

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY'S COLLABORATIVE
NEWTON, MA

~ All Are Welcome ~

1st Sunday of Lent



*"It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word
that comes forth from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4*

February 22, 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

Jesus loves us, even though we are sinners. "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

My Irish ancestors encountered prejudice when they arrived in this great nation. Thomas Nast, a prominent cartoonist for *Harper's Weekly* in the late 19th century, frequently depicted Irish immigrants with simian (ape-like) features to portray them as uncivilized, violent, and subhuman. Racist images about any ethnic group or persons is a sin. Racist images were wrong then, and they are wrong now.

"Pope calls for prayers for Ukraine, renewed commitment to nuclear disarmament. (From Vatican Website.) Pope Leo XIV asks for prayers for the people of Ukraine, who continue to suffer the consequences of war exacerbated by freezing temperatures, and appeals for a renewed international commitment against the proliferation of nuclear weapons, as the New START treaty is due to expire.

St. Francis of Assisi: "In this age, marked by so many seemingly interminable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear, he continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace.

The Franciscan vision of peace is not limited to the relations between human beings, but also embraces the whole of creation. Francis, who calls the sun "brother" and the moon "sister", who recognizes in every creature a reflection of divine beauty, reminds us that peace must be extended to the entire family of Creation. This insight resonates with particular urgency in our time, when our common home is threatened and cries out under exploitation. Peace with God, peace among human beings and with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.

"Dear brothers and sisters, may the example and spiritual legacy of this Saint, strong in faith, steadfast in hope and ardent in active charity towards his neighbor, inspire in everyone the importance of trusting in the Lord, of living a life faithful to the Gospel, and of accepting and illuminating every circumstance and action of life with faith and prayer." – Pope Leo

Love & God bless you!
Fr. Dan (written 2/15/26)

New & Ongoing in Our Community

Please Pray for Our Catechumens and Candidates

In this season of Lent, please keep in your prayers all those who will be joining the Catholic Church this year at the Easter Vigil, most especially those who will do so in our community: Natalie Anderson, Noah Anderson, Kevin Costa, Erik Fuhrmann, Lawrence Juvet, Matt Kavarian, Emerson Lew, Yixing Star Lew, Theodore Moen, Bode Munn, Shattuck Munn, Yasha Vasilyev.

In addition, please pray for Jonathan Harmon and Stephanie St. Pierre, who will be deepening their relationship to Christ and His Church through Confirmation and/or First Communion.

On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent (March 3-10-17), those who are preparing for baptism will be celebrating the Scrutinies at Mass. The Scrutinies are special rites that help prepare the Elect (those who are unbaptized) to enter the Church. The purpose of the Scrutinies is to "uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful..." and... "to strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good".

The season of Lent involves a more intense period of examination and preparation for these people, and hopefully for all of us who are living our Catholic faith!

February 22: First Sunday of Lent

The first Sunday of Lent always begins with the reminder that Jesus was tempted, just as we are. Rather than giving in to the temptations, Jesus recognized that there could be no compromise in the message he needed to preach and in the faith he demanded. The readings on this first Sunday in Lent invite us to take time to look at our own lives and to consider the temptations we confront and that threaten to draw us away from God and from the light of Christ. Every prayer we offer, every fast we undertake, and every small sacrifice we make this Lent will lead us to the cross, the cross of victory over death. Spend time this Lent with Jesus, asking for help to overcome temptation and recognize the power of Jesus' resurrection.

2026 Catholic Appeal

Next weekend, the 2026 Catholic Appeal will officially launch here at Sacred Heart and Our Lady's and across the archdiocese. As your pastor, I encourage you to join me in making a gift to this year's Appeal. As parish communities, our participation in the Catholic Appeal signifies an important way that we can share Christ's promise, care, and love with others. When we reach our Appeal goal, we will receive funds back for our local programs and ministries. To make an online gift, please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Please know that I am deeply grateful. —Fr. Dan



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.

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!

Lent in Our Collaborative

Little Black Books for Lent: Please take prayer book from the doors of the church to enrich your Lenten journey this year!

Soup & Stations: Please join us for two free Friday night Soup & Stations of the Cross events. THIS FRIDAY, February 27, at Sacred Heart and Friday, 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 Kristina at 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: "Living as Ministers of God's Reconciling Love". Join us for a meaningful day of prayer and reflection this Lent, presented by Fr. Isaac Demase, S.J., and sponsored by Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study. Saturday, March 21, 9:30am-3:45pm at Our Lady's Lower Church. All are welcome, men and women, ages 16+.

Based on St Paul's call to "Be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20), we will explore the Gospels and St Paul's letters, what it means to be reconciled to God, and how we can be ministers of that reconciling love to others. Please RSVP by Monday, March 16, to retreat@sholnewton.org

The Chosen Lenten Initiative: We are so excited by the amazing response to our Lenten initiative inspired by Season 2 of *The*

Chosen TV series. There are many meetings set across the collaborative. Get together with a group of friends for a weekly meeting during Lent (similar to a book club!)...A few families can share a meal on a weekend evening. While the kids play, the parents can meet!...If you live in a retirement community, gather weekly to watch and discuss an episode. We would love to hear how you create your own groupings...don't be limited by our imagination!

If group discussions are not for you, use the study guide for independent study, journaling your response to various questions that speak to you in the study guide (will be available next soon).

Please email garpino@sholnewton.org with interest and questions. We look forward to this Lenten journey with you!

What about Fasting and Abstinence? Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of our Roman Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59, with exceptions for reasons of illness, pregnancy, and breastfeeding. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of our Roman Catholic Church from age 14 onwards, with exceptions as stated above.

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 non-profit 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

Young Adults' Lenten Gatherings

Social—The Chosen TV Series Watch Party: On Saturday, February 28th, 5:30-8:30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Office, we will have a potluck watch party of two selected episodes from Season 2 of *The Chosen* TV Series, one of the best historical dramas of the life and ministry of Jesus in recent years. It will certainly be a Lenten night for the books! See you there!

March Faith Fellowships: If you are a young adult (18-39 years old) seeking a welcoming Christian community and desiring to nourish your relationship with God, join us in our Faith Fellowship in March, Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Office. Below is our schedule:

March 5 – Faith sharing on selected episodes of *The Chosen* TV Series Season 2.

March 19 – "The Sorrows of Mary" Speaker: Sr. Margaret Guider, O.S.F., Professor at Boston College Clough School of Theology and Ministry.

Non-alcoholic drinks will be served. These will surely be meaningful nights of fellowship and faith sharing. We can't wait to meet you!

Lenten Retreat: young adults are invited to spend some quiet time in prayer this Lent. 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. See you there!



For question and more info about Young Adult activities, kindly email Leslee at lambrosio@sholnewton.org

Marriage Banns

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

Alyssa Renaud & Gabriel Lyons



Fr. John Sassani Homily Given February 10, 2008 First Sunday of Lent - Liturgical Year A

The experiences recounted in the Sacred Scripture today may seem remote to us – Adam and Eve in the Garden, Jesus in the desert. They seem to be not only distant from our life but opposite to each other, only linked by temptation.

The word “temptation” may have a funny ring to it. Unless we grew up in a Catholic school or had unusually scrupulous parents, I suspect it’s a term we barely notice except in the Lord’s Prayer. However, the experience of the garden and the desert, I think, are familiar experiences to many of us.

The familiarity comes with the three-way internal dialogue that we so often experience. The dialogue is between God, myself and...How shall we describe the third conversationalist?...Satan, the tempter, God’s evil twin, my alter ego...None of those names or descriptions, in my estimation, work so well. St. Ignatius refers to this third conversationalist as “the enemy of our human nature” – I like that – but these days, I call the third conversationalist the spirit or voice of sabotage. Its only goal is to sabotage the good I can do and the call God is issuing to me.

The readings show us how the voice of sabotage works. In Genesis, God has given permission for Adam and Eve to eat from all the trees in the garden. But God has prohibited them from eating from one tree – the tree of knowledge. The spirit of sabotage is the third conversationalist with Eve – and he

turns the prohibition into an option, just a thought. She thinks about it; it seems like a good idea, to be like God. There would be no gardening, no work, only leisure. This thought becomes a passion and she acts – and everything is changed.

Fast forward to the desert – Jesus has been there for forty days without much food, and he’s very hungry – not just for food but for the Word of God. The tempter comes along and says – *God seems very silent and distant, but you, Jesus, are very faithful. God won’t mind if you turn that rock into focaccia bread. You’ll feel better, and even pray better too.* But Jesus knows better and chooses to remain faithful.

Lent is the season where we grapple with the interior conversation – so as to let the two primary partners, God and myself, dialogue with little interference from the spirit of sabotage.

St. Paul announces the good news – Christ is human like us, though he is also God’s son. Christ was able to resist the thoughts of the third conversationalist – and Christ offers us this same capability.

Lent calls us to think with Christ, to pray with Christ, and to act with Christ, so that we are better able to recognize and resist the thoughts of the third conversationalist. As we gather for the Eucharist today, let’s be grateful for this season of Lent and for Christ’s accompaniment.



Collaborative Photo Album

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



Clockwise from top left:
Baptism at Our Lady’s
Entrance procession into Mass
Gift bearers at Mass
Celebrating Valentine’s Day at Mass

Beyond Our Walls

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.

Dr. Thurman was Dean of Marsh Chapel at BU's School of Theology from 1953-1965, where he was a mentor and spiritual advisor to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Thurman first began to work out ideas for *Jesus and the Disinherited* in 1935 in the thick of Jim Crow segregation and in the shadow of the Nazi occupation of Germany. He asked: "Why is it that Christianity seems impotent to deal radically, and therefore effectively, with the issues of discrimination and injustice on the basis of race, religion, and national origin?" (*Jesus and the Disinherited*, xxvii) This book reminds us that Jesus lived among and preached to ordinary people who were subjugated by the most lethal military force in the ancient world. Like them and with them, Jesus experienced refugee status and violence, occupation and colonization, surveillance and control; like them and with them, he too stood with his back against the wall. In *Jesus and the Disinherited*, Thurman shows that Jesus did not call his disciples to a feeble or docile form of religion nor did he call them to fear or deception or hate. Jesus taught in word and in deed the paramount significance of proper self-love and unselfish love of others. At a time when so many children, women, and men in our country are under threat of arrest, detention, and deportation; when our nation's

founding principles, ideals, and laws are being manipulated, *Jesus and the Disinherited* calls us to discern how we should respond to those "who stand with their backs against the wall" (*Jesus and the Disinherited*, xxvii). Please join us to share with one another the fruit of your reading and reflection. These Sundays offer us a privileged encounter with God's grace in our time and circumstance. —Dr. M. Shawn Copeland.

St. Katharine Drexel Theologian-in-Residence

Celebrate Social Justice

The Archdiocesan Social Justice Ministry 17th annual Social Justice Convocation is Saturday, March 14, starting at 8am, at BC High in Boston. Join for a day filled with liturgy, reflection, dialogue, and action to amplify our commitment to creating a world that upholds justice, equality, and human rights for all. For more details, visit <https://bostoncatholic.org/social-justice-ministry> or email socialjustice@rcab.org

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Just as He comforted his grieving disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus comforts us and we comfort each other in this very special ministry. There are several upcoming retreats in our area. They are open to parents who have experienced the death of a child of any age, by any cause, no matter how long ago. Upcoming options include one-day retreats: 3/21 in South Yarmouth, 4/18 in Carver, and 5/16 in Stoneham. Visit <https://www.emfgp.org/program-schedule/> as preregistration is required. There are also monthly online gatherings available.

Kids' Corner

Gospel: Jesus lived in the desert for 40 days! The devil tried to tempt Him to turn rocks into bread when He was hungry. Jesus got help from the angels and knew that He could wait. Jesus didn't listen to the devil.

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

Be merciful,
O Lord, for
we have
sinned.

Learn at Mass

The priest wears purple during Lent because we are waiting for Jesus to rise at Easter.

Purple is the Church's color for waiting.



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.

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: Then, Now, and Upcoming

We received a thank you note for our soup donations in January: 96 pounds (the pantry weighs all donations), about 120 cans by our count. Thanks to all for your generosity. We will continue to collect cereal, low sugar preferred, through the end of this month. Next month's request will be a Lenten special: canned tuna. 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.

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!

New Liturgical Volunteers Welcomed

Mass is the most important thing we do together as a community of faith, and we invite you to consider tak-

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

If you would like to serve Mass as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, or Greeter, please get in touch with Ginny at garpino@sholnewton.org to learn more about these various roles and their importance to our parish. An email is not a commitment—just a chance to learn and talk. We hope to hear from you soon! Thank you in advance!

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 considering 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

Honduras Coffee Sale March 7-8

Coffee from our sister parish in Honduras will be on sale at the doors of Our Lady's after all Masses on March 7-8. To pre-order this widely-praised premium coffee, which is certified organic and fair trade, write to Barbara at barbara.allaire@gmail.com, with your cell number, the number of bags of ground or whole bean you want to order, and the Mass after which you will pick it up and pay for it (\$13 per 1 lb. bag). The farmers send us their best beans because they will get a much greater return on their coffee from us than from commercial buyers. Rejoice that you are helping the farmers while enjoying a great cup of coffee!

February Freedgie 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 Freedgie. 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!

Grand Annual Goal Met!

We have reached our goal of \$165,000! Thank you to all donors for supporting the wellbeing of Our Lady's!



Support San Marcos Children with Scholarships

The parish of San Marcos Evangelista in Honduras extends from the city of San Marcos to about 53 hamlets in the mountains. Children go to public school and often must walk for miles, up and down the mountainside. Many come from extremely poor families, with difficult hardships. 15 years ago, when parishioners of San Marcos were asked what they most wanted to have funded by us, their sister parish, they said they wanted a way to help educate poor children of the parish. Education is the way out of poverty; it gives children and their families hope that life can be better, that the future holds promise.

to enable 40-50 children to go to school with what they need to succeed, whether it is shoes, books, uniforms, food, or even medicine. This academic year (February-November), 43 children in grade and high school will have scholarships raised by Our Lady's, and ten other people with special cases of need will receive help. The grants are for \$350 each for the school year. The students and their families pictured here have already met with the committee of parishioners who administer the program, and they are eagerly starting the school year.

Part of Lenten practice is giving alms to the poor. We welcome contributions in any amount to help San Marcos students get an education. If you want to contribute, please use the form below. The students and their families are deeply grateful!

So for 15 years, Our Lady's has been raising funds each Lent

Yes, I want to donate to the Honduras Scholarship Fund! Enclosed is my donation of _____

(Make checks out to Our Lady's with "Honduras" in the memo. Drop in the collection or mail to the office.)

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Our Collaborative



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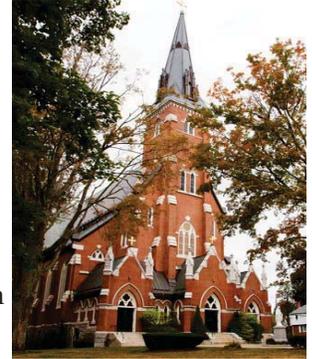
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Mass Times

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 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)

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

Rocco & Joseph Proia, Jr.
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Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

No Daily Mass on Wednesdays

Thursday, February 26

No Daily Mass on Thursdays

Friday, February 27

9:00am - Sacred Heart - Marie Gentile—2nd Anniversary
James Gentile

Saturday, February 28

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

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

Marie Bontempo Richardson

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Henry, Mary, and Paul Brissette

Sunday, March 1—Second Sunday of Lent

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

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Maria & Antonio Fierimonte
Elisabetta & Giuseppe Palazzo

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SUNDAY Feb 22	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
MONDAY Feb 23	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
TUESDAY Feb 24	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY Feb 25	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-1/Lk 11:29-32
THURSDAY Feb 26	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
FRIDAY Feb 27	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
SATURDAY Feb 28	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
SUNDAY Mar 1	Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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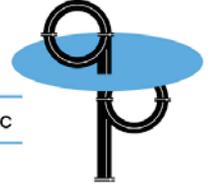
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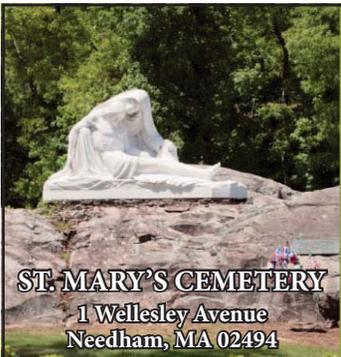
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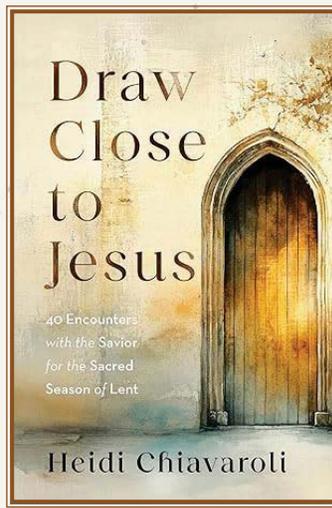
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