

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY'S COLLABORATIVE  
NEWTON, MA

*~ All Are Welcome ~*



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A voice of one crying out in the desert,  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Matthew 3:3

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*December 7, 2025*

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## From Fr. Dan, Pastor

Dear Friends,

**Advent is ongoing and Christmas is coming!** Please mention this to all and invite them to Mass.

**"I believe forgiveness** is the best form of love in any relationship. It takes a strong person to say they're sorry and an even stronger person to forgive."

**"Love is patient, love is kind.** It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." – 1 Corinthians 13

**"Hope is the enduring sense, even in the midst of troubles,** that it is all going to turn out all right, that God's loving word is going to have the final say. (Not to be confused with wishful thinking whereby we try to convince ourselves that everything is going to turn out the way we wish it.) Hope is the cornerstone of inner peace. Christian hope is simply a matter of taking Jesus at his word, in trusting that he lives up to his word and keeps his promises. Not a sparrow falls without the Father's consent. Not a tear is shed unheeded by

God. God is that father avidly scanning the horizon for signs of the return home of his wandering son. God is the shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine sheep who are safe to seek out the lost and endangered lamb. God is . . . God is . . . God is love. Christian hope is based on who God enduringly, unchangeably is. Jesus didn't promise that our path would always be smooth, but he did promise to walk beside us to the end of the road. We need never be alone or abandoned." – Fr. Leo P. Rock

**"Jesus loves you beyond worthiness** and unworthiness. He loves you when your intellect denies it and, your emotions refuse it. Jesus loves you without condition or reservation and he loves you this moment as you are."

**"The root of joy is gratefulness."** Also: "We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures."

**"Do things for people** not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are." – Harold S. Kushner

**Sports:** Pats 24 – Bills 21, next Sunday.

Happy Advent, Love, & God Bless You!

Fr. Dan (written 11/30/25)

## New & Ongoing in Our Community

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Monday, December 8**

Masses for the Holy Day are as follows:

7:00am - Our Lady's 9:00am - Sacred Heart  
12:00pm - Our Lady's 7:00pm - Sacred Heart

Note that both parish offices will be closed for the holy day, reopening on Tuesday morning. Religious Education at Our Lady's WILL be held on Monday as scheduled.

### December 7: Second Sunday of Advent

Hope is a prominent theme in the readings this weekend. Isaiah presents a hope-filled picture of the Kingdom that Christ came to establish, and St. Paul reminds us that the scriptures we hear give us reason to be hopeful. "Whatever was previously written...was for our instruction...that by endurance and encouragement, we might have hope." As we come to the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope and prepare for Christ's coming, we may want to carve out a few minutes each day to re-read these readings, to be attentive to the encouragement and hope God is holding out to us. Is there someone in your life with whom you can extend that hope? Be sure to take time this Advent to prepare for God's in-breaking, in the here and now, as you await Christ's final coming.

### Prayer for the Second Week of Advent

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Please help yourself to an Advent reflection book, located at the doors of the churches, and visit <https://sholnewton.org/advent> to see opportunities for Advent prayer, reflection, and giving.

### Ongoing Support & Social Groups

**Pray & Play** (a group for our littlest parishioners and their caretakers) meets every Wednesday morning (that Newton Public School is in session) from 10-11 am. We meet in Our Lady's Lower Hall for indoor play on cold and rainy days, and we play outside on the swing set behind Our Lady's Church on warm days. Contact Maria at [mrosen@sholnewton.org](mailto:mrosen@sholnewton.org)

**Single Parents' Support Group** meets once a month on a Tuesday evening, alternating in-person and Zoom. This is a flexible group that responds to the needs of those in attendance. Children are welcome! Contact Maria at [mrosen@sholnewton.org](mailto:mrosen@sholnewton.org)

**Caregiver Support Group** meets bi-weekly on Thursdays at 1pm at Our Lady's. It is based on faith and friendship as we navigate the joys and struggles we encounter in caring for our loved ones. We journey together and learn from each other with the Holy Spirit as our guide. Contact Ginny at [garpino@sholnewton.org](mailto:garpino@sholnewton.org) or 617-969-2248 ext. 221.

### Congratulations to Fr. Michael and Huge Thanks!

Having finished his studies at BC this fall semester, Fr. Michael Mohr, S.J., will be moving on to his next assignment with the Jesuits. Fr. Michael has been A+, superb! We will miss him so

very much and at the same time we rejoice in his success. –Fr. Dan



His last Mass at Sacred Heart will be Sunday, December 7, when he'll celebrate the 9:30am Mass and then join us at the Advent Party. His last Mass at Our Lady's will be Sunday, December 14, when he will celebrate the 10am Mass and then join coffee hour.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

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

### Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24

4:00pm at Our Lady's	4:00pm at Sacred Heart
6:00pm at Our Lady's	8:00pm at Sacred Heart
11:00pm at Our Lady's	

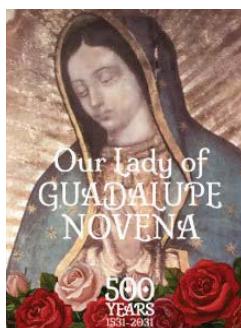
### Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25

10:00am at Our Lady's	10:00am at Sacred Heart
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## Christmas Flower Donations

Christmas Flower Donations will be accepted until Monday, December 22, at the Parish Offices. Please print clearly the names of those you would like to be remembered. Names will be printed in a special booklet that will be available at the doors of each church. Thank you.

## Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe



Please join SHOL PAX Christi Newton through December 9 for the Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, nightly at 7pm on Zoom. Evangelize Boston ([evangelizeboston.com](http://evangelizeboston.com)) and the Secretariat for Evangelization and Discipleship has organized this novena as an in-person event, and we will use those materials to pray together online.

Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/OLGNovena>  
Meeting ID: 899 6720 4493, Passcode: 943046. Contact: Sioux Mont at

[smont@sholnewton.org](mailto:smont@sholnewton.org)

## Young Adults: Theology on Tap

Our usual Faith Fellowship, but this time in a bar! The SHOL Young Adults Ministry in collaboration with the St. Columbkille Young Adults Commission launch Theology on Tap – learning the truths of our faith in a more casual venue. Fr. Bart Geger, S.J., will talk on “Angels and Demons” at Corrib Pub in Brighton on Friday, December 12, 7:30-9pm. Socials start at 6:30pm. Appetizers will be served. For further details, scan the QR code or email Leslee at [lambrosio@sholnewton.org](mailto:lambrosio@sholnewton.org). We can’t wait to meet you!



## We Need You! Christmas Food Outreach

At Christmastime, families in need will receive grocery store gift cards to enable them to purchase food for their own preferred holiday dinner—as many of us know, some like ham at Christmas, some prefer turkey, and still more have fish!

If you would like to participate in this Collaborative-wide effort, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0948A8AE2CA4FA7-53589108-christmas> or scan the QR code here.



If you have trouble with the link or have any questions at all, please contact Kristina ([kpreman@sholnewton.org](mailto:kpreman@sholnewton.org), 617-527-7560 ext. 216) to sign up.

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

Please join us for a

BOSTON CURSILLO

Advent Music

CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 7

2:00

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

Free and open to all

*“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone.”*



## Cheverus Awards for Chris Graf & Kathie Long

On Sunday, November 23, in an afternoon prayer service at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Chris Graf and Kathie Long received the Cheverus Award from Archbishop Richard Henning. Joined by their families and a large group of friends from the collaborative, Kathie and Chris were recognized for having “served the parish well over an extended period of time and who [have] done so in a quiet, unassuming and, perhaps, unrecognized fashion.” We are deeply grateful to Chris and Kathie for their outstanding service to our community and to the whole Church.

Please join Fr. Dan and the Staff in congratulating and thanking Kathie and Chris!





**Fr. John Sassani**  
**Homily Given on December 9, 2007**  
**Second Sunday of Advent—Liturgical Year A**

At one point in my life, I took a vacation to the Grand Tetons in Wyoming. I was astounded by the natural beauty and by the amazingly abundant wildlife – elk, bears, moose, wolves, buffalo, eagles, and fish. We saw all sorts of hazard signs, warning us to their presence, but had no problems. On our last day, we went rafting on the Snake River – this was a scenic ride, not white-water! – and we were placidly floating along. All of a sudden, an eagle came out of nowhere and grabbed a trout from the river. That fish went from wildlife to dinner in one fell swoop.

The eagle acted on its instinct – and the Prophet Isaiah noticed the predator-prey relationship in our world. He noticed this instinct but still looked forward to the day when eagles and trout will be friends, along with the wolves and the sheep, and with all other unnatural friendship pairs.

John the Baptist was familiar with the wilderness too – in both the desert and city versions. In the desert, he saw animals' instincts that were threatening and overwhelming. He saw the same in the city of Jerusalem; as long as John proclaimed the hard truths, he provoked the instinctive wrath of King Herod. In both places, the

Word of the Lord encouraged John and made him steadfast. And in turn, he called people to conversion.

His message stripped away all the pretense and made manifest the disordered instincts of his listeners. But, more importantly, he promised a savior who would make manifest the thoughtful, heartfelt, steadfast love of God and remake us as people who are thoughtful, heartfelt, and loving – like God.

Therefore, let us ask ourselves – what instincts in us run contrary to the Kingdom? Too busy to pray? Inattentive to the Sacred Scriptures? Holding grudges that facilitate hatred? Self-centeredness in any of its forms?

Advent calls us to the desert – to the wilderness where we can see the instincts that run contrary to the Gospel. We discover in the wilderness that we can't save ourselves from our basic instincts, but that Christ will help us live in harmony with God and with neighbor.

Christ in the desert may be calling us today – not to the first Baptism with water but to the second baptism – Penance – so that we can turn down the instincts and turn up the virtues in our lives, so that we can contribute to the coming of Kingdom.



**Collaborative Photo Album**

Follow along on Instagram @sholnewton Scan the QR code at left to get started!



At left, top and bottom: before and after, as so many generous donors brought groceries for Thanksgiving dinner outreach on November 25

Center: the staff said a formal farewell to Fr. Michael Mohr with a recent lunch, where he was gifted with a "The Lake" sweatshirt, to remember his time with us, specifically all the help (and Italian language skills!) he brought to the Festa

Right: our Young Adult Ministry recently had a social evening to Puttshack in Natick for minigolf and dinner

## Beyond Our Walls

### Re-imagining Christmas from the Creation Care Ministry

Our Creation Care Ministry invites us all to consider ways that we can transform our celebration of Christ's birth to "return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things" (*Laudato Si' 222*). We are mindful that "a constant flow of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment" (*Laudato Si' 222*).

Please consider visiting the following websites for resources on a simpler Advent and Christmas season.

<https://tinyurl.com/advent-simplicity>  
<https://adventconspiracy.org/>

### YOU ARE NOT ALONE - Initiative from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Catholic Church is here to accompany immigrants and their families in need. "You have in your hands a very great task, to accompany those who need a sign that God never abandons anyone—not the smallest, not the poorest, not the foreigner, not anyone." – Pope Leo XIV

Our Catholic faith teaches that every person is made in the image of God and deserves respect, dignity, and care. While people have the right to build a future in their homeland, they also have the right to migrate when life at home becomes unsafe or unsustainable. In response to the growing fear and instability caused by increased immigration enforcement and the threat of mass deportations, the Catholic Church has launched the You Are Not Alone initiative to assure migrants and their families that the Church stands with them, offering pastoral support and accompaniment during this difficult time.

The actions – which focus on emergency and family support,

## Kids' Corner

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

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

### Learn at Mass



Find the Advent wreath in your church. Which candles are lit today? Color the wreath and candles.

**Gospel:** John the Baptist baptized people so they would be ready to see God. He said, "Prepare the Way of the Lord."



solidarity through public prayer and witness, and accompaniment and pastoral care – provide practical ways for local organizations and individuals to show solidarity with migrant families. They include guidance, activities, and resources to help communities respond with compassion and support in this time of uncertainty.

If you have questions or suggestions about this initiative, please email [notalone@usccb.org](mailto:notalone@usccb.org)

### Emergency Appeal—Local Food Pantries

Over one million citizens of Massachusetts rely on SNAP benefits to put food on the table; 32% of them are children, 31% are disabled, and 26% are seniors. Access to healthy and nutritious foods should never be a privilege. It is a basic human right and one that our most vulnerable neighbors should not have to struggle to secure. Monetary donations are by far the most effective way to help right now. If you are able, consider making a tax-deductible donation today to a local food pantry. Your gift enables them to buy exactly what is most needed by clients and in quantities that will keep pace with the growing demand.

<https://newtonfoodpantry.org/>  
<https://www.centrestrustfoodpantry.org/>

For those who need food assistance, visit the websites above or <https://www.gfbf.org/need-food/> for a list of local resources.

### FIAT for Discerning Women

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

## Religious Education News

2025-2026 Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Religious Education



**WELCOME!** Please visit <https://sholnewton.org/religious-education> to learn about all our session and class options, or contact a member of the RE staff, listed below. The registration form is online at <https://forms.office.com/r/M6ZBLz1ew5> or scan the QR code here (this is one common form for all grades and both parishes).

**Confirmation Age Change:** Please visit <https://sholnewton.org/confirmation-age-change> to learn about how we are transitioning to Grade 8 Confirmation.

**November Overview:** In Grades K-1 and 3-7, our students use the Pflaum Gospel Weekly program to meet Jesus in the Gospel and to learn about the beauty of our Catholic faith. What we hear in Mass on Sundays we then learn about in class on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays! Every student, no matter the grade, hears the same Gospel. That means, in the last few weeks, we've heard Jesus tell the story of Lazarus and the rich man, share about faith the size of a mustard seed, and the healing of the ten lepers. It is truly a gift to learn from Jesus each week in class!

**First Penance** will be celebrated this weekend. What a beautiful celebration of God's mercy and love! Thank you for keeping them in your prayers during this exciting year.

**Confirmation classes:** our Confirmation candidates in Grades 8 and up are using the Pflaum program "Gifted with the Spirit" as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring. This program presents the beauty of our Catholic faith while giving students time for conversation and reflection about their own personal relationship with Jesus.



Some of our Confirmation Candidates enjoyed their retreat to Cape Cod in mid-November. It was a beautifully sunny day full of prayer, reflection, friendship, and fun!

Thank you for keeping our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament, to be celebrated in May 2026.

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There was a very intense Catholic trivia game in our Monday Grade 5 class recently. It ended in a tie, so that means there's a rematch in the future!

## Youth Ministry for Middle and High School Students

Contact Jared Blake, Youth Minister—[jblake@sholnewton.org](mailto:jblake@sholnewton.org), ext. 126

**Workcamp Info!** We'll be traveling to Cumberland, MD, to serve in July 2026. There was a Workcamp informational meeting last week, but it's not too late to sign up! Workcamp is open to those *currently* in Grade 7 and older. Please contact Jared to learn about this great experience!

ments. Contact Jared to find out more or to sign up. You can also scan the QR code at left.

**Teen Youth Group:** Youth Group for Grades 8-12 meets on Friday nights 6:00-

7:00pm; mark your cal-

endars! **We meet next**

**on December 19.** We

meet in the McPherson

Room, on the lower lev-

el of Our Lady's Church

(at the bottom of the

stairs on the parking lot

side entrance). Please

join us for food, activi-

ties, and friends in

Christ! Hope to see you there!



**Middle School Life Teen Edge Nights!** After starting Wednesday night events last year for those in Grades 5-8, we are so excited to be back in action this school year. Our next gathering is Wednesday, December 17, 7-8pm in the Lower Halls at Our Lady's.

We do need volunteers (high schoolers and adults) to help with this program. Please contact Jared to inquire about assisting in whatever capacity you feel comfortable. Middle school parents are especially encouraged to participate here!



**Cor Unum Meal Center:** Join us to serve those in need at Cor Unum Center in Lawrence on the third Saturday of each month. No experience necessary, and students will receive three hours of community service credit for Confirmation and/or school require-



# Sacred Heart News

## Advent Gift Drive Ends and the Party Begins!

We are collecting all gifts and gift cards at the MacKenzie Center this Sunday, December 7, after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses, and we hope you can join us for some refreshments, conversation, crafts for the kids, and perhaps even a visit from Santa! Thank you all for your wonderful and generous hearts in caring for our neighbors in need!

If you cannot attend the Advent party, please drop off your unwrapped gift with attached card at the Parish Office by Tuesday, December 9, during normal business hours.

See you at the party!

—Marty and Michelle Solomon, Gift Drive Coordinators

## Assembling the Creche on the Altar

This year at Sacred Heart, we will continue to assemble the creche on the altar in a special way during the 9:30am Mass! With help from the different ministries and religious education students, each week during the gift procession, in addition to offering the bread and wine, we will add a new element to the creche, finally culminating in Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve. This is a modification of a common Filipino tradition during the Advent Season. For more information, please get in touch with Leslee at [lambrosio@sholnewton.org](mailto:lambrosio@sholnewton.org).

## Kids Club in December

Thank you for your generous donations of jelly and jam last month. This month, we are collecting macaroni and cheese, any variety except spicy. This is a staple of the hundreds of Kids Club bags that are distributed each month. Please leave your donations in the containers in the upper church foyer, the lower elevator lobby, and the Religious Ed area by the statue. Thank you!

## Recognition for Charlene Roberts-Hayden

The Black Catholic community recently gathered for the annual Healy Award Dinner. Among many honorees, Sacred Heart parishioner Charlene Roberts-Hayden was honored posthumously for her contributions to the Black Catholic community and to the field of computer programming. Charlene passed away in May; may she rest in peace.

To read the full write-up of this year's Healy Awards, visit <https://www.thebostonpilot.com/article.php?ID=201319>

## Coffee Hour—We Need You!



We need lots of helpers to keep coffee hour, on Sundays following the 9:30am Mass, the great success it has been—we ask you to please consider serving once or twice (or more!) during the year.

Please scan the QR code or contact Ginny to learn more and sign up!

# Our Lady's News

## Giving Tree—Remember to Return Your Gifts!

Please remember that all Giving Tree gifts need to be returned to church this weekend, December 6 & 7, to ensure that all distributions can be made in a timely manner. Thank you for your generosity and caring for those in need this holiday season!

If you'd like to get involved in the Christian Service Committee, contact Mike Keohane at [mike.keohane@gmail.com](mailto:mike.keohane@gmail.com)

## Bambinelli Sunday—December 14

On the Third Sunday of Advent, December 14, at the 10:00am Mass, we invite parishioners young and old to bring the Christchild figurine from their home nativity set to be blessed during Mass. This practice of blessing the Christchild (the "Bambinello") was initiated by St. Pope John Paul II many years ago and remains an annual tradition in parishes around the world, including at St. Peter's Square in Rome. Filled with the joy of the Third Week of Advent, allow this blessing to bring peace, sanctity, and joyful anticipation into your home and into your prayer before Christmas.

(Note: at all other Masses, you are welcome to bring your figurine to be blessed by the priest after Mass—please just ask the priest on your way out!)

## December Freedge Collection

In December, we are collecting cereal, **both hot and cold**, for the Newton Food Pantry Freedge. Donations can be dropped in the bin by the St. Patrick statue in the church (this is on the parking lot side of the church building, under the stairs that go up to the main church). Thank you for your ongoing generosity, especially for all the pasta and sauce in November!

## Honduras Coffee for Christmas Gifts!

Coffee produced by farmers of our sister parish in Honduras is on sale this weekend after all Masses at Our Lady's. This richly-flavored, shade- and mountain-grown coffee is certified organic and fair trade. It has many fans! The coffee makes wonderful Christmas gifts for others (or yourself!). It's a bargain at \$13 per pound!

**Note:** There is no coffee sale in January, so our next sale after December will be February 7-8.



## Thank You to the Scouts!

Thank you to the Scouts of Troop 355, as well as their leaders and parents, who assembled the wooden creche and placed all the figures (except for the Christchild, of course) outside Our Lady's on a bright and sunny November 29 morning. We are very grateful!



## Grand Annual Collection Update As of December 3, we have raised **\$96,670!** Our goal is **\$165,000. Thank you!**

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 so grateful!

# Our Collaborative



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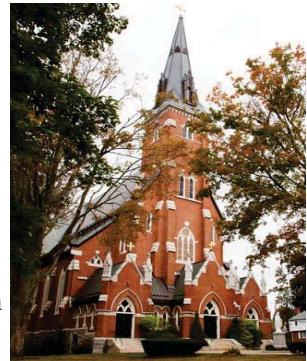
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## Mass Times

### Saturday Vigil

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

### Sunday

8:00am Our Lady's  
9:30am Sacred Heart (livestreamed  
at [sholnewton.org](http://sholnewton.org))  
10:00am Our Lady's  
11:30am Sacred Heart  
6:00pm Our Lady's

### Weekdays except for Legal Holidays

Mon & Tue: 7:00am Our Lady's  
Fri & Sat: 9:00am Sacred Heart

### Holy Days of Obligation

7:00am Our Lady's  
9:00am Sacred Heart  
12:00pm Our Lady's  
7:00pm Sacred Heart

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 2:45-3:30pm

Month of December: Sacred Heart  
Lower Church

Month of January: Our Lady's  
Lower Church  
*and alternating months*

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**Fr. Isaac Demase, S.J.**

**Fr. John Geaney, C.S.P.**

**Fr. Bart Geger, S.J.**

**Fr. Michael Mohr, S.J.**

**Fr. Frank Silva**

**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.

**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.

**Sacraments of Initiation:** For adults interested in Baptism, Confirmation, or joining the Catholic Church, please contact Ginny Arpino; for high school Confirmation 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 in group celebrations 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. Contact Maria Rosen to learn more.

**Are You in Need?** If you need assistance with housing, clothing or food, please contact our Saint Vincent de Paul Conference, at [svdp@sholnewton.org](mailto:svdp@sholnewton.org) or 617-527-7560 ext. 255. All calls are confidential.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

*Priests' schedule is subject to change*

### Saturday, December 6

9:00am - Sacred Heart - For All Parishioners

4:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Frank Silva)

Barbara & Pompeo DeRubeis, Sr.

4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Isaac Demase, S.J.)

Albert & M. Elizabeth Genetti

### Sunday, December 7—Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Kevin Deeley)

For All Parishioners

9:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Michael Mohr, S.J.)

For All Parishioners

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

John Venditti, Carolina & Francesco Casinelli

Jeffrey Cossaboom

Pasquale & Carmela Antonellis

11:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Bart Geger, S.J.)

Caitlin Clarke

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

Cristian Carlo Cordova—1-Month Anniversary

### Monday, December 8—Immaculate Conception

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

9:00am - Sacred Heart - For All Parishioners

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

7:00pm - Sacred Heart - For All Parishioners

### Tuesday, December 9

7:00am - Our Lady's - For Peace in the World

### Wednesday, December 10

No Daily Mass on Wednesdays

### Thursday, December 11

No Daily Mass on Thursdays

### Friday, December 12

9:00am - Sacred Heart - For the Poor of the Parishes

#### Christmas Eve Confessions

Confessions will be heard on Christmas Eve (Wednesday, December 24), 11:30am-12:00pm at Our Lady's. Regular Saturday afternoon confessions continue as well, 2:45-3:30pm, at Sacred Heart for the month of December.

*In your prayers, please remember*

*Silvio Vespa*

*and all who have died.*



*May they experience the new life  
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### Saturday, December 13

9:00am - Sacred Heart - For All Parishioners

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

Antonio & Amalia Barreto

Carole & John "Babe" Mulcahy

Jon Cierrri

Phyllis & Nicholas Bontempo

4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. John Geaney, C.S.P.)

For All Parishioners

### Sunday, December 14—Third Sunday of Advent

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

Maria Farina

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

For All Parishioners

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

Francesca Cedrone

11:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Kevin Deeley)

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

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SUNDAY	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt Dec 7 3:1-12
MONDAY	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Dec 8 Lk 1:26-38
TUESDAY	Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3+10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14Dec 9
WEDNESDAY	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30Dec 10
THURSDAY	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1+9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15Dec 11
FRIDAY	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Judith 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47Dec 12
SATURDAY	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt Dec 13 17:9a, 10-13
SUNDAY	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10./Jas 5:7-10/Mt Dec 14 11:2-11

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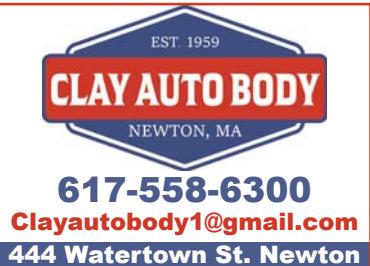


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