March 21, 2021

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617-969-2248
sholnewton.org

Our Lady Help of Christians Church
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617-527-7560

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.
Father, glorify your name.”

John 12:27-28

Sacred Heart & Our Lady’s Collaborative
Newton, MA

~ All Are Welcome ~
Dear Friends,

**Palm Sunday** is next weekend. Please spread the word about our online and in person Masses.

**Saved by your ancestors:** If it were not for some of your ancestors, I might never have been born. As someone whose ancestry goes back in part to the survivors of the horrifying “Great Irish Potato Famine” of the mid-1840s, I am speaking to those of you who can trace some or all of your ancestry to African American slaves. Your ancestors saved my ancestor’s lives. How so?

Stephen Puleo’s outstanding book *Voyage of Mercy: The USS Jamestown, the Irish Famine, and the Remarkable Story of America’s First Humanitarian Mission* recounts how among those who sent food on this boat that sailed from America to Ireland, in order to save the lives of the Irish dying of hunger, were African American Slaves. They dug deep and gave of their own basic food supplies to assist a nation of people they would never meet but whose struggle they completely understood. The book, *Voyage of Mercy*, recounts the remarkable story of the mission that inspired a nation to donate massive relief to Ireland during the potato famine and began America’s tradition of providing humanitarian aid around the world. The book “tells the incredible story of the famine, the Jamestown voyage, and the commitment of thousands of Americans to offer relief to Ireland, a groundswell that provided the collaborative blueprint for future relief efforts, and established the United States as the leader in international aid.” (Parts of this item were adapted from the Amazon book description.)

**It feels great to be turning the corner on Covid!** Thanks to God and God working through God people like you doing wonderful things like: getting vaccinated, wearing masks, avoiding unwise gatherings, etc. I am really proud of how diligently you have fought and continue to fight Covid. You are lifesavers!

**Jesus Gave His Life for You,** personally, by name. There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. We are Jesus’ dearly loved friends. He loves us so much that He sacrificed Himself for us. This is so amazing! Jesus is the ultimate best friend because he gave the beautiful, loving gift of his life in order to save us.

**Sports:** Cam is back. Is he a backup or the starter?

Love and God Bless You,
Fr. Dan

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**How to Succeed at Getting a Seat at Mass**

This information does NOT apply to Palm Sunday and Easter – see the item on that on the top of page 5.

Mass attendance is rising, and we are approaching capacity at the 9:00am at Sacred Heart and the 10:00am at Our Lady’s. You can be more certain of getting a seat if you choose to attend any of the other Masses. The 4:00pm at Our Lady’s only rarely nears capacity. Currently, the 4:00pm at Sacred Heart and the 6:00pm at Our Lady’s always have room. (In the future, the combination of bringing back all of our Mass schedule and the easing of COVID-caused seating limits will do away with this challenge).

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**Celebrating Mass during the Pandemic**

**WHO SHOULD COME TO MASS?** The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will continue for the foreseeable future—for EVERYONE. Cardinal Sean strongly encourages people in vulnerable populations, especially the elderly and those with complicating physical conditions, to continue to worship virtually from home. I find this question helpful: “Would my doctor want me to worship from home or at church?” If you are unsure about the answer, may I suggest she would be happy to get a call from you with that question. Please be safe!

**SAFETY AT MASS:** Please come with your own mask; they are required for all those over age 5 who do not have a medical condition that precludes a mask. Please also bring your own hand sanitizer so you can use it frequently while at Mass. While we have some hand sanitizer at the entrances to the churches, we request you help make it last by bringing your own, and also because it will key to have your own in the pew with you.

For safety, we can only seat as many people as can be kept 6 feet apart. The church will be marked to ensure your safety and fellow parishioners, and staff/volunteers will graciously guide you.

If we learn that someone at Mass tests positive for COVID-19, we will post this on the collaborative website, while keeping the person’s name confidential.

**VOLUNTEERING AT MASS:** We request that you consider giving crucial and much needed help in furthering God’s work in our two parishes by volunteering to assist with the very many tasks that go with holding public Masses during the pandemic. We really need the help of a lot of people! You can email:

At Sacred Heart: Nick Frega at nfrega@sholnewton.org
At Our Lady’s: Maribeth Scott at mbskis@yahoo.com

Please keep safety front and center. We strongly encourage you, especially if you are at risk due to age or a medical condition, to limit your involvement to what is safe for you. For some, that may mean connecting by phone, internet or mail, instead of face to face, at this time.

**THE VIRTUAL MASS** will be continuing as usual since the pandemic began, and it will go at least until the virus is totally gone, and maybe even continue after that. Those of you not able to be at Mass in person are especially important to us. By 8am on Sundays, we send out an email like this with a link you can click on. At a similar time, you can also find our Mass on YouTube at https://bit.ly/SHOLVideos.

**WE ARE SO HAPPY TO BE REOPENED.** We are grateful to God and to all of you. Special thanks to our staff and the many volunteers who make safe Masses possible.
Catholic Appeal 2021

Each year, the Catholic Appeal provides the faithful with a way to help support the ministries that support our parishes, our schools, and our communities. This is our Church, and every gift makes a difference. Please consider making your gift today by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org or by scanning the QR code here. Your gift has an immediate impact on our parish and the work of our Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

March 21 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus presents us with an amazing paradox in today’s Gospel. It is only by death that new life comes; only by spending our life that we preserve it; and only by service comes greatness. This gospel way of life goes counter to all that the world preaches. It requires great courage to live by Jesus’ word. As a follower of Jesus, take to heart both his teachings and his actions. What else needs to change in your life in order to live in imitation of Jesus? There is still time in the remaining days of Lent to beg Jesus for the courage to make that change. Act now!

Thank You for Helping Our Neighbors in Need at Easter

Thank you to the many donors who have so generously provided Stop & Shop food cards to be distributed to local families in need, ensuring that they can have an Easter dinner and mark this most holy feast.

If you signed up to provide cards and haven’t yet returned them, please do so as soon as possible, to the after-hours mailbox at Our Lady’s.

If you would still like to donate, we do still need a few more cards. Please contact Kate (kneal@sholnewton.org or 617-527-7560 ext. 219) or Kristina (kpreman@sholnewton.org or 617-527-7560 ext. 216) to volunteer or ask any questions.

Clergy Benefit Trust

Every Easter, parish collections benefit Clergy Trust, which cares for the health and wellbeing of our priests in good standing. By supporting the collection, you can show your appreciation and support for the priests who have made and continue to make a difference in your left, the life of our parish, and the lives of countless others in our community. This year more than ever, your support is needed and appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Phase two of the vaccination rollout continues, with those ages 65+ now eligible as of February 18, along with those with two or more specific medical conditions and those who live or work in low-income and affordable senior housing. There are a number of places that are open to those eligible to get vaccines in and around Newton. The current list can be found on the City’s website at https://www.newtonma.gov/covidvaccines. Keep checking as more sites keep opening and more vaccine doses are becoming available. For statewide information and appointments where/when available, visit www.mass.gov/vaccine.

The folks at the Newton Senior Center are available to help if you are having difficulty navigating the State’s vaccination system or if you do not use a computer. Over the last weeks, they’ve been in touch with hundreds of Newton residents. Please give them a call at 617-796-1666, and be sure to leave a message with your contact information.

Save the Date: A Lenten Retreat with Cardinal Sean

Like last year, Cardinal Sean will be giving a Lenten retreat, airing on Catholic TV, in the evenings from March 22-26. Visit https://www.catholic.tv/ for more.

From Fr. Dan: How to Make a Pledge to the Catholic Appeal

If you are able, please make a pledge to the Catholic Appeal. How? Any one of the following convenient ways works.

1. By using the response form in the letter you may have already received from Cardinal Sean.

2. By hitting the Catholic Appeal “donate” button in the email sent to many of you last Tuesday and this Tuesday, or found on our website.

3. Google “Catholic Appeal Boston” and, when you get to the website, hit the donate button there.

4. If you did not get a letter from the Cardinal and wish to use the mail rather than the internet, you can simply mail a pledge to: The Catholic Appeal; 66 Brooks Dr, Braintree, MA 02184.

When you make your pledge, be sure to include the name of your home parish, so that the correct parish will get credit towards the goal each parish is assigned. Also, only a pledge is required at this time – you do not have to give money now – though you are welcome to do so. In addition, your pledge is not something you will be held to; it is simply your best estimate of what works for you. Finally, when you fill out the pledge form, you will notice the option of doing your pledge over 10 installments, which I encourage, as spreading the installments out often makes a more generous pledge easier to do.

God bless you and thank you for supporting the good works made possible through the Catholic Appeal.
### Holy Week and Easter Schedule: March 27-April 4

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Virtual Masses, recorded from Sacred Heart or Our Lady’s, for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, will be posted by 8:00am each Sunday. We encourage you to participate in Triduum services online via CatholicTV or the Vatican.

### Palm Sunday and Easter Mass Reservations

Reservations for all Palm Sunday and Easter Masses are required in order to comply with government and Archdiocesan guidelines regarding capacity, social distancing, and contact tracing. We expect that both the Palm Sunday and Easter Mass attendance otherwise would exceed our available seating. Therefore, we are using the same Registration and Arrival Check-In process that worked so well for us at Christmas. **Reservations for Palm Sunday Masses began on Monday, March 15. Easter Mass Reservations will be available beginning this Monday, March 22.**

Registration will utilize the SignUp feature of Flocknote, which creates a publicly accessible link that will be available on our Collaborative website and shared through Flocknote and on social media (making it easy to access). For those without access to a computer, when registration opens you will be asked to call the parish offices at Sacred Heart or Our Lady’s to register your information (name, phone number, which Mass you want to attend, and number of people who will attend Mass). Seating will be assigned in the order that reservations are received, while trying to accommodate the most people allowed under COVID guidelines. Registration will automatically close if and when we reach capacity. **We will not be able to accommodate anyone arriving at Palm Sunday or Easter Masses without a reservation.**

We anticipate that the Cardinal’s dispensation from the Mass obligation will remain in place. Individuals at particular risk are strongly urged to avoid the risks associated with attending public celebrations of the Mass.

Palm Sunday’s online Mass will be available on the Collaborative’s YouTube channel by 8:00am on Palm Sunday. A special recorded Easter Mass will be available on our YouTube channel by 8:00am on Easter Morning.

Parishioners who want to attend the 11:00am ASL Easter Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart must make reservations with Boston Deaf Catholic. This Mass is not just for the deaf community; it will have music and will be celebrated for the whole parish. Reservations are with Deaf Catholic to ensure that vision lines for the Deaf Community are preserved. [https://www.bostondeafcatholic.org/events/asl-mass-with-english-voice-interpretation-live-streamed-on-youtube-live/20210404](https://www.bostondeafcatholic.org/events/asl-mass-with-english-voice-interpretation-live-streamed-on-youtube-live/20210404)

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**Fr. John Sassani: Homily Given on March 25, 2012**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent—Liturgical Year B**

Some of you may be part of a family business, but probably most of us are not. If there was anything that could be considered a family business in my family, it would be medicine. Two uncles, an aunt, and my sister were all in medical fields. My uncle in Swampscott tried to lure me in. He gave me a job cleaning his office. He even had me observe the lab tech, hoping it would hook me. Obviously it didn’t!

Jesus, on the other hand, joined the family business – not the carpentry that Joseph taught Him, but the work of salvation that He learned from His Father.

God the Father labored to bring about creation and to sustain it at every moment. Christ is at work to bring about salvation. Creation is beautiful, and yet it is flawed and, at times, dark. So are we. We are made in the image of God, and yet we are flawed.

The work of salvation is accomplished at a great cost. The Gospel compares it to a grain of wheat that, only after it falls to the ground and dies, can it bear great fruit. St. Paul in the second reading tells us that Jesus offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to God. Jesus was not stoic – but He was obedient through it all.

We are His brothers and sisters. He has drawn us to Himself. May we do the same for others, so that they experience His selfless love...that we and they may experience the blessings that selfless love offers.
SNAP (Food Stamps)
Apply online or call 877-382-2363

Commodity Supplemental Food Prgm
Once-per-month food distribution for eligible individuals age 60+.
Contact Emily Kuhl at 617-796-1672 for info.

Through the Newton School System
3 days of breakfast and lunch items
ALL Newton residents eligible
Mon, Wed, Fri 10am-12pm
Newton North (Auditorium Entrance)
Newton South (Side Entrance)

Centre Street Food Pantry
11 Homer St, Newton
Tue 2:30-6pm; every first Sat 11:30am-2pm

Newton Food Pantry
1000 Commonwealth Ave (City Hall)
Wed 1:30-5:30pm
617-796-1233, www.newtonfoodpantry.org

Bristol Lodge Soup Kitchen
545 Moody St, Waltham
Free takeout meals, Mon-Fri 4:30-5:30pm

Lasagna Love
One-time meals from neighbor to neighbor.
https://www.lasagnalove.org/request

Newton Mobile Market
American Legion Post 440
295 California St, Newton
No eligibility requirements
Fresh produce, dairy, soups, proteins, etc.
For upcoming dates, call 617-244-0440 and leave your name and phone number.

Waltham Mobile Market
50 Prospect St, Waltham
No eligibility requirements
Fresh produce, dairy, soups, proteins, etc.
Upcoming: Apr 24, May 15, 11:30am-12:30pm

Do You Need Emergency Assistance with Utility Bills?
If you have been impacted by pandemic and have low-to-moderate income, you may be eligible to receive financial assistance. Visit http://www.newtonma.gov/residents/cousens_fund.asp or call 617-796-1324 to have an application mailed to you.
Residence & income eligibility rules apply.

Questions?
617-796-1420
www.newtonma.gov/socialservices

Volunteer Recruitment at Newton Food Pantry
Do you want to be a part of a local nonprofit that helps countless residents every week by providing healthy food options? Can you communicate in Spanish, Russian, or Chinese? Do you want to bring your own background and experience to benefit the clients of the Newton Food Pantry? We are specifically seeking BIPOC volunteers and people who can speak Spanish, Russian, or Chinese to work our Wednesday afternoon client distribution shifts. These shifts are: 12:30-2:30pm, 2:30-4:30pm and 4:30-6:00pm. There are also a variety of other volunteer opportunities. Intrigued? Want to know more? Email president@newtonfoodpantry.org today. Newton Food Pantry is a local nonprofit, working hard to bring nutrition and food justice to all of our neighbors. We are entirely volunteer-run, and we are inviting new members to join our family!

53rd Lt. Paul Sullivan Scholarship
The Lt. Paul Sullivan Scholarship is now online at https://sites.google.com/view/lt-paul-j-sullivan-scholarship. The application deadline is April 16. The top scholarship is $5,000, with additional scholarships to be awarded. Last year there were 9 scholarships totaling $23,500. We are looking for student-athletes who are actively involved in their school, religion, and community. All Watertown students, from any high school, who meet the requirements, are eligible. Students from Newton, Waltham, Belmont and Cambridge who live within the areas of Sacred Heart, Newton; Sacred Heart, Watertown; St. Mary, Waltham; and St. Patrick, Watertown are also eligible. Given changes over the years, students from collaboratives that include these parishes are eligible. If you have any questions please contact Eleanor Donato at 617-484-5569 or donatomom@aol.com.

The Newton Community Freedge Collaborative
As of March 14, Newton has a new, free, supplemental food program that is available at all times and in all weather for anyone! The Newton “freedge”, an outdoor refrigerator and pantry, is located in the parking lot at Central Drapery and Dry Cleaning on Watertown Street.

Want to get involved in helping to monitor and stock the freedge? Learn more at http://www.newtonfoodpantry.org/newton-freedge/ or email newtoncommunityfreedge@gmail.com.

Kids’ Corner

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

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Learn at Mass
If you have struggled with your Lenten goals, now is a good time to start again with your fasting, prayer, and giving.

Gospel:
Jesus knows that He will die on the cross.
He tells his disciples that he will die soon.
Sacred Heart Religious Education News

Registration remains open to all grades by visiting https://sholnewton.org/religious-education-at-sacred-heart. Our Religious Ed Program is called “Project Nazareth: Faith Begins at Home” and provides weekly resources to families with children in Preschool-Grade 6 at home. These resources give parents suggestions on how to pray and have conversations with their children on the fundamental Gospel message, delivered weekly. These conversations help parents to talk about the person of God in a natural way and can draw families closer together! Mentors from our parish provide support through phone calls, prayer, and virtual meetings that also give a built-in connection with other parish families. See examples at https://www.bostoncatholic.org/project-nazareth. Grades 7/8 and Grade 9 meet separately - twice per month on Zoom (includes videos), alternating with homework lessons focusing on how the Catholic Faith provides them with the keys to a happy life.

Please join us! For more information, please contact Michelle Solomon at the Sacred Heart Parish Office: msolomon@sholnewton.org or 617-969-2248 x126.

Sacred Heart Religious Education Lenten Sock Drive!

Our Religious Education Program is hosting a Lenten Sock Drive benefiting Catholic Charities’ St. Ambrose Family Shelter for homeless families.

Want to help keep families warm and comfortable? Please donate!

NEEDED: Brand new athletic cotton socks *tube, midsize, or half-calf) in their package or with tags, any size, for men, women, and children of all ages! Please no used socks!

Where? Drop off socks to:
1) Sacred Heart Upper Church Lobby before or after the Sunday 9am or Daily 9am Mass
2) Sacred Heart Rectory Office back porch during the day
3) In the green bin at 46 Ripley St, Newton Centre, at the large porch side driveway of the Looby Family any time at all

When? We are collecting through April 5.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

Sacred Heart parishioners wished passersby on Centre Street a Happy St. Patrick’s Day last week, featuring wonderful art from Tim Regan.

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Easter Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of the flowers that will be used to decorate the altar for Easter, in memory of a deceased relative or friend, please print the names clearly and bring them to the parish office with your donation or place them in the collection basket.

All names will be remembered and printed in the bulletin which will be distributed on Easter Sunday.

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A Note from Fr. Dan about Online Giving

Continued ministry in these challenging times is made possible by the ongoing and generous financial support of parishioners like you. If you are able to make your regular contribution online, we urge you to consider doing so. At all times, and especially during this crisis, online giving is both easier for you and better for Sacred Heart.

To give securely online to Sacred Heart, visit https://osvhub.com/sacredheartnewton-funds

Paper checks can be mailed to the parish office: Sacred Heart, 1321 Centre St, Newton Centre, MA 02459

Thank you! Fr. Dan
Religious Education Update, Early March

We hope you enjoyed reading our previous update! With a few more months under our belts now, we have more tidbits to share.

Our program is still online, and we continue to have wonderful faith experiences with our parish families as we seek to deepen our relationship with Jesus.

Family Webinars: Family webinars occur each month with families of all sizes and ages. Each month, approximately 200 families participate in one of five sessions.

Our February sessions focused first on Lent and then on some of the contributions of Black American Catholics as we marked Black History Month. Families talked about their plans for Lent and how they would try to pray, fast, and give. We then looked at the holy examples of Venerable Pierre Toussaint, a former slave who risked his safety to care for people during yellow fever epidemics (just like so many front-line workers today!) among several other Black American Catholics who are on the road to being declared saints.

Now in March, we are praying the Stations of the Cross together virtually. Fourteen different families have recorded themselves presenting a station, and our Music Director Anne Marie David and our Children’s Choir have contributed some beautiful musical pieces for reflection. We wish we could gather together for the Stations of the Cross in person, but this has still been a holy and prayerful experience.

Weekly Lessons: In addition to the monthly online gatherings, each student is using an age-appropriate at-home curriculum called Pflaum Gospel Weeklies, which use the Sunday reading as the basis for learning about Jesus and our Catholic faith. What a great way to encounter Christ!

First Penance and First Communion: The girls and boys are now more than halfway through their First Communion classes on Zoom. Their catechists have been so committed, just like each family! Later this month, we will gather with the boys and girls and their families on Zoom for a special First Communion retreat experience. They are getting excited to receive Jesus’ in the Eucharist later this spring, and we are excited for them. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Confirmation: Our Zoom Confirmation classes have now started with 74 young women and men and 8 wonderful group leaders. We are planning for 6 separate safely socially-distanced Confirmation celebrations in early May. Come Holy Spirit!

Affirmations: We are so grateful for the efforts of parents for their time and commitment and for creating environments at home to enable this kind of new faith formation this year. We are also indebted to our sacramental preparation catechists and to all those who have contributed to or assisted during a webinar. It really does take a village!

—Kristina Preman, Kate Neal, and Ginny Arpino

Cannoli for a Cause
Back by popular demand is “Cannoli for a Cause” for Easter. Pick up Holy Saturday, April 3, 12:00-3:00pm at Our Lady’s Lower Church Hall. Sponsored by St. Mary of Carmen Society. Place your order at www.stmaryofcarmen.org/cannoli.

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Next Honduras Coffee Sale
The next sale of coffee from our sister parish, San Marcos, will be the weekend of April 10-11.

An Update on Our Sister Parish in Honduras
We on the Honduras Committee recently were moved to discover that one of Our Lady’s teenage parishioners, when she heard about the scholarship program we have in San Marcos, took the initiative to read and watch a video about the program and how it benefits the children. Then she was inspired to donate the cost of a scholarship, $300, from the first paycheck she received at her new after-school job. We’re reminded of Pope Francis’ words in his encyclical, Fratelli Tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship, speaking of “a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance” (no. 1). It is so encouraging to see this heartfelt generosity across borders in one of our young people.

Right now there are immense needs in San Marcos because of the pandemic with the loss of lives in the parish and the economic disaster that is so much worse than what we have experienced in the U.S. Our friends on the scholarship committee in San Marcos will be meeting with the pastor, Father Walter, this week, to discuss how our fundraising can help with critical needs there. Please consider donating to the fund for San Marcos by mailing a check to Our Lady’s (“Honduras project” in the memo line) or dropping it in the collection basket. We’re grateful for whatever you can do!

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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. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated after all vigil and Sunday Masses on the first full weekend of each month. Please also notify us of hospitalizations, so that we may be of help.

Sacraments of Initiation: For adults interested in Baptism, Confirmation, or joining the Catholic Church, please contact Nick Frega; for high school Confirmation, contact Michelle Solomon at Sacred Heart or Kristina Preman at Our Lady’s; for older children to be baptized or to receive Holy Communion, contact Michelle Solomon at Sacred Heart or Kristina Preman at Our Lady’s.

Infant Baptisms: Infant Baptisms are celebrated at Mass or 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. For more information, please visit our website.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance. A preparation program is offered to all couples. For more information, please visit our website.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society: For more information, email svdp@sholnewton.org or call 617-527-7560 ext. 255.
Sacred Heart and Our Lady’s Collaborative

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Priests’ schedule is subject to change

Saturday, March 20
9:00am - Sacred Heart - For All Parishioners
Immediately following Mass: Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Msgr. Peter Conley)
For All Parishioners

4:00pm - Our Lady’s (Fr. Bill Murphy)
For All Parishioners

Sunday, March 21–5th Sunday of Lent
9:00am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Bart Geger, S.J.)
For All Parishioners

10:00am - Our Lady’s (Fr. Dan Riley)
Louis Todino—1 Month Anniversary

11:00am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Shawn Carey)
For All Parishioners

6:00pm - Our Lady’s (Fr. Dan Riley)
Brother Vincent Corcoran
Robert Nadeau

Monday, March 22
9:00am - Sacred Heart - Antonio Tornabene

Tuesday, March 23
7:00am - Our Lady’s - Pfc. John J. McLaughlin

Wednesday, March 24
7:00am - Our Lady’s - For the Sick of the Parishes

Thursday, March 25
7:00am - Our Lady’s - For All First Responders

Friday, March 26
9:00am - Sacred Heart - For All Military Personnel

Saturday, March 27
9:00am - Sacred Heart - Romilda D’Innocenzio—5th Anniversary
Immediately following Mass: Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Dan Riley)
Jane Murphy—1st Anniversary

4:00pm - Our Lady’s (Msgr. Peter Conley)
Joseph & Josephine Proia
Joseph Proia, Jr.
Velta Doherty
Loretta Schraffa

Sunday, March 28–Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
9:00am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Dan Riley)
For All Parishioners

10:00am - Our Lady’s (Fr. Bart Geger, S.J.)
For All Parishioners

11:00am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Shawn Carey)
For All Parishioners

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For All Parishioners

Weekend Masses, Scheduled Reconciliations, and Weekday Masses

Weekend Mass Schedule
In the future, we hope and plan to resume our full weekend Mass schedule across the Collaborative, adding back the Sunday 8:00am Mass (Our Lady’s) and 12:00pm Mass (Sacred Heart).

Scheduled Reconciliation Times
Confessions will be heard every Saturday, 2:30pm-3:30pm.
—In March: Our Lady’s only, Main Church
—In April: Sacred Heart only, Upper Church

Weekday Masses—NEW Schedule
Weekday Masses have resumed with a new, year-round schedule for daily Masses:
—Mass is celebrated at Sacred Heart in the Upper Church at 9:00am on Monday, Friday, and Saturday only.
—Mass is celebrated at Our Lady’s at 7:00am on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday only.

Thank you for your patience as we proceed carefully and with safety at the forefront of our minds!

In your prayers, please remember

Mary J. Doherty
Sr. Mary Gervasi DiGregorio, CSJ
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and all who have died.

May they experience the new life promised by Christ’s Paschal victory.

Scripture Readings for the Week

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