

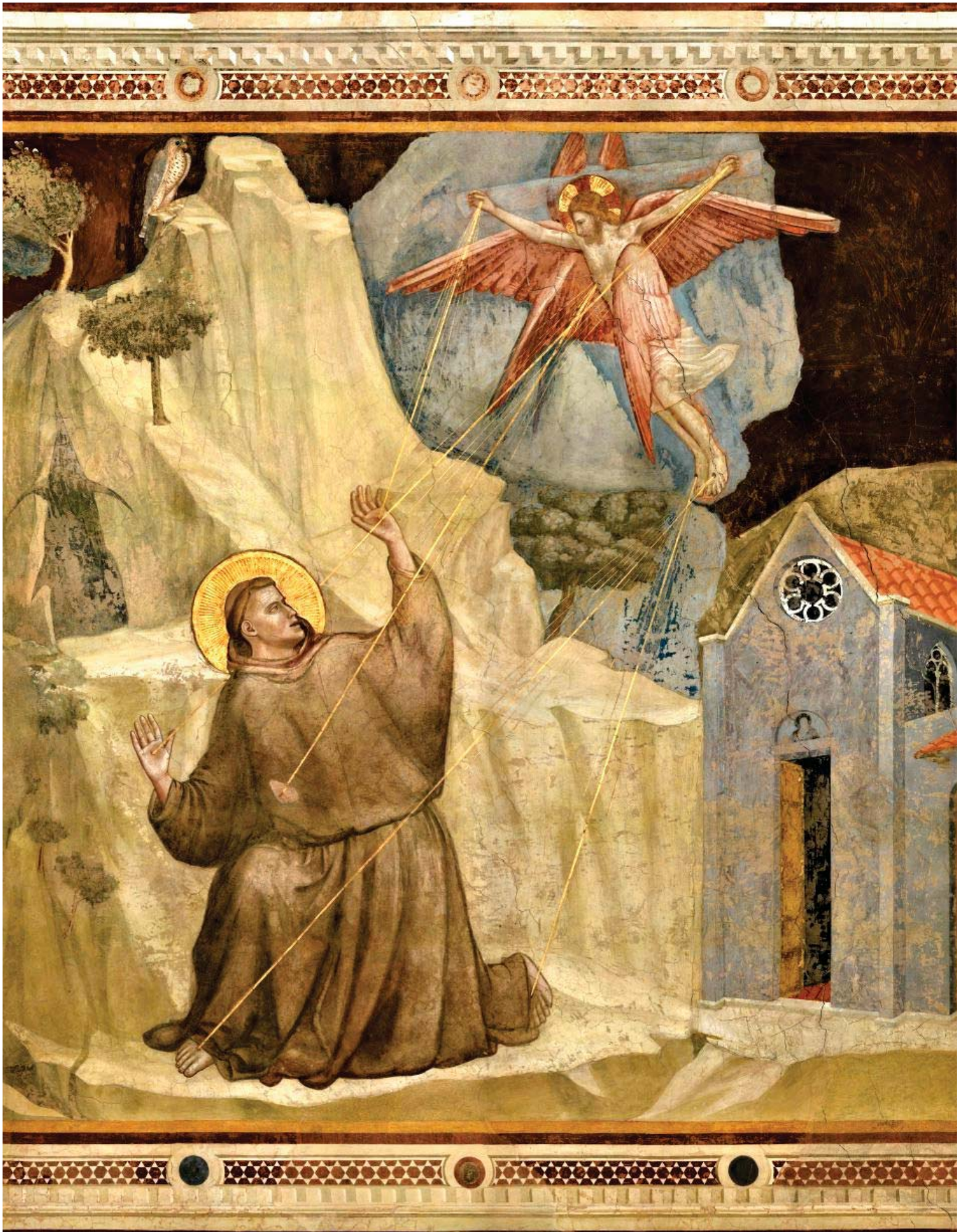


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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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Mass Schedule

Sunday:

Novus Ordo

Saturday 4:00 PM (*Anticipated Sunday Mass*),
7:30 & 9:00 AM

Traditional Latin

11:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Weekdays:

Novus Ordo

Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin

Mon-Wed-Fri 12:30 PM; Thu 5:30 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM

Holy Days

(Mass Timetables, as announced close before
the occurring Feast)

*December 8th, The Immaculate Conception of
Our Lady (Patronal Feast of the USA)*

December 24th/25th, Christmas

*January 1st, Octave Day of Christmas-Mary
the Mother of God*

Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter)

August 15th, The Assumption of Our Lady

November 1st, All Saints

September 28th, 2025 A.D. Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost/26th Sunday of the Year

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

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 as a major part its parish mission, under the auspices of the 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, EITHER ON-LINE OR BY USING THE PAPER REGISTRATION FORM IN THE PAMPHLET RACK IN THE FRONT VESTIBULE OF THE MAIN CHURCH.



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 1963-1978)
Raised to the Altars October 14th, 2018**

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
(Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910)
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Catholic Parish

**Immaculate Conception
Chaldean-Rite Mission**
at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church:
Mass offered according to the
Chaldean-Rite on designated Sundays at
1:30 P.M.
Deacon Sermed Ashkouri

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)



**FRONT COVER: THE IMPRESSION OF
THE STIGMATA OF ST. FRANCIS OF
ASSISI**

(Artist, Giotto, ca. 1300 A.D.)

The September 12th edition of our Catholic newspaper the *Boston Pilot* had a very interesting feature piece on the origins of St. Francis of Assisi's *Canticle of the Sun*. ("St. Francis's 'Canticle of the Creatures' at 800 endures as vision of redeemed creation", by Marie Wiering, *OSV News*)

A key fact is that this famous Canticle in praise of God's Creation did not come out of Francis's exuberance, but rather out of his desolation. He was not out in nature, twirling around in the forest.

In 1224, St. Francis was on Mount Alvernia, engaged in a forty days' fast in honor of St. Michael the Archangel. It was there he received the stigmata of Christ Crucified's wounds on his own body. When he came down from the mountain he was practically blind and bleeding from the mystic wounds. He was in great mental distress and spiritual desolation. (He may also have had tubercular leprosy.) For two months he was in a little hut near the monastery of St. Clare

attended by one of his most trusted friars, Brother Leo.

Quoting a contemporary Franciscan priest, Father Bodo, this article explains what then happened to St. Francis in the depths of physical, mental, and spiritual distress:

He was so ill and then on one of those dark, dark days, he had this vision. Francis had cried out to God for help. He heard a voice that said, "Tell me, brother, what if in compensation for your sufferings and tribulation, you were given an immense and precious treasure: The whole mass of earth changed into pure gold, pebbles into precious stones, and the water of rivers into perfume? Would you not regard the pebbles and waters as nothing compared to such a treasure? Would you not rejoice?" St. Francis said, "Yes, Lord, of course I would rejoice in that." The Lord went on to tell him to rejoice in his infirmities. "As of now, you live in peace as if you were already sharing in My Kingdom." From then on, for the remainder of his life, St. Francis lived with a vision of the natural world as redeemed in Jesus Christ. As he received that vision he spontaneously broke into this song of the "Canticle of the Creatures," praising God for all of Creation.

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



Weekly Holy Hours:

Fridays, 6:30-7:30 AM

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Saturdays, 8:00-9:00 AM



**"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)**

Last year, 2024, was the 800th Anniversary of the Impression of the Stigmata of St. Francis. Next year, 2026, will be the 800th Anniversary of his death. During this Jubilee Year of 2025 the Franciscans are celebrating the 800th Anniversary of this *Canticle* of St. Francis, which the Saint sang and added verses to during the last months of his earthly life.



"Laudato sie, mi Signore, cum tucte le tue creature, spetialmente messor lo frate sole..."

STEWARDSHIP



The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given by Mike & Annie Procopio in Honor of St. Michael, from the flowers of their garden.



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"What return can I make to the Lord for all His kindness to Me?"



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**"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)**

"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

Calendar of Masses

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



SUNDAY September 28th	11:00 AM	Bishops & Priests	Courage/Fidelity/ Perseverance	Donor
16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	5:30 PM	+Dr. Joseph Nadol	Memorial	Victoria Chimeno
MONDAY September 29th MICHAELMAS	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	+Luisa M. DeVito	6th Anniv. Mem.	David DeVito
TUESDAY September 30th <i>St. Jerome</i>	7:30 AM	Todd Gurney	Special Intention	Friend
WEDNESDAY October 1st <i>St. Rémy</i>	12:30 PM	+Theresa Nemeth	Memorial	Gail Pelli
THURSDAY October 2nd HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS	7:30 AM	+Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
	5:30 PM	+Barbara Kelley	Anniv. Mem.	Colleen Silvestro
FRIDAY October 3rd <i>St. Thérèse of Lisieux</i> First Friday	7:30 AM <i>Health of the Sick</i>	+Andrew O'Meara, Jr.	Memorial	Michael J. Wiseman
	12:30 PM	+Maria Tereza Djevalikian	Year's Mind	DiDuca Family
SATURDAY October 4th <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i> First Saturday	9:00 AM	+All Souls Eric Procopio & Sarah Carden Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace On Earth Dan & Melissa (3/12) Driscoll Family (2/10) Julie/Eliza/Stella Miller Miller/Ramsdell Family Corcoran/Mazzarella Fam. Archbishop Henning Immaculate Heart Mary Burton Fr. Maria Hung Isabelle DiDuca Elliot von Wendt & Kate Elmendorf	Memorial Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Living & Deceased Living & Deceased Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention	Mary Mike & Annie Procopio MPA MPA Donor Richard Driscoll Stephen Miller Stephen Miller Colbe Mazzarella Donor Choy Family Bill & Lisa Purtell Maria DiDuca Family
	4:00 PM (Anticipated Sunday Mass)	+Quinn Schuler (1/3)	Memorial	Lisa von Wendt Camille Arcidi



Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)

Saturday 4:00 PM (*Anticipated Sunday Mass*),

7:30 & 9:00 AM

Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year

Prelude (7:30AM)

Trumpet Sonata in C Major

I. Adagio

(Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni, composed in 1720)

(9:00AM) Venit Michael Archangelus

Motet for Michael the Archangel

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, first published in 1569)

*Michael the Archangel cometh with a multitude of Angels;
unto him hath God committed the souls of the saints,
that he may bring them into the paradise of rejoicing.*

Introit: Danile 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42

Omnia quae fecisti

All that You have done to us, O God, You have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your Name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 5)

(7:30 AM & 9:00 AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass IX, Cum Jubilo

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

Parish Book of Chant, no. 69ff. /pp. 85-87

Credo III (English)

Offertory (9:00AM) Michael, Coeli Signifer

(Jacob Handl, first published in 1590)

St. Michael, standard-bearer of heaven— Gabriel, the light-bringer of the world— Raphael— the three archangels of Christ and all the angels, the beloved ones: through all the ages they protect our bodily purity from the snares and treacheries of our enemies. May they always guard us, and after death may they receive us. Let us sing the praise of the angels to the Lord Most High.

Mysterium Fidei (The Mystery of Faith): Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam Resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias.

("We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection until You come again.")

Communion: I John 3:16

Sic enim Deus

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down His life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 102)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Usus Antiquior)

11:00 AM (5:30 P.M.)

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude (11:00 AM) Venit Michael Archangelus

Motet for Michael the Archangel

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, first published in 1569)

Choir Hymn (11:00 Mass) Sancte Michael Archangele

Blessed Michael, archangel, defend us in the hour of conflict. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil (may God restrain him, we humbly pray): and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust Satan down to hell and with him those other wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Asperges me, Parish Book of Chant, no. 22/pg. 34

Introit: Psalm 85:3,5,1. Miserere mihi, Dómine, quóniam ad teclamávi tota die: quia tu, Dómine, suávis ac mitis es, et copiósus in misericórdia ómnibus invocántibus te. (Ps.85: 1) Inclina, Dómine, auram tuam mihi, et exaudi me: quoniam inops, et pauper sum ego. V. Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculórum. Amen. Miserere mihi

(11:00 AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass IX, Cum Jubilo

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

Parish Book of Chant, no. 69ff. /pp. 85-87

Credo IV: Parish Book of Chant, no. 120/pg. 117

Gradual: Psalm 101:16-17. Timébunt gentes nomen tuum, Dómine, et omnes reges terræ glóriam tuam. V. Quóniam aedificávit Dóminus Sion, et videbítur in majestáte sua.

Alleluia: Allelúja, allelúja. Cantáte Dómino

cánticum novum: quia mirabília fecit Dóminus. Allelúja.

Offertory: (11AM) Psalm 39:14,15. Dómine, in auxílium meum réspice: confundántur et revereántur, qui quærunť ánimam meam, ut áuferant eam: Dómine, in auxílium meum réspice.

Communion: Psalm 70:16-17,18. Dómine, memorábor justítiæ tuæ solius: Deus, docuísti me a juventúte mea: et usque in senéctam et sénium:Deus, ne derelínquas me.

Communion Meditation (11:00 AM)

Sancta Maria Virgo Virginum

(Philippe Verdelot, first published in 1529)

****Trumpet Sonata in A minor, Op.6, No.6**

I. Grave

(Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni, composed in 1720)

Recessional Hymn Prepare The Feast The Viands Bring

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Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year
Communion Meditation (9:00AM)

Sancta Maria Virgo Virginum

(Philippe Verdelot, first published in 1529)

*Holy Mary, Virgin of virgins, sanctuary of the Most Holy Trinity,
radiance of the angels, ladder of all the saints: thou art the refuge of sinners.
Look mercifully upon my peril, O gracious one. Receive, most compassionate
Lady, my sighing prayer, and grant unto me thy most merciful Son. Amen.*

****Trumpet Sonata in A minor, Op.6, No.6**

I. Grave

(Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni, composed in 1720)

Recessional Hymn Holy Michael, Great Archangel
(*Extra Photocopy Sheet*)

Postlude (9:00 AM)

St. Michael the Archangel

(José Mauricio Nunes Gracia, first published in 1798)

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11:00 AM (5:30 P.M.)

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Recessional Hymn Holy Michael, Great Archangel
(*Extra Photocopy Sheet*)

Angelus

Postlude (11:00AM))

St. Michael the Archangel

(José Mauricio Nunes Gracia, first published in 1798)

*1. Bless the Lord, all ye His Angels, mighty in power, who fulfill His word.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name.
Alleluia. 2. Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, that we perish
not in the dreadful Judgment. Alleluia. 3. An Angel stood by the altar of the
temple, having a golden censer in his hand; and much incense was given unto
him, and the smoke of the sweet spices rose up before God. Alleluia.*

Religious Education

**CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 5th:**

Religious Education Classes for the new school
year 2025-2026 will be held on Sunday mornings
in the Lower Church Hall.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for the TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR C)

Today's Missal, pp. 58-60

Lesson (First Reading):

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

*Thus says the LORD, the God of Hosts:
Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying
upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably
on their couches...*

Epistle (Second Reading):

I Timothy 6:11-16

*But you, man of God, pursue
righteousness, devotion, faith, love,
patience, and gentleness.*

Gospel Lesson: Lazarus and Dives

Luke 16:19-31

*Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a
rich man who dressed in purple garments
and fine linen and dined sumptuously
everyday. And lying at his door was a
poor man named Lazarus, covered with
sores, who would gladly have eaten his
fill of the scraps that fell from the rich
man's table."*



**"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)**

LATIN MASS PROPERS: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INTROIT: Psalm 85. 3, 5. HAVE mercy on me, O Lord, for I have cried to Thee all the day; for Thou, O Lord, art sweet and mild, and plenteous in mercy to all that call upon Thee. *Ps. ibid. 1.* Incline Thine ear to me, O Lord, and hear me; for I am needy and poor. *V.* 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. — Have mercy ...

COLLECT MAY Thy grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord, ever go before us and follow us: and make us continually intent upon good works. 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 the Letter of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians, 3. 13-21. **BRETHREN:** I pray you not to faint at my tribulations for you, which are your glory. For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom all paternity in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened by His Spirit with might unto the inward man. That Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts; that being rooted and founded in charity, you may be able to comprehend with all the saints, what is the breadth and length, and height, and depth. To know also the charity of Christ, which surpasseth all knowledge; that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do all things more abundantly than we desire or understand, according to the power that worketh in us: to Him be glory in the Church, and in Christ Jesus, unto all generations, world without end. Amen.

GRADUAL: Psalm 101. 16-17. THE Gentiles shall fear Thy Name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth Thy glory. For the Lord hath built up Sion, and He shall be seen in His majesty. **ALLELUIA:** Psalm 97. 1. Alleluia, Alleluia. Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle, because the Lord hath done wonderful things. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Luke, 14. 1-11. **AT THAT TIME**, when Jesus went into the house of one of the chief of the pharisees on the sabbath day to eat bread, they watched Him. And behold, there was a certain man before Him that had the dropsy: and Jesus answering, spoke to the lawyers and pharisees, saying: Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? But they held their peace: but He taking him, healed him, and sent him away. And answering them, He said: Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fall into a pit, and will not immediately draw him out on the Sabbath day? And they could not answer Him to these things. And He spoke a parable also to them that were invited, marking how they chose the first seats at the table, saying to them: When thou art invited to a wedding, sit not down in the first place, lest perhaps one more honorable than thou be invited by him; and he that invited thee and him, come and say to thee: Give this man place: and then thou begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when thou art invited, go, sit down in the lowest place: that when he who invited thee, cometh, he may say to thee: Friend, go up higher. Then shalt thou have glory before them that sit at table with thee: because every one that exalteth himself, shall be humbled; and he that humbleth himself, shall be exalted. —

OFFERTORY: Psalm 39. 14, 15. LOOK down, O Lord, to help me; let them be confounded and ashamed that seek after my soul to take it away; look down O Lord, to help me.

SECRET: COMPLETE the purifying effect of this Sacrifice, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by mercifully making us worthy partakers thereof. Through our Lord ...

COMMUNION: Psalm 70. 16, 18. O LORD, I will be mindful of Thy justice alone: Thou hast taught me, O God, from my youth, and unto old age and grey hairs, O God, forsake me not.

POSTCOMMUNION: IN Thy goodness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, purify and renew our minds by these heavenly Sacraments: and as a result, may we also receive help for our bodies, both now and in time to come. Through our Lord ...



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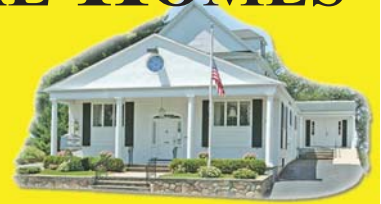
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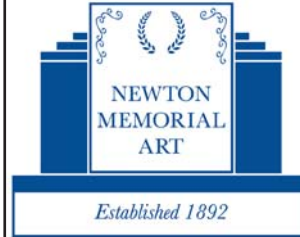
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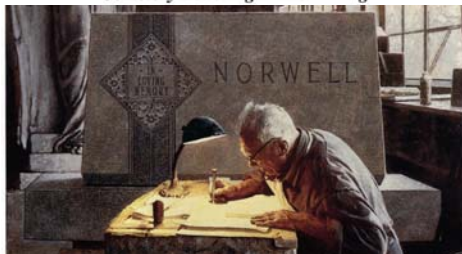
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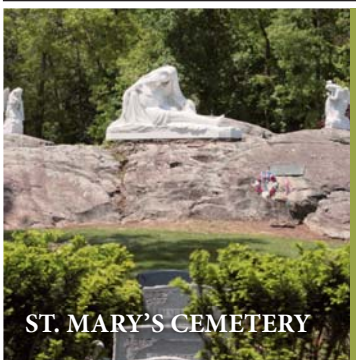
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