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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

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To contact the parish by internet, please access this new website.

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ESTATE
MANAGEMENT
INC.**

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9 AM—3 PM, April through November.

The Cemetery Office is located at the parish
rectory on 270 Elliot St, Newton Upper Falls and is
open Monday-Friday, 8 AM—5 PM.

Telephone: **781-235-1841**

saintmaryscemetery.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Traditional Latin High Mass: 10:30 AM

Weekdays: Mon.-Tues., Thurs.-Fri. 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Mass : Mon-Wed-Fri: 12:30
PM; Thu: 5:30 PM; Sat: 9:00 AM.

Holy Days: if Mon-Fri., 7:30 AM., 12:30, 5:30 &
7:30 PM.; if on Saturday, 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM & 12 Midnight

Christmas Day: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

January 1st: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Upon request. Please contact Father Higgins.

Penance (Confession):

Saturday 8:30-9:00 A.M. and 3:30-4:00 PM

Sunday, before and after the 10:30 a.m. AM Mass,
Weekdays, before and after the Latin daily Masses

Matrimony:

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the
parish church so as to allow for adequate sacramental
preparation (six months), including a Pre-Cana program.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or
facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for**

the Homebound: Please contact Father Higgins.

ABOUT OUR PARISH

Welcome, New Parishioners and Sunday Visitors:

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish is a canonically open parish of the Archdiocese of Boston, which has a Traditional Latin Mass apostolate. Both the ordinary form of the Roman Rite (1970 Missal) and the extraordinary form (1962 Missal) are celebrated here with the blessing of His Eminence Sean Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston. We encourage new parishioners to please register in the parish and to introduce yourselves to the Pastor. We are always glad to welcome Sunday visitors here to our beautiful, historic church. We look forward to your coming again.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL OUT A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM.



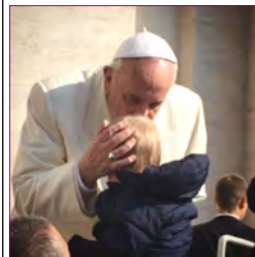
Parish Mission Statement

“What then is a parish? It is the smallest section of the one universal flock which has been entrusted to Peter by the Lord.

Under the authority of a responsible priest who has received the care of souls from his bishop, the parish is, within the Church of Jesus Christ, the first community of Christian life; it is a community cut to human dimensions, in which the shepherd can know his flock and the flock can know their shepherd ... At the heart of this area, we find the parish church with its bell-tower, its baptistery, its confessional, its altar and tabernacle, a symbol of unity and the centre of community life.”

**(Pope Saint Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)
Raised to the Altars October 14th, 2018**

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THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2019:

“DIALOGUE AND RECONCILIATION IN THE

NEAR EAST: *That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.*”

(PHOTO: (above) Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015. (below) Clement Pappin, summer of 2019, aged 6)



“IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERENELY BEAR THE TRIAL OF BEING DISPLEASED TO YOURSELF, THEN YOU WILL BE FOR JESUS A PLEASANT PLACE OF SHELTER.”—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)

Pastor's Note



Fr. Higgins

MARY IMMACULATE OF LOURDES: 109th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH DEDICATION NOVEMBER 24th, 1910 (THANKSGIVING DAY)

The front-cover for this week's Parish Sunday Bulletin shows two historic photographs of our parish church as it looked at its Dedication on November 24th, 1910 A.D. The Day of Dedication that year was also Thanksgiving Day and so it is fitting for us each year to celebrate our Anniversary on the Thanksgiving Day Holiday as we will do this coming Thursday at the special 9 AM Mass.

The interior of the church is an example of the style of what was called the "decorated church". The whole interior of the church was the artist's palette, the portrait paintings being only a portion of this larger art-work. As you can see from the old photographs, the portraits were surrounded by all kinds of decorative painting which have since been painted over by later (and unfortunate) renovations from the 1960s on. The careful removal of these overlays and the restoration of the original decorative art-work remains a goal for us, although it has to wait until we are first able to support our yearly operating expenses.

Over the course of the past month I have preached at Sunday Mass on the challenges of parish stewardship and the duty of the lay-faithful to fulfill the Fifth (of the Six) Precept of the Church, which is:

The Fifth Precept of the Church obliges the faithful to support their Church. It is an obligation of justice to provide for the needs of God's ministers, and, hence, in itself a grave obligation. The faithful have the duty to contribute, according to their means, to the

support of their pastors, their church and school. They have, like-wise, the obligation of charity to support their home and foreign missions, Catholic Charities, orphanages, etc.

The Fifth Precept of the Church concerns both rich and poor (who can often render personal service), young and old. While their obligation is a grave one, we would not condemn anyone of grave sin who neglects to contribute his share, unless the clergy would thereby suffer want or other parishioners be greatly overburdened. Entrance into the church during divine worship must be absolutely free, and a parishioner has a right to the consolations of religion when dying regardless of past neglect in supporting his church.

(Rev. Heribet Jone/ Rev. Urban Adelman: Moral Theology, (Precepts of the Church), 1946 edition)

As I spoke about in my stewardship homily I am not asking anyone to give money you do not have. I am, however, and without any hesitation whatsoever, asking you to give the Lord His portion out of what you do have. The Biblical tithe, 10% of one's goods, given back to God for the things of God (and these as "first fruits") is the "gold-standard" for stewardship-level giving. I have suggested calculating your own personal tithe-number (10% of your income after-taxes) and comparing that to what you are actually giving as your church-support now. If this sum is lower than your calculated personal-tithe number, then honestly try to move it up in the direction of the "Lord's portion".

"GRATITUDE IS THE THING THAT BRINGS US THE MOST GRACE...I HAVE LEARNT THIS FROM EXPERIENCE; TRY IT AND YOU WILL SEE. I AM CONTENT WITH WHATEVER GOD GIVES ME, AND I SHOW HIM THIS IN A THOUSAND LITTLE WAYS."—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)





David Allen

CHRIST THE KING

(*Missale Romanum* 1970)

In the new calendar, the Feast of Christ the King emphasizes especially Our Lord’s cosmic rule as “King of All,” or *Pantokrator* in Greek (a popular iconographic theme in the domes of Byzantine Churches). As we end one liturgical year and move quickly into the next with the season of Advent, we are conscious today that Christ’s coming at Christmas is not the only coming of His we anticipate. We expect His imminent coming as Judge of the living and the dead, as we profess in the Creed.

In the praying of the Liturgy of the Hours this particular week, the liturgical prescriptions recommend the use of the traditional Sequence hymn *Dies Irae*, originally found in the Requiem Mass. This hymn conveys great truths that we do well to consider this month of November, since it movingly describes the Day of Judgment. Here follow the fifth and eighth verses with my commentary. The following English translation is taken from the *Parish Book of Chant*.

“The written book shall be brought forth, containing all for which the world must be judged.”

We do well to remember Our Lord’s words, as St. Gregory the Great reminds us in one of his homilies: “I tell you, on the day of judgment men will render account for every careless word they utter” (Mt. 12:36, RSV). How much build-up of venial sin in this area there often is from day to day! Let us take our careless words and actions to the Lord in repentance. Let us take responsibility for the ways we ourselves may cause “death by a thousand cuts” to other people around us through thoughtless and hurtful speech and behavior.

Since God is omnipotent and all-benevolent, He will not allow the distorting effects of our forgiven sins to have any indefinite hold on us whatsoever- *and this is a good and most wholesome thing!* God wants us to be purified by the warmth of His grace of all things that

are contrary to His gift of charity (love for Him and neighbor), so that we can shine in splendor like Our Lady. Before the majesty of Christ the King, our deepened contrition and more fervent acts of penance open us up to God’s healing work, as we hear expressed in the following verse.



“O King of awful majesty, who of Thy free gift savest them that are to be saved, save me, O Fount of Mercy.”

In the Byzantine Divine Liturgy, the priest exhorts the people in one of the litanies to pray for the following: “...and for a good defense before the awesome judgement seat of Christ, let us ask of the the Lord.” This petition agrees with what we find in the *Dies Irae*. In what does such a “good defense” consist? Faith, love, and repentance, as expressed above: “save me, O Fount of Mercy.”

The notable Baptist preacher Charles Stanley, in one of his recorded sermons, speaks convincingly about God’s presence in the following way (my rough

(Continued on page 6...)



“CONSCIENCE IS NOT A LONG-SIGHTED SELFISHNESS, NOR A DESIRE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH ONESELF; BUT IT IS A MESSENGER FROM HIM, WHO, BOTH IN NATURE AND IN GRACE, SPEAKS TO US BEHIND A VEIL, AND TEACHES AND RULES US BY HIS REPRESENTATIVES.

CONSCIENCE IS THE ABORIGINAL VICAR OF CHRIST.”

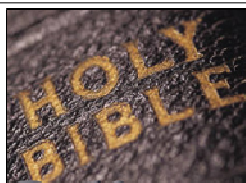
—SAINT JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN (+1890)

RAISED TO THE ALTARS, OCTOBER 13TH, 2019

(...continued from preceding page)

recall of his words): "If God were to step into the room right now, we would be on our faces on the floor so fast, we wouldn't know what happened." This is indeed true. In the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus hides the overwhelming power of His divinity, just as He did throughout His time on earth (except for the Transfiguration). When we see the face of Christ Pantokrator, however, we will have only one thing to utter before such blindingly awesome holiness, truth, beauty, and goodness: "save me!" At the same time, however, the Pantokrator is also the Philanthropos, the "Lover of Mankind," who loves us more than we can ever comprehend. Hence we say, in faith and love, "O Fount of Mercy!"

Mr. David Allen, M.T.S., is the lay Pastoral Associate for our parish of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes.



WEEKLY THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

Led by David Allen,
THURSDAY mornings at 8:20 AM (after the 7:30 AM Parish Mass.) Lower Rectory Conference Room.

This is an open group and all are invited to attend at any time.

**CURRENT STUDY:
EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS**

NO STUDY ON THANKSGIVING DAY



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**SUNDAY OFFERTORY FOR
10 NOVEMBER 2019**

(by Mass):

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**SECOND COLLECTION FOR TODAY,
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th: SICK AND
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"Glorify the Lord generously, and do not stint the first fruits of your hands. With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe with gladness. Give to the Most High as He has given, and as generously as your hand has found. For the LORD is the One who repays, and He will repay you sevenfold."—Sirach 35

**1st Sunday in Advent, December 1st:
ADVENTIDE BAKE SALE**

Please support our Advent Bake Sale planned for next Sunday, December 1st. If can you contribute a bake-sale item, please let Margie Bibbo, Jean Johnson or Patti Strom know.



LATIN MASS PROPERS: LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INTROIT: *Jeremias 29. 11, 12, 14; Psalm 84. 2* The Lord saith: I think thoughts of peace, and not of affliction: you shall call upon Me, and I will hear you; and I will bring back your captivity from all places. *Ps. 84. 2.* Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *℟̄.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. — The Lord ...

COLLECT Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful to seek more earnestly this fruit of the divine work, that they will receive more abundantly healing gifts from Thy tender mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

EPISTLE: From Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Colossians, *1. 9-14.* Brethren: We cease not to pray for you, and to beg that you may be filled with the knowledge of the will of God, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of God, in all things pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might according to the power of His glory, in all patience and long suffering with joy; giving thanks to God the Father, who hath made us worthy to be partakers of the lot of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the remission of sins.

GRADUAL: *Psalm 43. 8-9* Thou hast saved us, O Lord, from them that afflict us: and hast put them to shame that hate us. In God we will glory all the day long: and in Thy Name we will give praise for ever. **ALLELUIA** Alleluia, alleluia. *Psalm 129. 1-2* Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, *24. 13-25.* At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: When you shall see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the Prophet, standing in the holy place; (he that readeth, let him understand:) then they that are in Judea, let them flee to the mountains; and he that is on the housetop, let him not come down to take anything out of his house; and he that is in the field, let him not go back to take his coat. And woe to them that are with child and that give suck, in those days. But pray that your flight be not in the winter, or on the sabbath: for there shall be then great tribulation, such as hath not been found from the beginning of the world until now, neither shall be: and unless those days had been shortened, no flesh should be saved; but for the sake of the elect, those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say to you: Lo here is Christ, or there; do not believe him; for there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch as to deceive (if possible) even the elect. Behold I have told it to you beforehand. If therefore they shall say to you: Behold He is in the desert, go ye not out; Behold He is in the closets, believe it not. For as lightning cometh out of the east, and appeareth even into the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Wheresoever the body shall be, there shall the eagles also be gathered together. And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be moved; and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn; and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with much power and majesty. And He shall send His angels with a trumpet and a loud voice, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest parts of the heavens to the utmost bounds of them. And from the fig-tree learn a parable: when the branch thereof is now tender, and the leaves come forth, you know that summer is nigh. So you also, when you shall see all these things, know ye that it is nigh even at the doors. Amen I say to you that this generation shall not pass till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 129. 1-2 Out of the depths have I cried to Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Out of the depths have I cried to Thee, O Lord.

SECRET: Be gracious, O Lord, to our humble entreaties: receive the offerings and prayers of Thy people, and turn to Thyself the hearts of us all; and thus freed from earthly covetings, may we be caught by heavenly desires. Through our Lord ...

Preface of the Holy Trinity

COMMUNION: Mark 11. 24 Amen I say to you, whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive and it shall be done to you.

POSTCOMMUNION: Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that through these Sacraments which we have received, whatsoever is in our minds corrupt, may be cured by the gift of their power to heal. Through our Lord ...



CONCLUSION OF THE CHURCH'S YEAR OF GRACE 2019

Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

4:00 PM (*Vigil*), 7:30 & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Prelude: Vexilla Regis (Chant)

9:00 AM Vexilla Regis Prodeunt

(Giacomo Puccini, 1858~1924)

Entrance Antiphon: Revelation 5:12

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 95)

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To Him belong glory and power forever and ever.

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XI "Orbis Factor"

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

Parish Book of Chant, No. 78/pp. 91-93

Credo I: Laminated long-sheet in pew

Offertory Antiphon: Psalm 29. 10-11

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 96)

The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Communion: Psalm 29. 10-11

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 96)

The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Communion Meditation:

Mother Of Christ

(Nicola A. Montani)

Recessional Hymn:

All Creatures of Our God and King

(Worship II Hymnal, No. 8)



Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: O Dear God, In Thy Mercy, Now Hear Me

(Giuseppe Fortunino Francesco Verdi, 1813~1901)

Asperges me (Parish Book of Chant, pg. 34)

Processional: Vexilla Regis

(Parish Book of Chant, no.254/pg.272)

Introit: Jeremiah 29: 11; 29: 12; 29: 14 *Dicit Dóminus:*

Ego cógito cogitatiónes pacis, et non afflictiónis: invocábitis me, et ego exáudiam vos: et redúcam captivitátem vestram de cunctis locis. (Ps 84: 2) Benedixísti, Dómine, terram tuam: avertísti captivitátem Jacob. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Dicit Dóminus..

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XI "Orbis Factor"

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

Parish Book of Chant, no.78ff./pp. 91-93

Credo I: Parish Book of Chant, no. 117/pg. 110

Gradual: Psalms 43: 8-9 *Liberásti nos, Dómine, ex affligéntibus nos: et eos, qui nos odérunt, confudísti. In Deo laudábimur tota die, et in nómine tuo confitébimur in sæcula.*

Alleluia: *Allelúja, Allelúja. (Psalm 129: 1-2). De profúndis clamávi ad te, Dómine: Dómine, exáudi oratióne meam.*

Allelúja.

Offertory: Psalms 129: 1-2 *De profúndis clamávi ad te,*

Dómine: Dómine, exáudi oratióne meam: de profúndis clamávi ad te, Dómine.

Communion: Mark 11: 24 *Amen dico vobis, quidquid orántes pétitis, créдите quia accipiétis, et fiet vobis.*

Communion Meditation: Ave Verum

(Jacobus Clemens Non Papa, Published 1553 in Ecclesiasticarum cantionum quinque vocum)

Recessional Hymn:

All Creatures of Our God and King

(Worship II Hymnal, No. 8)

Postlude:

Mother Of Christ

(Nicola A. Montani)

Angelus (Chant)

Calendar of Masses
 (Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)

SUNDAY	4:00 PM	Alfred & Stella Filosa	Memorial	Filosa Family
November	(Vigil)			
24th	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		
(LAST SUNDAY	9:00 AM			
AFTER	10:30 AM			
PENTECOST & the				
FEAST OF CHRIST				
THE KING)				

**COMPLETE MASS INTENTION
 LIST POSTED IN FRONT
 VESTIBULE THIS WEEK**

	5:30 PM			
MONDAY	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of	Memorial	
November		Mary Immaculate of		
25th		Lourdes		
St. Catherine of	12:30 PM			
Alexandria				

TUESDAY	7:30 AM			
November				
26th				
Feria				

WEDNESDAY	12:30 PM			
November				
27th				
Our Lady of the				
Miraculous Medal				

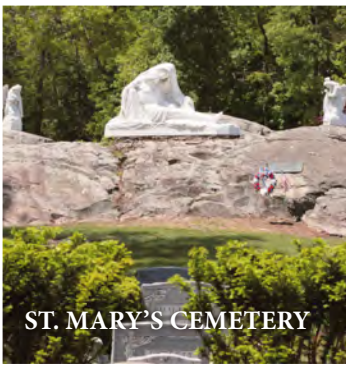
THURSDAY	7:30 AM			
November				
28th	9:00 AM	Pro Populo		
THANKSGIVING		Mass of the Dedication of		
DAY		the Parish Church		

FRIDAY	7:30 AM			
November	Health of the Sick			
29th	12:30 PM			
Feria				

SATURDAY	9:00 AM	All Souls (52)	Memorial	Donor
November				
30th				
St. Andrew Apostle				

	4:00 PM	Helen Reid	Memorial	
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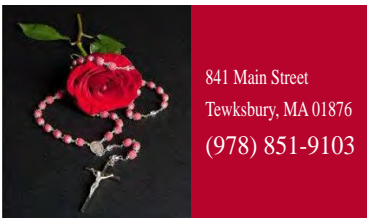




St Mary's Cemetery in Needham, founded in the 1870's, is the parish cemetery of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. The Cemetery is a reverent resting place for those awaiting reunion with the Risen Lord. The decision to pre-plan and purchase interment rights is a responsible and thoughtful gesture, sparing loved ones the stress of making difficult decisions during a time of grief and loss.

For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at **781-235-1841**.
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