

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

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

Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman Catholic
Parish



June 23rd, 2013 in the Year of Grace
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost and the
Twelfth of the Year
(Midsummer's Eve)

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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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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

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.

JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



(FRONT COVER: A photograph of a giant bonfire lit in honor of St. John's Eve, June 23rd, from New South Wales, Australia. The lighting of "St. John's Fires" on the vigil of St. John the Baptist's Nativity is a custom still observed in many places.

Pastor's Note

ST. JOHN'S FIRES

Six months before Christmas Eve, the Church celebrates the birth of St. John the Baptist who was to be Christ's Herald. This is the "Summer Christmas". John's birth into the world meant that the long-awaited Messiah's arrival was at hand, so naturally the Church's liturgy and devotion for this day are the themes of Christmas.

In English, St. John's Nativity on June 24th is also called Midsummer Day. (The night of June 23rd is Midsummer's Eve.) The lighting of huge bonfires—St. John's Fires, especially on hilltops, signified the "dawn of salvation". Christ came as the True Light which shines through the darkness of this world. A few years ago some parishioners suggested that we light a St. John's Fire for ourselves in the main parking lot behind the church. I did not think it was something either the neighbors or the Newton City Fire Department would appreciate.

There is no reason, however, why we cannot observe the Feast of St. John's Nativity and the octave week that follows in a "Christmas spirit". The season of the year, the long days, the end of school terms, and the mood of summer holiday lend themselves to just that feeling of enjoying company and making merry that we associate with the Christmas holidays in winter—only without the cold weather and the social pressure.

The words of the Latin Hymn *Ut queant laxis* give us the sentiments of the Feast:

*Free from guilt your servants' unclean lips,
holy John, that they may be able to sing with
clear voices the wonders of your life.*

*A messenger came from high heaven and
disclosed in turn to your father the greatness
that would be yours at birth, the name you
were to bear and the course of life you were to
lead.*

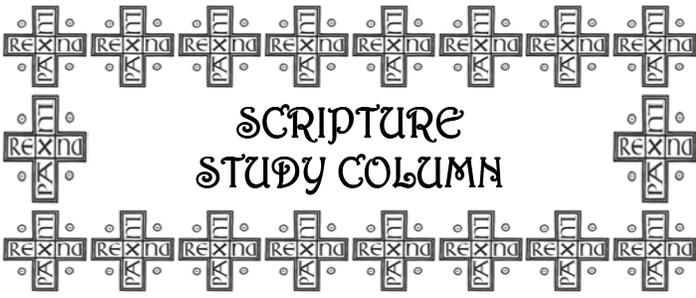
*As Zachary hesitated to accept God's message,
he was deprived of the power of ready speech;
but when you were born you restored to him
the use of speech that he had lost.*

*While still in the hidden home of your mother's
womb, you recognized your King as He waited
in Mary as in an inner room. Thus both
parents, through their child's merits, revealed
hidden truths.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the
Spirit, the co-equal power of Father and Son—
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Merry Summer Christmas!

(Fr. Higgins)



GOSPEL OF SAINT
LUKE BIBLE STUDY
Luke 1:5-25

Luke's Gospel is unique among the four Gospels, because it includes beautiful background material of Jesus' life called the "Infancy Narratives," which extend from 1:5 through 2:52. We are accustomed to hearing

many of these passages from Luke chapters 1-2 during the Christmas cycle of the Church's liturgical year. The primary reason Luke is so interested in giving us all of this information, is so that we as hearers/readers can be absolutely sure that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God.

One such passage that helps to confirm this faith is the Angel Gabriel's announcement to the priest Zechariah that he and his wife Elizabeth would have a child in their old age, whom they would name John. John the Baptist's birth is a miraculous event that harkens back to other miraculous births in the Old Testament such as the birth of Isaac or of Samuel, as the Ignatius Study Bible explains. John becomes the prophetic herald for Jesus the Messiah, who also happens to be His cousin.

Here are a few things we can learn from this story:

Firstly, Zechariah and Elizabeth's inability to have children was not a result of personal sin, as if God cruelly and arbitrarily punishes people.

In fact, Luke tells us that Zechariah and Elizabeth were very holy people. God always has a purpose for us, even in the midst of our struggles and hardships, just as He did for Zechariah and Elizabeth. As hard as it is to have faith in such times, we need to trust that God knows what He is doing with us.

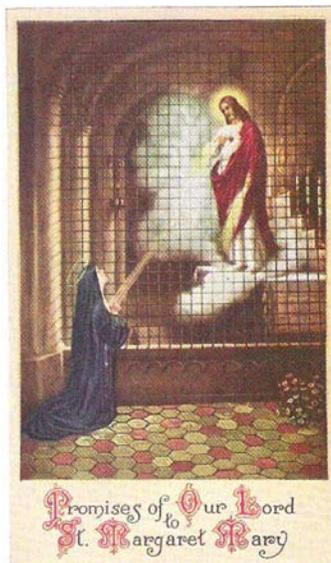
Secondly, Temple worship was an occasion for the utmost reverence and devotion. As Zechariah offered incense, he knew that he was participating in the heavenly liturgy, and served among invisible angels. In my liturgy class this past semester, our professor, Fr. McManus, stressed the importance of this notion in Jewish worship, which undergirds our worship as Christians. Zechariah was terrified when Gabriel appeared to him with good news, and he was skeptical of the message. He ought to have received the announcement with joy. Like Zechariah, we should approach the liturgy with deep reverence, and be conscious of God's Real Presence among us as we worship alongside all the angels and saints. Unlike Zechariah, however, we should joyfully anticipate hearing good news during liturgical worship that can challenge and encourage us to the very core of our being. Sometimes we can become so accustomed to hearing the readings at Mass, that we forget that the Lord is truly speaking to us. Therefore, we would do well to increase our sensitivity to His call in our lives every time we hear His Word at Mass.

Thirdly, we should think about how Gabriel's words about John the Baptist's future ministry, which he draws from the prophet Malachi chapter 3, relate to our own lives. Just as Elijah called the Israelites back to right worship and holiness of life, so too, we all need to reevaluate our relationship with God constantly to see if we are giving Him first place in our lives. This is this message of repentance that John the Baptist preached, in order to prepare the people for the coming of the Messiah. If we want to receive God's grace in our lives, we need to be ready, which means that we need to be reconciled with one another and with God. Only then can we truly receive all the many graces that the Lord has for us.

(David Allen)

**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."



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"May the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar be praised, adored, and loved, with grateful affection, on all the altars, and in all the tabernacles of the world, now and even to the end of Time."



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

LATIN MASS TEXTS
Traditional Propers
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Vestments: Green

INTROIT: Psalm 26: 7, 9 Hear, O Lord, my voice with which I have cried to Thee: be Thou my helper, forsake me not, nor do Thou despise me, O God my Saviour.

Psalm 26: 1 The Lord is my light, and my salvation, whom shall I fear. V. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT O God, who hast prepared for those who love Thee such good things as eye hath not seen; pour into our hearts such love towards Thee, that we loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: I Peter 3: 8-15 Dearly beloved: Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, being lovers of the brotherhood, merciful, modest, humble; not rendering evil for evil, nor railing for railing, but contrariwise, blessing: for unto this are you called, that you may inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile. Let him decline from evil and do good; let him seek after peace, and pursue it; because the eyes of the Lord are upon the just, and His ears unto their prayers, but the countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil things. And who is he that can hurt you, if you be zealous of good? But if also you suffer anything for justice' sake, blessed are ye. And be not afraid of their fear, and be not troubled; but sanctify the Lord Christ in your hearts.

GRADUAL: Psalm 83: 9, 10 Behold, O God our protector and look on Thy servants. V. O Lord God of hosts, give ear to the prayers of Thy servants.

Alleluia, alleluia. Psalm 20: 1 V. In Thy strength, O Lord, the king shall joy; and in Thy salvation he shall rejoice exceedingly. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 20-24 At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: Except your justice abound more than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to them of old: Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill, shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say to you that whosoever is angry with his brother, shall be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother: *Raca*, shall be in danger of the council; and whosoever shall say: Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. If therefore thou offer thy gift at the altar, and there thou remember that thy brother hath anything against thee, leave there thy offering before the altar, and go first to be reconciled to thy brother; and then coming thou shalt offer thy gift.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 15: 7, 8 I will bless the Lord, who hath given me understanding; I set God always in my sight; for He is at my right hand, that I be not moved.

SECRET Be appeased, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by our supplications: and in Thy loving kindness, accept the offerings Thy servants and handmaidens lay before Thee, that the offerings of each to the glory of Thy name may profit all alike unto salvation. Through our Lord.

Preface of the Holy Trinity

COMMUNION: Psalm 26: 4 One thing I have asked of the Lord, this will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

POSTCOMMUNION Thou hast filled us with Thy heavenly gifts, O Lord: vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to cleanse us from our hidden faults, and deliver us from the snares of our enemies. Through Christ our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LAY DOMINICANS

The Greater Boston Pro-Chapter of Saint Dominic will host a **DOMINICAN FORUM** here at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes **TODAY**, Sunday, June 23rd, in the lower church hall at 1 PM.

The forum will feature **Fr. John Vidmar, OP**, of Providence College, who will be speaking on his latest book: **THE INQUISITION**.

Fr. Vidmar's book sets the record straight on the historical subject of the Inquisition and responds to arguments against the Catholic Church. The book will be on sale at this Forum.

The lecture is open to the general public and a special invitation is extended to the parishioners of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes.

For more information call 617-472-4446 or by contact our website at: www.stdominics.opne.org



25th Anniversary Celebration

This Tuesday, June 25th, Fr. Higgins marks his 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. The Parish will celebrate the occasion with a luncheon in the lower church hall next Sunday, June 30th, after the 10:30 AM Mass. Please come!



MARY IMMACULATE OF LOURDES IS THE HOST PARISH FOR THE SYRIAC-CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF MESOPOTAMIA. (IRAQI CATHOLICS)

The next Divine Liturgy at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes will be on Saturday, June 22nd, at 5:30 PM.

Children's Crowning of the Sacred Heart

The Syriac-rite Liturgy is in Aramaic and Arabic. All are welcome to attend. Booklets with English translation are provided.



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: "THE GOSPEL OF LUKE"

David Allen, our Pastoral Associate, hosts a weekly Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke.

WHEN? Friday mornings at 8:20 AM, after the 7:30 Parish Mass.

WHERE? Lower Rectory Conference Room (in rectory basement)

Refreshments provided. Please bring your Bible.



Mary's Mantle Prayer Shawl Ministry: Lower Rectory Conference Room, 2nd & 4th Sundays after the 10:30 AM MASS.

Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

Saturday Vigil 4 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Twelfth Sunday of the Year

Introit: Ps 28(27):8,9 **Dominus fortitudo plebis suae** "The Lord is the strength of His people, and the guardian of salvation for His Anointed. Save your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance; be their guide forever."

Kyrie – Chant

Gloria – Missa De Angelis (English)

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory: Ps 17(16):5,6,7 **Perfice gressus meos** "Render secure my footsteps in Your paths so that my feet do not slip; incline Your ear and hear my words; display Your wonderful mercies, O Lord, Savior of those who place their hope in You."

Mass Setting: Mass VIII Missa De Angelis

Sanctus

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

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Communion: Mt 16:24 **Qui vult venire**

"If a man wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Post Communion Hymn

Tota Pulchra Es

(Gregorian Chant)

Recessional Hymn:

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

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30 AM

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Processional Hymn: O Sanctissima
(Parish Hymnal No.91)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Psalm. 26. 7, 9

"Exaudi, Dómine, vocem meam, qua clamávi ad te: adjútor meus esto, ne derelínquas me, neque despicias me, Deus salutáris meus. Dóminus illuminátio mea, et salus mea, quem timébo?"

Ordinary Prayers: Missa De Angelis
(Kyrie, Gloria, Credo I, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Gradual: Psalm 83. 10, 9

"Protector noster aspice, Deus: et respice super servos tuos. V. Dómine Deus virtútum, exáudi preces servórum tuórum."

Alleluia: Psalm 20. 1 "Alleluia, alleluia. V. Dómine, in virtúte tua lætábitur rex; et super salutáre tuum exultábit vehementer. Alleluia."

Offertory Verse: Psalm 15. 7, 8

"Benedicam Dóminum, qui tribuit mihi intelléctum: providébam Deum in conspéctu meo semper: quóniam a dextris es mihi, ne commóvear."

Offertory Hymn: Tota Pulchra Es
(Gregorian Chant)

Communion Hymn: Veni, Jesu, Amor Mi
(Parish Hymnal No.83)

Communion Verse: Psalm 26. 4

"Unam pétii a Dómino, hanc requíram: ut inhábitem in domo Dòmini ómnibus diébus vitæ meæ."

Recessional Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
(Parish Hymnal No.62)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

Calendar of Masses

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

SATURDAY June 22nd	4:00 PM	Denise McNamara	Memorial	James McNamara
SUNDAY June 23rd	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		
<i>Twelfth Sunday of the Year & the Fifth after Pentecost</i>	9:00 AM	Sr. Erminia Presat	Memorial	Sisters of Charity of St. Mary
	10:30 AM	Brigid Elizabeth MacKenzie Joseph Nolan Janet Pino Sue Alexander Francis McCarthy	Birthday Intention Memorial Birthday Intention Memorial Memorial	MacKenzie Family Bennett Family Maureen & Barbara Nyhen Laurie Spinelli Mary McCarthy
	5:30 PM	Joseph & Michelle Davulis	2nd Wedding Anniversary	Davulis Family
MONDAY June 24th	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish	Memorial	
<i>NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	12:30 PM	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed <i>Memento: Francis McCarthy</i>	Memorial	
TUESDAY June 25th	7:30 AM	Sr. Pompea Aita	Memorial	Sisters of Charity of St. Mary
<i>Ferial Day/St. William</i>	5:30 PM	Fr. Charles Higgins	25th Anniversary of Ordination	Davulis Family
WEDNESDAY June 26th	7:30 AM	Sr. Ines Leone	Memorial	Sisters of Charity of St. Mary
<i>St. Romuald/SS. John & Paul</i>	12:30 PM	Mary Willis, Richard Henry Rose	Memorial	Deb Rose
THURSDAY June 27th	7:30 AM	David & Kathy Dolitka	Memorial	Michele Dolitka
<i>Ferial Day</i>	5:30 PM	Pro-Life	Special Intention	Annie Procopio
FRIDAY June 28th	7:30 AM	Eileen & Gerald Brady	Memorial	Sheila Brady
<i>Vigil of SS. Peter & Paul</i>	12:30 p.m.	Sr. Carmelina Pellegrini	Memorial	Sisters of Charity of St. Mary
SATURDAY June 29th	9:00 a.m.	Felefilippo Assunta Geraldine Jean-Pierre	Anniversary Special Intention	Maria Centofanti
<i>SS. PETER & PAUL</i>	4:00 p.m.	All Souls Gustavo Larach	Memorial Memorial	Nick & Janet Pino Rosa Larach

“Each Mass has an infinite, immense value that we can never fully understand.”
—St. John Marie Baptiste Vianney,
Curé d’Ars

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... Pat Madden, Evelyn Rice, Marie LeBlanc, Jane Dippo, Maureen Clark, Tom Fell, Cynthia Adkins, Norman Sabbey, James McCloskey, Dotty Hayes, Wendy Watts, Joseph



F. Fresolo Sr., George Jay, 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, 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, Spagnuolo Family, Katie O’Connell, Janet Bourgeois, Judy Sartell, Lana Tomchik, Matthew Banks, Patrick Rainey, Judy Pederson, Ed Donovan, Danny O’Brien, 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 Uilaoghaire, Norman Alibrandi, 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 (Afghanistant), Mark Gaudet, Army Special Forces, Pierre K. Ripert, USN, Matthew Simard, 1st Lt., USMC (Afghanistan), Michael Simard, PFC, USMC, 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: Christopher Raymond, 82nd Airborne has safely returned from Afghanistan



Requiescant in Pace

Pray for the resurrection of:

Sue Cavanaugh, aged 75
(Mother of parishioners
Ron Goguen, Paul Goguen & Jackie Goguen) Pascucci
Prospero Palma, aged 84
Peter Place



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