

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

(Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910)

Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman Catholic Parish



July 8th, 2012 in the Year of Grace
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost and the
Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

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ON THE PARISH CALENDAR....

Sunday, July 8th:
HOLY NAME Devotions before 10:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, July 12th:
WINGATE MANOR Mass, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 15th:
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Sunday, September 9th:
End-of-Summer All-Parish Picnic
(rain-date September 16th)

Sunday, September 30th:
MASS OF CONFIRMATION, 5:30 p.m.
Bishop Edyvean will confer the Sacrament of
Confirmation according to the 1970 Missal

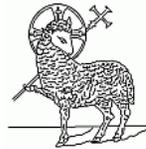


SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

*“What return can I make to the Lord for all His
kindness to Me?”*



**OFFERTORY FOR SUNDAY,
JULY 1st, \$4,561.00 + \$1,008.00
(OTHER OFFERINGS) =
\$5,569.00**



Requiescat in Pace

David Dolitka, aged 58



**BLESSED KATERI
TEKAKWITHA,
THE ‘LILY OF THE
MOHAWKS’
FEAST-DAY, JULY 14th**

Prayer to Blessed Kateri:
*O God, Who desired the Virgin
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha to flower
among Native Americans in a life of innocence, grant,
through her intercession, that when all are gathered
into Your Church from every nation, tribe and tongue,
they may magnify You in a single canticle of praise.
Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives
and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

II. Nick Keough and Laura Goguen

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Long-term care &
short-term rehab
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JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD



(Front Cover: The stained glass window which shows the Divine Maternity of Mary, holding the Christ Child in her arms. The Latin “ora pro nobis” means “pray for us” and comes from the Hail Mary: “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen. The windows on the Oak Street side of the church catch the fullness of the late afternoon sun. Especially during the long days of

the summer, the sunlight gives these windows a brilliant effect. Photo by Paul Eldridge.)

SAINT MARY’S: OUR PARISH CEMETERY

I want to use the space in this week’s Pastor’s Note to lay out the most recent changes which have taken place this week at our parish cemetery of St. Mary’s, which straddles the town line between Needham and Wellesley. (I realize many of our newer parishioners who travel from

outside the local area are unaware that we have a parish cemetery attached to Mary Immaculate. It is about a mile from the parish church, if you go down Elliot St. and continue straight into Central Ave. A small blue-and-white sign on Cedar St. directs you towards the Cemetery.)

Last fall, when our Cemetery Superintendent Sean Ward decided to retire, I made the decision to change over to an outside contractor instead of continuing to maintain our own crew of workmen and equipment. This did not mean that St. Mary’s was no longer our parish cemetery, although it appears that many people have been under the impression that we had given it up to another governing authority.

Over the course of nine months, September 2001-June 2012, it became clear that the contractor services under the company Cemetery Services Inc. had not given us the results we had hoped for, and it was time to make another change for the care of St. Mary’s. Our new contract-manager as of July 1st is parishioner Ron Goguen under his company Guardian Estate Management, Inc. Guardian will be responsible for carrying out all the operations and maintenance of the parish Cemetery. In addition, we have also called in an outside consultant Tom Daly from Cemetery Helpful Solutions (CHS) in Westwood to work with Ron in getting St. Mary’s to the level at which it needs to be.

The parish office at the rectory will also handle the business administration of the cemetery office. Please call the rectory for any cemetery business (617-244-0558) from now on. Our goal is to maintain our parish Cemetery in such a way that it reflects these words printed in our 1970 parish centennial book : “*St. Mary’s Cemetery—a simple, yet lovely country burial ground lying like a jewel amid the encircling hills. Truly, here is a sacred tribute to God’s love and mercy.*”

(Fr. Higgins)

LATIN MASS TEXTS

Traditional Propers

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Vestments: Green

INTROIT: Psalm 27: 8-9 The Lord is the strength of His people, and the protector of the salvation of His anointed: save, O Lord, Thy people, and bless Thy inheritance, and rule them for ever. *Psalm 27: 8-9* Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord: O my God, be not Thou silent to me, lest if Thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit. V. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT O God of all power and might, who art the giver of all good things; implant in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness and by Thy mercy keep us in the same. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: Romans 6: 3-11 Brethren, all we who are baptized in Christ Jesus are baptized in His death. For we are buried together with Him by baptism unto death; that as Christ is risen from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin may be destroyed, and that we may serve sin no longer. For he that is dead is justified from sin. Now if ye be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall live also together with Christ. Knowing that Christ, rising again from the dead, dieth now no more, death shall no more have dominion over Him. For in that He died to sin He died once; but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God. So do you also reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God; in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL: Psalm 89: 13, 1 Return, O Lord, a little; and be entreated in favour of Thy servants. V. Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from generation to generation.

ALLELUIA: Psalm 30: 2-3 Alleluia, alleluia. V. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me never be confounded: deliver me in Thy justice, and release me; bow down Thy ear to me, make haste to deliver me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 8: 1-9 At that time, when there was a great multitude with Jesus, and had nothing to eat, calling His disciples together, He saith to them: I have compassion on the multitude, for behold they have now been with Me three days, and have nothing to eat; and if I shall send them away fasting to their home, they will faint in the way: for some of them came from afar off. And His disciples answered Him: From whence can any one fill them here with bread in the wilderness? And He asked them: How many loaves have ye? Who said: Seven. And He commanded the people to sit down on the ground. And taking the seven loaves, giving thanks, He broke and gave to His disciples to set before the people. And they had a few little fishes, and He blessed them, and commanded them to be set before them. And they did eat, and were filled; and they took up that which was left of the fragments, seven baskets: and they that had eaten were about four thousand: and He sent them away.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 16: 5, 6-7 Perfect Thou my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps be not moved: incline Thy ear, and hear my words: show forth Thy wonderful mercies, Thou who savest them that trust in Thee, O Lord.

SECRET Be appeased, O Lord, by our supplications, and graciously accept these offerings of Thy people: neither suffering the hope of anyone to be in vain, nor his prayer to remain unheard, that we may obtain that for which we faithfully pray. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION: Psalm 26: 6 I will go round, and offer up in His tabernacle a sacrifice of jubilation; I will sing, and recite a psalm to the Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION Grant, O Lord, that we who have been filled with Thy gifts may be cleansed by their virtue and strengthened by their help. Through our Lord.

Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

July 8th A.D. 2012, Saturday vigil, 4 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 and 9:00 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

Introit: Ps 48 (47): 10, 11 **Suscepimus**

"We have received your mercy, O God, in the midst of your temple; even as your name, so also does your praise extend to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness."

Kyrie – Chant

Gloria – Missa De Angelis (English)

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory: Ps 18(17): 28,32 **Populum humilem**

"You will save the humble nation, O Lord, and bring down the eyes of the proud. For who is God, other than you, O Lord?"

Mass Setting: Mass VIII Missa De Angelis

Sanctus(English)

"Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias"

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Communion: Ps 34 (33): 9

Gustate et videte

"O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blessed is the man who trusts in Him."

Post Communion Hymn

Concordi Laetitia (Parish Hymnal **No.80**)

Recessional Hymn:

Immaculate Mary (Parish Hymnal **No.85**)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

July 8th, A.D. 2012 Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Processional Hymn Adoro Te

(Parish Hymnal **No.104**)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Psalm. 27. 8, 9

"Dominus fortitudo plebis suae et protector salutarium Christi sui est: salvum fac populum tuum, Domine, et benedic hereditati tuae, et rege eos usque in saeculum. Ps. 27. 1. Ad te, Domine, clamabo, Deus meus, ne sileas a me: nequando taceas a me, et assimilabor descendentibus in lacum."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass of St.Basil

Gradual: Psalm 89. 13, 1

Convertere, Domine, aliquantulum, et deprecare super servos tuos. V. Domine, refugium factus es nobis, a generatione et progénie.

Alleluia: Psalm 30, 2-3 Alleluia, alleluia. *V. In te, Domine, speravi, non confundar in aeternum: in justitia tua libera me, et eri pe me: inclina ad me aurem tuam, accelera, ut eripias me.*

Alleluia.

Offertory Verse: Psalm 16. 5, 6-7

"Perfice gressus meos in semitis tuis, ut non moveantur vestigia mea: inclina aurem tuam, et exaudi verba mea: mirifica misericordias tuas, qui salvos facis sperantes in te, Domine."

Offertory Hymn: Ave Maris Stella

(Parish Hymnal **No.76**)

Communion Hymn: Anima Christi

(Parish Hymnal **No.108**)

Communion Verse: Psalm 26. 6

"Circuibo et immolabo in tabernaculo ejus hostiam jubilati6nis: cantabo et psalmum dicam Domino."

Recessional Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name!

(Parish Hymnal **No.85**)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAILY LATIN MASS

July 9th-14th, A.D. 2012

Monday, July 9th: 12:30 p.m.

Ferial Day

Tuesday, July 10th: 5:30 p.m.

Seven Holy Brothers, Martyrs

Wednesday, July 11th: 12:30 p.m.

Ferial Day

Thursday, July 12th: 5:30 p.m.

St. John Gualbert, Abbot

Friday, July 13th:

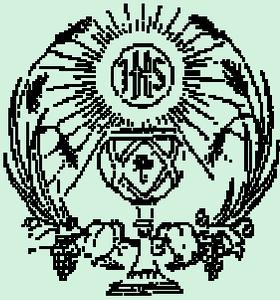
12:30 p.m.

Ferial Day

Saturday, July 14th:

9:00 a.m.

*St. Bonaventure, Bishop,
Confessor and Doctor*



**TIME AFTER
PENTECOST**

**CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD SUNDAYS
BEFORE AND AFTER THE
10:30 LATIN MASS**

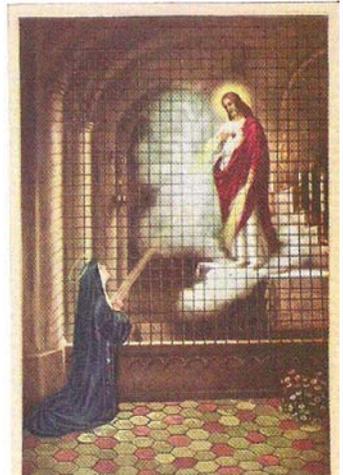


**WE INVITE EVERYONE
TO JOIN US FOR
COFFEE HOUR
DOWNSTAIRS EACH SUNDAY
AFTER THE 10:30 LATIN MASS.**

**“THERE ARE ONLY TWO KINDS OF MEN:
THE RIGHTEOUS WHO THINK THEY
ARE SINNERS AND THE SINNERS WHO
THINK THEY ARE RIGHTEOUS.”
—BLAISE PASCAL, +1662**

THE PROMISES OF OUR LOURD to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque for Souls Devoted to His Sacred Heart

1. “I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.”
2. “I will establish peace in their houses.”
3. “I will comfort them in all their afflictions.”
4. “I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all in death.”
5. “I will bestow a large blessing on all their undertakings.”
6. “Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.”
7. “Tepid souls shall grow fervent.”
8. “Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.”
9. “I will bless every place where a picture of My Heart shall be set up and honored.”
10. “I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.”
11. “Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.”
12. **“I promise thee in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.”**



Promises of Our Lord
St. Margaret Mary

PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

O God, great and almighty Creator, we
 thank and
praise You
for the
freedom we
enjoy in
our
country
and pray that our liberties will
continue to be protected.

Thank You that we are free to worship
You, free to express our beliefs, free to
be followers of Christ.

As we celebrate these freedoms, we ask
Your blessing on all those in our world
who are not free to speak, worship, or
live out their religious beliefs.

We ask You to bless and watch over our
country, the "home of the brave and the
land of the free".

May all its citizens and leaders work
for the common good of all, that all
might enjoy the gifts of life, religious
liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
We ask this through Your Son, Jesus
Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

YOUNG ADULT APPALACHIAN SERVICE- RETREAT IN EASTERN KENTUCKY, AUGUST 4TH-11th, 2012

Information Night: Tuesday, July 10th, 7 p.m.
Our Lady Help of Christians Church, McPherson
Conference Room (lower church)
573 Washington St., Newton, MA

A service retreat in one of the poorest regions of
the USA: must be 18 yrs. or older, married or
single, cost is a \$300 dollar donation to Msgr.
Ralph Beiting Appalachian Mission Center



MILITARY SERVICE PRAYER LIST:

We remember all of our military servicemen and women, especially ... Sgt. Dennis Geary, U.S. Army (Afghanistan), Matthew Simard, 1st Lt., USMC (Afghanistan), Michael Simard, PFC, USMC, Christopher Raymond, 82nd Airborne (Afghanistan), Lance Cpl. Alex Tomchik, USMC, Brian Rainey, US Army (Afghanistan), Joseph Rainey, US Army, Sgt. Kevin James Howard, USMC (Afghanistan), Sgt. Brian Joseph Howard, USMC Afghanistan), Sgt. William J. Duggan, U.S. Army, 342nd Military Police Detachment, deployed to Afghanistan March, 2010; 2nd Lt. Richard S. Pluta, deployed to Iraq; Sgt. 1st Class David Garduque; ;Sgt. Jeffrey R. Quinn, USMC;

*IN THANKSGIVING for the return of
Command Sgt. Major Gregory Widberg and
his I-182 Infantry Regiment, from Kabul,
Afghanistan. During their deployment they
suffered two casualties—I dead, 1 wounded.*

*(Please let us know if you would like someone on
active duty prayed for by name.)*

*Pray for Tommy Holcum, severely wounded in a
Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.*

*Pray for Pfc Bowe Bergdahl,
captured by the Taliban in
Afghanistan.*

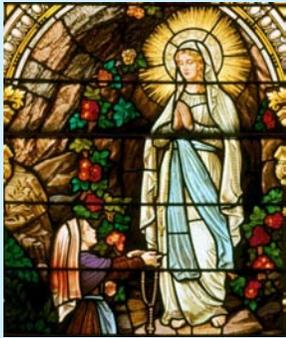


HEALTH OF THE SICK

“In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice.”

—Padre Pio

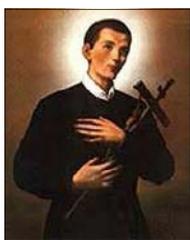
For all those on our parish prayer list, especially for... Frank Downey, Janet Pino, Fr. Carney Gavin, Irene Campana, Gerry Mazzarella, Maureen Nyhen, Francis McNary, Warren Yee, Betty Chrishi, Marie Rappazzini, Mary



Trombetta, Helen Reid, Brenda Winegarner, Jean Johnson, Lois Ludwig, Paula Apothacary, Jeanne Ciocca, Sam Adams III, Altair da Silva, Jack Shaughnessy, Christina Kwash, Kitty Ward, Missy Ochsner, Spagnuolo Family, Katie O’Connell, Janet Bourgeois, Judy Sartell, Lana Tomchik, Matthew Banks, Patrick Rainey, Judy Pederson, Ed Donovan, Danny O’Brien, Evelyn Donovan, Helen Donnelly, Priscilla Brossard, Mary Sims, Billy Hickey, Lee-Anne Ketchum, Arthur Nauss, Rod MacLeod, Monica Wellenstein, Teresa Tambunan, Mary Platt, Sean Monaghan, Bill McIlheny, Sheila Whittle, Michelle Fay, Bobbie Hoffmann, Beverly Balconi, Martial Rainey, Dennis McCarthy, Edward Crestitelli, Sharon Kopchik, Erin Marie Fell, Dominic Cantillo, Theresa Higgins, Lita Uilaoghaire, Norman Alibrandi, Joyce Higgins, Karen Starbird, Jack Buckley, Edward Fahey, Nancy Daly, Mary Hoffmann, Marie Schroter, Dorothy Alibrandi, Annie Procopio, Marie Danca,

David Kase, Thaddeus Davulis, Andrew McCloskey, Barbara Sullivan, WandaLempitski, Thomas Corcoran, Tony Palladino, Marie Goodwin, JoeBellino, Lucia LoPresti, Polly Sullivan, Fred Strom.

“I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but in the next”—Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette, February 18th, 1858



SPECIAL INTENTION: For all the expectant mothers of our parish family.

“St. Gerard Majella, pray for us”

Prayer for Motherhood:

O good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and Wonderworker of our day, I call upon thee and seek thy aid.

Thou who on this earth didst always fulfil God’s designs, help me to do the Holy Will of God. Beseech the Master of Life, from Whom all paternity proceedeth, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life and heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory in the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER LINE OF THE POOR CLARE COLLETTINE SISTERS

Hawarden, Wales



The website address is:
www.poorclarestm.org

“No amount of good social policy, such as programs that feed the hungry and shelter the homeless—as vitally important as they are—can make up for bad policies concerning the protection of life itself. Without the fundamental right to live, the right to not be killed, no other rights are meaningful. In fact, without life no other rights can exist.”

—U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Respect Life* pamphlet 2006

Calendar of Masses

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

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| SATURDAY July 7th | 4:00 p.m. | Alfred G. Kerr Jr. | 45th year Memorial | Kerr Family |
| SUNDAY July 8th | 7:30 a.m. | Pro Populo | | |
| The 6th Sunday after Pentecost | 9:00 a.m. | Dr. Missy Ochsner | Health of the Sick | Maria Centofanti MacKenzie Family Denise Sullivan Juhasz Family |
| and the 14th Sunday of the Year | 10:30 a.m. | Maureen Nyhen Valerie Serafino Isabelle & George Finn Lois Ludwig | Birthday Intention Birthday Intention Memorial Health of the Sick | |
| | 5:30 p.m. | <i>Intention of the Celebrant</i> | | |
| MONDAY July 9th | 7:30 a.m. | Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish | Memorial | |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed | Memorial | |
| TUESDAY July 10th | 7:30 a.m. | Bob & Millie Hyldeburg | Special Intention | Elizabeth Bellino |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Tony, Tricia, Christopher, Mary & Patrick Reilly | Special Intention | Reilly Family |
| WEDNESDAY July 11th | 7:30 a.m. | <i>Intention of the Celebrant</i> | | |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Christopher Davulis | Birthday Intention | Davulis Family |
| THURSDAY July 12th | 7:30 a.m. | <i>Intention of the Celebrant</i> | | |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Maureen Nyhen | Special Intention | Maria Centofanti |
| FRIDAY July 13th | 7:30 a.m. | <i>Intention of the Celebrant</i> | | |
| | <i>Health of the Sick</i> | | | |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Denise McNamara | Memorial | Jim McNamara |
| SATURDAY July 14th | 9:00 a.m. | Members of the third order of Mary Mr. & Mrs. William Kasper Claire Donahoe Catherine Dinon | Special Intention Health of the Sick | Gerald MacEachern McGrath Family Maria Centofanti Annie Procopio |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Carmen DiVecchia & Family | | Antoinette Paoletti |

Each Mass has an infinite, immense value that we can never fully understand.

—St. John Marie Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

617 244 0558

Parish Staff

PASTOR: FATHER CHARLES JEREMIAH HIGGINS

VISITING ASSISTANT PRIESTS: FATHER WILLIAM BLAZEK, S.J.,

FATHER ALVARO SILVA

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: JEAN JOHNSON (DIRECTOR)

PATTI STROM (LATIN MASS CHILDREN'S CATECHISM)

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: MRS. BOBBIE HOFFMANN

PARISH SECRETARY: MARGIE BIBBO

FIRST SACRISTAN: MANNY GOGUEN

SACRISTANS: FRANCIS GALLAGHER, CAMERON MACKENZIE,

TOM GOGUEN, PETER GOGUEN

SEXTON: SEAN WARD (RET. CEMEMTERY SUPERINTENDENT)

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GUARDIAN ESTATE MANAGEMENT INC.

**For all Cemetery business, please call
the Parish Office: 617-244-0558**

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, and we are always glad to welcome Sunday visitors here to our beautiful, historic church. We look forward to your coming again.

July 8th, A.D. 2012 The 6th Sunday after Pentecost and the 14th of the Year
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 4:00 PM (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 AM
9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Traditional Latin), 5:30 PM

Weekdays: Monday—Friday 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Low Mass:

Mon., Wed. & Fri., 12:30 PM; Tues. & Thurs.,
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, 9 AM & 12:30 PM

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,
First Fridays (before the 12:30 p.m. Mass)

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.



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 Paul VI)