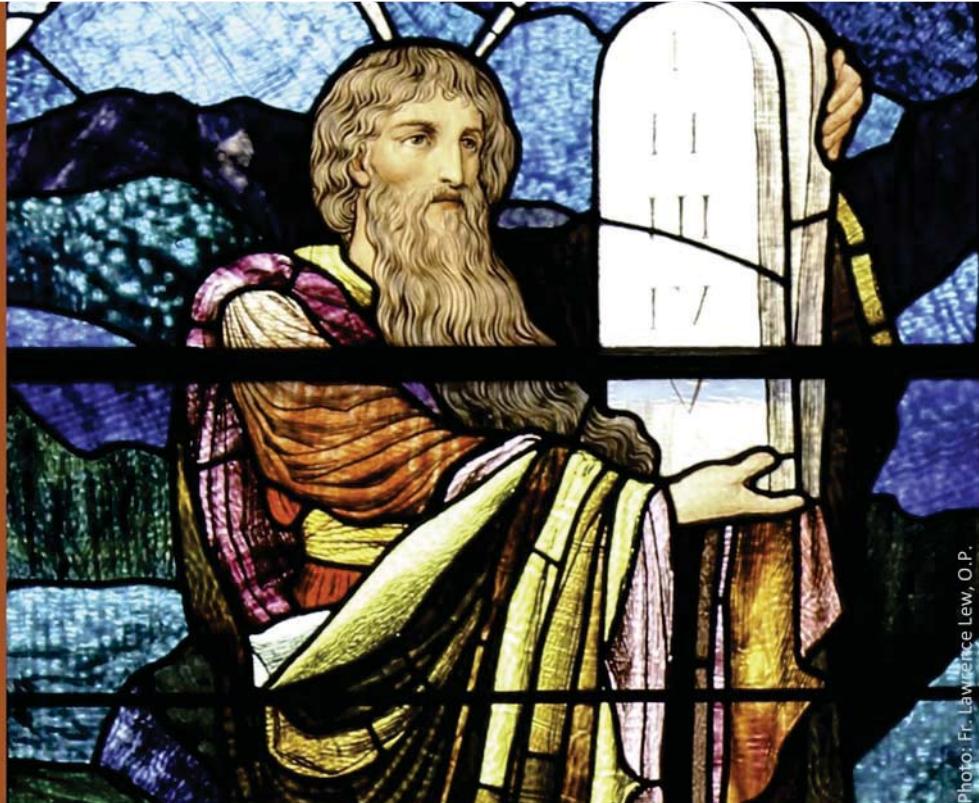


SACRED HEART & OUR LADY'S COLLABORATIVE NEWTON, MA

~ All Are Welcome ~

6th SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time



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if you trust in God, you too shall live. Sirach 15:15

February 15, 2026

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From Fr. Dan, Pastor

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Sacred Heart and Our Lady's all the time, and especially during Lent! "Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven." —Pope Francis

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Please spread the word.

Have a fruitful Lent! May what we do for Lent help us love God and others more and more.

Two Popes on Racism: Pope Francis: (1) "We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life." (2) "Racism is a sin which directly contradicts the truth that all people are born with equal dignity in the image and likeness of God." St. Pope John Paul II: (1) "Racism is a sin that constitutes a serious offence against God." (2) "Truth calls for the elimination of every trace of racial discrimination."

"We are called to be a missionary church; a church that catechizes, evangelizes and puts our faith into action; a church made up of missionary disciples who go out and make disciples, passing the faith on from one generation to the next. A church that takes care of the poor and the vulnerable. A church that defends, respects and upholds life, from conception to natural

death. A church that cares for creation, builds bridges, listens synodally, protects children, promotes healing for survivors and for all those who have been wounded by the church. A church that shows respect for all, building unity across cultures and generations." —Archbishop of New York, Ronald Hicks

God's love exceeds our imagination: "I experience religious dread whenever I find myself thinking that I know the limits of God's grace, since I am utterly certain it exceeds any imagination a human being might have of it. God does, after all, so love the world."

Humor: My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you."

Kindness begins with the understanding that we all struggle."

Express appreciation to others. "The deepest craving of human nature is the need to be appreciated." —William James

Sports: I hope we won the Super Bowl!

Love & God bless you!

Fr. Dan (written 2/8/26)

New & Ongoing in Our Community

Ash Wednesday Is This Week! February 18

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent, is this week. Please tell your friends and neighbors and invite them to join us!

Ash Wednesday Services in the Collaborative

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



Soup & Stations: Please save the dates for two free Friday night Soup & Stations of the Cross events: February 27 at Sacred Heart and March 27 at Our Lady's. A simple meal 6:00-7:00pm, followed by Stations of the Cross 7:00-7:30pm. To RSVP or find out more, email kpreman@sholnewton.org

Fish Fry: Mark your calendar for Friday, March 13, at Sacred Heart. There will be a cost to attend. More details to come!

Lenten Retreat: The Women's Bible Study is sponsoring an all-day Lenten retreat, for men and women, on Saturday, March 21, at Our Lady's. Details to follow—all are welcome!

Ash Wednesday Collection for Catholic Charities Boston

This Ash Wednesday, we invite you to participate in a special collection for Catholic Charities Boston (CCAB), which serves tens of thousands of our neighbors across the archdiocese: families in need of food, shelter, advocacy, and emergency assistance. With your partnership, CCAB can continue to be a beacon of hope despite cuts in public funding, offering immediate assistance and tools for lasting stability through adult education classes, quality childcare, and job training. As we enter this season of renewal, your gift can be an expression of your faith in action. Every contribution directly helps our neighbors in need. To learn more or make an online donation, visit ccab.org/donate

Parish Office Holiday Closures

Please note the following office hour changes for the upcoming holiday weeks: Both parish offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, for Presidents Day. There will be no Communion Service that morning.

In addition, Our Lady's office will be closed February 17-20, reopening on Monday, February 23. Staff will be available by appointment, and Mass cards can be purchased at Sacred Heart.

February 15: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings focus our attention on the effect our choices have on ourselves and others. We may not think people pay much attention to what we say or do, that we are not that important, but Jesus clearly knows a lot more about the ways of human nature. Jesus makes clear in today's gospel, "whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments **and** teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven." Take a moment to listen to your spouse or your children, or a family member or friend. Do you hear them express your patience or impatience, your compassion or your intolerance, your anger or your calmness? Ask Christ for the grace to set a good example to those in your life. Your choices will lead to everlasting life!

Women's Discussion Group

Our next meeting is Sunday, March 1, at 11:15am, in person in Sacred Heart Rectory Office and on Zoom. Please let us know if you will attend in person or on Zoom. Also remember to enter the rectory through the rear door by the kitchen. We are reading *The Tears of Things* by Richard Rohr, which is available in Minute-man Library Network and also as an audiobook. Future WDG meetings are April 12 and May 3. Also, Save the Date! Sunday, June 7 for the Guild of St Francis Communion Breakfast.

Marriage Banns

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

Alyssa Renaud & Gabriel Lyons

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Come, let us worship Christ the Lord! First Fridays, 6:00-7:00pm, 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. The next date is Friday, March 6. For further information, please contact Jared at jblake@sholnewton.org or Leslee at lambrosio@sholnewton.org. We can't wait to worship with you!

Supporting Our Immigrant Neighbors

Many parishioners have recently approached the staffing, asking how our immigrant neighbors can be supported and cared for in these times. We offer a few suggestions:

1. Collaborative Refugee Ministry: We are currently supporting one local family in collaboration with the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and the ministry does have some financial needs. Checks can be made out to Our Lady's with "Refugee Ministry" in the memo.
2. Catholic Charities Boston: There are opportunities to volunteer, and they can certainly use financial support as there have been cuts in funding. <https://www.ccab.org/>
3. English learning programs: learning English is a challenge for many immigrants. Volunteering as a tutor is a wonderful way to serve, and there are programs through many organizations, including local libraries and nonprofits. In particular, Catholic nonprofit A Faith That Does Justice is currently seeking volunteer ESOL Teachers and Assistants for a 15-week session beginning February 22 (excluding vacation weeks). Serve adult learners at all levels through virtual or in-person classes in Boston. Classes meet two mornings or two evenings per week (2-hour classes). <https://faith-justice.org/esol/>
4. Prison Ministry Outreach: many immigrants are detained in local prisons, and there is always a need for visitors. Please contact Normand LeBlanc at normandjleblanc67@gmail.com.
5. Pray for the safety and protection of all people, including immigrants and refugees.

To learn more, feel free to contact members of our Refugee Ministry, Andy Majewski at majorfiftytwo@gmail.com or Gina Chaimanis at ginachaimanis@gmail.com

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 Tuesdays of each month in Our Lady's Parish Office at 7:00 pm. For more information, please contact David Poles at 617-981-1186. New members are welcome!

Rosary for Peace

SHOL PAX Christi will be hosting an online rosary for peace on Friday, February 20 at 6:00 PM. All are welcome! Join us on Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/SHOL-PC> Meeting ID: 845 9843 3122 Passcode: 950117

Keeping Our Community Close: Ministry of Care/Homebound Ministry

Do you have a friend or loved one who is unable to attend Mass due to age or illness? Our Ministry of Care is a beautiful outreach dedicated to keeping our elderly and homebound parishioners connected to the Eucharist and our faith community.

Through this ministry, we bring the Word of God, Holy Communion and friendship to those who cannot be with us in person, ensuring they remain an integral part of our parish family. If you know someone who would benefit from a visit, please contact Ginny Arpino at garpino@sholnewton.org

Young Adults Ministry February Faith Fellowship

If you are a young adult (20-39 years old) seeking a welcoming Christian community and desiring to nourish your relationship with God, join us in our Faith Fellowship in February, Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Office. Our schedule:

February 19 – Lectio Divina and Bible study of the Gospel for the First Sunday of the Lenten Season.

Non-alcoholic drinks will be served at these meaningful nights of fellowship and faith sharing. For further details, kindly email Leslee at lambrosio@sholnewton.org. We can't wait to meet you!

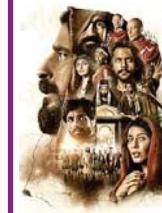
Young Adults Lenten Retreat

As we approach the Lenten Season, young adults are invited to spend some quiet time in prayer. On Saturday, March 21, 9am-5pm, we will have a Lenten Retreat at St. Joseph Retreat House in Milton. We will reflect on the theme "United in Passion: Meditations on the Passion of Christ". Our speaker will be Conan Rainwater, S.J., a deacon and graduate student from Boston College Clough School of Theology and Ministry. Cost: \$60 (breakfast, snacks, lunch). Limited slots available. To join, please scan the QR code or email Leslee at lambrosio@sholnewton.org. See you there!



You Are Chosen—Called by Name!

This Lent, we invite you to join a special 6-week faith-sharing initiative inspired by Season 2 of *The Chosen*, a TV series about the life of Christ. <https://www.youtube.com/@TheChosenSeries>



THE CHOSEN

Through viewing *The Chosen* and coming together to reflect and share in small groups each week, we hope to deepen our love for Jesus and each other, making this a truly meaningful and fruitful Lent.

In the words of the program's creator, Dallas Jenkins, "We believe that if you can see Jesus through the eyes of those who met him, you can be changed and impacted in the same way they were. If we can connect you with their burdens and struggles and questions, then ideally, we can connect you to the solution, to the answer to those questions."

We will be creating small groups for you to join; however, if you are currently part of a faith-sharing group, we invite you to adopt this program over Lent. Perhaps you will reconvene with the group you were part of last year for Season 1.

This Lent, we call *you* by name, for we are all "the chosen". We invite you to be a part of this powerful Lenten experience. Will you join us for 60-90 minutes each week? Please email garpino@sholnewton.org with interest and questions. We look forward to walking this Lenten journey with you!



Fr. John Sassani
Homily Given February 13, 2011
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Liturgical Year A

My sister says of all four of her children that each was meant to be an only child. This is clearest between the first two children. Matt was the pride of both families, the first grandchild. When Michael was born and coming home from the hospital, Matt loudly asked, "Is *that* baby coming to *our* house?" Michael at age 2 lovingly admired Matt, but Matt at age 4 wanted nothing to do with him. It was worse when they were 12 and 10; they fought almost constantly.

Now they are young adults in their twenties, and the tension is tamed but not gone. It leaves them at a certain distance from one another, which is sad.

Anger is corrosive – Jesus is keenly aware of this. What is anger? The classic definition is that anger is the desire for revenge, to inflict injury in return for injury.

Jesus isn't looking to cover this vice over or ignore it, but to root it out. How? To forgive, to stop feeling anger at someone.

But how are we to do this? We must ask for the gift of mercy. Mercy is an attribute, a quality of God. So let's ask for the gift of mercy from God. Let's ask, over and over again. Then we may presume that God is giving us the grace of mercy. It is then our choice to use it or not.

The Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist are tangible encounters with mercy. In Penance, we ask for mercy and receive it. In the Eucharist, we are nourished with mercy itself; our thirst for mercy is quenched. As we gather for the Eucharist today, let's be grateful for the gifts that Christ offers to us, over and over again.



Collaborative Photo Album

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



Clockwise from top left:
a successful pancake breakfast,
Patriots spirit at coffee hour,
all-star altar servers, a very attentive soon-to-be-baptized baby

And, last but not least, welcome baby Wilbur Amos Blake, born to our youth minister Jared and his wife Betsy this week!



Beyond Our Walls

Black History Month

Black History Month Mass: On Sunday, February 22, St. Katharine Drexel Parish will hold a combined celebration at 11:30am (there will still be an 8am Mass) for our annual Black History Month Mass. The presider and homilist will be Fr. Gregory Chisholm, S.J. All are welcome!

Film Screening: St. Ignatius Racial Justice Committee will host a showing of the new film *Hidden in Plain Sight: The History of Black Catholics in Boston* on Sunday, February 22, at 6:30pm. Produced by the Archdiocese, the documentary explores the history of Black Catholics through insightful interviews with members of Boston's Black Catholic community. After the half-hour screening, a small panel will reflect on the themes of the documentary and share their insights and lived experiences. There will be time for Q&A, and a light supper will be offered. RSVP is strongly encouraged so we can plan on seating and food.

RSVP at <https://bit.ly/HiddenInPlainSightScreenings>

St. Katharine Drexel's 9th Lenten Reflection and Discussion

Please consider participating in St. Katharine Drexel's 9th Lenten Reflection and Discussion, beginning on March 1. This year, parishioners will read and discuss Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited*. Books will be available after all Masses soon. The donation is \$10. Additional details will be shared during the next few weeks.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Sirach 15:15-16: "If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand." Choose to do God's will and choose to trust in Him. God will strengthen you and guide your relationship to be even better. Choose to love by signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next are: February 27-March 1, in Huntington, NY; March 13-15, in South Burlington, VT; April 17-19, in Silver Bay, NY; April 24-26, in East Sandwich, MA.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Matt & Julie King at 978-870-5646 or wwme.org.

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial: Worldwide Marriage Encounter está patrocinando una variedad de experiencias matrimoniales en persona y virtuales, algunas los fines de semana y otras los siete días de la semana. Las parejas explorarán su relación entre ellos, Dios y la Iglesia. El registro es limitado y se requiere una tarifa de solicitud de \$100. Para más información o para aplicar, llame al Felipe y Rosa Ruano Teléfono 203-979-6109 o renuevatumatrimonio.org.

Kids' Corner

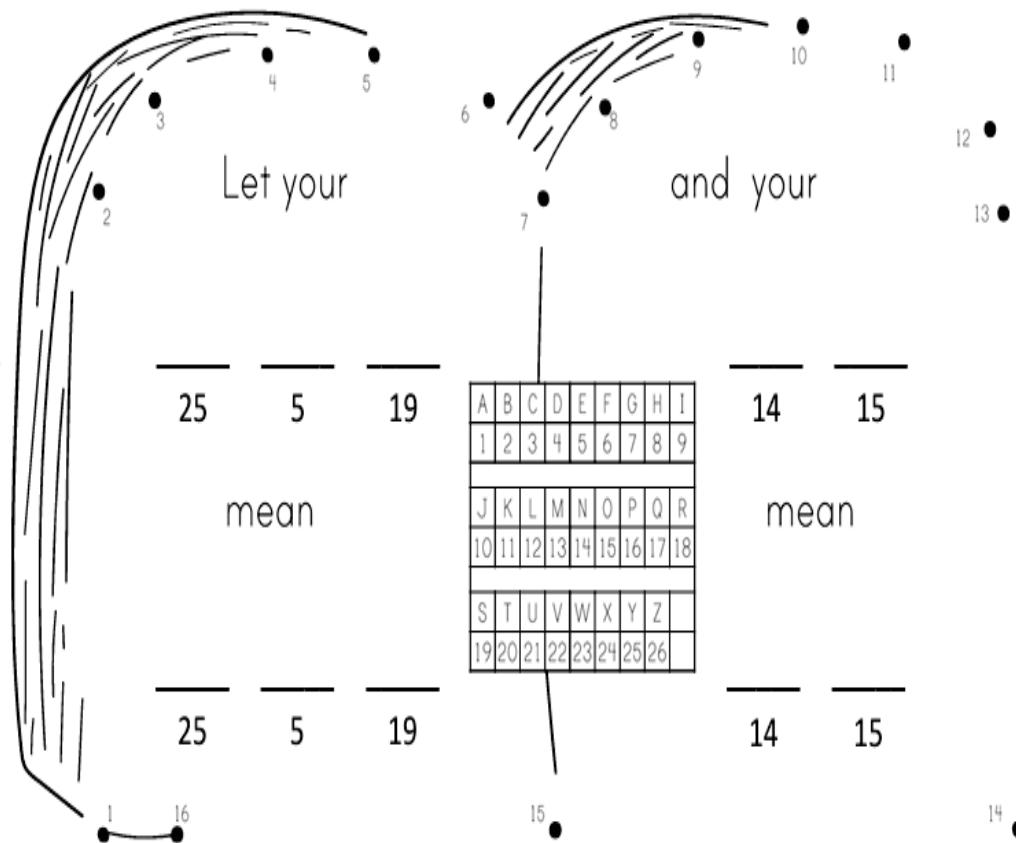
Psalm: Trace the words and learn to pray like Jesus!

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Learn at Mass

When we say "And with your spirit", we remember that God is working through the priest to celebrate Mass.

Gospel: Jesus taught his disciples to follow the commandments. Commandments are rules that God asks us to follow.



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 and First Communion students celebrated the Sacrament of Penance in early December. Now in the new year, they are moving into their First Communion preparation book and getting so excited for the celebration to come in the spring. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

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.

Thank you for keeping our Confirmation Candidates in your

prayers as they prepare for this sacrament, to be celebrated in May 2026.

Pictures: We are always so grateful for the many ways our young people serve during Mass: as greeters, gift bearers, lectors, cantors and choir members, and altar servers. We are so proud!



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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. The Workcamp trip is currently FULL, but a waitlist will be maintained. 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 on February 25, 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!



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! **Our upcoming meetings are: February 27, March 13.** 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!



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

Kids Club: February Is Cereal Month

February is the beginning of our third year supporting the Kids Club! Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our support of the Centre Street Food Pantry's program to make sure children have nourishing food. We will collect cereal this month, low sugar cereals preferred. Donation bins are in the upper church foyer, the lower elevator lobby, and the Religious Ed area by the statue. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Christ Child Society Valentine Toddler Clothing Drive (February 7-15)

The Christ Child Society of Greater Boston has been an important ministry at Sacred Heart Parish for decades. We have recently completed our annual Christmas Clothing/Gift Drive for 257 children, mostly children in Catholic Charities daycare programs. Each child received a warm winter jacket, mittens, and a hat, as well as small gifts!

Recently, we have been asked by Boston Archdiocesan Pro Life Social Workers for help. When they visit a mom with a new baby, bringing loving support as well as a beautiful layette, they are often aware of oth-

er young children in the home. Will you help us collect new warm toddler clothing so they can surprise the other children as well?

Shop for size 2T to 5T items: pajamas, sweatshirts, pants, tops, slippers, socks, outfits! Shop now while there are winter sales going on! Bring items February 7-15 to the Sacred Heart church entrances, where there will be collection bins. For additional information, contact Kathie at kathielong44@gmail.com

2025 Parish Contribution Statements

If you would like to receive a tax statement listing your 2025 monetary contributions to the parish, email Sioux Mont at smont@sholnewton.org or call her in the parish office. Thank you for your generous support of our faith community!

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

Palms to Ashes

This weekend, February 14 & 15, we are collecting any palms from last year to burn for ashes for Ash Wednesday (February 18) this year. There are baskets at the doors of the church for those who wish to bring palms.

Our Lady's Scouting Fundraiser

This weekend, Our Lady's Scouting Troop 355 is holding a fundraiser. Scouts are at the church doors after Mass selling Hilliard's Chocolate Bars for \$5 each, or 3/\$10. What a sweet Valentine's treat! For more info about Scouting, contact Pat Kaltenbach at patkaltenbach@me.com

February Freedge Collection

In February, we are collecting **individually-wrapped** "healthyish" snacks—things like granola/cereal bars, raisins and dried fruit, individual fruit cups and pouches, trail mixes, popcorn, pretzels, and so on—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 peanut butter and jelly in January!

Invitation to Serve at Mass: We Need Your Help!

We are always eager to welcome new liturgical volunteers—Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, and greeters—at all Masses. At this time, we are particularly in need of additional ministers to serve at the Saturday 4pm and Sunday 6pm Masses. Please consider this invitation. Training is available, and ministers are scheduled according to their preferences and availability.

To learn more about any liturgical ministry, please contact Maribeth at mbskis@yahoo.com or 781-929-6327.

Grand Annual Collection Update As of February 9, we have raised **\$163,967!** Our goal is **\$165,000**; we're so close!

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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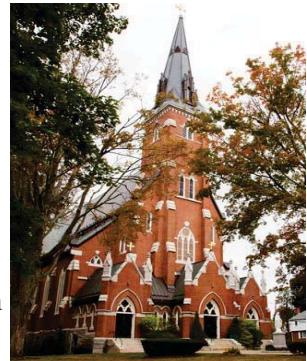
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Mass Times

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)
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 February: Sacred Heart
Lower Church

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

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New to our Collaborative? Welcome! Please introduce yourself after Mass or at the parish offices. We want to know and serve you! We hope you will participate in our parishes with your prayers, presence, talents, and stewardship according to your means.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church. If you or a loved one wishes to receive the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick, Eucharist, or Reconciliation, please call the parish offices. Please also notify us of hospitalizations, so that we may be of help.

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, February 14

9:00am - Sacred Heart - For the Sick of the Parishes
 4:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. John Geaney, C.S.P.)
 Theresa Haller
 Herminia Canchari, Samuel Arotoma
 4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Isaac Demase, S.J.)
 For All Parishioners

Sunday, February 15—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)
 For All Parishioners
 9:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Dan Riley)
 For All Parishioners
 10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Bart Geger, S.J.)
 Francesco Cortina—11th Anniversary
 11:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Kevin Deeley)
 For All Parishioners
 6:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)
 For All Parishioners

Monday, February 16—Presidents Day

7:00am - Our Lady's - No Services on Legal Holidays

Tuesday, February 17

7:00am - Our Lady's - Walter Shields

Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday

7:00am - Our Lady's - For All Parishioners
 9:00am - Sacred Heart - For All Parishioners
 12:00pm - Sacred Heart - For All Parishioners
 12:00pm - Our Lady's - For All Parishioners
 3:30pm - Our Lady's - Service of the Word with Ashes
 7:00pm - Sacred Heart - For All Parishioners

Thursday, February 19

No Daily Mass on Thursdays

Friday, February 20

9:00am - Sacred Heart - Maria Jia Eng

Saturday, February 21

9:00am - Sacred Heart - For the Sick of the Parishes
 4:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)
 Joan Proia, Gustavo Morales Paez
 4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Frank Silva)
 For All Parishioners

Sunday, February 22—First Sunday of Lent

8:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. John Geaney, C.S.P.)
 Franco Garcia
 Robert "Bobby" Braunewell—1st Anniversary
 9:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Isaac Demase, S.J.)
 For All Parishioners
 10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)
 Cristina & Augustino Todino, Angelo Lacerra
 Louis Todino—5th Anniversary
 Joseph Capello
 Immacolata & John Venditti
 11:30am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Dan Riley)
 For All Parishioners
 6:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)
 Rocco & Joseph Proia, Jr.
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Explanation Mass Text

On February 1, we celebrated three Explanation Masses across the collaborative. For those who weren't present (and perhaps for those who were but would like to read it again), you can find the text on our website at <https://bit.ly/4rtL6Ck>

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SUNDAY	Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6 Feb 15 -10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
MONDAY	Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13 Feb 16
TUESDAY	Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21 Feb 17
WEDNESDAY	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14+17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 Feb 18
THURSDAY	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25 Feb 19
FRIDAY	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15 Feb 20
SATURDAY	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32 Feb 21
SUNDAY	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 Feb 22

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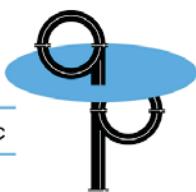
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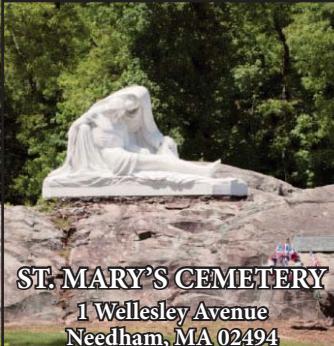
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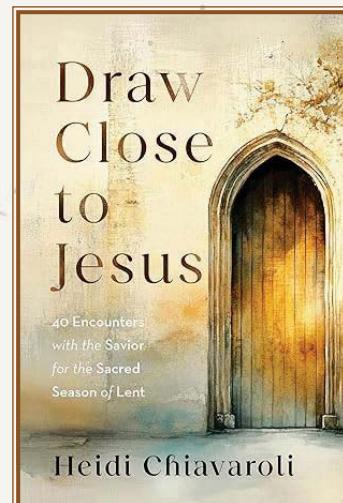
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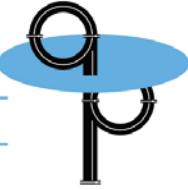
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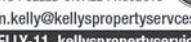
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