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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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Mass Schedule

Sunday:

Novus Ordo

4:00 P. M. (*Saturday Vigil*), 7:30 & 9:00 A. M.

Traditional Latin

11:00/(11:15) A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

Weekdays:

Novus Ordo

Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 7:30 A. M.

Traditional Latin

Mon-Wed-Fri 12:30 PM; Thu 5:30 P. M.

Sat 9:00 A. M.

Holy Days

*Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter);
Assumption of Our Lady (August 15th); All
Saints Day (November 1st); December 8th
(Immaculate Conception of Our Lady)*

If falling on Mon-Fri—

Novus Ordo, 7:30 A. M. & 5:30 P. M.

Traditional Latin, 12:30 & 7:30 P. M.

If falling on Saturday—

Novus Ordo, 7:30 A.M.

Traditional Latin, 9:00 & 11:00 A. M.

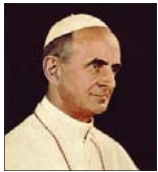
(Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and
January 1st, as announced)

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**

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes (Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910) Newton/Needham, Massachusetts Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman Catholic Parish

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism for infants and children under 7 years of age is scheduled upon request. Please contact the Parish Office (617-244-0558) to request a date.

PENANCE: Confessions regularly heard—
SUNDAY, 10:00-11:00 A.M., 5:00-5:30 P. M.
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, before and after the 12:30 P. M. Mass.
THURSDAY, before and after the 5:30 P.M. Mass.
SATURDAY, 8:00-9:00 A. M./ 3:30-4:00 P. M.

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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK, also known as
EXTREME UNCTION

Communion of the Sick for the Homebound

Please contact Father Higgins at the Parish Office (617-244-0558)



**“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)**

Pastor's Note



Fr. Higgins

IS IT MORALLY PERMISSIBLE TO TAKE THE COVID-19 VACCINATION?

A lot of questions are being raised about the COVID-19 vaccinations. I reproduce here some excerpts from the guidelines issued by our Archdiocese of Boston.

Here is the statement by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, the USCCB, dated December 20, 2020 with regard to the COVID-19 vaccines:

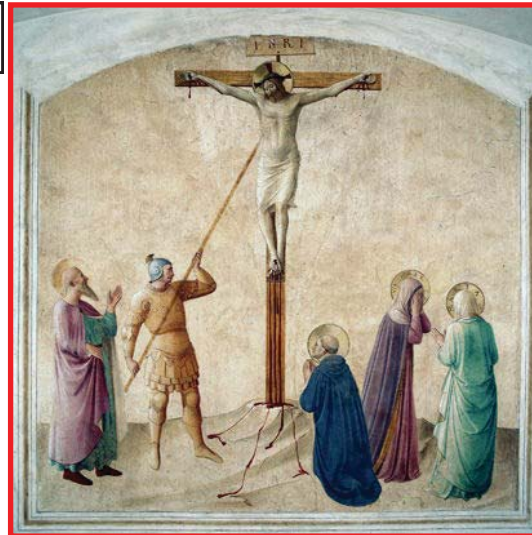
Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production. They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote.

Some are asserting that if a vaccine is connected in any way with tainted cell lines then it is immoral to be vaccinated with them. This is an inaccurate portrayal of Catholic moral teaching.

[This pronouncement of our bishops is an act of the ordinary Magisterium. They are properly exercising their Office to settle a matter of conscience for Catholics on a complicated moral issue.]

In a statement by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), *Note on the Morality of Using Some Anti-COVID-19 Vaccines*, approved by Pope Francis, December 17th, 2020 we have further guidance:

When ethically irreproachable COVID-19 vaccines are not available, [it is] morally acceptable to receive COVID-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in



FRONT COVER:
By Fra Angelico,
St. Dominic
at the
Crucifixion,
the Piercing
of Christ's
side.

their research and production process.”

Because of the ongoing, (at this time) uncontrolled/uncontrollable nature of the illness, the CDF in its December 17, 2020 *Note* states that:

All vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in the production of the vaccines derive.

Because the cooperation of the vaccine recipient is so remote the moral duty to avoid such passive material cooperation [with abortion] is not obligatory because there exists a grave danger in the COVID-19 pandemic.

In sum, based on Magisterial guidance, it is morally permissible for Catholics to take the COVID-19 vaccines currently being offered and to take them with a clear conscience.



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



SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH AND THE WIDER CHURCH MISSION
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ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL LAUNCH TODAY

“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

CATHOLIC APPEAL
Annual Archdiocesan Appeal by Cardinal Seàn

We are asked to participate in the Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal by making a sacrificial gift. Our Parish Assessment for 2021 is:
\$34,867.00

Our Parish Number is
294



“I REJOICE TO BE LITTLE, BECAUSE ONLY CHILDREN AND THOSE WHO ARE LIKE THEM WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE HEAVENLY BANQUET”—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)



THE CHURCH, VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE PROTECTS THE REVEALED MESSAGE

**“THE CHURCH IS EVER MILITANT; SOMETIMES SHE GAINS, SOMETIMES SHE LOSES; AND MORE OFTEN SHE IS AT ONCE GAINING AND LOSING IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF HER TERRITORY. WHAT IS ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY BUT A RECORD OF THE EVER-DOUBTFUL FORTUNE OF THE BATTLE, THOUGH ITS ISSUE BE NOT DOUBTFUL? SCARCELY ARE WE SINGING *TE DEUM* WHEN WE HAVE TO TURN TO OUR *MISERERES*: SCARCELY ARE WE IN PEACE, WHEN WE ARE IN PERSECUTION: SCARCELY HAVE WE GAINED A TRIUMPH, WHEN WE ARE VISITED BY A SCANDAL. NAY, WE MAKE PROGRESS BY MEANS OF REVERSES; OUR GRIEFS ARE OUR CONSOLATIONS; WE LOSE STEPHEN TO GAIN PAUL, AND MATTHIAS REPLACES THE TRAITOR JUDAS.”—ST. JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN (+1890)
*RAISED TO THE ALTARS, OCTOBER 13TH, 2019***

CATECHESIS: ON-GOING INSTRUCTION IN THE FULLNESS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

The LOURDES CATECHISM

The Sign of the Lourdes Spring



In the Church's Lenten Liturgies, a composite of 600 years' development between the 4th-10th Centuries A.D., there are three discernible layers: 1) The Masses used for the elect among the catechumens, 2) Masses directed towards the faithful who wished to perfect and purify themselves, and 3) Masses exhorting the penitents to persevere in their canonical penance in the expectation of divine mercy.



We find therefore that the Lenten week-day Masses of

Monday-Wednesday-and-Friday are lessons on the effects of Baptismal Grace. These were the original Lenten Masses. The Masses of Thursdays during Lent, however, which come towards the end of this six-century development, are strongly penitential.

It is this penitential character which left its dominant mark on the whole of the Church's Lent at the end of the First Millennium and it carried over into the Second.

At the time of Bernadette's visions at Lourdes there was another devotional layer observed too in many local churches. This was a series of votive Masses in honor of Our Lord's Passion.

They began after the Sunday of Septuagesima. On the Friday after Ash Wednesday (the first day of the "Fortnight Apparitions") the votive Mass was the Mass In Honor of the Sacred Crown of Thorns. The following Friday, Ember Friday in Lent, the votive Mass was In Honor of the Sacred Lance and the Nails of Christ's Crucifixion. The Gospel Lesson for that Mass is taken from John 19:28-35. It is the Gospel Lesson of the Sacred Heart: *"But one of the soldiers with a spear opened His side: and immediately there came out blood and water."* (John 19:34) This moment is interpreted mystically as the grace of the Sacraments of Baptism (water) and Eucharist (blood), which are as one Easter Sacrament of Baptismal Regeneration (Baptism begins the new life, Holy Eucharist nourishes it to the fullness of maturity.)

In the more ancient Lenten Ember Friday Mass, directed at the catechumens, the Gospel Lesson was Christ's Healing of the Paralytic by the Pool of Bethesda. (John 5:1-15) It was used as a "Baptismal Instruction" Gospel.

According to the custom of the time when a Mass (such as the Votive Mass of the Sacred Spear and Nails) was said in place of the Lenten Mass, then the Gospel Lesson for the Lenten Mass was read at the end in place of the "Last Gospel" of St. John's Prologue. Thus, in Lourdes, on Friday, February 26th, 1858, the faithful had a double Gospel Lesson which gave them an interpretation of the sign of the Lourdes spring. The day before people had watched in alarm and disgust as Bernadette obeyed the command of the Vision (a Vision invisible to everyone else) to drink from a spring which was then only dirt. By the next day, however, an underground spring of pure water was gushing up out of the side of the rock. The Lady herself did not appear that day to Bernadette. The spring water was the sign: a sign of Christ's water and blood flowing from His side, bringing healing and salvation to sin-sick souls.

LATIN MASS PROPERS: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

INTROIT: Psalm 24: 15-16 My eyes are ever towards the Lord: for He shall pluck my feet out of the snare: look Thou upon me, and have mercy on me; for I am alone and poor. *Ps.* To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed. *V.* Glory be.

COLLECT: We beseech Thee, almighty God, regard the desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defence. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:1-9 Brethren: Be ye followers of God, as most dear children: and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us and hath delivered Himself for us, an oblation and a sacrifice to God for an odour of sweetness. But fornication, and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not so much as be named among you, as becometh saints: or obscenity, or foolish talking, or scurrility, which is to no purpose: but rather giving of thanks. For know you this, and understand, that no fornicator, or unclean or covetous person, which is a serving of idols, hath inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the anger of God upon the children of unbelief. Be ye not therefore partakers with them. For you were heretofore darkness: but now light in the Lord. Walk then as children of the light: for the fruit of the light is in all goodness, and justice, and truth.

GRADUAL: Psalm 9: 20, 4 Arise, O Lord, let no man be strengthened; let the nations be judged in Thy sight. *V.* When my enemy shall be turned back, they shall be weakened and perish before Thy face. **TRACT: Psalm 122: 1-3** To Thee have I lifted up my eyes, who dwellest in heaven. *V.* Behold as the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters. *V.* And as the eyes of the handmaid are on the hands of her mistress: so are our eyes unto the Lord our God, until He have mercy on us. *V.* Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:14-28 *At* that time Jesus was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb. And when He had cast out the devil, the dumb spoke, and the multitudes were in admiration at it. But some of them said: He casteth out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of devils. And others, tempting, asked of Him a sign from heaven. But He, seeing their thoughts, said to them: Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation, and house upon house shall fall. And if Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because you say that through Beelzebub I cast out devils. Now if I cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore, they shall be your judges. But if I by the finger of God cast out devils: doubtless the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his court, those things are in peace which he possesseth. But if a stronger than he come upon him and overcome him, he will take away all his armour wherein he trusted, and will distribute his spoils. He that is not with Me is against Me: and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through places without water, seeking rest: and not finding, he saith: I will return into my house whence I came out. And when he is come, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then he goeth and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and entering in they dwell there. And the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. And it came to pass, as He spoke these things, a certain woman from the crowd, lifting up her voice, said to Him: Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the paps that gave Thee suck. But He said: Yea, rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God, and keep it.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 18: 9, 10, 11, 12 The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts, and His judgments are sweeter than honey and the honeycomb: for Thy servant keepeth them.

SECRET: May this offering, we beseech Thee, O Lord, cleanse away our sins, sanctifying Thy servants in both soul and body for the celebration of this sacrifice. Through our Lord.

PREFACE FOR LENT

COMMUNION: Psalm 5: 2-4 Understand my cry: hearken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God: for to Thee will I pray, O Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION We humbly beseech Thee, almighty God, that we whom Thou hast strengthened with Thy sacraments, may henceforth serve and please Thee in worthiness of life. Through our Lord.

Calendar of Masses

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

SUNDAY March 7th <i>THIRD SUNDAY IN</i> <i>LENT</i>	4:00 PM (Vigil) 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM (11:15 AM) 5:30 PM	Mary J. Kerr Penzo William J. Kerr Pro Populo Battaglia/Provencher Fam. John & Sarah Boyle Susan Belmonte Anthony Angelucci Intention of the Donor John Drohan, Jr. Christopher Norwood Marie Hong Tran Julie, Eliza & Stella Miller Our Priests & Bishops Nell Kenny Edwin P. Carbone	Memorial Memorial Memorial Special Intention Birthday Memorial Birthday Memorial Memorial Special Intention Health of the Sick Memorial	Tony Penzo Provencher Family Kasper Family Belmonte Family Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Rusnack Family Rusnack Family Mary Tran Stephen Miller Donor Catherine Kenny Wu Leblanc Family
MONDAY March 8th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Mary McCarthy	Memorial 4th Anniversary	Mary McCarthy
TUESDAY March 9th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	7:30 AM	George Cupak	Health of the Sick	Victoria Chimeno
WEDNESDAY March 10th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	12:30 PM	Susan & Rob Goeller	Special Intention	Catherine E. Dinon
THURSDAY March 11th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	Intention of the Donor William & Gertrude Burns	Memorial	David Wright
FRIDAY March 12th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	7:30 AM <i>Health of the Sick</i> 12:30 PM	Maureen Nyhen George Cupak	Special Intention Special Intention	Kumar Family



“Each Mass has an infinite, immense value that we can never fully understand.”
—St. John Marie Baptiste Vianney, Curé d’Ars

SATURDAY
March 13th
Lenten FERIA

9:00 AM

All Souls
Marie Hong Tran
Intention of the Donor
Mary Rose Belmonte
Julie, Eliza, Stella Miller
Barbara Nyhen
Intention of the Donor
Mother Mary Angelica &
Poor Clares of Perpetual
Adoration
Duong Family

Memorial
Memorial

Mass of the Angels
Special Intention
Memorial
Special Intention

Special Intention
Special Intention

Camille Arcidi
Mary Tran

Belmonte Family
Stephen Miller
Rosary Group
Diane Leonard

Laura Harvey
Joseph Jonathan Duong

4:00 PM

Mary Frances Ballard

Memorial

Sotell Family



**THE POPE'S INTENTION
FOR THE MONTH OF
MARCH, 2021:**
"SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION: *Let us
pray that we may experience the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
with renewed depth, to taste the
infinite mercy of God.*"



(PHOTOS: (1) Pope
Francis bestows a kiss on the
forehead of Clement Pappin, son of
parishioners Gladden and Jeanette
Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015. (2)
Jeanette Pappin with her
children



Clement and
Marie-Thérèse
(ages 7 & 8),
Thanksgiving,
2020.
(3) Fr. Salako's
audience with
Pope Francis,
2019.)



Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)
4:00 PM (*Vigil*), 7:30 & 9:00 AM

Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude: Miserere Mei Deus
Psalm 50 (Chant)

Introit: Psalm 24 (25):15, 16
Oculi mei

My eyes are forever turned towards the Lord, for He shall release my feet from the snare; look upon me and have mercy on me, for I am abandoned and destitute.

Offertory Domine, Non Secundum.
(Chant)

*He hath not dealt with us after our sins:
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.*

O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon: for we are come to great misery.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name: O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for Thy Name's sake.

Communion: Psalm 83 (84):4,5
Passer invenit

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, forever singing Your praise.

Communion: Ave Regina Caelorum (Chant)

Recessional: De Profundis
(Chant)

Postlude:

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days
(Music by St. Flavian, John's Day Psalter, 1562)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)
11:00 AM (5:30 P.M.)

Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude: Miserere Mei Deus
Psalm 50 (Chant)

Asperges (11:00 Mass)

Introit: Psalm 24. 15-16, 1-2 *Oculi mei semper ad Dominum, quia ipse evellet de laqueo pedes meos: respice in me, et miserere mei, quoniam unicus et pauper sum ego. Ps. ibid. 1, 2. Ad te, Domine, levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam. V̄. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

Offertory: Domine, Non Secundum.
(Chant)

*He hath not dealt with us after our sins:
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.*

O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon: for we are come to great misery.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name: O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for Thy Name's sake.

Communion: Psalm 83. 4-5 *Passer invenit sibi domum, et turtur nidum, ubi reponat pullos suos: altaria tua, Domine virtutum, Rex meus, et Deus meus: beati qui habitant in domo tua, in saeculum saeculi laudabunt te.*

Communion: Ave Regina Caelorum (Chant)

Recessional: De Profundis
(Chant)

Angelus (Chant)

Postlude:

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days
(Music by St. Flavian, John's Day Psalter, 1562)

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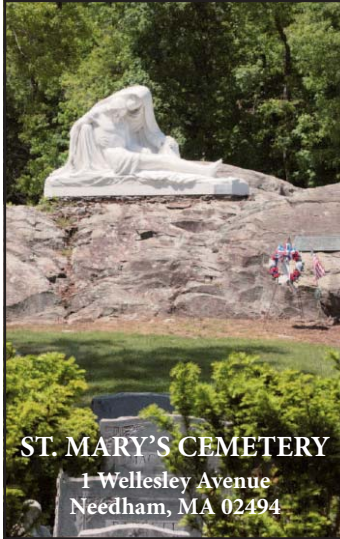
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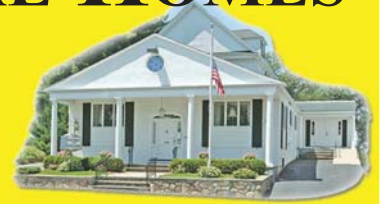
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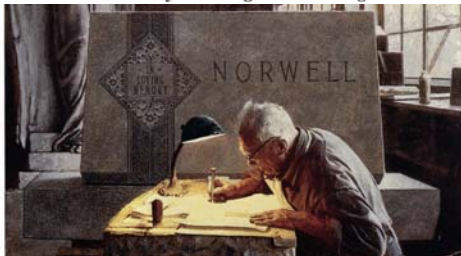
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