

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 22nd, 2015 in the Year of Grace
First Sunday in Lent

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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 .

Guardian Staff on-site for service hours Mon.-Fri.,
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 IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY



FRONT COVER: *The Blessing of the Ashes at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes on Ash Wednesday, 2011. Pictured with Fr. Higgins is Nathaniel Yee. PHOTO by Paul Eldridge.* “O God, who desirest not the death of sinners, but rather their repentance, look down most graciously upon the frailty of human nature, and in Thy goodness vouchsafe to bless these ashes which we intend to put on our heads in token of humility and that we may obtain pardon; that we who know that we are dust, and for the penalty of our guilt must return unto dust, may deserve to obtain of Thy mercy the pardon of all sins, and the rewards promised to penitents. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”—SECOND PRAYER OF THE BLESSING OF THE ASHES, 1962 Roman Missal.

Pastor’s Note

WHEN MISSING SUNDAY MASS ISN’T A SIN

Last Sunday we had a blizzard worthy of the

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lore of a New England winter. During the worst of the storm in the morning we had a few hardy souls make it to church for the 9 and 10:30 Masses. (2 for the 9, and 10 for the 10:30). Although we had good attendance at the 4 PM Saturday vigil and the 5:30 PM Sunday Mass, most of our parishioners could not safely get to Mass here.

This is obviously not a sin of missing Mass on a day of obligation. (The Sunday obligation is important, but it does not trump our primary duty to keep ourselves alive which includes not putting our well-being at unreasonable risk.) Because I am fortunate to live right next to our parish church, I can always celebrate the Mass at the appointed times even in the worst of storms.

I would like to suggest then a Plan B for what to do when inclement weather prevents you from safely coming to church. At the hour when the Mass is going on at church, which you otherwise would have attended, send your guardian angel there to worship and bring you back the graces of the Mass. Meanwhile at home, go over the readings of the day and the prayers of the Mass, and pray the Rosary, (the Joyful Mysteries on Sundays from Advent-Epiphany, the Sorrowful Mysteries during Septuagesima and Lent). Then, make a Spiritual Communion in these or similar words: “*I wish, my Lord, to receive Thee with the same purity, humility and devotion with which Thy most holy Mother received Thee, and with the spirit and devotion of the Saints.*”

In this way through spiritual communion we will all be joined together in our worship of God on the Lord’s Day, whether proximately or remotely present, and able to experience something of the consolation of coming together as a parish community. The snow may be flying and the winds howling, but the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass goes on all the same, and Christ’s faithful are not deprived of its fruits.

(Fr. Higgins)

KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH



GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE BIBLE STUDY (Luke 17:1-10)

In the first half of Chapter 17 of St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus offers a series of teachings that are immediately applicable for Christian living. The first teaching concerns temptation and occasions of sin. In vv. 1-2, Jesus says the following:

"Things that cause sin will inevitably occur, but woe to the person through whom they occur. It would be better for him if a millstone were put around his neck and he be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin."

In our fallen human nature, we can sometimes become an instrument of temptation (whether knowingly or unknowingly) when we speak or act indecently, uncharitably, or immodestly toward others. Jesus warns His disciples, lest they be the instrument through which the devil tempts someone to sin. He underscores the seriousness of the matter with a chilling image: being drowned by a millstone. Millstones were massively heavy objects used for grinding wheat kernels into flour. This Lent, let us be conscious of what our sinful tendencies are, and drown them with the millstone-like weight of an effective and reasonable penance, so that we do not lead others to sin.

Jesus' second major teaching in this section addresses the perennial struggle of forgiveness, and follows immediately in vv. 3-4: *"Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, 'I am sorry,' you should forgive him."* Jesus knows how we love to hold onto grudges (and how unhappy this makes us), so He challenges us to prevent emotional sludge from building up in our hearts by being quick to pardon. Sinning "seven times" means sinning to completion, that is, in an excessively bad and complete way, and so, He commands us to forgive in a correspondingly complete manner. This is not a recommendation to self-victimization in the face of abuse, nor is it an unrealistic maxim to "forgive and forget" (He tells us to "rebuke" someone when they have offended us, after all). This kind of forgiveness, rather, is about developing the patience to love someone enough that our refusal to build walls of bitterness *prompts them* to a more sincere repentance. This is what St. Paul means when he says that God's *"kindness, forbearance, and patience" are designed to "lead [us] to repentance"* (cf. Rom. 2:4). The Lenten season helps us to discover this disarming and consoling truth about God, so that we, in turn, might imitate it in our lives, as well.

Perhaps partly in response to this high call, the apostles then ask Christ to *"increase [their] faith"* in v. 5. They, like us, know their weakness in fulfilling Christ's commandment. Jesus responds thus with a third teaching in v. 6: *"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."* Mustard seeds are about the size of sesame seeds. If such a seemingly small amount of faith could work a supernatural miracle, this tells us a lot about man's deficiency in this theological virtue, and the *absolute* need for God's grace in possessing and cultivating it, especially through the sacraments. A Lenten confession is one of the best things, if not *the* best thing, to do to prepare for Easter.

Finally, Jesus instructs the disciples to develop the proper attitude of a servant (vv. 7-10). Just as one would not expect a servant to take a break when he needs to be on call serving his master, so too, Christian disciples must not "rest on their laurels," as if (continued on next page)

(continued from preceding page)...they are to be congratulated for keeping the commandments. Rather, as Jesus explains in v. 10, "When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" The temptation to self-satisfied pride is pervasive during Lent, when we exert more effort in being devout, but our increased devotion never reverses the roles of master and servant. We are always to view our discipleship as a *duty* of love and service to the infinitely good God, not as a series of boxes to check off in order to feel better about ourselves.

(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.



Adult Education

STEWARDSHIP



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

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**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8th, A.D. 2015:
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(other offerings) = \$4,649.00**



**NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 1st:
CATHOLIC APPEAL SUNDAY**

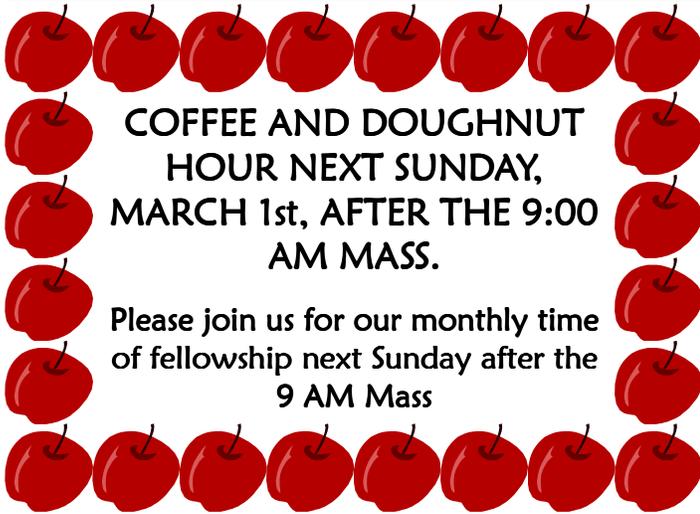
Our parish church relies 100% on the generosity of the church-going faithful for its support. We are especially grateful to those parishioners who have been mailing in their weekly offerings and/or increasing their offertory gift on the following Sunday, when inclement weather prevents them from getting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

PARISH FELLOWSHIP



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

PARISH FELLOWSHIP



COFFEE AND DOUGHNUT
HOUR NEXT SUNDAY,
MARCH 1st, AFTER THE 9:00
AM MASS.

Please join us for our monthly time
of fellowship next Sunday after the
9 AM Mass

Religious Education

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR 2014-2015

Grades K-5, 8:30-10:00 AM

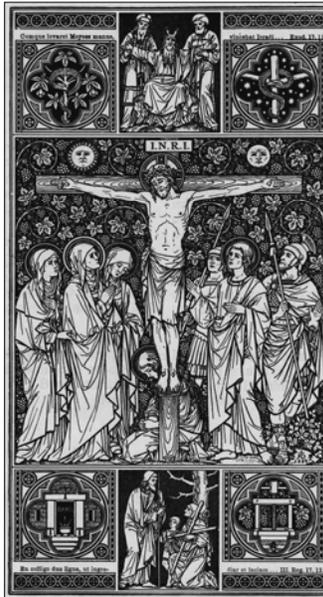
Grades 6-8 (Pre-Confirmation)
4:15-6:30 PM

Classes are held in the Lower Church
Hall.

Director: Jean Johnson
Latin Mass Children's
Catechism: Patti Strom



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**PARISH
LENTEN
MISSION 2015**
Mary Immaculate of
Lourdes
*Each Friday evening
during Lent, 7:30 PM
February 20th-March
27th.*

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

PRIEST AVAILABLE FOR CONFESSION

All Wednesday Evenings
during Lent,
6:30-8:00 PM

*All parish churches and shrines in the
Archdiocese of Boston*



LATIN MASS PROPERS: FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

INTROIT: Psalm 90: 15-16 He shall cry to me, and I will hear him: I will deliver him, and I will glorify him: I will fill him with length of days. *Psalm 90:1* He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of Heaven. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT O God, who dost purify Thy Church by the yearly observance of forty days; grant to Thy household that what we strive to obtain from Thee by self denial, we may secure by good works. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10 Brethren: We exhort you that you receive not the grace of God in vain. For He saith: In an accepted time have I heard thee, and in the day of salvation have I helped thee. Behold, now is the acceptable time, behold now is the day of salvation. Giving no offence to any man that our ministry be not blamed: but in all things let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in tribulation, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labours, in watchings, in fastings, in chastity, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God: by the armour of justice on the right hand and on the left: by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers and yet true, as unknown and yet known: as dying, and behold we live: as chastised and not killed: as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing: as needy, yet enriching many: as having nothing and possessing all things.

GRADUAL: Psalm 90: 11-12 God hath given His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. In their hands they shall bear thee up, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. **TRACT: Psalm 90: 1-7, 11-16** He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High, shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. *V.* He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge: my God, in Him will I trust. *V.* For He hath delivered me from the scare of the hunters, and from the sharp word. *V.* He will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust. *V.* His truth shall compass thee with a shield: thou shalt not be afraid of the terror of the night. *V.* Of the arrow that flieth in the day, of the business that walketh about in the dark, of invasion or of the noonday devil. *V.* A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee. *V.* For He hath given His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. *V.* In their hands they shall bear thee up, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. *V.* Thou shalt walk upon the asp and the basilisk, and thou shalt trample under foot the lion and the dragon. *V.* Because he hoped in Me I will deliver him: I will protect him, because he hath known My name. *V.* He shall cry to Me, and I will hear him: I am with him in tribulation. *V.* I will deliver him, and I will glorify him: I will fill him with length of days, and I will show him My salvation.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4: 1-11 **At** that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He was hungry. And the tempter coming said to Him: If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Who answered and said: It is written: Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. Then the devil took Him up into the holy city and set Him upon the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him: If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down. For it is written: That He hath given His angels charge over Thee, and in their hands shall they bear Thee up, lest perhaps Thou dash Thy foot against a stone. Jesus said to him: It is written again: Thou shalt not tempt the Lord Thy God. Again the devil took Him up into a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, and said to Him: All these will I give Thee, if falling down Thou wilt adore me. Then Jesus saith to him: Be gone, Satan! For it is written: The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil left Him: and behold angels came, and ministered to Him.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 90: 4-5 The Lord will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust: His truth shall compass thee with a shield.

PREFACE OF LENT

SECRET We solemnly offer Thee, O Lord, the sacrifice of the beginning of Lent, beseeching Thee, that by refraining from flesh at our meals, we may learn also to avoid sinful pleasures. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION: Psalm 90: 4-5 The Lord will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust: His truth shall compass thee with a shield.

POSTCOMMUNION May the holy partaking of Thy sacrament, restore us, O Lord, and cleansing us from our old life, make us to pass into the fellowship of the mystery of salvation. 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.

First Sunday in Lent

Prelude: The Crown of Roses

(Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Published: 1883)

Processional Hymn: 9:00am

Hear My Prayer, O Lord

(John Mundy, Published: 1594)

Introit: Psalm 91 (90): 15, 16

"When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will rescue him and honor him; with long life will I satisfy him."

9:00AM: Mass in D minor

(Samuel Webbe d.1816)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII

Credo I

Offertory: Psalm 91 (90): 4-5

"The Lord will overshadow you with his pinions, and you will find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield."

9:00AM Lord, Save me, For Thy Glorious Name

(Samuel Arnold d.1802)

Communion: Psalm 91 (90): 4-5

"He will overshadow you with His pinions, and you will find refuge under His wings. His faithfulness will encompass you with a shield."

9:00AM Ave verum corpus, Op. 65, No. 1

(Gabriel Fauré d.1924)

Post Communion Hymn

Ave Regina Caelorum (Gregorian chant)

9:00AM: Ave Regina Caelorum

Orlando di Lasso

(Published: 1575 Liber mottetarum, trium vocum)

5:30PM : Stabat Mater

Antonio Vivaldi (1602 – 1676)

Recessional Hymn:

Forty Days And Forty Nights

(Worship II Hymnal, No. 85)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

Prelude: The Crown of Roses

(Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Published: 1883)

Processional Hymn:

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

(Passion Chorale, Hans Leo Hassler 1601

text: James W. Alexander, 1830)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Psalm. 90:15,16,1

"Invocabit me, et ego exaudium eum eripiam eum, et glorificabo eum: longitudine dierum adimplebo eum. R. Qui habitat in adiutorio Altissimi in protectione Dei caeli commorabitur. V. Gloria."

Ordinary Prayers: Missa cum QuatuorVocibus

(Ludovico Fogliano, d. 1538)

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

Gradual: Psalm 90:11,12

"Angelis suis Deus mandavit de te, ut custodiant te in omnibus viis tuis. In manibus portabunt te, ne unquam offendas ad lapidem pedem tuum." **Tract:** Psalm 90:1-7,11-16

"Qui habitat in adiutorium Altissimi, in protectione Dei coeli commorabitur. Dicit Domino: Susceptor meus es tu, et refugium meum..."

Offertory Verse: Psalm. 90:4,5

"Scapulis suis obumbrabit tibi Dominus, et sub pennis eius serabis: scuto circumdabit te veritas eius."

Offertory Hymn: O Bone Jesu

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, d.1594)

Communion Verse: Psalm 2:11,12

"Scapulis suis obumbrabit tibi Dominus, et sub pennis eius serabis: scuto circumdabit te veritas eius."

Communion Hymn: Adoramus Te, Christe

(Théodore Dubois d.1924)

**O Vos Omnes

(Loyset Compère 1445~1528)

Recessional Hymn: Stabat Mater

(Gregorian Chant)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

Calendar of Masses

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

SATURDAY February 21st	4:00 PM	Fredson T. Bowers	5th Anniversary	Bowers Family
SUNDAY February 22nd <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo William Blaisedell Peter Provencher Mary Provencher Marcus Paolo Frade Gabriella Steinkrauss Neil McGrath Mary Rosa In Thanksgiving Richard Key John Drohan Sr.	Memorial Birthday Intention Special Intention Birthday Intention Birthday Intention Birthday Intention Memorial 1st Anniversary 13th Anniversary	Slifka Family Provencher Family Provencher Family MacKenzie Family Kwash Family Kwash Family Victoria & Anthony Angelucci Rusnack Family Rusnack Family Rusnack Family
	5:30 PM	Thomas P. Danahey	Memorial	Brearley Family
MONDAY February 23rd <i>Lenten 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 24th <i>Lenten feria</i>	7:30 AM	William & Dorothy Wilson	Memorial	
WEDNESDAY February 25th <i>Lenten feria/Ember Wednesday</i>	12:30 PM	Joyce Higgins	B-day Memorial	Mary Anne Kent
THURSDAY February 26th <i>Lenten feria</i>	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	Persecuted Christians Lawrence E. Fitzpatrick		Alicia Fitzpatrick
FRIDAY February 27th <i>Lenten feria/Ember Friday</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	For the Dying Lawrence McDonagh	<i>Health of the Sick</i>	Stephen Pollard
SATURDAY February 28th <i>Lenten feria/Ember Saturday</i>	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	David Christopher Sr. Kevin Mooney Gail Lynch Anna Maria DiVecchia	Memorial Birthday Intention Memorial Memorial	Bennett Family MacKenzie Family Kathy Blake 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:

Betsy Eldridge, 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:

Katherine Maloney
(Mother of parishioner Don Maloney)



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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