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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

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)
Newton/Needham, Massachusetts
Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman
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)

+ DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY+



FRONT COVER: *St. Francis of Assisi before the live Nativity Scene at Greccio, Christmas Midnight Mass, A.D. 1223, by the artist Giotto di Bondone.*



*Parish Mass
Schedule for
the Solemnity
of Mary the
Mother of God:
Thursday,
January 1st,
2026,*

the Octave Day of Christmas

7:30 AM (Novus Ordo)

9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)

11:00 AM

(Traditional Latin Mass)

*January 1st is a Holy Day
of Obligation*

**Christmas
Flower
Offering
Envelopes
are
available to
you at the
entrance**

tables to the church. Your generosity makes it possible for us to decorate our sanctuary with such beautiful poinsettia plants for the Christmas Season. The names of those memorialized or honored in our Christmas Flower envelopes will be remembered at all of our parish Masses throughout the Forty Days of Christmas, from Christmas Eve to Candlemas Day.



**Christmas Mass Collection: For the
Support of the Sick and Retired Priests
of the Archdiocese of Boston**



**“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)**



“The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus—the school of the Gospel ... Here we learn the method which will permit us to understand who Christ is. Here above all is made clear the importance of taking into account the general picture of His life among us, with its

varied background of place, of time, of customs, of language, of religious practices—in fact, everything Jesus made use of to reveal Himself to the world.

Here everything is eloquent, all has a meaning. Here, in this school, one learns why it is necessary to have a spiritual rule of life, if one wishes to follow the teaching of the Gospel and become a disciple of Christ. How gladly would I become a child again, and go to school once more in this humble and sublime school of Nazareth: close to Mary, I wish I could make a fresh start at learning the true science of life and the higher wisdom of divine truths.”

—An Address by Pope Paul during his Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:
January 5, 1964



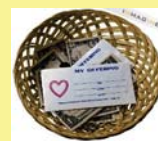
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“Glorify the Lord generously, and do not stint the first fruits of your hands. With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe with gladness. Give to the Most High as He has given, and as generously as your hand has found. For the LORD is the One who repays, and He will repay you sevenfold.”—Sirach 35

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



**Weekly Holy Hours:
Fridays, 6:30-7:30 AM
11:30 AM-12:30 PM
Saturdays, 8:00-9:00 AM**



**“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)**

Calendar of Masses

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

SUNDAY
DECEMBER
28th

FEAST OF THE
HOLY INNOCENTS
Commemoration:
Octave of Christmas

FEAST OF THE
HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY, AND
JOSEPH

Saturday
4:00 PM
(Anticipated
Sunday Mass)

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

+Ludmila & Jan Dostal

Pro Populo

All the Family
Households of Mary
Immaculate of Lourdes
Parish

For the Preservation of
the Free Exercise of
the Latin Mass in the
Life of the Church
The Holy Family
Jessica Perdomenico
Maureen Nyhen (2/10)
Pope/Priests/Bishops
Divine Will/Peace on
Earth
All Seminarians
+Alex. M. Barboza (4/12)
“All Those In Need” (16)
+All Souls (18/50)
+John J. Nicoloro (13/30)
Eliza. Wysocka (10/10)
Neal/Antointette Stein.
John Steinkrauss
Thomas Steinkrauss
+Robert Kwash
D.J. Gilmore
Minh Thu Duong
Jonathan Duong
Holy Trinity of God
+Matthew Sweeney (3/3)
Sarikos/Allin/Buta (3/7)

Memorial

Lida Reed



Special Intention
In Thanksgiving
Birthday Intention
Special Intention
Special Intention

Choy Family
Kathy Blake
Kumar Family
MPA

Special Intention
Special Intention
Memorial

MPA
Donor
Susanna Barboza
MPA

Memorial
Memorial
Healing
Special Intention
Special Intention
Special Intention
Memorial
Special Intention
Special Intention
Special Intention
In Thanksgiving
Memorial
Memorial

Barbara Opielowski
Nicoloro Family
Sister
Kwash Family
Kwash Family
Dan Kwash
Kwash Family
Carmel Farrell
Duong Family
Duong Family
Maria Tran
Maria Pia
Maria Pia




N.B.: Due to an early printing deadline, any Mass Intention requests received after December 18th do not appear in today's Sunday Bulletin.



December 28th, 2025 A.D.

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

SUNDAY December 28th HOLY INNOCENTS	11:00 AM	Bishops & Priests +All Souls (5/10)	Courage/Fidelity/ Perseverance Memorial	Donor Susana Barboza
	5:30 PM	+William Vo	Memorial	Maria
MONDAY December 29th <i>St. Thomas Beckett, Bishop & Martyr</i>	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	Nic & Danby	Special Intention	Donor
TUESDAY December 30th <i>Sixth Day of Christmas</i>	7:30 AM	+Cynthia Hildebrand (3/5)	Memorial	Camille Arcidi
WEDNESDAY December 31st <i>St. Sylvester, Pope & Confessor</i>	12:30 PM	Thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy <i>MEMENTO: Christina Kwash, Birthday Intention, Req. by the Kwash Family</i>	Birthday Intention	Berthie Cherubim
THURSDAY JANUARY 1st MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	Memorial	
	9:00 AM	Mary, Holy Mother of God	In Thanksgiving	Choy Family
	11:00 AM	Rose DelGrosso	Birthday Intention	Elizabeth Wadsworth
FRIDAY January 2nd <i>SS. Basil & Gregory, Bishops & Doctors/ Octave Day of St. Stephen</i> First Friday	7:30 AM	Maureen Nyhen (3/10)	Special Intention	Kumar Family
	12:30 PM	+Mary J. Clancy	Memorial	
SATURDAY January 3rd <i>Octave Day of St. John the Divine</i> First Saturday	9:00 AM	Our Lady: Co-Redemptrix & Mediatrix of All Graces All Souls (8/10) Eric Procopio & Sarah Carden Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace On Earth Elizabeth Schnur (5/9) Julie. Eliza & Stella Miller Miller/Ramsdell Family Corcoran/Mazzarella Fam. Priests of the Parish Archbishop Henning +William Vo Ai Duong	Memorial Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Living & Deceased Living & Deceased Special Intention Special Intention Memorial Special Intention	Michael Kent Maria Mike & Annie Procopio MPA MPA Schnur Family Stephen Miller Stephen Miller Colbe Mazzarella Seven Sisters Apostolate Donor Duong Family Duong Family



December 28th, 2025 A.D.

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

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

**Feast of the Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Prelude (9:00 AM)

Introit: Luke 2:16

Venerunt pastores

*The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the
Infant lying in a manger.*

(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 5)

(7:30 AM & 9:00 AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass II, Kyrie Fons Bonitatis

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

Parish Book of Chant, no. 34ff./pp. 63-66

Credo I (English)

Offertory

***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: Baruch 3:38

Deus noster

Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among us.

(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 100)

Communion Meditation

Recessional Hymn: Once In Royal David's City
(Worship II Hymnal, No. 220)

Postlude



Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Usus Antiquior)

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

Feast of the Holy Innocents

Prelude (11:00 AM)

Choir Hymn (11:00 Mass)

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

Introit: Psalm 8: 3, 2 *Ex ore infantium, Deus, et lactentium
perfecisti laudem propter inimicos tuos. V. Domine, Dominus
noster: quam admirabile est nomen tuum in universa terra! V.
Gloria Patri ...*

(11:00 AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass II, Kyrie Fons Bonitatis

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

Parish Book of Chant, no. 34ff./pp. 63-66

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

Gradual: Ps. 123:7-8 *Anima nostra, sicut passer, erepta est
de laqueo venantium. V. Laqueus contritus est, et nos liberate
sumus. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini, qui fecit caelum
et terram. Alleluia Psalm 112:1: Alleluia, alleluia. V.
Laudate, pueri, Dominum, laudate nomen Domini. Alleluia.*

Offertory: (11AM) Psalm 123:7 *Anima nostra sicut passer
erepta est de laqueo venantium: laqueum contritus est, et nos
liberati sumus.*

Communion: Matthew 2:13 *Vox in Rama audita est,
ploratus et ululatus: Rachel plorans filios suos, et noluit consolari,
quia non sunt.*

Communion Meditation (11:00AM)

Recessional Hymn

Once In Royal David's City
(Worship II Hymnal, No. 220)

Angelus

Postlude





**ROMAN
STATIONAL
CHURCH
FEAST OF THE
HOLY
INNOCENTS:
BASILICA OF ST.
PAUL-OUTSIDE-
*THE-WALLS***

“At the station church, St. Paul’s, in a sarcophagus beneath the apse, five bodies of the Holy Innocents have been venerated from early times. Approaching the altar we hear the little martyrs praising the Lamb in the words of Psalm 8 (*Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, O God, Thou hast perfected praise because of Thy enemies.*); and we quickly add our voices to their song. The world and Israel refused to pay due honor to God and His Anointed, while these infants in the cradle offered choicest praise. Study the *Collect*; its message is deepest liturgy: *non loquendo sed moriendo*, “not by talking, but by dying!” Liturgy is not primarily words, rather action; or better, words that turn into action. Liturgists will apply the principle to themselves. Sacrifice is paramount, not reading or liturgical dramatics. The *Epistle* draws back the curtains of heaven to reveal the mystery of heavenly worship: the divine Lamb standing slain upon the altar, surrounded by 144,000 pure souls, firstlings of God! How well the Book of the Apocalypse unveils the inner nature of every Mass! In the company of God’s chosen multitude we celebrate the Holy Eucharist. The *Gospel* introduces an austere note into the peace-melody of Christmas as it provides a speedy exemplification of what we heard in the Third Mass on Christmas: “*He came unto His own and His own received Him not.*” The Messiah must flee to Egypt; from Egypt He had once freed His people. The tragedy of Christ’s rejection by the Chosen People has already taken place. In the remaining chants the Holy Innocents speak of heavenly things: they are rejoicing because, like trapped birds, they escaped Herod’s snares and now enjoy eternal liberty

It is not exactly easy to explain why the *Communion* repeats Rachel’s “weeping and mourning”. There are tensely solemn moments in liturgical drama; this may be one of them.”

—Dr. Pius Parsch, *The Church’s Year of Grace, Volume I, (A.D. 1957)*



Stained glass window of the Flight into Egypt of the Holy Family, Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church: PHOTO taken by parishioner Paul Eldridge.



**“I WOULD
MAINTAIN THAT
THANKS ARE THE
HIGHEST FORM
OF THOUGHT,
AND THAT
GRATITUDE IS
HAPPINESS**

**DOUBLED BY WONDER.”
—G. K. CHESTERTON (+1936)**



**“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: **THE HOLY INNOCENTS (CHILDERMAS)**



*The Massacre of the Holy Innocents, by
Fra Angelico, 1451-1452 A.D.*

INTROIT: Ps. 8.3 Out of the mouths of infants and of sucklings, O God, Thou hast perfected praise, because of Thy enemies. *Psalm* O Lord, our God, how admirable is Thy Name in the whole earth! V. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT O God, whose praise the martyred Innocents confessed this day, not in speech, but by death: mortify within us all vices: that Thy faith which our tongues profess, our lives also by their actions may confess. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: Apocalypse 14:1-5 In those days I saw upon Mount Sion a Lamb standing, and with Him an hundred forty-four thousand, having His Name and the Name of His Father written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the noise of many waters, and as the voice of great thunder: and the voice which I heard was as the voice of harpers, harping on their harps. And they sung as it were a new canticle before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the ancients: and no man could say the canticle, but those hundred forty-four thousand who were purchased from the earth. These are they who were not defiled with women: for they are

virgins. These follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were purchased from among men, the first-fruits to God and to the Lamb: and in their mouth there was found no lie: for they are without spot before the throne of God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 123. 7-8 Our soul hath been delivered as a sparrow out of the snare of the fowlers. V. The snare hath been broken, and we have been delivered. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **ALLELUIA:** Psalm 112.1 Alleluia, alleluia. V. Praise the Lord, ye children, praise ye the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2: 13-18 **At** that time an Angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise, and take the Child and His mother, and fly into Egypt, and be there until I tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the Child to destroy Him. Who arose and took the Child and His mother by night and retired into Egypt: and he was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which the Lord spoke by the Prophet, saying: Out of Egypt I have called My Son. Then Herod, perceiving that He was deluded by the wise men, was exceeding angry, and sending killed all the male children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently acquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by the Jeremias the Prophet, saying: a voice in Rama was heard, lamentation and great mourning: Rachel bewailing her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 123.7 Our soul hath been delivered as a sparrow out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken and we are delivered.

SECRET May the devout prayer of Thy saints now be wanting to us, O Lord: may it make our offerings acceptable to Thee and ever obtain for us Thy pardon. Through our Lord.

Preface of Christmas

COMMUNION: Mark 2.18 A voice in Rama was heard, lamentation and great mourning: Rachel bewailing her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

POSTCOMMUNION Do Thou grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, through the prayers of the saints, that these votive offerings, partaken by us, may gain help both in this life and in the life to come. Through our Lord.



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"Be a Servant" Matthew 20:26



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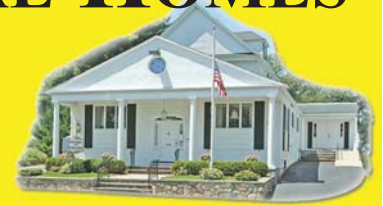
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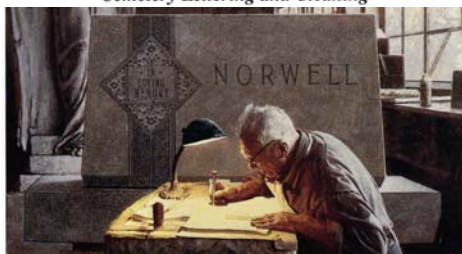
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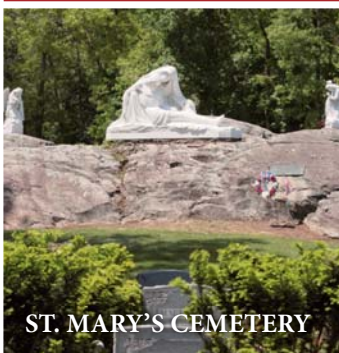
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