

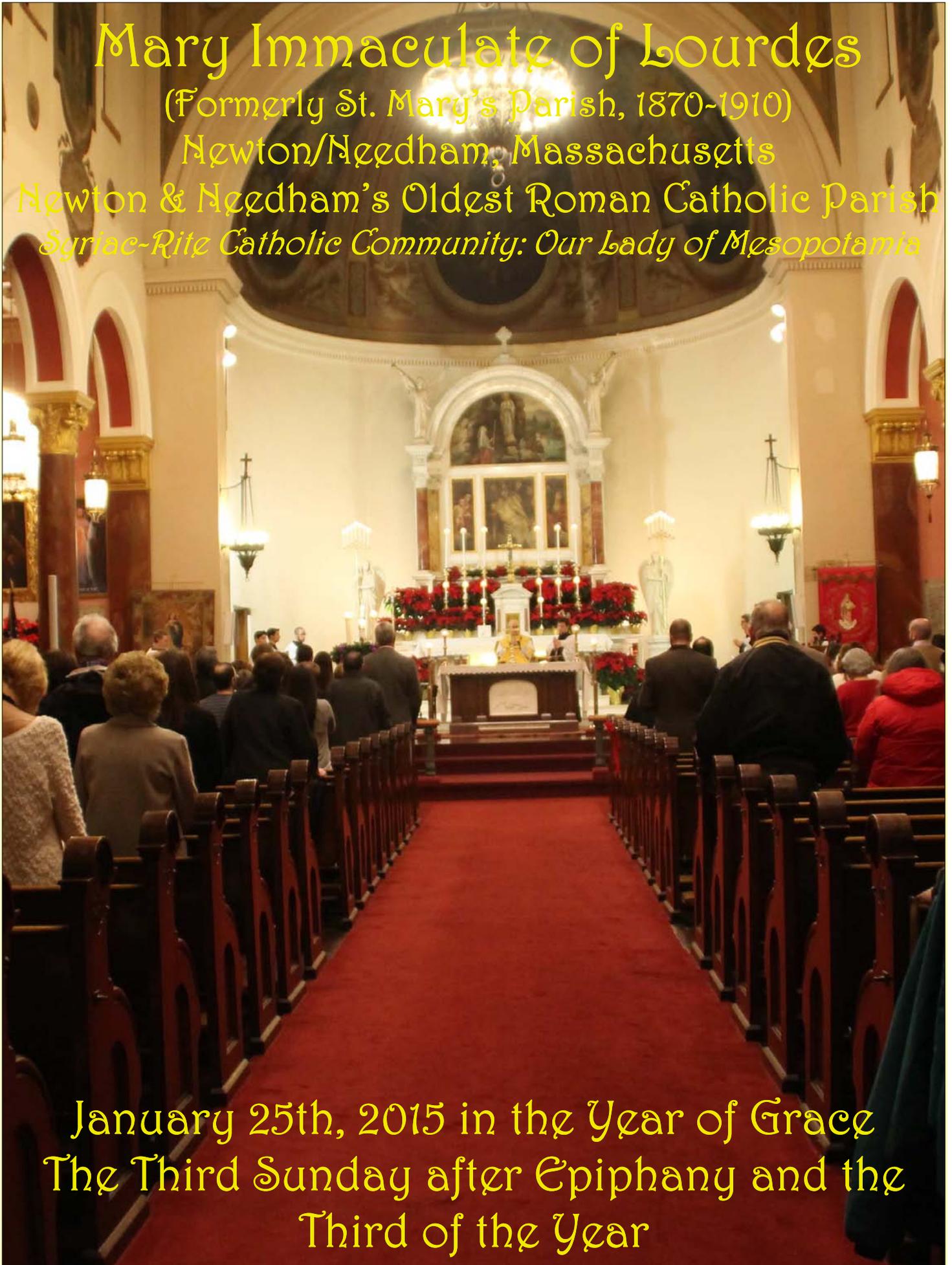
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(Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910)

Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

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January 25th, 2015 in the Year of Grace
The Third Sunday after Epiphany and the
Third of the Year

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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

Parish Staff

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Telephone: 781-235-1841

Mass Schedule

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

Weekdays: Mon.-Tues., Thurs.-Fri. 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Low Mass:

Mon., Wed. & Fri., 12:30 PM; 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,
Weekdays, before and after the Latin daily Masses

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.

JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS



FRONT COVER: *Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church, Christmas Eve Mass, 4:00 PM, A.D. 2015. (PHOTO by Paul Eldridge.)*

Pastor's Note

OUR WITNESS TO THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Last Sunday afternoon we held a Holy Hour for Life here at our parish of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, together with many other parishes of the Archdiocese who also held Holy Hours for Life in the days surrounding the anniversary date of the US Supreme Court's January 22nd, 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, which, by declaring a pregnant woman's desire to have an abortion a constitutionally protected privacy right, effectively deprived unborn children of any legal protection.

Well we know the terrible destructiveness that the depersonalization of unborn children has had on our society. First, there is the sheer scale of it. Historically, high-rates of infant mortality were a hard fact of life that everyone had to cope with. Advances in medical knowledge and technology, however, have dramatically changed that for the better. But now elective abortions, protected by the full force of the law, fill the space of mass infant death.

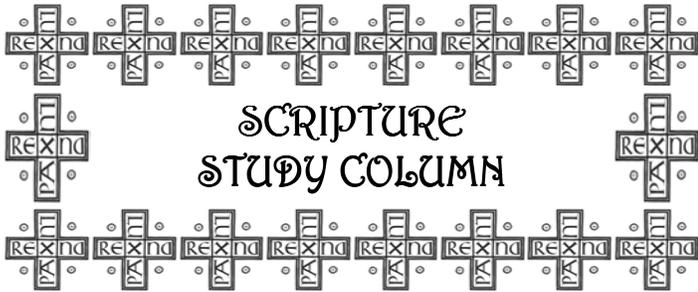
Second, there is the corruption of the whole rule of law. Wild animals are declared endangered species and anyone who tries to kill or even harm them is liable to criminal penalties. Yet unborn human children have no legal personhood.

Third, there is the way in which, by becoming used to the routine mass killing of unborn children (feticide) in our society as a normal and unremarkable thing, people's idea of human life itself becomes warped and degraded. How many people have no sense that they are special creations of God, that they are *spiritual persons* with a uniquely-created, immortal soul, that they are destined to live with God forever? Therefore, when life goes wrong, when there is disability, the infirmities of old age, etc., there is angry despair and a demand for suicide or euthanasia. Many parents who have special needs children can attest to unpleasant experiences they have had in public with people looking at their little child judgingly as if to say, "*That should have been taken care of!*" (i.e., the special needs child should have been aborted before it saw the light of day.)

Part of Christian witness in our time is to be unshakeable in our witness to the dignity of human life as a gift of God. It is not permitted to treat human beings as if they were commodities. No compassionate, just society can ever come about when the direct taking of innocent human life (which is what abortion is) goes on and on.

(Fr. Higgins)

KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH



GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE BIBLE STUDY *(Luke 15:11-32)*

The last parable in a series of three in Luke 15 is the famous parable of the prodigal son. Unlike the previous two parables, in which livestock and assets are metaphors for mankind, this parable is a story about a lost person and his reunion with his family. It recounts the

breaking of all Ten Commandments, as well as the forgiveness gained by sincere repentance.

The son's request for his portion of his father's inheritance is a veiled way of saying that he wished the father were already dead (v. 12). While he could have remained with his family, he moves away, presumably having sold the land for a profit. The son's physical distance from his father indicates the denial of his sonship, while his "life of dissipation" (v. 13), indicates alcohol abuse and sexual license. The older brother confirms the reality of the latter in v. 30.

In this sequence of events, the son has dishonored his father (commandment 4) by implying he would be better off dead (commandment 5), and, motivated by avarice (commandment 10), demanded money that was not rightfully his at that moment in time (commandment 7), with which he engaged in sexual

immorality (commandments 6 and 9).

While these sins observably involve the second half of the Decalogue, they are intrinsically linked to the first half (the commandments that deal with our relationship with God). As the prodigal son himself indicates (once he has come to his senses), all of his immorality was not only a sin against his father, but "against heaven," too (v. 18). Dishonoring his father, sexual immorality, theft, avarice, etc. were all ultimately sins against God, or led to such: idolatry (of money and impurity), blasphemy (dishonoring God as Father by dishonoring his earthly father), and sabbath breaking. As the notes in the Ignatius Study Bible indicate, his swine herding job necessarily implies that he was working for Gentiles, and thus, breaking the sabbath.

Losing all his money, he barely scrapes by as a hired hand for swine, so starved that he craves their slop (vv. 14-16). The heart of his conversion is the realization of his true identity: being the son of his father. As a side note, I have recently read excellent meditations on the notion of sonship as it relates to the sacrament of confession in Scott Hahn's *Evangelizing Catholics*, as well as Vinny Flynn's *7 Secrets of Confession*. In other words, sin robs us of the privilege of being sons and daughters of God, and confession restores and repairs this identity. Once the prodigal son's poverty and hunger force him to realize the tragedy of his separation from his father, he repents and resolves to return as a servant (vv. 17-19).

The reunion of the son and the father in v. 20 is unfailingly poignant: "While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him" (v. 20). Hardly letting his son finish his confession, he reinstates him with all his filial privileges, and throws a banquet, saying, "this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found" (vv. 21-24).

The older son, clearly an image of the Pharisees in Christ's audience, is upset at the welcome his brother receives and refuses to join the feast (vv. 25-30). The father, clearly an image of God the Father, exhorts him to rejoice with them at the banquet, repeating the above-quoted words (vv. 31-32). Jesus teaches the Pharisees (and subsequent

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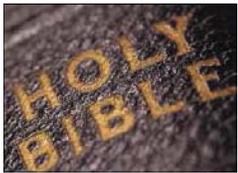
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generations) that God greatly rejoices at the reconciliation of his sinful children.

The preface for the Feast of the Sacred Heart offers consoling words very much in the spirit of this parable: "...that the Heart which never ceased to burn with love for us, should be for the devout a haven of rest and for the penitent an open refuge of salvation." May these words remind us of the "open-door policy" that God graciously grants us in the sacrament of confession. May the realization of the depth of his love prompt us to live more fully as his children, not as slaves to the unhappiness of sin.

(David Allen)

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: "ACTS OF THE APOSTLES"



David Allen, our Pastoral Associate, hosts a weekly Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles every Friday morning at 8:20 AM (after the 7:30 Parish Mass). The Bible Study meets in the Lower Rectory Conference Room (in rectory basement). It is an open group and all are welcome to attend.

Refreshments provided. Please bring your Bible.

Mr. David Allen is the lay Pastoral Associate for our parish of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. He is currently working towards a Master's Degree in Theological Studies (MTS) at St. John's Seminary.



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Religious Education

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR 2014-2015

**Grades K-5, 8:30-10:00 AM
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4:15-6:30 PM**

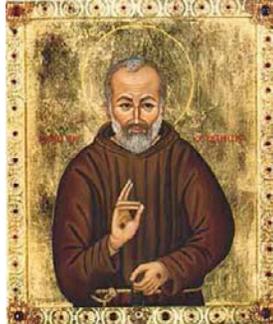
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Catechism: Patti Strom*



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes parish will have its monthly meeting today in the Lower Rectory Conference Room following the 10:30 AM traditional Latin Holy Mass. We will begin the year by focusing on the PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN along with our devotions to Padre Pio. Registration is open to all. Please consider joining and becoming a Spiritual Child of Padre Pio.



“It would be easier for the earth to carry on without the sun than without the Holy Mass.”
—Padre Pio

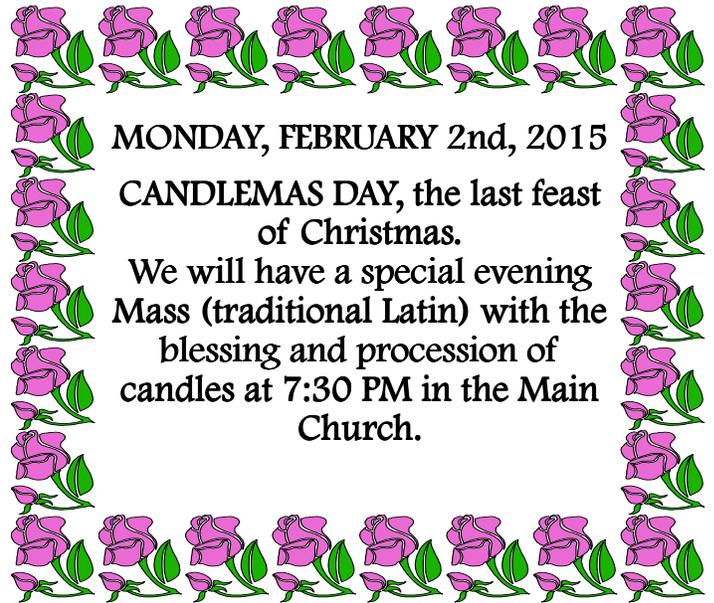
PARISH FELLOWSHIP

COFFEE HOUR AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, NEXT WEEK, February 1st, 2015.

Please join us downstairs for refreshments and a time of fellowship directly following the Mass.



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



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 2015

CANDLEMAS DAY, the last feast of Christmas.

We will have a special evening Mass (traditional Latin) with the blessing and procession of candles at 7:30 PM in the Main Church.

SYRIAC RITE



OUR LADY OF MESOPOTAMIA MISSION: IRAQI CATHOLICS

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes is the host parish for the Syriac-rite Mission of Our Lady of Mesopotamia.

The Syriac-rite Liturgy of St. James comes out of the ancient Christian city of Antioch, 4th century A.D. The Mass is in Arabic and Aramaic but a booklet with English translation is provided. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

NEXT LITURGY: Saturday, January 24th, 2015
5:30 PM, Scripture Study with Fr. Bassim,
Lower Church Hall
6:00 PM, Mass in the Main Church

Beginning of 40-day prayer for recently deceased Abdul Ahad Hanna



LATIN MASS PROPERS: THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

INTROIT: Ps. 96. 7-8 Adore God, all you His angels: Sion heard, and was glad: and the daughters of Juda rejoiced. *Psalm 96.1* The Lord hath reigned, let the earth rejoice: let many islands be glad. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT Almighty and eternal God, mercifully look upon our infirmity, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to help and defend us. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: Romans 12: 16-21 Brethren: Be not wise in your own conceits. To no man rendering evil for evil: providing good things not only in the sight of God, but also in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as is in you, have peace with all men. Revenge not yourselves, my dearly beloved, but give place unto wrath. For it is written: Revenge is mine: I will repay, saith the Lord. But if thy enemy be hungry, give him to eat; if he thirst, give him to drink; for doing this, thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head. Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil by good.

GRADUAL: Psalm 101. 16-17 The Gentiles shall fear Thy name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth Thy glory. *V.* For the Lord hath built up Sion: and He shall be seen in His glory. **ALLELUIA: Psalm 96. 1** Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* The Lord hath reigned, let the earth rejoice: let many islands be glad. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 8. 1-13 **At** that time, when Jesus was come down from the mountain great multitudes followed Him: and behold a leper came and adored Him, saying: Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, stretching forth His hand, touched Him, saying: I will. Be thou made clean. And forthwith his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith to him: See, thou tell no man: but go, show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift which Moses commanded for a testimony unto them. And when He had entered into Capharnaum, there came to Him a centurion, beseeching Him and saying: Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, and is grievously tormented. And Jesus saith to him: I will come and heal him. And the centurion making answer said: Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof: but only say the word and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man subject to authority, having under me soldiers; and I say to this: Go and he goeth; and to another: Come, and he cometh; and to my servant: Do this, and he doeth it. And Jesus hearing this marveled, and said to them that followed Him: Amen I say to you, I have not found so great faith in Israel. And I say to you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven: but the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into the exterior darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said to the centurion: Go, and as thou hast believed, so be it done to thee. And the servant was healed at the same hour.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 65. 117. 16-17 The right hand of the Lord hath wrought strength: the right hand of the Lord hath exalted me: I shall not die, but live, and shall declare the works of the Lord.

SECRET May this offering, O Lord, we pray Thee, cleanse away our sins, and sanctify the bodies and minds of Thy servants for the celebration of this sacrifice.

Preface of the Holy Trinity

COMMUNION: Luke 4. 22 All wondered at these things which proceeded from the mouth of God.

POSTCOMMUNION Vouchsafe, we pray Thee, O Lord, that we who of Thy bounty frequent these great mysteries, may be made worthy to enjoy their fruits. Through our Lord.

Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

Saturday Vigil, 4:00p.m.

Sunday 7:30 and 9:00a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Third Sunday of the Year

Introit: Mt 4: 18, 19

"The Lord, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew, and He called out to them: Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Kyrie (Chant)

Gloria (English Chant)

Responsorial Psalm

Alleluia

Credo I

Offertory: Ps 118 (117): 16, 17

"The Lord's right hand has shown strength, the Lord's right hand has exalted me. I shall not die, but live; and I shall declare the works of the Lord."

Mass Setting: NEW ENGLISH CHANT MASS

Sanctus

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

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Communion: Mt 4: 19, 20

"Follow Me; I will make you fishers of men. Where upon they, leaving their nets and their boat, followed the Lord."

Post Communion Hymn

Mary the dawn (chant)

Recessional Hymn:

Rejoice, the Lord Is King
(Worship II, No. 235)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Processional Hymn

Laudate Dominum

(George Frideric Handel d.1759)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Ps. 96:7,8,1

"Adorate Deum, omnes Angeli ejus: audivit et laetata est Sion: et exultaverunt filiae Judae. (Psalm) Dominus regnavit, exultet terra: laetentur insulae multae."

Ordinary Prayers: "Missa O Magnum Mysterium"

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

Gradual: Ps. 101:16-17

"Timebunt gentes nomen tuum, Domine, et omnes reges terrae gloriam tuam Quoniam aedificavit Dominus Sion: et videbitur in majestate sua." Alleluia: Ps. 96:1 "Alleluia, alleluia. Dominus regnavit, exultet terra: laetentur insulae multae. Alleluia."

Offertory Verse: Ps. 117:16,17

"Dextera Domini fecit virtutem: dextera Domini exaltavit me: non moriar, sed vivam, et narrabo opera Domini."

Offertory Hymn: Ave Maria for 2 voices

(Camille Saint-Saëns)

Communion Hymn: Pange Lingua

(Parish Hymnal No.67)

**Jesu Dulcis Memoria

(Donat Müller d.1879)

Communion Verse: Lk. 5:22

"Mirabantur omnes de his quae procedebant de ore Dei."

Recessional Hymn:

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

(Worship II, No.235)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

Calendar of Masses

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

SATURDAY January 24th	4:00 PM	Janet Szetela	1st Anniversary	Szetela Family
SUNDAY January 25th <i>The Third Sunday of the Year/ Third Sunday after Epiphany</i>	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo David & Virginia Teehan Anna Steinkrauss Lawrence E. & Alice Fitzpatrick Monica Wellenstein John Teehan & John Bennett Caroline Kerrigan Jan Postal	Memorial Special Intention Memorial Memorial Special Intention Birthday Intention Birthday Intention	Mary Bennett Kasper Family Fitzpatrick Family Dick Fell Laura Harvey Liliane Petit Lida Reed
MONDAY January 26th <i>Ss. Timothy & Titus/ St. Polycarp</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	Memorial Memorial	
TUESDAY January 27th <i>Feria/St. John Chrysostom</i>	7:30 AM	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
WEDNESDAY January 28th <i>St. Thomas Aquinas/St. Peter Nolasco</i>	12 :30 PM	Intention of the Donor		Roy Schoeman
THURSDAY January 29th <i>Feria/St. Francis de Sales</i>	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i> Fr. R. Paul Cornell	Special Intention	Catherine Dinon
FRIDAY January 30th <i>Feria/St. Martina</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Jim White Anthony & Nancy Zona	Health of the Sick Memorial	Anne Higgins Joan Pepin
SATURDAY January 31st <i>St. John Bosco</i>	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	Robert Allen Fitzpatrick Margo Brown Kathy LaVoie	Memorial Memorial Memorial	Alicia Fitzpatrick Denise Bostsolis Antoinette Paoletti

“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

Pio

For all those on our parish prayer list, especially for:

Gabriella Zunino (*Alice Drew’s baby great granddaughter*), **Ellen Balkus**, **Lena Strom**, **Harry Gonzalez**, **Kay Mullen**, **Marie Geraci**, **Dave Welch**, **Barbara Nyhen**, **Maureen Nyhen**, **Rob Quagan**, **Christina Kwash**, **Janet Pino**, **Ed Donovan**, **Marie Schroter**, **Marie Danca**, **Jane Dippo...**



*“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 for ...

Joseph Fresolo, U.S. Army (Afghanistan), brother of parishioner Dottie Fresolo.

(Please let us know if you would like someone deployed overseas prayed for by name.)



Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the resurrection of:

John Quagliaroli, aged 76
William E. “Bill” Blaisdell, aged 70



ABOUT OUR PARISH



Welcome,
New Parishioners
and Sunday
Visitors:

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish is a canonically open parish of the Archdiocese of Boston, which has a Traditional Latin Mass apostolate. 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. We are always glad to welcome Sunday visitors here to our beautiful, historic church. We look forward to your coming again.

**PLEASE TAKE THE
TIME TO FILL OUT A
PARISH REGISTRATION**

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.”

(Blessed Pope Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)

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Jeremiah 31:15-17

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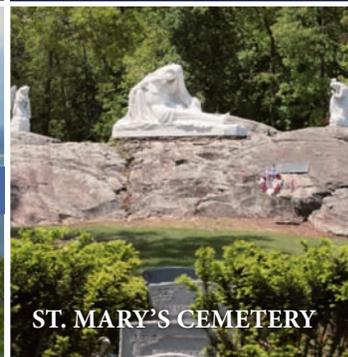
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