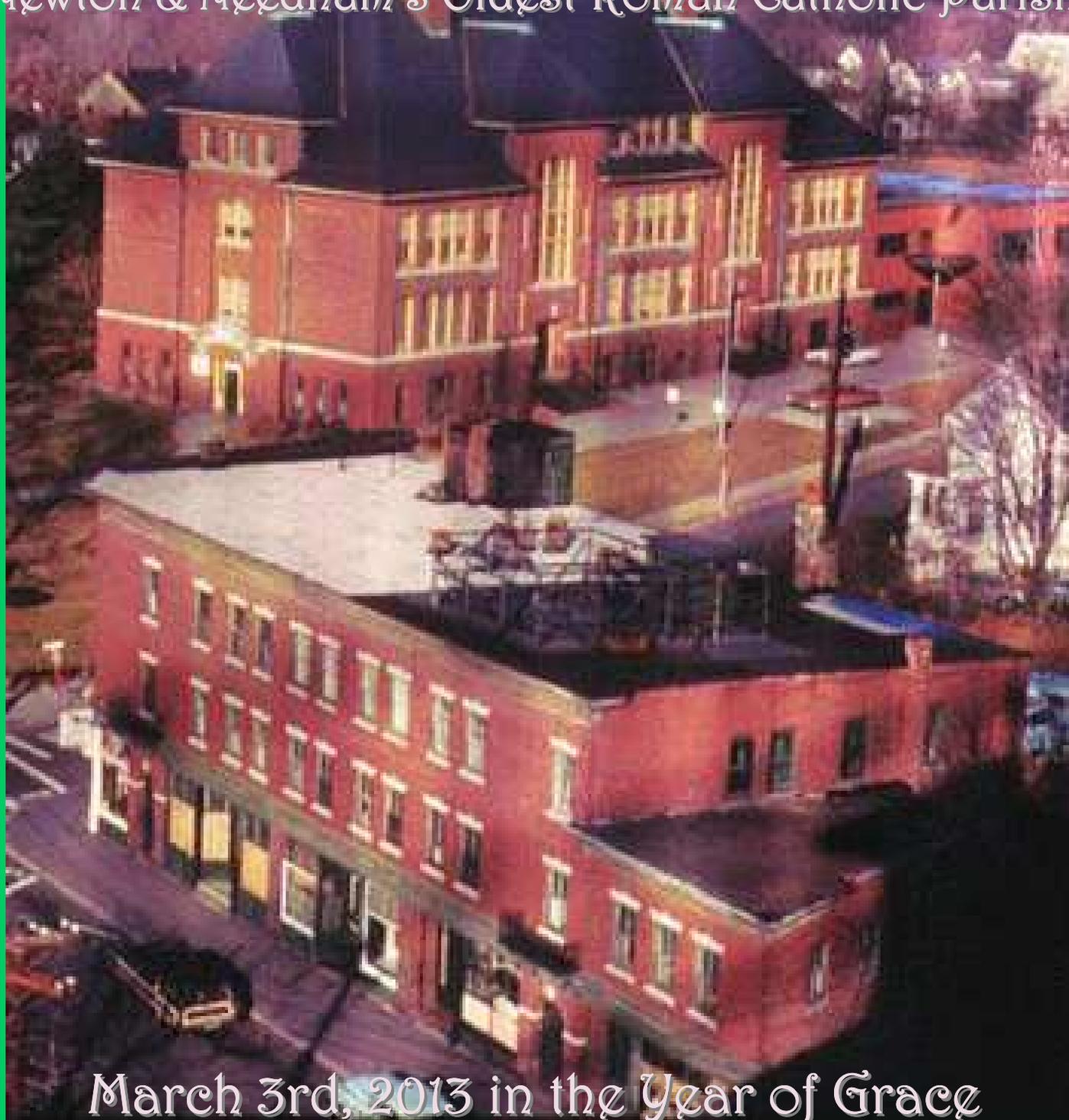


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(Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910)

Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman Catholic Parish



March 3rd, 2013 in the Year of Grace

The Third Sunday in Lent

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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,
FEBRUARY 24th: \$4,976.00 +
\$1,507.00 (OTHER OFFERINGS)
= \$6,483.00**

**SECOND COLLECTION:
CATHOLIC APPEAL 2013**

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, 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM & 12 Midnight

Christmas Day: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

January 1st: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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:

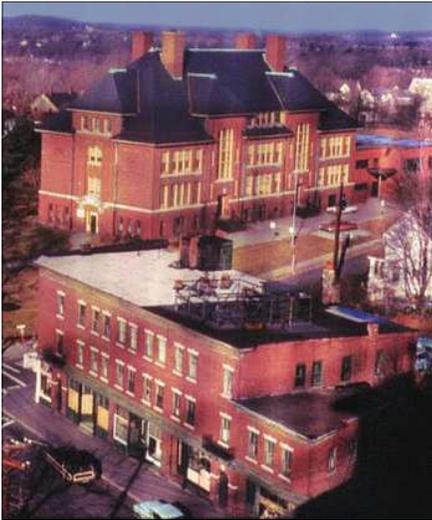
Engaged couples should make arrangements with the
parish church so as to allow for adequate sacramental
preparation (six months), including a Pre-Cana program.

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.

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH

Pastor's Note



(Front cover: A photograph taken from the bell-tower of our parish church of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, 1966 A.D. The bird's eyeview shows the storefronts diagonally across the street from the church. The second large brick building is the Emerson School.)



AN INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE FROM DAVID ALLEN, OUR NEW PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Dear Fellow Parishioners of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes:

My name is David Allen and I will be assisting Father Higgins as a part-time Pastoral Associate. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to meet more of you and to serve you. My wife, Ellen, and I became parishioners in April, 2011, and we continue to enjoy being part of the parish's Music Ministry for both forms of the Mass.

In my class on the Sacred Liturgy at St. John's, my professor has mentioned several times how Pope Benedict XVI, throughout his Papacy, has concentrated on the Church's Liturgy, and its

*role in Evangelization. In other words, when the Church focuses on what She is to do above all else (offer sacrifice and praise to God), and when She does this **well**, all of the Church's missionary activity expands and grows. When we as Catholic Christians understand, love, and participate in the Church's liturgy (in either the "Ordinary" or "Extra-ordinary" form of the Roman Rite), Evangelization follows as a natural consequence. Indeed, this is a crucial part of our parish vision, under Father Higgins's leadership, and in response to the liturgical directives and teachings of Pope Benedict XVI. If we have met Christ at Mass, then we will **want** to invite others to meet Him too. (Read John 1:41-50 to see how simply and joyfully SS. Andrew and Philip introduce others to Jesus.) It can and should become as natural for us to invite a family member or friend to Mass as it is to share with them something else that is important to us or that we enjoy, be it a meaningful friendship or even a favorite movie .*

This Lent, ask God to increase your love for Him in the Mass. Then, communicate to others your joy with a simple invitation. This is what Evangelization is. Invite someone to come and share with you the joy which you experience week by week at Mary Immaculate, and keep the invitation open. Also, please pray for me as I support Father Higgins and minister to the sick and homebound of our parish. Finally, I cordially invite you to consider joining my forthcoming Bible Study (details coming soon).

I wish you all a Blessed Lent as we anticipate the joy of Easter.

*In Christ,
David E. Allen*

(David Allen is studying in the Master of Arts in Ministry Program at St. John's Seminary, Brighton.)

LATIN MASS TEXTS

Traditional Propers

Third Sunday In Lent

Vestments: Violet

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. *℣.* 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. *℣.* 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. *℣.* Behold as the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters. *℣.* 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. *℣.* 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 of Lent

COMMUNION: Psalm 83:4-5 The sparrow hath found herself a house, and the turtle a nest, where she may lay her young ones: Thy altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King, and my God: blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, they shall praise Thee for ever and ever.

POSTCOMMUNION Mercifully absolve us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all guilt and deliver us from all danger, whom Thou dost grant to partake of so great a mystery. Through our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Appeal

This Sunday we launch our Annual Catholic Appeal for 2013. Cardinal Sean will be our Lenten Preacher at our Masses via a recorded Homily. Catholic Appeal envelopes are in your pews and at the entrance tables to the church. Our parish number is 294.



Nursing Home Masses in the Parish for the Month of March:

Thursday, March 7th:
STONE INSTITUTE

Thursday, March 14th:
WINGATE MANOR
(Masses are at 2:00 PM)

March 3rd, A.D. 2013

The Third Sunday in Lent

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts



A priest will hear Confessions on Wednesday evenings during Lent in the Main Church: 6:30-8:00 PM

Religious Education

8:30-10:00 AM, Grades K-5
(Lower Church Hall)



OUR LADY OF MESOPOTAMIA MISSION: IRAQI CATHOLICS

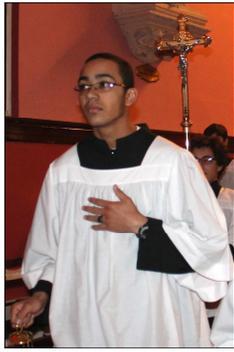
Syriac-Rite Divine Liturgy
Saturday, March 2nd:
5:30 PM Main Church
Saturday, March 23rd:
(Palm Sunday)
5:30 PM Main Church

The Mass is in Arabic and Aramaic but a booklet with English translation is provided. All are welcome.

MONTHLY COFFEE AND DONUT SOCIAL TODAY AFTER THE 9 A.M. MASS

Please join us downstairs in the lower church hall today after the 9 a.m. for our monthly coffee and donut social

Mr. Paul Kusmitch, a 43 yr. old Catholic husband and father of 2 girls, is in the Boston area from Michigan pursuing an employment opportunity. He attends Mass now at Mary Immaculate. He is seeking a room in exchange for work and has posted a notice-request in the front vestibule.



We are pleased to announce that parishioner **EARL SMITH**, son of Eliot & Kim Smith, has been accepted to the College Minor Seminary Program for the Archdiocese of Boston in order to begin studying for the Priesthood. Earl is in his senior year of high school at St. Joseph's Prep in Boston.



LADIES' SODALITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. ROSE OF LIMA:

Founded 1872

The Sodality will meet today, **March 3rd**, in the lower rectory conference room after the **10:30 a.m. Mass**.

The Sodality extends a general invitation to the ladies of the parish to join them today for their luncheon, the prayer of Vespers, and a Lenten Conference on the Four Temperaments, which will be given by Fr. Higgins

“BRING-A-SAINT-AND-LUNCH” Thursday, March 7th, A.D. 2013



The next meeting for “Bring-a-Saint-and-Lunch” will be on Thursday, March 7th, at 12:00 Noon in the lower rectory conference room. This is an open-invitation, informal gathering for anyone who wants to learn more about the Lives of the Saints. Pack your own lunch,

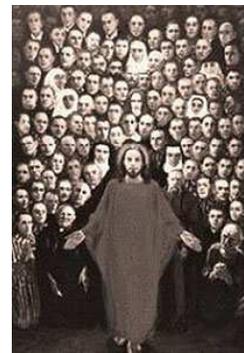
and then join fellow parishioners and other interested visitors for discussion. This month we will be learning about St. Albert the Great, St. Bonaventure, and other saints of Scholasticism.

For more information and to register, please contact Tina McCormick at:

TinaM@post.harvard.edu or 617-970-1448

FRIDAY DEVOTIONS DURING LENT:
“VIA CRUCIS”—TRADITIONAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held on all Fridays during Lent at 7:30 PM in the main church, followed by a Lenten sermon, the distribution of Holy Communion outside of Mass, and concluding with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

This Year's Lenten Sermon Theme will be the **PLOT TO KILL GOD**, reflections on the Soviet Union's 70 year attempt to make religion disappear from the minds of men. The main source for these sermons is Paul Froese's 2008 book: *The Plot to Kill God: Findings from the Soviet Experimentation in Secularization*.



“History must record the fact that, in 1922, Russian Orthodox soldiers plundered churches at the bidding of a Government consisting wholly of atheists and anti-clericals. They threw into sacks the chalices to which, ten years ago, they had attributed supernatural powers. They tied up priests whom they looked upon, ten years ago, as wonder-workers, able to blast them with a curse. They shot down fellow Christians for attempting to defend their churches; and lastly, they executed ordained priests of God. It is no use saying that it was Jews, Letts, and Chinamen who did this; the men who did the work were, unfortunately, Russians, and, furthermore, the country as a whole did not express its displeasure by the general insurrection that one would have expected.”—Francis McCullagh, *The Bolshevik Persecution of Christianity*, 1924

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

SATURDAY March 2nd <i>Saturday of the Second week in Lent</i> FIRST SATURDAY	4:00 p.m.	Earl Smith	Special Intention	Shawn Adams
SUNDAY March 3rd <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	7:30 a.m.	Pro Populo		
	9:00 a.m.	Bettie Whitney	Special Intention	Friends
	10:30 a.m.	Antoinette Steinkrauss Stacey Slayter	Special Intention Memorial	McGrath Family William & Angela Kasper
	5:30 p.m.	Mrs. Joyce Higgins		Shawn Adams
MONDAY March 4th <i>Monday of the Third Week in Lent</i>	7:30 a.m.	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish		
	12:30 p.m.	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed		
TUESDAY March 5th <i>Tuesday of the Third Week in Lent</i>	7:30 a.m.	Hannah Fay	Birthday Intention	Kingsley Family
	5:30 p.m.	John G. Slight	Memorial	Catherine E. Dinon
WEDNESDAY March 6th <i>Wednesday of the Third Week in Lent</i>	7:30 a.m.	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
	12:30 p.m.	Giles E. Mosher	Memorial	Kay Mullen & Family
THURSDAY March 7th <i>Thursday of the Third Week in Lent</i>	7:30 a.m.	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
	5:30 p.m.	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
FRIDAY March 8th <i>Friday of the Third Week in Lent</i>	7:30 a.m.	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i> <i>Health of the Sick</i>		
	12:30 p.m.	Arline Covalli		Susan Goeller
SATURDAY March 9th <i>Saturday of the Third Week in Lent</i>	9:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Mazzarella Leslie MacKenzie Holy Souls in Purgatory	Special Intention Memorial Memorial	Mazzarella Family MacKenzie Family Theresa Benoit
	4:00 p.m.	Thomas Rogers		Mary Rogers

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... Tom Fell, Cynthia Adkins, Norman Sabbey, James McCloskey, Jeff Pino, Dotty Hayes, Wendy Watts, Joseph F. Fresolo Sr., George Jay, Joseph Nolan, Barbara Nyhen,



Rev. Walter Cuenin, Ronald Orlando, Dominic Gundrum, Louis Komuves, Sr. Catherine Granfield, Mary Adams, Hugh Doyle, Lorraine Orlando, Rob Quagan, Paul Wenger, Nathan Johnston, Frank Downey, Janet Pino, Fr. Carney Gavin, Irene Campana, Gerry Mazzarella, Maureen Nyhen, Francis McNary, Warren Yee, Betty Chishi, 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, 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, Sheila Whittle, Michelle Fay, Bobbie Hoffmann, Beverly Balconi,

Martial Rainey, Dennis McCarthy, Edward Crestitelli, Sharon Kopchik, Erin Marie Fell, Dominic Cantillo, Theresa Higgins, Lita Uilaoghair, Norman Alibrandi, Joyce Higgins, Karen Starbird, Jack Buckley, Edward Fahey, Nancy Daly, Marie Schroter, Dorothy Alibrandi, Annie Procopio, Marie Danca, David Kase, Thaddeus Davulis, Andrew McCloskey, Barbara Sullivan, Wanda Lempitski, Thomas Corcoran, Tony Palladino, Lucia LoPresti, Polly Sullivan.

“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



MILITARY SERVICE PRAYER LIST:

We remember all of our military servicemen and women, especially ... Sgt. Troy Stemen, U.S. Army (Afghanistan), Mark Gaudet, Army Special Forces, Pierre K. Ripert, USN, 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; ; 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.



IN THANKSGIVING: Sgt. Dennis Geary and his unit have returned safely from Afghanistan.



Requiescat in Pace

Richard Galvin, aged
88



Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM.

The Third Sunday in Lent

Introit: Psalm 25 (24): 15, 16

"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."

Kyrie (Chant)

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!"

Credo I

Offertory: Psalm 19 (18): 9, 10, 11, 12

"The ordinances of the Lord are right, bringing joy to all hearts, sweeter than honey or the honeycomb. Therefore your servant will observe them."

Mass Setting: Mass XVIII

Sanctus

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

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Communion: Psalm 84 (83): 4, 5

"The sparrow has found herself a home, and the turtle dove a nest in which to lay her young: at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God! Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, they shall praise You for ever and ever."

Post Communion Hymn

Ave Regina Caelorum
(Solemn Tone)

Recessional Hymn:

O Sacred Head, Surrounded
(Parish Hymnal No.56)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30 AM

The Third Sunday in Lent

Processional Hymn: Tristis Est Anima Mea
(Giovanni Croce d.1609)

Asperges: Chant

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. (Psalm) Ad te, Domine, levavi animam meam : Deus meus, in te confide, non erubescam."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVIII

Deus Genitor Alme (Parish Hymnal, No. 152)
(Kyrie (B), Credo I, Sanctus, Agnus Dei)

Gradual: Psalm 9:20,4

"Exsurge, Domine, non praevalcat homo: judicentur gentes in conspectu tuo. In convertendo inimicum meum retrorsum, infirmabuntur, et peribunt a facie tua." Tract: Psalm 122:1-3
"Ad te levavi oculos meos, qui habitas in coelis. Ecce sicut oculi servorum in manibus dominorum suorum. Et sicut oculi ancillae in manibus dominae suae: ita oculi nostri ad Dominum Deum nostrum, donec miseratur nostri : Miserere nobis, Domine, miserere nobis."

Offertory Verse: Psalm. 18:9,11,12

"Justiae Domini rectae, laetificantes corda, et judicia ejus dulciora super mel et favum: nam et servus tuus custodit ea."

Offertory Hymn: "Judas Mercator Pessimus"
(Tomás Luis de Victoria d.1611)

Communion Hymn: Miserere
(Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart d.1791)

Communion Verse: 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."

Recessional Hymn:

Oh Come and Mourn With Me Awhile
(Nicola A. Montani)

Angelus (Chant)

In Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Pope Benedict XVI

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, Pope Benedict XVI, was born at Marktl am Inn, Diocese of Passau (Germany) on April 16, 1927 (Holy Saturday) and baptised on the same day.



His faith and the education received at home prepared him for the harsh experience of those years during which the Nazi regime pursued a hostile attitude towards the Catholic Church.

He discovered the beauty and truth of faith in Christ; this was his family's attitude, who always gave a clear witness of goodness and hope, rooted in a convinced attachment to the Church.

1946–1951 he studied philosophy and theology in the Higher School of Philosophy and Theology of Freising and at the University of Munich.

June 29, 1951 received his priestly ordination.

1953 he obtained his doctorate in theology with a thesis entitled "People and House of God in St. Augustine's Doctrine of the Church."

1957 he qualified for University teaching with a dissertation on: "The Theology of History in St. Onaventure."

1959–1963 taught at Bonn, at Münster from 1963–1966 and Tübingen from 1966–1969. During this last year he was also Vice-President of the University.

1962–1965 he made a notable contribution to Vatican II as an "expert"; being present at the Council as theological advisor of Cardinal Joseph Frings, Archbishop of Cologne.

1972 together with Hans Urs von Balthasar, Henri de Lubac and other important theologians, he initiated the theological journal "Communio."

March 25, 1977 Pope Paul VI named him Archbishop of Munich and Freising and May 28 received episcopal ordination. He chose as his episcopal motto: "Cooperators of the truth."

June 27, 1977 Pope Paul VI made him a Cardinal during the Consistory.

1978 he took part in the Conclave which elected John Paul I; was named his Special Envoy. October 1978 he took part in the Conclave that elected Pope John Paul II.

November 25, 1981 John Paul II named him Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and President of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and of the International Theological Commission.

1986-1992 President of the Preparatory Commission for the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which after six years of work presented the new Catechism to the Holy Father.

April 19, 2005 Cardinal Ratzinger was elected Successor of St. Peter, thus becoming the 265th reigning Pope. On February 11, 2013, he announced that he would be resigning the ministry of Bishop of Rome effective February 28, 2013.



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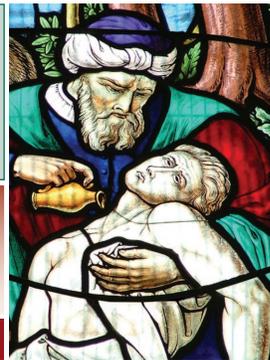
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