, near the third anniversary of Fr. John's death, we invite the entire collaborative community to join together to honor and remember him.

All are welcome on Sunday, April 24, at the 10:00am Mass at Our Lady's. Following Mass, we will gather in the Lower Hall for fellowship and to unveil a memorial plaque in his honor.

### April 3 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

We are nearing the end of Lent and in our first scripture reading from Isaiah we are asked, "See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Another way of asking this is - what difference has this Lent made in strengthening my relationship with Christ? Can we say with St. Paul that everything is of no worth if Christ can't be found in me? Even if we have done little to grow our faith and love of Christ, our gospel reminds us that Jesus doesn't condemn. Rather, he invites a fresh start. Use the remaining days of Lent into Easter to follow the example set before us in our scripture. Pursue the goal of living a life rooted in Christ Jesus. Then, new life will certainly spring forth from within!

### Help a Neighbor in Need at Easter

As we prepare for our most holy day, we are planning to offer Easter outreach to our neighbors in need once again. As for the last several holidays, we will be providing Stop & Shop cards for families to purchase groceries for a holiday dinner (and, as grocery prices increase, this is even more needed this year!).

Please consider helping us support approximately 90 families in need by donating food cards. Donors are asked to purchase Stop & Shop food cards, depending on how large a family they'd like to support, and to return them to Our Lady's Parish Office. If you are willing to assist, please visit our Sign-Up Genius page at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0948A8AE2CA4FA7-easter1> or email Kate at [kneal@sholnewton.org](mailto:kneal@sholnewton.org) for the link. If you have any questions or need help, please contact Kate by phone at 617-527-7560 x219.

Note: the initial deadline for donors was this past Friday, April 1, but we are glad to receive additional donations through next weekend, April 9 & 10.

We are grateful for your help in making life a bit easier for families as we celebrate our greatest feast at Easter. Thank you for your willingness to share your resources with our neighbors in need! This outreach is being coordinated and provided by the parishes, in conjunction with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### Next Pastoral Council Meeting: April 5

Our next Collaborative Pastoral Council meeting is this Tuesday, April 5. If you would like to submit an agenda item to be considered, please contact by Monday, April 4, either Lija Joseph, representative from Sacred Heart ([lijjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:lijjoseph@gmail.com)), or Monica Pacheco-Tougas, representative from Our Lady's ([moqui12@gmail.com](mailto: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>.

## New & Ongoing in Our Community

### Holy Week and Easter - Tell a Friend, Bring a Friend!

#### At Sacred Heart

Palm Sunday – April 10  
Regular weekend Mass schedule

Holy Thursday – April 14  
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Eucharistic Adoration ending at 9:30pm (*not at 10:30pm as printed in last week's bulletin*)

Good Friday – April 15  
12:00pm Stations of the Cross  
7:30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday – April 16  
7:30pm Solemn Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday – April 17  
9:30am Mass  
11:30am Mass

#### At Our Lady's

Palm Sunday – April 10  
Regular weekend Mass schedule

Holy Thursday – April 14  
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Eucharistic Adoration ending at 10:30pm

Good Friday – April 15  
3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (modified especially for children)  
7:30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday – April 16  
7:30pm Solemn Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday – April 17  
8:00am Mass  
10:00am Mass  
12:00pm Mass (No 6pm Mass on Easter)

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Sacred Heart and Our Lady's are delighted that three people will be joining the Church through RCIA this Easter. At Our Lady's, Isabelle Tracy and Terri Lacy will receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. At Sacred Heart, Sandy Skinner will receive Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.

In order to prepare, Sandy is receiving the Scrutinies on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent at the 11:30am Mass at Sacred Heart. The Scrutinies are opportunities for him to be blessed, to commit to following Christ, and to receive special prayers strengthening him against sin.

Please pray for Isabelle, Sandy, and Terri. Our community is blessed to have them as members; pray for their deepening relationship with Christ!

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



Last month, the Catholic Appeal was taken up 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. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a 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](http://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.

#### Racial Justice Ministry Meeting: Monday, April 11

The SHOL Newton Racial Justice Ministry (RJM) welcomes all who want to join! We are currently following the Faith & Racial Equity curriculum provided by JustFaith Ministries. Our next meeting is Monday, April 11, 7:30-8:30pm on Zoom. <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/5739347100?> Meeting ID: 573 934 7100 Passcode: 0n3wgD  
Please contact Lija at [lijoseph@gmail.com](mailto:lijoseph@gmail.com) with questions.

#### Refugee Update

All good news on the refugee front! As previously mentioned, our collaborative joined with Temple Shalom's Afghan Resettlement Program (TSARP) - partners include Newton Highlands Congregational Church, and more recently The Dover Church and the Islamic Masumeen Center of New England.

In late December, we helped welcome 4 Afghan friends. They are all men and refugees ranging in age from 23 -35. Hamid, Idrees, Nairman and Shams are now living in two apartments in Chestnut Hill (in large part thanks to the generosity of donors like yourself and the landlord who has reduced the rent). All 4 have secured jobs. Three of the jobs are temporary, but hopes are high that they will become permanent. The men are highly motivated to work and keenly focused on sending money home to their families. All come from large extended families; one left behind his wife and two children. In speaking with the men, no family members still living in Afghanistan are working or have any prospect of working. (One man's mother was a doctor but now with the Taliban in control can no longer practice.) The money they send home is literally feeding their extended families. They are well aware of the responsibility they have to support their families and, as such, motivated to work.

One interesting note, the Taliban continue to search their family homes for them and other relatives who were in the prior Afghan government and military. The men are acclimating to life in Boston, learning public transportation, and taking drivers' education. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

#### Mass Pax Christi

The SHOL Collaborative has recently become a chapter of Mass Pax Christi and will be sharing information about its mission and activities as described in their March newsletter <http://paxchristima.org>. For questions or more info, please contact Ann Capoccia at [anncapoccia@verizon.net](mailto:anncapoccia@verizon.net)

#### Marriage Banns

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



## Msgr. Dennis Sheehan Homily Given March 25, 2007 Fifth Sunday of Lent—Liturgical Year C

Home, it's said, is where they have to take you in. Being "homeless" is more than lacking a roof over your head. Being home-less is to be without loved ones, without those who care or are concerned. Being away from home can sometimes be an aching, longing experience. I remember being away from the Boston area for several years in a complex and challenging assignment. The first night back, I went to dinner with several old friends. In the course of the evening a deep sense of satisfaction and contentment caught me up. I was home, and tears welled up from nowhere!

Strange as it may seem, I submit that today's Lenten gospel is a story of "coming home". The woman taken in act of adultery is clearly guilty. Even Jesus does not question that. As a consequence, she finds herself the object of righteous indignation, of scorn and thirst for punishment. She's not only profoundly shamefaced and humiliated. She's facing almost certain death. She's as far from home as human experience in this world will take her. She is totally exposed, isolated, and alone.

She's also a pawn in a power play. As far as we know, in Jesus' time, the biblical penalty of stoning for adultery was merely a memory. In addition, the Roman governor had a long ago deprived the Jewish authority of the right to execute offenders. So what's the point of asking Jesus what he thinks? These connivers want to hoist this Jesus on a petard. If he goes for stoning, he'll lose the common people. In addition, he'll be inciting violence forbidden by Rome. If he stands against the stoning, he's branded as anti-law, as a non-observer, a religious loose cannon.

Is it so different now? It's too easy to say: "How primitive!" and dismiss the whole scene as far distant from ourselves. The accusers in the gospel are operating on a deep-seated conviction. To them, adultery tore at the very fabric of their society. It damaged the most sacred of bonds, that between a husband and wife. So, they conclude, the damage has to be undone. That's best accomplished by getting rid of the offender. With that mindset, they confront Jesus.

It's not so different today. Get rid of the undocumented foreigner. Get rid of the sinner. Chuck them out of the country. Throw them out of the church. It's our home, after all, and they're breaking it up. If we just get rid of them, we'll be home again.

Of course it doesn't work. We know it. Jesus knows it. Soon enough we'll find the other scapegoats, other people to blame, other people to throw out.

Jesus isn't caught up in the Scribes' and Pharisees' enthusiasm to exclude. He moves to what? I say he moves to bring the woman home. They have her accused and themselves righteous. Jesus quietly challenges that assumption. Let the one who is without sin throw the first stone. And he waits....and waits....and waits. Finally, the woman is alone with Jesus. It's true enough to say she's back home.

Jesus doesn't minimize the sin. The woman has indeed undermined the bonds of marriage, and this sin needs healing. But how different is Jesus' remedy. He acts against sin not by heaping on condemnation; he reaches out, draws in and welcomes the sinner home again.

I came across this same theme from a book, of all things, about excellence in American business practice. The authors were looking for practices that distinguished successful businesses. Among other things, they found that companies that don't tolerate failure don't do very well. Good firms encourage risk, venture, new initiatives. Many fail. But the few that succeed make all the difference. Jesus today is not urging you to fail. He's giving the failed woman another chance. That's God's way even when it's not ours.

Have we offended, failed, gone far from home? It might not be adultery. But it might be malice, lies, an uncaring attitude. Jesus is not looking to throw us out. He's at work now gathering us in, bringing us home. Welcome, he says, to the home of forgiven sinners.

That's the home where Jesus lives. Blessed Lent to us all.

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

### Lent in the Collaborative

#### Opportunities for Almsgiving & Charity

- Sock Drive through the Religious Education program. See the red box on page 6 for more info.
- CRS Rice Bowl through the Religious Education program; contact the RE staff to learn more
- Easter dinner outreach to local families in need, hosted by the parish in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul. See page 2 for more.
- Donations to support our sisters and brothers in Ukraine. See page 7 for more info.

#### 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.

## Youth Ministry News

Contact: Youth Minister Jared Blake [jblake@sholnewton.org](mailto:jblake@sholnewton.org) or x126

### Workcamp

We have a few more spots left for our Catholic Heart Workcamp service trip to Delaware this summer (June 26-July 2) for Catholic Heart Workcamp, so if you are interested, please contact Jared.

### Middle School Drop In Center

The drop in center on March 11 was a blast! We played a few games of Basketball and finished strong with some Holy Dodgeball! We will return next month to the MacKenzie Center on Friday, April 8, 6:30-9:30pm. Colin Maneval (Ultimate Frisbee Coach at Newton North) will be joining us for an ultimate frisbee game. We will again play dodgeball during the second half of the night. Make sure to bring your friends from school!

### Green Thumb Ministry

Youth Ministry will begin building the raised beds over the next few weeks in the back of the Our Lady's parking lot. We are excited to grow this ministry from the ground up, but we need your help! If you would like to assist in getting the project running, please contact Jared. We need gardeners as well who can periodically help with pruning, teaching youth gardening essentials, and general maintenance of the space. Thank you!

And another horticultural project, our tulip bulb planting in October, is starting to pay dividends—shoots are popping up!



## Beyond Our Walls

### Catholic TV Lenten Mission This Week

The CatholicTV Network will air a 5-day Lenten Mission from Monday, April 4, through Friday, April 8. The Mission will include Mass at 7pm followed by a talk at 7:30pm. Each night, a speaker from the Archdiocese of Boston will share how they have responded to God's call in their lives and reflect on how every Catholic can make a full response to the Lord. Cardinal Seán will conclude the Mission with the final talk on Friday. Giving the other Mission talks are:

- Fr. Brian O'Hanlon, Parochial Vicar at St. Mary of the Sacred Heart in Lynn
- Fr. Michael Rora, Parochial Vicar at St. Peter and St. Kateri in Plymouth and Our Lady of Lourdes in Carver
- Sr. Julie Benedicta Turner of the Daughters of St. Paul in Jamaica Plain
- Sr. Karla Goncalves of the Cistercian Nuns at Mount Saint Mary's Abbey in Wrentham

The Lenten Mission will air daily at 7pm from Monday, April 4, to Friday, April 8. Tune in on cable, [CatholicTVlive.com](http://CatholicTVlive.com), or on your streaming device. These presentations will also be available on demand on YouTube and at [CatholicTV.com](http://CatholicTV.com).

### Screening of "Segregated by Design"

Congregation Dorshei Tzedek extends a very warm welcome to the screening of the short documentary "Segregated by Design" on Monday, April 11, at 7:00pm. In-person at The Second Church, 60 Highland St, West Newton, and via Zoom. Included is a discussion about how racial segregation affects housing in the Boston area featuring Henry Korman, General Counsel of 2Life Communities that owns and operates affordable housing communities for older adults. For more information, contact Lija Joseph from the SHOL Racial Justice ministry at [lijoseph@gmail.com](mailto:lijoseph@gmail.com)

## Kids' Corner

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

With the Lord  
there is mercy  
and fullness  
of redemption.

### Learn at Mass

If you have struggled with your Lenten goals, it is always a good time to start again with prayer, fasting, and giving.

**Gospel:** Lazarus was very sick, and he died.

Jesus went to visit his tomb and yelled, "Lazarus, come out!" And he did!  
Jesus brought him back to life—it was a miracle!

Note: We are not hearing this Gospel from Year A at Sacred Heart & Our Lady's this year, but we share the Kids' Corner reflection with you still!



# Sacred Heart News

## Easter Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of the flowers that will decorate the altar for Easter, in memory of a deceased relative or friend, please print the names clearly and bring them to the parish office with your donation or place them in the collection basket. All names will be remembered and printed in a booklet to be distributed on Easter Sunday. Donations will be accepted through 12:00pm on Tuesday, April 12. Donations received after this date will be acknowledged at a later date.

## Guild of St. Francis Palm Sunday Bake & Bloom & Books Sale

The Guild will once again sponsor a sale of Bake, Blooms and Books, back again after a two-year Covid hiatus! Join us on Palm Sunday, April 10, following the 9:30 Mass and before the 11:30 Mass in MacKenzie Parish Center!

Come to coffee hour and shop, snack on foods purchased, and chat with friends! As a special feature, we will offer support of Ukrainian refugees with a sale of sunflower pins and magnets. Make your sunflower selections and donate to Ukraine!



## Children's Choir Has Begun Again!

Beginning Sunday, March 20, and for all the Sundays leading up to Easter, the Sacred Heart Children's Choir will rehearse following the 9:30am Mass during Coffee Hour in the MacKenzie Center. The time of the rehearsals will be roughly from 10:45-11:05am, and Erica will ring a bell to invite all the children to join in the rehearsal upstairs in a quieter meeting room. Parents and siblings are always welcome in that room to help us learn our music or to remain in the gym for coffee and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Erica at [ejohnson@sholnewton.org](mailto:ejohnson@sholnewton.org).

## Help Needed with Church Decorations

Are you creative with decorations when entertaining? Do you enjoy seeing the change of seasons inside the church? The Sacred Heart Environment Ministry (Flower Committee) is looking for more help, and we would love to have your involvement! We need extra helpers during Holy Week, but more importantly, we are looking for someone (or a team) to lead this ministry. If you have time to join this ministry in any capacity, please contact Erica at [ejohnson@sholnewton.org](mailto:ejohnson@sholnewton.org).

## Sacred Heart Offertory Update

Below are the YTD offertory, figures from July 1, 2021, through February 28, 2022, at Sacred Heart:

Via Baskets/Envelopes	\$100,260
Via Online Giving	\$64,169
Actual YTD Offertory	<b>\$164,429</b>
YTD Offertory Budget	\$150,000
Budget Variance	<b>+\$14,429</b>

## Religious Education News

**Our Lenten Sock Drive is on!** Benefiting St. Ambrose Family Shelter in Dorchester (Catholic Charities for Homeless Families). Want to help keep families warm and comfortable?

What: Donate brand-new athletic cotton socks (tube, midsize, half calf) in the package or with tags, any size for men, women, and children. *Please no used socks!*

Where:

—At Sacred Heart: in the Upper Church main entrance before/after Sunday or daily Mass OR on the back porch of the rectory during the day

—At Our Lady's: to your Religious Ed class

When: socks will be collected until April 14

We invite the whole parish to participate in this outreach!

We are all getting so excited for First Communion, which will be on Sunday, May 1, at the 9:30am Mass. 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, November 6, at the 9:30am Mass with Bishop Robert Reed (this is a change from October 23).

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

From the Religious Education Team

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## Children's Homily

The Children's Homily continued on March 20! Fr. Dan preached about God's love, how it's shown to us in baptism, how we become siblings of Christ and members of the Church! (Note: the Children's Homily is given monthly during the school year at the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.)



# Our Lady's News

## Offer an Egg for Lent!

Please remember to return your Egg Tree offering this weekend, allowing us to make Easter baskets for our parish homebound and for our neighbors at Genesis II. In the past, we have received multiple thank you notes and expressions of appreciation from our recipients who enjoy not only the goodies, but more importantly the fact you have not forgotten those who used to sit in the pews next to you, but who, now due to infirmities, cannot. Thanks so much for your generosity.

## Honduras Coffee on Sale This Weekend

Coffee from our sister parish in Honduras is on sale this weekend, April 2-3, at the doors of the church after all Masses at Our Lady's. We hope you will enjoy the coffee while supporting the coffee farmers and their families.



## Honduras Lenten Campaign: This Year for Ukraine

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is receiving our Collaborative's Lenten donations for Ukraine. With their partners, the Caritas agencies in Ukraine and

surrounding countries, CRS is working with displaced people in Ukraine and refugees in Poland, Moldova, and Romania. Here is CRS's plea for donations:

### Your help is urgently needed for families from Ukraine.

More than 3 million people are fleeing for their lives to neighboring countries—leaving behind homes, jobs and everything familiar. There is great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who are fleeing to neighboring countries for safety. CRS and Caritas partners on the ground need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs as the situation intensifies. With your gift, families in Ukraine and the surrounding countries receive food, clothing, transport to safe shelter, cash assistance, counseling and care for children...The situation there is rapidly unfolding, and we could not do this work without your support. When you donate, you provide immediate assistance for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers affected by this crisis.

The Honduras Committee at Our Lady's, in partnership with the scholarship committee in San Marcos, has asked that any donations you might have given to the scholarship fund this Lent go instead to support the Ukrainian people. (Since school has not been in session in San Marcos during the pandemic, enough funds from our previous collections are in the account there to offer the scholarships when school reopens.) To donate to the CRS Ukraine needs, please send a check made out to Our Lady's, with "Ukraine" in the memo line, and mail it to Our Lady's, 573 Washington St., Newton, MA 02458. May God bless you for your generosity!

## Religious Education News

It's already April! That means that sacraments are right around the corner! For First Communion, we held our special retreats last weekend (see pictures here) and are excitedly counting down the days until First Communion (Saturday, April 30, at 4pm Mass; Sunday, May 1, at 10am Mass; and Sunday, May 15, at 10am Mass). It's such an exciting time for families and the parish alike!



Confirmation preparation is moving right along as well. Grade 9 students have finished their classes for the year—we are so very grateful to them and to all their group leaders: Beth Busa, Mike Keohane, Rich Martinelli, Greg Pinto, and Dulce Soler. Our 10th graders had their Cape Cod retreat on March 13; it was a great day of reflection, prayer, and fun together. Thank you to all candidates and chaperones! Grade 10 has just two classes left, and we are getting ready for the day of Confirmation (Saturday, May 14) with Very Rev. Brian McHugh.

This month, we also wrap up our webinars for our virtual learners. March's webinar was about the season of Lent and the highlight of the Church Year: the Triduum. These three days—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—are the most important days of the year, when we remember all that Jesus did out of love for us. We invite all Rel. Ed. families to join with us on April 14, 15, and 16, for these beautiful celebrations.

And the season of Lent goes on! Each RE family has a Rice Bowl, in which they can make monetary donations to Catholic Relief Services. We've also provided a Lenten family calendar, with for each day, as well as a Little Purple Book, the children's version of the Little Black Book for Lent with daily activities.

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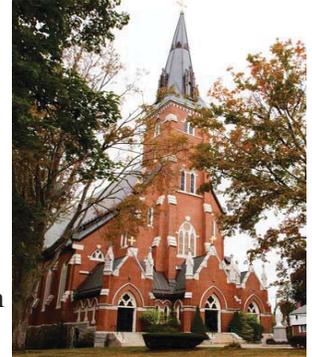
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## Mass Times

### 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 April: Sacred Heart Lower Church

Month of May: Our Lady's Lower Church

## Eucharistic Adoration

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

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# Mass Schedule and Intentions

*Priests' schedule is subject to change*

## Saturday, April 2

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

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

Barbara DeRubeis  
Michael DeForge  
Robert Langley  
John & Mary Bradley—12th Anniversary  
Harold & Helen Curtis

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

Jean F. Streitmayer

## Sunday, April 3—Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

For All Parishioners

9:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Piotr Stanowski, S.J.)

Jane Murphy

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

Gail V. Meskimen  
Joseph David Arpino

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

For All Parishioners

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

For All Parishioners

## Monday, April 4

9:00am - Sacred Heart - Donna Morrison

## Tuesday, April 5

7:00am - Our Lady's - Mary C. Kelly

James A. McLaughlin

## Wednesday, April 6

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

## Thursday, April 7

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

## Friday, April 8

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

## Saturday, April 9

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

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

Louis Marino  
Susan Donnelly—1st Anniversary  
Antonio & Cesdia Cellucci

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

Feiga H. Connors—1st Anniversary

## Sunday, April 10—Palm Sunday

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

The Roberto Family

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

For All Parishioners

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

Marcello Stisi  
Daniel & Catherine Cleary  
Peg Laroche—7th Anniversary  
Emma Colantonio - 1st Anniversary  
Rocco & Bianca Venditti

11:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Dan Riley)

For All Parishioners

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

Joseph Proia, Jr.

### Note on Masks for Confession

For health reasons, masks will continue to be required during Confession for the time being.

Thank you!

### SCRIPTURE READINGS 2022

<b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> April 3	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6/Phil 3:8-14/ Jn 8:1-11
<b>MONDAY</b> April 4	<i>Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11 or Jn 8:12-20
<b>TUESDAY</b> April 5	<i>Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest</i> Num 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/John 8:21-30
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> April 6	Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/Dn 3:52,53,54,55,56/Jn 8:31-42
<b>THURSDAY</b> April 7	<i>Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest</i> Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
<b>FRIDAY</b> April 8	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
<b>SATURDAY</b> April 9	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> April 10	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,19-20,23-24/ Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14 – 23:56 or 23:1-49



*In your prayers, please remember*

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Fibromyalgia affects the entire body. To make things complicated it affects everyone's body a little differently. To make things even more complicated, those effects can change on a daily basis. Sometimes you're plagued with widespread muscle pain and fatigue, and other days it's a headache and heightened sensitivity to touch.

**"I could barely stand to have the light weight of bedsheets touching me, much less a hug from my husband." explains Elyse.**

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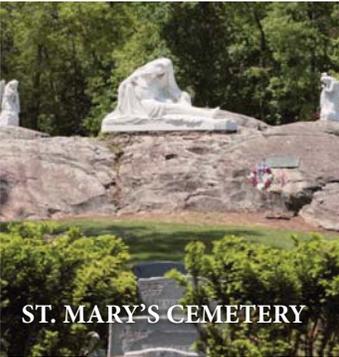
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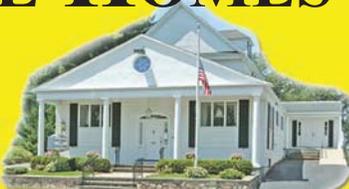
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