

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

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

Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman Catholic
Parish

Syriac-Rite Catholic Community: Our Lady of Mesopotamia

February 15th, 2015 in the Year of Grace
Quinquagesima Sunday and the Sixth
Sunday of the Year

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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

Parish Staff

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Parish Cemetery of Saint Mary's, Needham GUARDIAN ESTATE MANAGEMENT INC.

Mr. Ron Goguen, Superintendent .

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9 AM—3 PM, April through November.

The Cemetery Office is located at the parish
rectory on 270 Elliot St, Newton Upper Falls and is
open Monday-Friday, 8 AM—5 PM.

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.

February 15th, A.D. 2015 Quinquagesima Sunday and the Sixth Sunday of the Year

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY



FRONT COVER: *The Imposition of blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, March 5th, 2013. 'Remember, o man, dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return.'* PHOTO by Paul Eldridge.”

Pastor's Note

“THE MOST HOLY FAST OF LENT”

In the Roman Martyrology Ash Wednesday is announced in these words: *“The Day of Ashes, and the beginning of the most holy fast of Lent.”* On Wednesday of this week, February 18th, we will observe Ash Wednesday. There will be four Masses at the parish: 7:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 5:30 PM, and 7:30 PM. Ashes will be imposed at each of these Masses.

This is the season of the year provided for Christians to prepare themselves for the celebration of the Easter Feast. It is a time for

increased attention to the good works of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Listed here below is a table to follow for the Church's discipline on days of abstinence, penance and fast. In the left-hand column is the current practice which is binding; in the right-hand column the older pre-Vatican II practice which may be voluntarily followed, in whole or in part, out of private devotion. (*Source: Fraternity of St. Peter, 2015 Liturgical Ordo.*)

Days of Abstinence

Begins on one's 14th birthday.

Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

Obliges abstention from flesh meat.

Days of Penance

Applies to all the Faithful. Lent and Fridays outside of Lent.

Days of Fast

Everyone aged 18-59.

1 full meal permitted, two other meals may be taken which, when combined, are less than a full meal. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

(The obligation to do penance is lifted on Fridays which are also celebrated as a solemnity: e.g., Christmas Day).

Days of Abstinence

Applies on one's 7th birthday.

Complete Abstinence on all Fridays of the year, Ash Wednesday, and the Vigil of Christmas.

Partial Abstinence (meat and soup, or gravy made from meat permitted once a day at principal meal.) Lent, Ember Days of Wednesday & Saturday, Vigils of Pentecost & Assumption. Abstinence dispensed on Holy Days of Obligation.

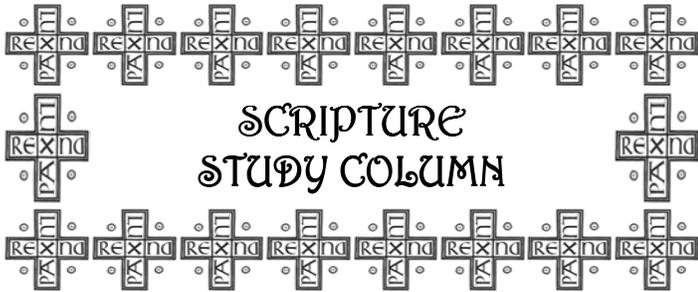
Days of Fast

Everyone aged 21-59. Days of Lent from Ash Wednesday on, Ember Days, Vigils of Christmas, Pentecost and the Assumption. One full meal permitted, with 2 smaller meals.

The days of Lent mean Monday through Saturday. Sundays, as the Lord's Day, are never, even during Lent, days abstinence, penance or fast.

(Fr. Higgins)

KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH



SCRIPTURE STUDY COLUMN



GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE BIBLE STUDY (Luke 16:19-31)

Prior to Jesus' parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus at the end of chapter 16, we read His commendation of generosity in view of heavenly rewards (vv. 8b-12), and the rebuke of the greed of the Pharisees, who loved money (vv. 13-14). The parable implicitly refers to both.

Jesus' story sets up an extreme contrast between a rich man and a poor man. The rich man is dressed in the most expensive and extravagant clothes (purple dye was rare and usually reserved for royalty), and eats "sumptuously" (v. 19). Lazarus, by contrast, is homeless and exposed to the elements at the rich man's front door. In his commentary on this passage, St. John Chrysostom notes the excessive "cruelty" of the rich man in this regard, for the front door is a place Lazarus cannot be ignored, but nevertheless is. Lazarus cannot obtain even the rich man's left-overs (the trash), and is so sickly that the dogs lick his wounds (vv. 20-21).

In vv. 22-23, Christ relates the fates of both men when they die. Note that Christ tells us that the rich man was buried, while there is no explicit indication that Lazarus was buried. Not being buried was considered an extreme human indignity (and still is), which is why burying the dead is one of

the Church's corporal works of mercy.

Note also, that angels carry Lazarus to Abraham's bosom. Prior to Christ's resurrection, this "limbo of the fathers" was considered to be a holding zone for the Old Testament righteous before heaven was opened. In the Church's burial rites, the hymn "In Paradisum" references this parable, asking that the angels carry the deceased to God just like they carried Lazarus. Catholics believe that angels accompany us at all stages of life and death. Indeed, it is a rich and comforting aspect of our faith patrimony. In contrast, the rich man predictably goes to the "netherworld" (hell), and suffers "torment."

While in hell, the rich man seeks to communicate with Abraham in order to request some relief from Lazarus (vv. 23b-24). Abraham refuses this request: "*My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented*" (v. 25). In v. 26, Abraham furthers his argument by noting the infinite metaphysical gap between himself and the rich man (this further proves that the rich man is not in some kind of purgatory, which is temporal). Thus, the rich man's lack of charity toward Lazarus merits hell, and it is an entirely just sentence, because it reflects his fixed choice on earth.

Even after this first refusal, the rich man nevertheless persists. In vv. 27-28, he asks for a heavenly apparition of Lazarus to his brothers to warn them about hell, for they were likely part of his unrepentant cavorting crew. Abraham again refuses, this time with a strong testimony to the validity of the Scriptures: "*They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them*" (v. 29). As some commentaries note -but even as a cursory read will reveal- the Old Testament Scriptures contain plenty of instructions regarding mercy toward the poor and suffering. In the New Testament, the prominence of the law of charity is increased to an infinite degree, because of Christ's cross. Ignoring Abraham's answer, the rich man again requests another kind of apparition for his brothers (v. 30). Abraham, in turn, reaffirms the sufficiency of the Scriptures for understanding the substance of the commandments: "*If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead*" (v. 31). (over...)

Abraham's refusals, as well as his explanation of the state of both men reaffirm Jesus' earlier teachings in Ch. 16. Firstly, heavenly rewards await those who are generous to those in need in their earthly life (vv. 9-12). Unfortunately for the rich man, this opportunity was wasted. Secondly, greed excludes God from one's life (v. 13). Hell is, after all, the absence of God. Thirdly, the law and the prophets are valid for all men at all times (v. 17). As we give more attention to spiritual growth during Lent, let us heed the sobering truths of this parable, and attend more deliberately to the law of charity described in the Scriptures.

(David Allen)



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF EXODUS

David Allen, our Pastoral Associate, hosts a weekly Bible Study every Friday morning at 8:20 AM (after the 7:30 Parish Mass). The class is finishing with the Acts of the Apostles and will begin a new study on the Old Testament Book of Exodus. 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.



Religious Education

NO CLASSES THIS SUNDAY

STEWARDSHIP



SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH AND THE WIDER CHURCH MISSION

"What return can I make to the Lord for all His kindness to Me?"

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ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION: THE CHURCH IN AFRICA & CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE

Our parish church relies 100% on the generosity of the church-going faithful for its support. We are especially grateful to those parishioners who have been mailing in their weekly offerings and/or increasing their offertory gift on the following Sunday, when inclement weather prevents them from getting to Sunday Mass.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP



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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

"The Day of Ashes, and the beginning of the most holy fast of Lent." (Roman Martyrology)

Mass times at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes:
7:30 AM; 12:30 PM (Latin Low Mass); 5:30 PM (1970

Missal, Sung Mass); 7:30 PM (Latin High Mass)
Blessed Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses.

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, February 21st, 2015
5:30 PM, Scripture Study with Fr. Bassim,
Lower Church Hall
6:00 PM, Mass in the Main Church



**PARISH
LENTEN
MISSION 2015**
**Mary Immaculate of
Lourdes**
*Each Friday evening
during Lent, 7:30 PM
beginning this Friday,
February 20th.*

Our special parish spiritual exercise during the Lenten Season is the traditional Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis) each Friday during Lent, with a Sermon, Holy Communion outside of Mass and Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Fr. Higgins' sermon series for this year is entitled:

"PILGRIMAGES TO JERUSALEM"

Jerusalem looms large in the religious world of the Old and New Testaments as the "Place of Peace", the center-of-the-earth, the one place on earth where true sacrifice to God may be made, the image of God's kingdom on earth, and the symbolic name for Paradise. This year's Lenten Mission will consider the different ways in which the pilgrimage to Jerusalem expresses the human soul's search for God.

The service lasts about 1 hour. All welcome.
MAIN CHURCH



CONGRATULATIONS to parishioner **ELLEN BALKUS** on her **97th birthday**. Ellen is a resident at the Waban health-care nursing home.



"O GOD, Protector and Lover of the Humble, who hast bestowed upon Thy handmaid Marie Bernarde the favor of beholding the Immaculate Virgin Mary, and of conversing with her; grant, we beseech Thee, that walking through the simple paths of faith, we may in the end behold Thee in Heaven."

LATIN MASS PROPERS: QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

INTROIT: Ps. 30. 3-4 Be Thou unto me a God, a protector, and a place of refuge to save me: for Thou art my strength and my refuge: and for Thy name's sake Thou wilt lead me, and nourish me. *Psalm* In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me never be confounded: deliver me in Thy justice, and save me. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT We beseech Thee, O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers, that being loosed from the bonds of our sins, we may be defended by Thee against all adversity. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 13. 1-13 Brethren: If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And if I should have prophecy, and should know all mysteries, and all knowledge; and I should have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And if I should distribute all my goods to feed the poor, and if I should deliver my body to be burned and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity is patient, is kind; Charity envieth not, dealeth not perversely, is not puffed up, is not ambitious, seeketh not her own, is not provoked to anger, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never falleth away; whether prophecies shall be made void, or tongues shall cease, or knowledge shall be destroyed. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child. But when I became a man, I put away the things of a child. We see now through a glass in a dark manner; but then face to face. Now I know in part; but then I shall know even as I am known. And now there remain faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

GRADUAL: Ps. 76. 15-16 Thou art the God that alone dost wonders: Thou hast made Thy power known among the nations. *V.* With Thy arm Thou hast delivered Thy people, the children of Israel and of Joseph. **TRACT: Ps. 99. 1-2** Sing joyfully to God, all the earth: serve ye the Lord with gladness. *V.* Come before His presence with exceeding great joy: know ye that the Lord He is God. *V.* He made us, and not we ourselves: but we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

GOSPEL: Luke 18. 31-43 **At** that time Jesus took unto Him the twelve and said to them: Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things shall be accomplished which were written by the Prophets concerning the Son of Man. For He shall be delivered to the Gentiles, and shall be mocked and scourged and spit upon: and after they have scourged Him, they will put Him to death, and the third day He shall rise again. And they understood none of these things, and this word was hid from them, and they understood not the things that were said. Now it came to pass, when He drew nigh to Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the wayside, begging. And when he heard the multitude passing by, he asked what this meant. And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus standing, commanded him to be brought unto Him. And when he was come near, He asked him, saying: What wilt thou that I do to thee? But he said: Lord, that I may see. And Jesus said unto him: Receive thy sight, thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he saw and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

OFFERTORY: Ps. 118. 12-13 Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy justifications: with my lips I have pronounced all the judgments of Thy mouth.

SECRET May these sacrifices, we beseech Thee, O Lord, cleanse our offenses, and sanctify the bodies and minds of Thy servants for the celebration of this sacrifice. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION: Ps. 77. 29-30 They did eat and were filled exceedingly, and the Lord gave them their desire: they were not defrauded of that which they craved.

POSTCOMMUNION We beseech Thee, almighty God, that we who have received this heavenly nourishment, may be strengthened by it against all adversities. 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.

Sixth Sunday of the Year

Introit: Ps 31:3,4 **Esto mihi**

"Be unto me a protecting God and a house of refuge, to save me; for You are my support and my refuge; and for the sake of Your name You will lead me and nourish me."

Kyrie: (Chant)

Gloria: (English Chant)

Responsorial Psalm

Alleluia

Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory: Ps 119:12, 13, **Benedictus es Domine**

"Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your commandments. O Lord, You are blessed, teach me Your commandments. With my lips have I declared all the judgments spoken by Your mouth."

Mass Setting: ENGLISH CHANT MASS

Sanctus

Acclamation after the consecration

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

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Communion: Ps 78:29,30, **Manducaverunt**

"They ate and were fully satisfied; the Lord gave them all that they desired; they were not deprived of their wants."

Post Communion Hymn:

Concordi Laetitia (Gregorian Chant)

Recessional Hymn:

Our Father, By Whose Name
(Worship II Hymnal No.223)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30a.m.

Quinquagesima Sunday

Processional Hymn: Adoramus Te, Christe

(Francesco Rosselli +1573)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Ps. 30:3,4,2

"Esto mihi in Deum protectorem, et in locum refugii, ut salvum me facias: quoniam firmamentum meum, et refugium meum es tu: et propter nomen tuum dux mihi eris, et enutries me. (Psalm) In te, Domine, speravi, non confundar in aeternum: in justitia tua libera me, et eripe me."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass of St. Cecilia

J. Egbert Turner (1853)

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

Gradual Ps. 76:15,16 *"Tu es Deus qui facis mirabilia solus: notam fecisti in gentibus virtutem tuam. Liberasti in brachio tuo populum tuum, filios Israel et Joseph."* **Tract:** Ps. 99:1,2

"Jubilate Deo, omnis terra: servite Domino in laetitia.

Intrate in conspectu ejus, in exultatione: scitote, quod Dominus ipse est Deus. Ipse fecit nos, et non ipsi nos: nos autem populus ejus, et oves pascuae ejus."

Offertory: Ps. 118:12,13

"Benedictus es, Domine, doce me justificationes tuas: in labiis meis pronuntiavi omnia judicia oris tui."

Offertory Hymn: Miserere Mei

(Tomás Luis de Victoria +1611)

Communion Verse: Ps. 77:29,30

"Manducaverunt, et saturati sunt nimis, et desiderium eorum attulit eis Dominus: non sunt fraudati a desiderio suo."

Communion Hymn: Sicut Cervus

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina d.1594)

Recessional Hymn:

Laudate Dominum

Psalm 150

(Chant Tone 7)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

Calendar of Masses

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

SATURDAY February 14th	4:00 PM	Carol Seycheco	Memorial	Joe Seycheco
SUNDAY February 15th <i>The Sixth Sunday of the Year and Quinquagesima Sunday</i>	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 5:30 PM	Pro Populo Clara Corsetti Evan Pfenniger Concetta & Domenico DiNezio Battaglia/Provencher Family Brendan MacKenzie Tony & Tricia Reilly & Family John Quagliaroli Michael Steinkrauss William Blaisdell	Special Intention Special Intention Memorial Memorial Birthday Intention Special Intention Month's Mind Birthday Intention Month's Mind	Kingsley Family Provencher Family Maria Centofanti Provencher Family MacKenzie Family Tony & Tricia Reilly Kwash Family Kay Mullen
MONDAY February 16th <i>Feria</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	Memorial Memorial	
TUESDAY February 17th <i>Seven Holy Founders</i>	7:30 AM	Gene Brooks	Health of the Sick	Kathy Blake
WEDNESDAY February 18th <i>ASH</i> WEDNESDAY	7:30 AM 12 :30 PM 5:30 PM 7:30 PM	Kathryn Stanton Ouellette Kwash/Rulnick/ Steinkrauss/Rizzo Family Robert Quagan Rosemarie Condit	Memorial Memorial Health of the Sick Memorial	LeBlanc Family Kwash Family Kathy Blake Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
THURSDAY February 19th <i>Thursday after Ash</i>	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i> James Venuti	 Special Intention	 Stephen Pollard
FRIDAY February 20th <i>Friday after Ash</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i> <i>Health of the Sick</i> Intention of the Donor	 	 Roy Schoeman
SATURDAY February 21st <i>Saturday after Ash</i>	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	Christine Aaker Gail Lynch Anna Steinkrauss Steve Coulstring Fredson T. Bowers	Memorial Memorial Birthday Intention Birthday Intention Memorial	Bennett Family Kathy Blake Kwash Family Kwash Family Bowers Family

**“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, Month’s Mind
William Blaisdell, Month’s Mind



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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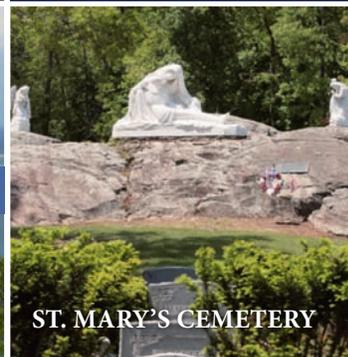
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