

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY'S COLLABORATIVE
NEWTON, MA

~ All Are Welcome ~

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. Matthew 2:2



January 4, 2026

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From Fr. Dan, Pastor

Dear Friends,

Warm Welcome to you and all. We are so glad you came.

Happy New Year! May you and your loved ones be blessed with health, happiness, and holiness.

Happy Epiphany! May you and your loved ones share the joy of the wisemen and all of us who worship, love, and follow Jesus!

The Epiphany marks the three wise men's visit to Jesus and commemorates when Jesus was revealed or shown to the whole world as God's son – as the Savior of all humanity!

"Peace on Earth," especially in the war torn areas of the world.

Thank you for your condolences on my Mom's passing. My Mom went home to God on Friday, December 19. She was 92 years old and on hospice. She passed peacefully. The funeral Mass was December 23. With confidence in God's tender mercy, I trust Mom is incredibly happy in Heaven.

Pope Francis to U.S. Congress on Immigration: "We, the people of this continent, are not fearful of foreigners, because most of us were once foreigners. Our world is facing

a refugee crisis of a magnitude not seen since the Second World War. This presents us with great challenges and many hard decisions. On this continent, too, thousands of persons are led to travel north in search of a better life for themselves and for their loved ones, in search of greater opportunities. Is this not what we want for our own children? We must not be taken aback by their numbers, but rather view them as persons, seeing their faces and listening to their stories, trying to respond as best we can to their situation. To respond in a way which is always humane, just and fraternal. We need to avoid a common temptation nowadays: to discard whatever proves troublesome. Let us remember the Golden Rule: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you' (*Mt* 7:12). This Rule points us in a clear direction. Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us. The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development."

Sports: I predict Pats 28 – Dolphins 27.

Love & Happy New Year!
Fr. Dan (written 12/21/25)

New & Ongoing in Our Community

January 4: Epiphany of the Lord

Our gospel presents the familiar story of the Magi and their determination to find "the newborn king." Having followed the star, they came to the place where "they saw the child with Mary his mother... and did him homage." As you listen attentively or re-read the passage again on your own, what catches your attention in the story? Perhaps it is the Magi's perseverance in their pursuit, or it is the faith they show upon finding the child. How willing are you to go out of your way to find Christ? Where in your own life might you look for Christ, or been surprised to have found him? On this feast, take a lesson from the Magi: don't let obstacles stand in the way of your search.

Confirmation Preparation for Adults

If you have been baptized and received your First Communion but never received Confirmation, please consider preparing! Perhaps you've been asked to be a godparent to someone in Baptism or a sponsor in Confirmation? Get in touch with Ginny Arpino at garpino@sholnewton.org or 617-969-2248 ext. 111 for an opportunity to share your interest and ask whatever questions you have. Confirmation for adults is usually celebrated sometime in the spring, and preparation will be completed by then. Please also share this message with any loved ones who might be interested!

Welcome Back Baptism Blessing: Sunday, January 11

We are overjoyed to welcome those who were baptized in the collaborative in 2025 for a special blessing at the 10am Mass at Our Lady's on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 11. A festive coffee hour will follow – please bring a homemade treat to share with our community if you are able. All are welcome to celebrate these newest members of our faith.

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

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

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 or 617-969-2248 ext. 221.

Want to Know What's Going on in the Collaborative?

Sign up for "The Flocknote" to receive an email every Friday, summarizing the most important things happening in our Collaborative. To sign up, follow the link on the QR code to the left. If you're already on Flocknote, take a moment to check that your email is up to date. If you signed up but don't seem to be receiving the Flocknote anymore, email Sioux Mont at smont@sholnewton.org.



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

Holiday Outreach Thanks

The staff is, once again, overwhelmed by the generosity of this community. Between our two parishes, we provided Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for approximately 85 local families, Christmas presents for nearly 200 children, and so much more in the form of monetary donations and gift cards for charities like Julie's Family Learning Center and African Global Village.

And this is just what you have done through the parishes; we know there is so much Christian charity in action through homes, schools, workplaces, etc. Such a blessing to so many!

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Come, let us worship Christ the Lord! Starting Friday, January 9, (and every First Friday of the month thereafter), at 6-7 pm, we will start Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Lower Church. This is spearheaded by the Youth Group and the Young Adults Ministry but open to all ages in the Collaborative. Silent reflection, meditation, and soulful songs will fill the sacred space for an hour. For further information, please contact Jared at jblake@sholnewton.org or Leslee at lambrosio@sholnewton.org. We can't wait to worship with you!

Young Adults January Faith Fellowship

If you are a young adult (age 20-39) seeking a welcoming Christian community and desiring to nourish your relationship with God, join us in our Faith Fellowship in January, Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Office. Below is our schedule:
January 8: "Prayer in Our Daily Lives" Speaker: Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ, Asst. President of the Sisters of St. Joseph Boston.
January 22: Lectio Divina and Bible study of the Gospel for the Third Sunday of the Ordinary Time.

For further details, kindly email Leslee at lambrosio@sholnewton.org. It will surely be a meaningful night of fellowship and faith sharing. We can't wait to meet you!

Ministry of Care—Can You Serve?

Across the collaborative, we are grateful for the many ministers who offer outreach to our homebound community. It is so important that we ensure those in our community who are unable to attend Mass are not forgotten! This ministry takes on many forms...we are currently in need of volunteers to bring Communion to folks at home or perhaps in a facilitated living situation. Homebound ministry ensures that lifelong communicants are kept close to the Eucharist during a time in their lives when so much may be changing. This is a ministry that works with your schedule! If you have questions or would like to know more, please contact Ginny at garpino@sholnewton.org. Thank you for considering!

Men's Group: Welcoming New Members

This group of men comes together to explore ways of finding and making the Lord more present in their lives. They share their Catholic faith and their struggles, and they discuss matters of faith focused on developing and strengthening their spirituality as Christian men. A confidential and supportive environment is fostered. Coming together is supportive, as there are areas in our lives where each would like to be more Christlike and ponder what that would look like. Readings, reflections and sharing of life's experiences make up the meeting format. Each meeting has a topic for reflection and discussion format. The Men's Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in Our Lady's Parish Office at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in checking out the group or getting more information, please contact David Poles at 617-981-1186. New members are welcome!

Apostolic Exhortation of the Holy Father Leo XIV to all Christians *Dilexi Te - On Love for the Poor*

Accompanying migrants

73. "The experience of migration accompanies the history of the People of God. Abraham sets out without knowing where he is going; Moses leads the pilgrim people through the desert; Mary and Joseph flee with the child Jesus to Egypt. Christ himself, who 'came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him' (Jn 1:11), lived among us as a stranger. For this reason, the Church has always recognized in migrants a living presence of the Lord who, on the day of judgment, will say to those on his right 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me' (Mt 25:35).

"The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking. Where the world sees threats, she sees children; where walls are built, she builds bridges. She knows that her proclamation of the Gospel is credible only when it is translated into gestures of closeness and welcome. And she knows that in every rejected migrant, it is Christ himself who knocks on the door of the community."

St. Vincent de Paul Appeal: Help Support the Community

"For want of a nail, the shoe was lost. For want of a shoe, the horse was lost..." Many of us know this old English proverb, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is all too familiar with its real-life examples. SVDP recently helped a Neighbor who suddenly faced necessary car repairs. Without a car she couldn't get to work, and without work she couldn't afford rent. Our rental assistance afforded her the ability to pay for the car repairs so she could resume work and support her family.

This past year we provided nearly \$50,000 in food, clothing, and housing-related assistance to Neighbors in your community. We need your help to continue our work. If you are able to make a donation, please send a check, made out to Saint Vincent de Paul Society, to the Our Lady's parish office or scan the QR code to use PayPal. Your generosity will have a positive, direct, and immediate impact on the lives of Neighbors in your community. More information on SVDP can be found at www.sholnewton.org/SVDP. Thank you for your support!



Welcome to Walking With Purpose in Our Collaborative!

New women's Bible study session running January 5-March 16.

Beholding Your King Bible Study: We will study King David, select psalms, the temple, and many Old Testament prophets and see the ways in which they all point to the coming King of Kings, Jesus Christ. This Bible study is the second in a two-part series and is ideally completed after Beholding His Glory.

We are women of all ages and all phases of womanhood. Walking with Purpose is a Bible study that brings women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study enhanced by small group discussion. Insights gained through Walking with Purpose help us to apply the teachings of Christ and the Roman Catholic Church to the challenges, struggles and triumphs of everyday life. No Bible study experience necessary!

We meet on Mondays from 6:30-8:00pm in the McPherson Room at Our Lady's.

Questions? Contact Sandra: sandralynnfarnandes21@gmail.com



Collaborative Photo Album—2025 Highlights!

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



January: Baptism



February: Chili Cookoff



March: St. Patrick's Day at SH (left) and OL (right)



March: Fish Fry



April: Easter Vigil at SH (left and OL (right)



April: Easter Sunday at OL (left) and SH (right)



May: First Communion at OL (left) & SH (right)



May: Confirmation



May: Wedding



May: Ministers' Evening



June: Pentecost Party



July: Workcamp Trip



July: Festa



August: Beach Day



September: Fr. Isaac



September: Picnic



October: Pet Blessing



October: Walk for the Poor



October: Trunk or Treat



November: Holly Harvest Fair



November: Confirmation Retreat on Cape Cod



November: Grade 4 Hosts Mass



November: Cheverus Award Ceremony



December: Advent Gift Procession



December: Advent Party



Fr. John Sassani
Homily Given on January 6, 2008
The Epiphany of the Lord—Liturgical Year A

Do you daydream? I do! I don't know where it takes you, but one of my daydreams takes me to a house with an interior courtyard – a house where the inside is outside and the outside is inside. To have such a house would require a Mega Millions win or a transfer in location. It's only a daydream.

The Magi – foreigners, pagans, Gentiles – whose observations and calculations led them to follow a star from Persia to Israel – a long journey by camel – must have been feeling quite discouraged. Herod and his advisers gave enough information to let them know they were onto something. They got to that dusty village and entered the house of Mary and Joseph. Jews and Gentiles alike were in awe and wonder at the Christchild. Outsiders became insiders, and insiders joined outsiders at the crib side of the child Jesus.

We live in a world of inside being inside and outside being outside: the perennially poor, ethnic pro-

filing, religious intolerance, secular bigotry toward people of faith, hatred and animosity leading to war and terrorism. And yet – Christ gathers people of every race, language, and way of life together in him – outsiders and insiders become one.

The word epiphany means revelation. This epiphany is not just the revelation of who Christ is – but also of who we can become in him – not just personally or individually but as a people, as the whole world. Our hope in Christ is not just about heaven, but about the future – the future of no tears, no more death, no more division. This is God's hope for us.

At the Eucharist, we experience union with Christ and unity in Christ – where inside and outside give way to communion between heaven and earth.

As we gather around the table of the Lord today, may we experience that communion and work for it throughout 2008.

Beyond Our Walls

St. Katharine Drexel's Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast

On Monday, January 19, St. Katharine Drexel Parish will convene its 40th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast in the Church Hall at 517 Blue Hill Ave in Dorchester. Tickets are \$15. Only 200 tickets will be sold, and they are going fast. Please purchase your tickets early. This year's speaker will be our great brother in Christ, Meyer Chambers. Music will be provided by the Archdiocese of Boston Black Catholic Choir. To reserve your tickets and for information about carpooling from the MacKenzie Center, please contact Peg Morrison at morrison77@verizon.com or Sioux Mont at smont@sholnewton.org from SHOL Racial Justice Ministry.

Prison Ministry Opportunity

Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS) is a national prison visitation program which provides federal prisoners with regular one-to-one contact with the world outside to help them cope with prison life, encourage personal growth, and prepare for successful reentry into society. If you are interested in joining our local group who visit the Devens Federal Prison on the first Monday morning each month, please contact Normand LeBlanc at normandleblanc67@gmail.com.

FIAT for Discerning Women

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

Convalidation Ceremony

If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage through your parish or at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston during World Marriage Week on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 6:00pm with Bishop Cristiano Barbosa. A celebration of convalidation is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Church to enter a marriage covenant in the Catholic tradition. The Cathedral ceremony will be available in the various languages of the couples present. For more information, visit bit.ly/convalidation2026 or call Emily Elliott in Family Life at 617-746-5756.

Love Your Marriage Retreat

This one-day retreat for married couples is on Saturday, January 31, at the Pastoral Center, Braintree and led by Our Outpost, a ministry designed to help Catholics develop vibrant marriages. Discover a deeper friendship and love through healthier communication, conflict resolution, and decision making. Mass, Confession, Adoration, meals, and sharing time are all included in the program. For more info, visit bit.ly/loveyourmarriageretreat or call Emily in Family Life at 617-746-5756.

Relevant Radio App

Relevant Radio is a free Catholic app and is sure to bring a smile to your face! Scan the QR code below to download and begin listening to different programs like "Morning Air" and "The Faith Explained".



Religious Education News



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.

Fall 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. It is truly a gift to learn from Jesus each week in class!



Our **First Penance** students celebrated the Sacrament of Penance last weekend! Fr. Dan gave a short reflection on this gift, having two kids participate in a short skit— showing us that, when we present our sins to Jesus and express our sorrow (represented by a piece of paper with SINS printed on it), Jesus rips them up and throws them away! Please see the picture at left.

Thank you to four wonderful Jesuit priests for joining us for First Penance: Frs. Isaac Demase, Bart Geger, William Manaker, and Amedée Rarivison! And thank all of you for keeping these girls and boys 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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Youth Ministry for Middle and High School Students

Contact Jared Blake, Youth Minister—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 earlier this month, 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!

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 will be in January 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-

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 calendars! **We meet next in January.** We meet in the McPherson Room, on the lower level of Our Lady's Church (at the bottom of the stairs on the parking lot side entrance). Please join us for food, activities, and friends in Christ! Hope to see you there!



Sacred Heart News

Advent Gifts Delivered and to Be Enjoyed!



The love and generosity of Sacred Heart Parish never gets old! All gift requests from St. Ambrose, Julie's Family, Walden School Learning Center for the Deaf, and the New England Home for the Deaf were filled and flowed beyond what was asked for! At pick up time, each agency was so grateful that, every year, those served can always count on your faithfulness! Your gift cards fulfilled the wishes of many parents to be able to pick out their own gifts for their children. Those who gave actual gifts to these agencies made families feel heard! Thank you for this kindness. Blessed Christmas to all!

—Martin and Michelle Solomon,
Gift Drive Coordinators

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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!

Welcoming Our Newly Baptized

Congratulations and welcome to the following new members of our Catholic family, who were baptized at Sacred Heart in 2025.

Sebastian Alexander	Klara Kowalski
Nathan Bialecki	Dev Lawrence Sommerfield
Fiona Brown	Archer Pino
Robert Coaniker	Bennett Pino
Mateo de Paz Stenquist	Eleanor Sears
Joseph Kavolus	McKenna Smyrl
Amelia Kelly	Camille Stewart
Pascal Klempa	

*Would you like to inquire about scheduling a baptism?
Maria will be happy to talk with you!
mrosen@sholnewton.org or 617-969-2248 ext. 219*

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

Welcoming Our Newly Baptized

Congratulations and welcome to the new members of our Catholic family, who were baptized at Our Lady's in 2025.

Massimiliano Abruzzese	Luciano DeAngelis	Ross Hammer	Lina Maynes	Vincent Rufo
Ryan Anderson	Zachary Donovan	Rosie Hardy	Calum McCusker	Robert Sasso IV
Theodore Anderson	Ximena Duran Amaya	Lyla Heffrin	Victoria McDonald	David Smith
William Barnica	Mallory Dutra	Christopher Hoppin	Eleanor McGarty	Mateo Stricsek
Logan Beatrice	Myles Ferullo	Frankie Hunter	Enio Medina Dubon	Rafaela Stricsek
Connor Boudreau	Adelina Fierimonte	Cecilia Jarek	Kelsy Pellegrine	Emily Terrano
Natalie Brandt	Nicole Frisoli	Spencer Jordan-Quern	Olivia Perednia	Noah Testa Shetty
Nicolo Calderone	Juliet Frost	Lusy Lask	Kiara Pineda Hernandez	Emma Teter
Isabella Campanale	Beau Giusti	Miabella Latino	Anyeli Ruano Ramon	Miles Toyias
Callie Carter	Alexandra Glavan	Avalina Lopez	Jeremy Rubera	Ryan Twomey
Athena Chighisola	Karina Guzman Medina	Vincent Lynch	Stella Rufo	Christian Vaglica
Gabriella DeAngelis	Charles Hagyard			

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January Freedge Collection

In January, we are collecting **peanut butter and jelly** (preference for plastic jars) 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 cereal in December!

Giving Tree Thanks

Thanks to all who generously donated to make the Giving Tree a huge success for another year. Your kindness makes the Christmas season brighter for so many, here at home and around the world. Thank you! If you'd like to get involved in the Christian Service Committee, contact Mike Keohane at mike.keohane@gmail.com

Grand Annual Collection Update

As of December 26, we have raised \$123,517! 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



Sacred Heart

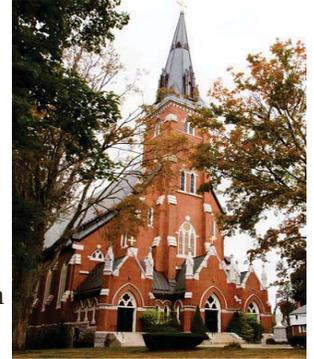
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Mass Times

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)
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. 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 or 617-527-7560 ext. 255. All calls are confidential.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Priests' schedule is subject to change

Saturday, January 3

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

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

Edith & Louis Marino
Barbara & Pompeo DeRubeis, Sr.
Anthony Cugini
John Cugini

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

Sunday, January 4—Epiphany of the Lord

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

9:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Kevin Deeley)
For All Parishioners

10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)
Delfino Pellegrini
Msgr. John McManmon
Gloria Putnam

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

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

Monday, January 5

7:00am - Our Lady's - Communion Service

Tuesday, January 6

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

Wednesday, January 7

No Daily Mass on Wednesdays

Thursday, January 8

No Daily Mass on Thursdays

Friday, January 9

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

Saturday, January 10

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

4:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Bart Geger, S.J.)
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4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Dan Riley)
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Sunday, January 11—The Baptism of the Lord

8:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. John Geaney, C.S.P.)
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9:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Frank Silva)
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10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)
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MONDAY Jan 5	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
TUESDAY Jan 6	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
WEDNESDAY Jan 7	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
THURSDAY Jan 8	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
FRIDAY Jan 9	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
SATURDAY Jan 10	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a+9b/Jn 3:22-30
SUNDAY Jan 11	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/ Mt 3:13-17

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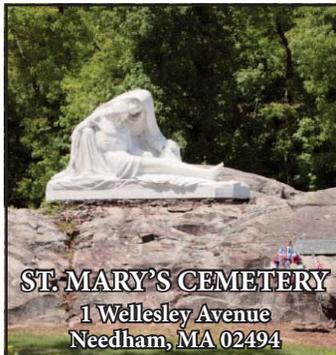
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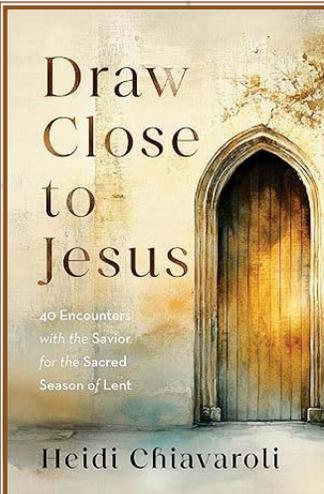
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