

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY'S COLLABORATIVE NEWTON, MA

~ All are welcome ~



Epiphany of the Lord

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2018

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil

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

Sunday

8:00am Our Lady's
9:00am Sacred Heart
10:00am Our Lady's
11:00am Sacred Heart (ASL)
12:00pm Sacred Heart
Lower Church
6:00pm Our Lady's

Weekdays including Legal Holidays

Mon-Fri: 7:00am Our Lady's
Mon-Sat: 9:00am Sacred Heart
Lower Church

Holy Days of Obligation

7:00am Our Lady's
9:00am Sacred Heart
12:00pm Our Lady's
7:30pm Sacred Heart

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday, 2:30-3:30pm, at both churches on the lower level, or by appointment.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Priests' schedule is subject to change

Saturday, January 6

9:00am - Sacred Heart - *For All Deceased Parishioners*
Immediately following Mass: Rosary, Exposition, Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, ending at 10:30am

4:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)
Madeline Rose Desmond - 6th Anniversary
Joanne Mitchell - 25th Anniversary
Romolo Pescosolido

4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. John Sassani)
For Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, January 7

8:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Michael Hahn)
Glen Mackery
9:00am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Adrian Milik)
For Deceased Members of Saint Francis Guild

10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. John Sassani)
Catherine & Dan Cleary
Mary Louise, Jack & Bill Cleary
Gloria Putnam
Loreto & Antonia Cucchi

11:00am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Shawn Carey)
12:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. Adrian Milik)

Dino Tonelli
6:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)
Michele D'Angelo
Ruth Wright

Monday, January 8

7:00am - Our Lady's - *For the Sick of the Parish*
9:00am - Sacred Heart - *For the Sick of the Parish*

Tuesday, January 9

7:00am - Our Lady's - *For All Emergency Workers*
9:00am - Sacred Heart - *For All Emergency Workers*

Wednesday, January 10

7:00am - Our Lady's - *For All Military Personnel*
9:00am - Sacred Heart - *For All Military Personnel*

Thursday, January 11

7:00am - Our Lady's - *For All Victims of Abuse*
9:00am - Sacred Heart - *For All Victims of Abuse*

Friday, January 12

7:00am - Our Lady's - *For Deceased Members of the Parish*
9:00am - Sacred Heart - *For Deceased Members of the Parish*

Saturday, January 13

9:00am - Sacred Heart - *Mary Hart*
Immediately following Mass: Rosary, Exposition, Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, ending at 10:30am

4:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. Dan Riley)
Anthony S. Casieri—6th Anniversary
Matilde Zubillaga
4:00pm - Sacred Heart (Msgr. Dennis Sheehan)
Joseph Saganey—1st Anniversary

Sunday, January 14

8:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Adrian Milik)
Anthony Lucenta
Maria Cristina Cadima Lopez
Jessica Lynn Bosselman
9:00am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Dan Riley)
Deceased Members of Saint Francis Guild
10:00am - Our Lady's (Fr. Adrian Milik)
Antonio, Carmela, Cesidio, Anna...
..Donata & Giacomo Pellegrini
Katherine & John Murphy, Mary Clancy
Sister Mary Celestine
Ruth Wright
11:00am - Sacred Heart (Fr. Shawn Carey)
12:00pm - Sacred Heart (Fr. John Sassani)
Robert Johnson
6:00pm - Our Lady's (Fr. John Sassani)
Jimmy & Betty Haley
Delores Clemente - 1st Anniversary

Collaborative Information

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.

Sacraments of Initiation: For adults interested in being baptized, in receiving Confirmation, or in joining the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Adrian Milik; for high school Confirmation only, 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 and Rosemary Seibold 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 offices to begin the process. A program of preparation is offered for all parents. For more information, please visit our website.

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.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church. If you wish 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.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society: For more information, email svdp@sholnewton.org or call 617-527-7560 x255.

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Scripture Readings for the Week Ahead

also found at uscgb.org

Sunday, January 7

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 8

Is 42:1-4,6-7; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12

1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13

1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14

1 Sm 3:3b-10,19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Sunday, January 21

Jon 3:1-5,10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Family Game Night

Family Game Night is coming January 27th from 6:30pm-8pm for our Collaborative! Save the date for Saturday, January 27th - Family Game Night is coming with fun for all ages! Board games, face painting, and activities such as corn hole, ring toss, bowling, basketball, and more! Also a chance to win prizes from local vendors - Discovery Museum, Newtonville Books, Barns and Noble, Bertuccis, Rice Valley, Christine's Day Spa, Mena Salon and Spa, Nail It, Starbucks, Brewers Coalition, JP Licks, Cook, Tommy Doyle's, Marshalls, Nordstrom, Rice Valley, Dunkin Donuts and many more. You don't want to miss this fun family event so mark your calendars now! It will be held in the gym at Our Lady's from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Hope to see you there.

January 7~ The Epiphany of the Lord

In an age when we rely on a "gps" or "Google maps" or "waze," it is easy to find another route home. But the Magi in today's Gospel didn't have this modern technology to rely on when they were told to return to their country "by another way." The familiar route was not to be taken, yet they trusted and did as was advised. On this feast of Epiphany, what "new way" is God inviting you to travel now? Where in your life might God be urging you to "take another route?" Will you trust that God will lead you along a new

path?

Social Justice? Let's Be Consistent

Social Justice? Let's Be Consistent – Please join the Justice and Peace Committee for a forum featuring parishioner Chelsea Williams. The forum will be held on Sunday, January 7th at 4:00PM in the Lower Church at Sacred Heart. In this presentation, Chelsea will describe the widespread dehumanization of fellow human beings found in our culture. She will then introduce the concept of *consistent life ethic*, and describe its compatibility with a fully Christian perspective on love-in-action. Hope to see you there!

I (Fr. Dan) Strongly Support Cardinal Sean on the Abuse Issue When He Wrote Recently:

"I am particularly cognizant of all who experienced the trauma of sexual abuse by clergy, whose lives were so seriously impacted by those crimes, and their families and loved ones. To those men and women, I offer my sincere apologies for the harm they suffered, my continued prayers and my promise that the Archdiocese will support them in their effort to achieve healing. . . Cardinal Law served at a time when the Church failed seriously in its responsibilities to provide pastoral care for her people, and with tragic outcomes failed to care for the children of our parish communities. I deeply regret that reality and its consequences. Since the day I arrived in the Archdiocese of Boston, my primary objective has been to work for healing and reconciliation among survivors, their families and the wider community of Catholics for whom the abuse crisis was a devastating experience and a great test of faith." I can testify that under Cardinal Sean actions, including allowing no credibly alleged abusers in ministry ("zero tolerance") and extensive child safety programs, have made a big difference. Nonetheless, we, the church, cannot apologize enough for the monstrous crimes perpetrated by some priests, and the mismanagement of these perpetrators by some bishops."

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From Fr. Dan, Administrator

Dear Friends,

It is great to be assigned to Sacred Heart and Our Lady's! I would not trade being here with any other assignment in the entire Archdiocese! You, the people are: friendly, kind, faith-filled and you strive to imitate Jesus. Only Heaven is better than being here.

Has the cold ended yet? It feels like we are in the movie "Frozen!" While the overall temperature of the earth over the long run is warming in a terrifying way, it has not been warm around here lately.

Pope Francis on Christmas: "We are led to discover the light of Jesus, who was born of an unknown poor girl in a stable. We can welcome God's gift of Jesus by making a free gift of ourselves to those we encounter. This, the Pope stressed, is why we exchange gifts. With the incarnation of the Son, he said, God has opened the way to new life, that is based not on selfishness but on love. Pope Francis said that Jesus establishes a friendship with the small and despised, like the shepherds, that continues in time. With them, the Pope said, God wants to build a new world where there is no one who is rejected, maltreated and destitute. Pope Francis thus urged all to open their hearts and be God's gift to others,

especially to the small and excluded who have never experienced a caress, loving attention or tenderness."

A tribute to heroes! In an age where the many ignore religion, you have the courage to stand with Jesus. You do things like: coming to Church, forgiving instead of taking revenge, serving instead of being selfish, caring for all – especially the "least ones," and you follow Jesus instead of looking for love and happiness in places that cannot fulfill. My hat is off to you!

Sports Section: The Pats took care of the Jets. (I got to see the 4th quarter.) So we have this weekend off and home field advantage going forward. We have had a first round bye eight years in a row! The Bruins, lately, have been as awesome as the Celts were earlier in the year. While the Celts have come back to earth, they are still winning more than they are losing. Too bad BC lost their bowl game, but they are young and improving. Who made it to the College Football Finals? How are our high school sports teams doing?

Happy New Year, Love and God bless you,

Fr. Dan

Pastoral Council Meeting

The next Pastoral Council Meeting is Tuesday, January 9th. For any agenda items you may have, please contact Brian (bniemiec@sholnewton.org).

Forming Disciples in Mission: Upcoming Workshops

Forming Disciples in Mission is a one-day or two-evening session to provide every Catholic with a common language and tools for the work of New Evangelization. The next workshop date is January 27 at St. Malachy parish in Burlington. You can register for this or other upcoming workshops at disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciples.

Want to Receive the Bulletin by Email Each Week?

If so, visit: <http://pilotbulletins.net/sign-up/>. Scroll down to either Our Lady's or Sacred Heart (listed alphabetically) and select the "sign up" button.

Weekend Update

Are you getting the collaborative's weekly email updates every Friday morning? The Weekend Update delivers the four most important collaborative news items to your inbox, so you can stay up-to-date on all the happenings at the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Collaborative. It's a fast and easy read, and we have gotten wonderful feedback from parishioners. Sign up by emailing Brian.

Pastoral Council Update

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Food Cards

Quite often we have needy persons come to the door asking for help. We generally give them a grocery store gift card. St. Vincent de Paul and others have been providing these cards, but at this time we have

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few left. If you would like to help, you may drop off gift cards to the parish offices during office hours. Thank you for your generosity!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." Learn how to better love your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are January 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and March 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit <https://wwmema.org/>.

Inclement Weather Policy for the Newton Collaborative

During the week, if Newton Public Schools are closed or have a delayed opening, the weekday morning Masses at both Sacred Heart and Our Lady's will be cancelled. This is for the safety of those who attend Mass and it also allows for the clearing of the parking lot and stairways. Remember, we each have a duty to keep ourselves and our family safe. If the scheduled Mass has an announced intention, the intention will be rescheduled to the next available Mass. If unsure, please check the cancellations list on local TV and radio stations. You can also call the parish offices or check the website to see if Masses have been cancelled.

For Our Lady's: If possible, someone will send an email to the ministry list. If you are scheduled for Mass but find you are personally unable to attend due to the weather, please call the ministry mailbox and leave a message. 617-527-7560 ext.270.

On Care for Creation

A change in lifestyle could bring healthy pressure to bear on those who wield political, economic and social power. . . . This shows us the great need for a sense of social responsibility on the part of consumers. "Purchasing is



always a moral – and not simply economic – act." [quoting Pope Benedict XVI] ~ Pope Francis, in *Laudato Si*

Witness to Life Rally

Thursday, January 18th, 7:00pm – 9:00pm at St. Stephen Parish, Framingham. All are invited to help launch the Witness to Life pilgrimage at a Rally with Bishop Mark O'Connell, the Catholic band *Delmore*, prayer and adoration, plus two dynamic pro-life speakers: Sarah Mary Toce (Director of the New England Life and Leadership Project) and Dr. Paul Gondreau, Professor of Theology at Providence College, and father of Dominic Gondreau, the young boy with cerebral palsy who was embraced by Pope Francis on Easter Sunday, 2013. For more information on this free event, contact Margaret Wakelee at mwakelee@rcab.org.

Open House

Saint Jude School, 175 Main Street, Waltham, MA. Open house at Saint Jude School on January 28th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm and January 31st from 9:00am to 10:00am. Saint Jude is dedicated to helping children from Pre-K to Grade 8 become creative thinkers, innovative problem solvers, effective communicators, and emerging leaders – all while guided by the Catholic faith. Please join us for a tour of our Catholic, coeducational school. Come meet our principal, faculty, alumni, students, and families. Visit classrooms and learn about our curriculum. For more information visit our website at www.stjudewaltham.com.

Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University, a Biblically-based personal finance course by Dave Ramsey, will run for nine weeks on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00am starting January 7th. The class is in Watertown Square. There is no charge for the course, but each family unit must purchase a course materials kit, which include a budgeting app. A limited number of steeply discounted kits are available to parishioners on a first-come basis. Contact the coordinator, Frank Medlar, at 617 835-3163.



Epiphany Reflection - Radiance

How amazing the radiance of that one star! We yearn to experience that same guiding light, to trust the path it illumines, to walk confidently with Christ toward God.

*“Then you shall be radiant at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow.”* (Isaiah 60:5)

For the last two weeks, we have reflected on God's gifts to us and the growth that we all experience by acknowledging God's presence in our lives. We've been using the image of a **Spiritual Christmas Tree**:

- Delighting in the gifts – the joy – under the tree given to us by God
- Nurturing those gifts – the greening – to grow into strong, supportive branches, opening ourselves in new ways to living into those gifts
- Sharing the light of Christ – the radiance – by sharing our gifts

As we reach the top of our spiritual tree, we reach the star – the radiant light – the centerpiece, the crown. It is the full ripening of our gifts: the ability to **share the gifts** and thereby to bring light to the world. The question for all of us is:

How can I bring light to the world?

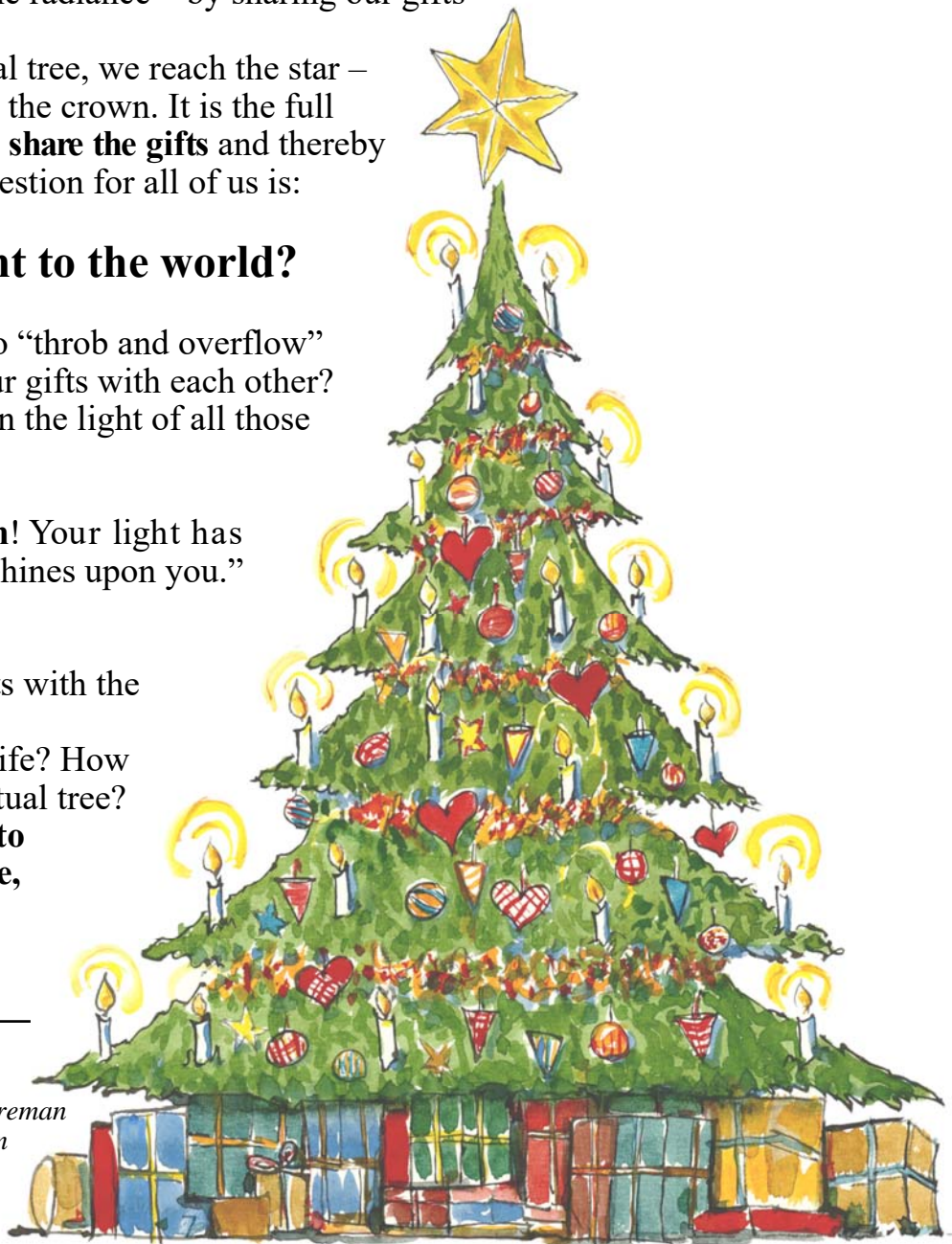
Wouldn't we all want our hearts to “throb and overflow” through the radiance of sharing our gifts with each other? Imagine our community basking in the light of all those amazing gifts!

“Rise up in splendor, Newton! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.”

We invite you to consider:

- How might you share your gifts with the community?
- How does the star guide your life? How radiant is the star on your spiritual tree?
- **What epiphany inspires you to change your habits, your time, your prayer in 2018?**

Did you enjoy these Christmas season reflections? Please let us know so we can explore doing more of the same! Kristina Preman kpreman@sholnewton.org or Erica Johnson ejohnson@sholnewton.org. Thank you!



Sacred Heart News

Coffee Hour for Marie Buckley

All parishioners are invited to the Coffee Hour after the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday, January 28th. We will be celebrating Marie Buckley's four years of ministry in the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Collaborative, and wishing her well as she begins a new chapter in her life.

Religious Education News

Religious Ed classes are on hiatus for the Christmas break and will resume on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. As children and adults alike yearn for the joy of Christmas morning, this desire for joy is really our search for God! God comes to us as a baby, so we are not frightened by His majesty and beauty. He wants us to be near Him so he can wipe away our every tear, forgive us our sins and fill us with His peace and joy. May the beauty and humility of the little Child Jesus make us come close to him in prayer and love in the manger of our hearts this Christmas morning! "O come let us adore Him"!

~Michelle Solomon

Director of RE

Saint Francis House

For the month of January we need canned vegetables. You may bring in your donations at any time this month and place them in the marked bins at the entrances to the church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Hospitality Committee Seeking New Volunteers

As you may know, the hospitality committee helps the parish by coordinating social events related to our parish mission. Hospitality committee volunteers can participate in one or as many of the parish activities they wish and in any way they like (e.g. baking goods, helping decorate, cleaning up, etc.). If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Dr. Maura Iversen at mdiversen@verizon.net. She looks forward to working with all current & new members.

Prison Visitation Opportunity

One day each month, a small group of men and women from the Newton Wellesley area visits inmates at the Federal Medical Center in Devens. Most of those visited are far from home so receive few if any visits in the course of a year. If you might be

interested in joining us, please contact Sacred Heart parishioner Jim Reilly for further information. Jim can be reached at 781-237-0768.

CORI Forms

All volunteer Ministers of Communion, Lectors, ushers at Sacred Heart Parish are required to submit a CORI form **each year**. We are missing quite a few of the renewals for 2018. If you are in ministry here at Sacred Heart and have not yet filled out a 2018 form, please pick one up from the sacristy and have one of the Pastoral Ministers or the office verify your information (by showing a driver's license). Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to comply with this requirement.

What is a Pastoral Coordinator?

Several parishioners have asked me about my new role at Sacred Heart Church, and so I offer this as an imperfect explanation of what Fr. John and Fr. Dan have asked me to do. As Pastoral Coordinator, I will have many of the same responsibilities that were assigned to my predecessor, Marie Buckley. I will work in the areas of Liturgical Ministry, Funeral/Bereavement ministry, Baptism Ministry, Marriage and Annulment Ministry, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), and coordinating the ministry to the sick and homebound.

In addition to these areas of direct ministry, I am also asked to be the primary contact person between all the various ministries, organizations, and groups of the parish and the pastoral staff. It is my responsibility to be aware of everything that goes on at Sacred Heart, and resolve any conflicts or issues that may occur (in collaboration with the rest of the staff). So, if you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to approach me in addition to the priests, our Director of Religious Education, Michelle Solomon, our Director of Liturgy, Erica Johnson, and the support staff that serve here at Sacred Heart. My direct line is 617-969-4021, and my email is bniemiec@sholnewton.org. I am very excited to be journeying in faith with you, and I look forward to the time ahead.

Brian Romer Niemiec
Pastoral Coordinator, Sacred Heart Church



Our Lady's News

In your prayers please remember Caterina LaFrancesca, Anthony R. Cugini, and all who have died. May they experience the new life promised by Christ's Paschal victory.

Verifying Your New WeShare Account

If you had been giving online through ParishPay, please remember that your account has been transferred to WeShare, our new online giving provider. The security of your personal information is important to us. If you want to make any changes to your account or adjust your giving amount, WeShare requires a one-time security verification to provide you access. To successfully complete the verification, please follow the "online giving" link on our website: www.sholnewton.org. You will need:

- Your ParishPay User Name
- The last four digits of the bank account or credit card that is currently being used for your donations

And ONE of the following two options:

- The email you used to register with ParishPay
- A collection name and a specific amount donated in the last six months

Once verification is complete, you will receive a confirmation email from WeShare. Thank you for your continued generosity!

"Please prayerfully consider giving to our parish community online as it does benefit our parish in many important ways."

IT'S SAFE. IT'S SIMPLE. IT'S CONVENIENT.

Donate today using your debit, credit card, checking, or savings account.

- 1 Visit our website.
- 2 Select your donation amount and frequency.
- 3 Enter your account and payment information.



Bristol Lodge Food Request

We are in need of pasta (elbow shape only, 1 pound box) and/or 12 packs of soda for our Confirmation Program, which serves dinner at the Bristol Lodge in Waltham once a month as part of their service formation. If you can help us, please drop them off in the bins under the stairs on either side of the church at Our Lady's. Thank you for your continued generosity!

January Book Club

January Book Club Selection: a short offering by Harry Frankfurt. Moral philosopher Frankfurt addresses key issues or truth and untruth for our time. The books are short but pack a wallop. Thought provoking. The January meeting will be Thursday, January 25th, 7:00 PM, in the Colella room at Our Lady's. Two copies of the books are available for loan. Call Ed Desmond at Our Lady's Parish Office to reserve a copy. For more information about the book club contact Jim Allaire at 617-244-2143.

Grand Annual Collection



By now, you should have received a letter from Fr. John requesting your participation on our 2017-2018 Grand Annual Collection. This collection supplements our weekly offertory and lease revenue and is crucial to help us meet our financial obligations.

As of January 2 we have raised \$168,475 from 369 parishioners! **Our goal is \$200,000** and we need everyone to take part in order to attain that goal. Whether you give \$100 or \$300; \$1,000 or \$5,000, your gift will be appreciated as it promotes the well being of Our Lady's.

Blue donation envelopes are available at the doors of the church. Thank you for your generous support!