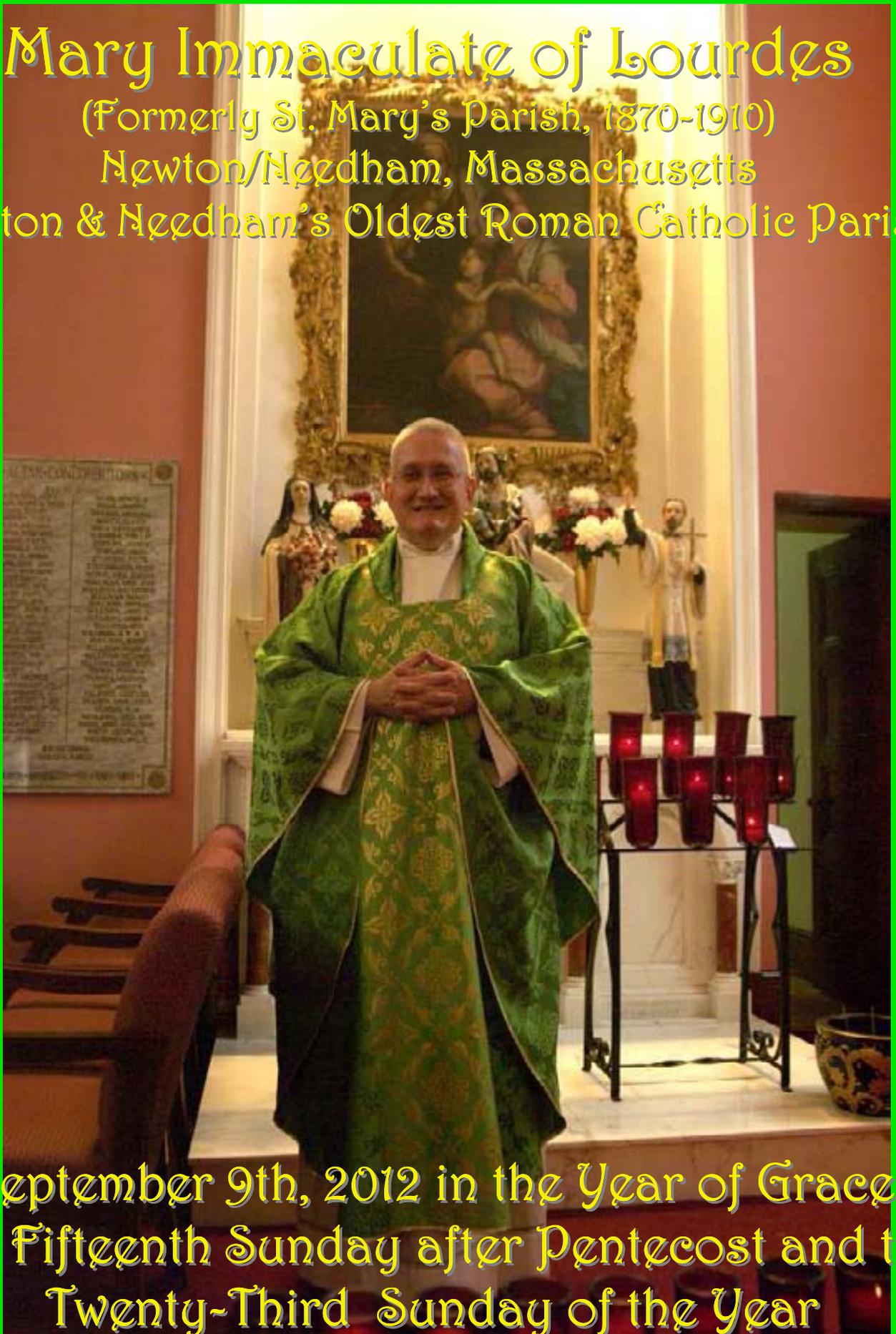
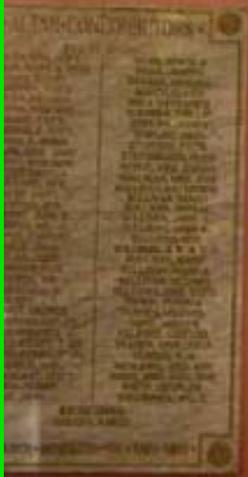


# Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

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

Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman Catholic Parish



September 9th, 2012 in the Year of Grace  
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost and the  
Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year

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### ON THE PARISH CALENDAR....

**Sunday, September 9th:**

End-of-Summer All-Parish Picnic in the parish gardens following the 10:30 a.m. Mass

**Tuesday, September 11th:**

"Bring-a-Saint-and-Lunch", 12 Noon, lower church hall

**Sunday, September 16th:**

Holy Name Parish Men's Group monthly meeting in the rectory at 12:15 p.m.

Lay Dominicans, lower rectory conference room, 1:00 p.m.

Confirmation Candidates, afternoon retreat, lower church hall. (Concludes with the 5:30 p.m. Mass).

**Sunday, September 23rd:**

VIRTUS training program, 12:15 p.m., lower rectory conference room.

**Tuesday, September 25th:**

Benedictum Book Club, 10:30 a.m.-12 Noon, lower church hall

**Saturday, September 29th:**

Confirmation Mass rehearsal, 5:15 p.m.

**Sunday, September 30th:**

MASS OF CONFIRMATION, 5:30 p.m.

Bishop Edyvean will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation according to the 1970 Missal.

A Reception will follow in the downstairs hall after Mass.

## MISSIONARY CO-OPERATIVE APPEAL NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 2012

The Catholic Church is world-wide, and much of it is served by missionaries in developing countries. To help us better understand the universality of the Church and to give us an opportunity to assist missionaries in their effort to proclaim the Good News of Jesus, Fr. Evan Villanueva, MI will be coming to our parish to speak on behalf of SOS DRS (SOS Doctors). SOS DRS is the international disaster relief organization of the Ministers of the Infirm (Order of St. Camillus) that serves the medical, pastoral and humanitarian needs of people affected by man-made and natural disasters. Fr. Villanueva will be asking for our prayers and financial support for the mission of SOS DRS ([www.sosdrs.org](http://www.sosdrs.org)). Please be generous.



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

## SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

### FATHER BLAZEK'S FAREWELL THANKS

To the Parishioners and Staff of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish:

Thank you so very much for the kind welcome and support I have received these past three years. I am very grateful to the parish for the opportunity to have been of service here as a seminarian, deacon and now as a priest. God has been immeasurably generous to me. Thank you especially also to Father Higgins for his kind mentorship and guidance. You are blessed to have him as a pastor.

I am especially grateful for the kind generosity of so many parishioners who supported the purchase of vestments, liturgical books, an anointing kit, and other needed items. They are very much appreciated, and will be used for a holy purpose. May God reward you for your generosity.

My next mission is to the Church of the Gesu in University Heights, Ohio. I will be doing parish ministry as a parochial vicar. You're welcome to visit if you are in Ohio.



*(Front Cover: Father William Blazek, S.J., standing in front of the side altar of St. Joseph of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church. On either side of St. Joseph's statue are the statues of two missionary saints—St. Therese of Lisieux, who prayed for missionary priests in her life as a contemplative Carmelite Sister and has been declared a Patroness of the Catholic missions, and Jesuit missionary St. Francis Xavier, S.J., companion of St. Ignatius and preacher of the Gospel to the Far East in the 16th century. Fr. Blazek will leave us after this weekend to serve as a parochial vicar at the Church of the Gesu in University Heights, Ohio, his next mission as a priest after his first mission with us this summer. Here follows his message of farewell thanks to our parish. Photo by Warren Yee.)*



Let's continue to keep each other in prayer. I will hope to visit when I am next in Boston.

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, pray for us!

*(Fr. William Blazek, S.J.)*



**LADIES AND YOUNG LADIES SODALITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. ROSE OF LIMA: INSTALLATION OF THIS YEAR'S OFFICERS AND A PHOTO OF THE SODALITY MEMBERS ON THE STEPS OF THE CHURCH**



**DEFEAT QUESTION 2,  
THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BALLOT  
QUESTION IN MA.**

Sign the Petition

Committee Against  
Physician Assisted Suicide

**DAILY LATIN MASS**

September 10th-15th, A.D. 2012

Monday, September 10th: 12:30 p.m.

*St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Confessor*

Tuesday, September 11th: 5:30 p.m.

*Ferial Day*

Wednesday, September 12th: 12:30 p.m.

*The Most Holy Name of Mary*

Thursday, September 13th: 5:30 p.m.

*Ferial Day*

Friday, September 14th: 12:30 p.m.

*EXALTATION OF THE HOLY  
CROSS*

Saturday, September 15th:

9:00 a.m.

*SEVEN SORROWS OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*



**TIME AFTER PENTECOST**

**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;*

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

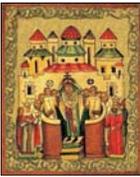
*Pray for Tommy Holcum, severely wounded in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.*

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



# Calendar of Masses

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

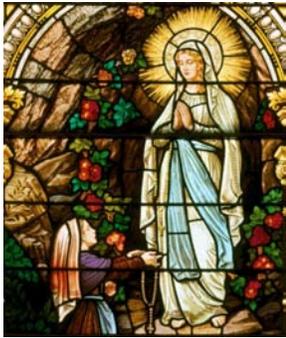
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>September 8th</b>	4:00 p.m.	<b>Earl Smith</b>	Special Intention	<b>Kim Smith</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>September 9th</b> <b>The 15th</b>	7:30 a.m.	<b>Pro Populo</b>		<b>Shawn Adams</b> <b>Alevizos</b>
<b>Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost and the</b> <b>23rd Sunday of</b> <b>the Year</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Joan Damonte Adams</b>	11th Anniversary	
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Ralph, Rose and</b> <b>Vincent Mazzarella</b> <b>Daniel Kwash</b> <b>Donald Ludwig Jr.</b> <b>Joseph Pappin III</b> <b>Loretta A. Dinon</b> <b>Janet Pino</b> <b>Kelly Tickell</b>	Memorial Special Birthday Intention Special Birthday Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention	<b>Kwash Family</b> <b>MacKenzie Family</b> <b>Pappin Family</b> <b>Catherine Dinon</b> <b>Sodality</b> <b>Mary Bennett</b>
	5:30 p.m.	<b>Phero Ba Van Nguyen</b>	Memorial	
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>September</b> <b>10th</b>	7:30 a.m.	<b>Purgatorial Society of</b> <b>Mary Immaculate of</b> <b>Lourdes Parish</b>	Memorial	
	12:30 p.m.	<b>Commemoration of all</b> <b>the Faithful Departed</b>	Memorial	
	7:30 a.m.	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>September</b> <b>11th</b>	7:30 a.m.			<b>Reilly Family</b>
	5:30 p.m.	<b>Tony, Tricia, Patrick,</b> <b>Mary and Christopher</b> <b>Reilly</b>	Special Intention	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>September</b> <b>12th</b>	7:30 a.m.	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
	12:30 p.m.	<b>Corcoran and</b> <b>Mazzarella Families</b>		
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>September</b> <b>13th</b>	7:30 a.m.	<b>Ann Reardon</b>	Special Intention	<b>Mary McCarthy</b>
	5:30 p.m.	<b>Mary Clare MacKenzie</b>	Special Intention	<b>MacKenzie Family</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>September</b> <b>14th</b> <b>Holy Cross Day</b>	7:30 a.m.	<b>Thaddeus Davulis</b>	Special Intention	<b>Davulis Family</b>
	<i>Health of the Sick</i>	<b>Deceased Members of</b> <b>the Kwash, Steinkrauss,</b> <b>Rulnick and Rizzo</b> <b>Family</b>	Memorial	
	12:30 p.m.			
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>September</b> <b>15th</b> <b>Seven Sorrows of</b> <b>the Blessed Virgin</b> <b>Mary</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Marian Dolores</b> <b>Cucinotta</b> <b>Mark Serafino</b> <b>Patrick Foley</b> <b>Jennie Senler</b>	Memorial Special Birthday Intention Special Intention Memorial	<b>Laurie Spinelli</b> <b>MacKenzie Family</b> <b>Bennett Family</b> <b>John &amp; Emma Riley</b>
	4:00 p.m.	<b>Earl Smith</b>	Special Intention	<b>Margie Bibbo</b>

## HEALTH OF THE SICK

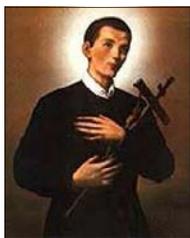
*“In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice.”*

—Padre Pio

*For all those on our parish prayer list, especially for...* Louis Komuves, Sr. Catherine Grandfield, Mary Adams, Helen Panella, Hugh Doyle, Lorraine Orlando, Rob Quagan, Brooke Ramsdell, Paul Wenger, Nathan Johnston, 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, 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, Wanda Lempitski, Thomas Corcoran, Tony Palladino, Marie Goodwin, Joe Bellino, 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.*

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**Requiescant in Pace**

Edward McCallion, aged 63  
Michael Aufiero, aged 59  
(Brother of parishioner Fred Aufiero)

Sister Mary Elizabeth Corbet, C.S.J.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**END-OF-SUMMER  
ALL-PARISH PICNIC TODAY,  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th,  
beginning after the 10:30 a.m.  
Mass in the parish gardens**

**ALL WELCOME—PLEASE COME!**



*Some milestones in the lives of our parishioners*

**ANDREW PROVENCHER**, son of William and Karen Provencher, and our parish Master of Ceremonies, earned his Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Lowell this past May. He begins working on his Master's degree this fall.

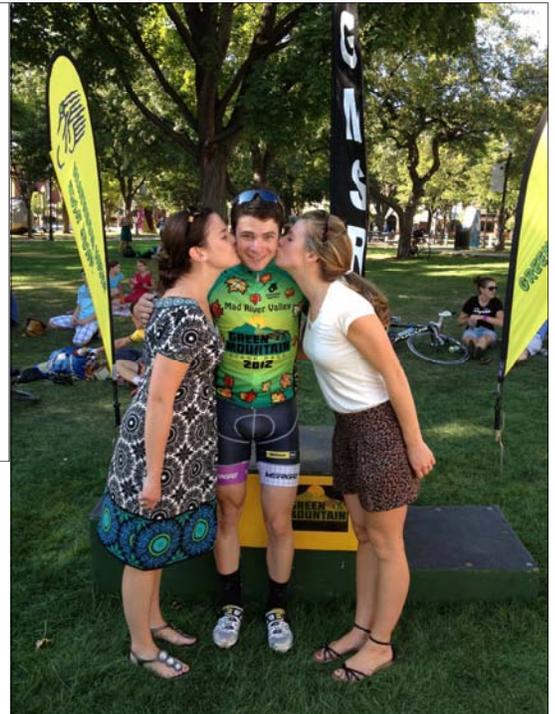
**JONATHAN PHILLIPS**, son of Rod and Martha Phillips, graduated from Xaverian Brothers High School and is beginning his freshman year at Boston College.

**ANDREA WHITE**, daughter of Paul and Annette White, and a member of the Ladies' Sodality, graduated from Framingham High School and is beginning her freshman year at St. Mary's College in North Dakota. Andrea plans to study nursing.

*Photo right:  
Congratulations to our  
First Sacristan **MANNY  
GOGUEN** who won the  
Labor Day 40 km cycle  
race in the Green  
Mountain Stage Race  
2012 in Vermont. Manny  
also won the Sprinter's  
Jersey. He receives a  
congratulatory kiss from  
his cousin Cierra Nugent  
and his sister Laura.*

## Bring a Saint and Lunch

A general invitation is extended to join in an informal gathering of parishioners who want to learn more about the Lives of the Saints. The idea is to research the life of a canonized saint, pack a lunch, and then join fellow parishioners and interested visitors for a get-together in the lower church hall. A presentation should be no longer than 5-10 minutes. If you don't want to make a presentation, please just come and be inspired by the Lives of the Saints as well as to enjoy some fellowship. Our first meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 11, 12 Noon in the lower church hall**. For more information and to register, please contact Tina McCormick at [TinaM@post.harvard.edu](mailto:TinaM@post.harvard.edu) or 617-970 1448.



## LATIN MASS TEXTS

### Traditional Propers Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Vestments: Green

**INTROIT: Psalm 85: 1, 2-4** Bow down Thy ear, O Lord, to me and hear me: Save Thy servant, O my God, that trusteth in Thee all day. *Ps.* Give joy to the soul of Thy servant; for to Thee, O Lord, I have lifted up my soul. Glory be to the Father.

**COLLECT** Lord, may Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church, and, since it cannot be preserved in safety without You, govern it always by Your Providence. Through our Lord.

**EPISTLE: Galatians 5: 25-26; 6:1-10** Brethren: If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be made desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, and if any man be overtaken in any fault, you, who are spiritual, instruct such a one in the Spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so you shall fulfill the law of Christ. For if any man thinks himself to be something, whereas he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let everyone prove his own work, and so he shall have glory in himself only, and not in another. For everyone shall bear his own burden. And let him that is instructed in the word, communicate to him that instructeth him, in all good things. Be not deceived: God is not mocked; for what things a man shall sow, those also shall he reap. For he that soweth in his flesh, of the flesh shall reap corruption: but he that soweth in the spirit, of the spirit shall reap life everlasting. And in doing good, let us not fail; for in due time we shall reap, not failing. Therefore, whilst we have time, let us work good to all men, but especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

**GRADUAL: Psalm 91:2-3** It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Thy name, O Most High. *V.* To show forth Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth in the night.

**ALLELUIA: Psalm 94: 3** Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL: Luke 7:11-16** At that time, Jesus went to a city called Naim; and there went with Him His disciples, and a great multitude. And when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold a dead man was carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and much people of the city were with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said to her: "Weep not." And He came near and touched the bier. And they that carried it stood still. And He said: "Young man, I say to thee, Arise": and he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on them all: and they glorified God, saying: "A great prophet is risen up amongst us," and "God hath visited His people."

**OFFERTORY: Psalm 39: 2,3,4** With expectation I have waited for the Lord, and He had regard to me; and He heard my prayer, and He put a new canticle into my mouth, a song to our God.

**SECRET** May Thy sacraments, Lord, protect us and always defend us against the devil's attacks. Through our Lord.

### Preface of the Holy Trinity

**COMMUNION: John 6:22** The bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world.

**POSTCOMMUNION** May the power of this heavenly gift take possession, Lord, we implore Thee, of our minds and bodies, so that we may be always guided not by our natural impulses but by its working in us. Through our Lord.

# Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

## Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

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

### Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

**Introit:** Ps 119:137,124 **Iustus es, Domine**

*"You are righteous, O Lord, and right is Your judgment; deal with this servant of Yours according to Your mercy."*

**Kyrie – Chant**

**Gloria – Missa De Angelis (English)**

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

**Credo I: (extra sheet)**

**Offertory:** Dan 9:4, 17, 19 **Oravi Deum meum**

*"I prayed to my God, I, Daniel, and I said: Hearken, O Lord, unto the prayers of Your servant, and cause Your face to shine upon Your sanctuary; look with forgiveness upon this nation over whom Your name has been invoked,  
O God."*

## 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 76:12, 13 **Vovete**

*Make vows unto the Lord Your God, and accomplish them, all you who gather around Him to present offerings; to the awesome God who takes away the life of princes; He is greatly feared by all the kings of the earth.*

**Post Communion Hymn**

Salve Mater Misericordiae (Chant)

**Recessional Hymn:**

Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned  
(Parish Hymnal, No.83)

## Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

September 9th, A.D. 2012, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Processional Hymn**

How Oft, Instinct With Warmth Divine  
(Franz Joseph Haydn d.1809)

*Asperges: Chant*

**Introit:** Ps. 85:1,2,3,4

*"Inclina, Dómine, aurem tuam ad me, et exáudi me: salvum fac servum tuum, Deus meus, sperántem in te: miserere mihi, Dómine, quóniam ad te clamávi tota die. (Psalm)Lætífica ánimam servi tui: Dómine, ánimam meam levávi."*

**Ordinary Prayers:**

**Missa Brevis In C Major KV 220, "Spatzenmesse"**

(Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus  
and Agnus Dei)

(Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart d.1791)

**Gradual:** Ps. 91:2-3

*"Bonum est confitéri Dómino: et psállere nómini tuo. Altíssime. Ad annuntiándum mane misericórdiam tuam, et veritátem tuam per noctem." Alleluia: Ps. 94:3 "Allelúja, alfelúja. Quoniam Deus magnus Dóminus, et rex magnus super omnem terram. Allelúja."*

**Offertory Verse:** Ps. 39:2,3,4

*"Expéctans expéctávi Dóminum, et respéxit me: et exaudivit deprecatióem meam, et immisit in os meum cánticum novum, hymnum Deo nostro."*

**Offertory Hymn:** Magnificat (Chant)

**Communion Hymn:**

Ave Verum Corpus **KV 618**

(Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart d.1791)

**Communion Verse:** Jn. 6:52

*"Panis, quem ego dédero, caro mea est pro sæculi vita."*

**Recessional Hymn**

O Dear God, In Thy Mercy, Now Hear Me  
Coro di Schiavi Ebrei

(Giuseppe Fortunino Francesco Verdi, b. 1823)

*Noon Angelus (Chant)*

# Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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## **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.

## **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)**

September 9th, A.D. 2012 The 15th Sunday after Pentecost and the 23rd of the Year

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