

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



March 1st, 2015 in the Year of Grace
Second Sunday in Lent

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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

Parish Staff

PASTOR: FATHER CHARLES JEREMIAH HIGGINS

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: MR. DAVID ALLEN

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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

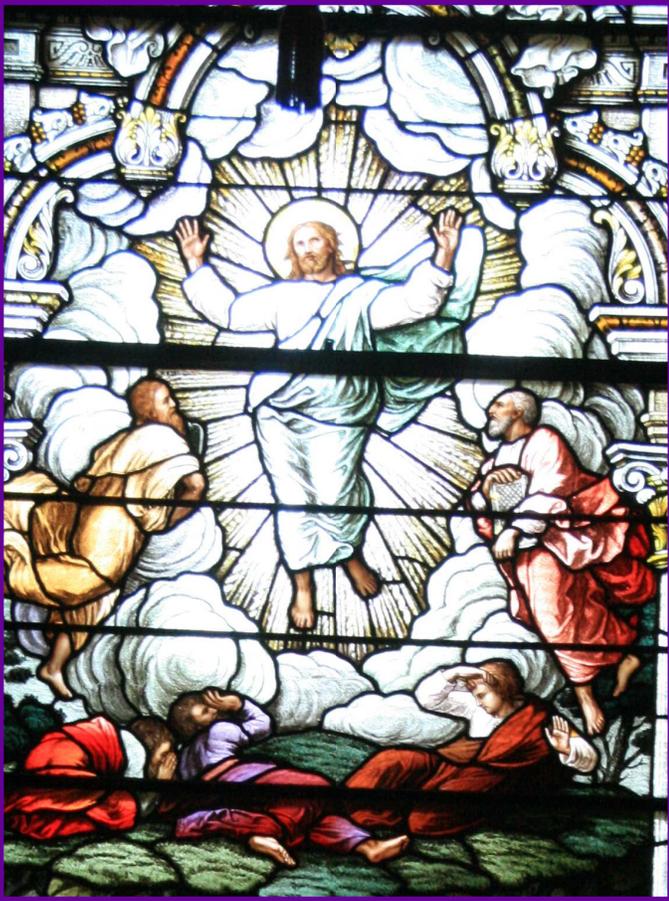
Matrimony:

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.

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH



FRONT COVER: *The Transfiguration of the Lord as depicted on the window in our parish church of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. "At that time, Jesus taketh Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: And He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun: and His garments became white as snow. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him." (Matthew 17:1-4) PHOTO by Paul Eldridge.*

Pastor's Note

PILGRIMAGES TO JERUSALEM: THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON

(This is a summary of my First Conference for our Lenten Mission series held during the Stations of the Cross on Friday nights.)

Our Lenten Mission for this Year of 2015 is entitled "*Pilgrimages to Jerusalem*". Pilgrimage to the Holy City of Jerusalem is an

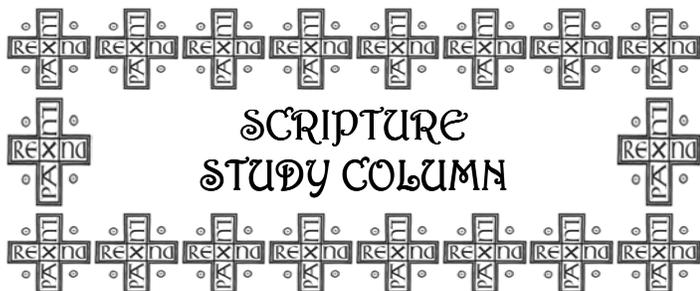
important part of sacred history in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. It is also overlain with a higher, mystical significance: "pilgrimage" is an image of our life on earth; "Jerusalem" is an image of the dwelling of God, that is, the paradise of Heaven.

We first encounter Jerusalem with the appearance of a King and priest named Melchisedech in the 14th Chapter of Genesis, who is the King of Salem. He goes to meet Abram/Abraham after a great battle victory. Bringing bread and wine, Melchisedech blesses Abram and Abram gives him a tenth of all his goods. St. Paul and the Fathers of the Early Church saw in Melchisedech a figure of Jesus Christ. Like Christ, Melchisedech is both king and priest; he brings gifts of bread and wine (a foreshadowing of the Holy Eucharist), and he has no origin or lineage, suggesting an eternal priesthood. Melchisedech's name means "King of Justice" and the name of his kingdom "Salem" means "peace". Jesus Christ is indeed the "King of Justice" and where He dwells, it is the *Ur-salim*, or, as we translate it, "Jerusalem".

When King David conquered the heights of Jerusalem, which had been occupied by the heathen Jebusite tribe, he brought up to Mount Moriah the famous Ark of the Covenant which had accompanied the Israelites since the time of their 40-year sojourn in the desert. To his son and successor Solomon fell the task of building a magnificent Temple with an inner sanctuary called the "Holy of Holies" to house the Ark. All this took place about 1,000 years before the birth of Christ.

The Temple was, sadly, disfigured by sin and idolatry long before its destruction by fire at the hands of the King of Babylon. Among the faithful remnant who survived, however, the memory of the Divine Presence on the Temple Mount of Jerusalem, the "City of Peace" would not be lost. The longing for it would only grow stronger with each passing generation: a visible sign of the Kingdom of God. *(Fr. Higgins)*

KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH



GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE BIBLE STUDY (Luke 17:11-19)



One of the hidden benefits of fasting and abstinence in Lent is the cultivation of thankfulness. When we fast and abstain from lawful pleasures, we become more keenly aware of possessing these things in the first place, along with many other things for which we often

forget to verbalize our thanks. When we come to this awareness, we should follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit and make a simple act of thanksgiving in our prayers. Time and again, the Psalms tell us that explicitly thanking God is an exceedingly good thing for us to do.

In the episode of the cleansing of the ten lepers, the issue of thanksgiving is prominent. Having besought Jesus for mercy for their debilitating and socially ostracizing disease, Jesus tells them, "Go show yourselves to the priests" (v. 14). This simple command is in accord with the Mosaic Law, which prescribes that those who are healed of leprosy show themselves to the priest, who inspects them in order to certify their healing publicly (cf. Lev. 14:2-32). Jesus elicits from the lepers an act of faith via an act of obedience, that is, they are to respond to His command as if they were already healed. Rather than perform a complex healing

ritual, he gives a simple command, much like the prophet Elisha with Naaman the Syrian (cf. 2 Kings 5). As Jesus explains at the end of the episode, "your faith has saved you" (v. 19). In other words, their faith was instrumental for receiving divine grace and healing.

Curiously, only one leper returns to thank Jesus, once he realizes that he has been cleansed (v. 15). St. Luke notes in v. 16 that the leper "fell at the feet of Jesus." Kneeling is an act of humility, thanksgiving, and worship. St. Peter kneels before Jesus after the miraculous catch of fish (cf. Luke 5:8). St. Luke also notes in v. 16 that the man "was a Samaritan," which is a striking detail, for Samaritans hated Jews (and vice versa). This is an important example of Jesus' mission reaching beyond the confines of the people of Israel, a particularly important truth for St. Luke's mixed Jewish-Gentile audience. God's grace can transcend all human boundaries, even the seemingly insurmountable ones, and it always calls upon us to render him our thanks.

The following prayer, entitled the "General Thanksgiving," is taken from the Daily Office of the Book of Common Prayer, and subsequently approved by the Holy See for use in the liturgical books of the Anglican Use Parishes. It is a comprehensive prayer that gives God explicit thanks for everything He so generously bestows upon us. I have prayed this prayer since boyhood, and I humbly submit it for your consideration and devotion this Lent:

"Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen."

(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.



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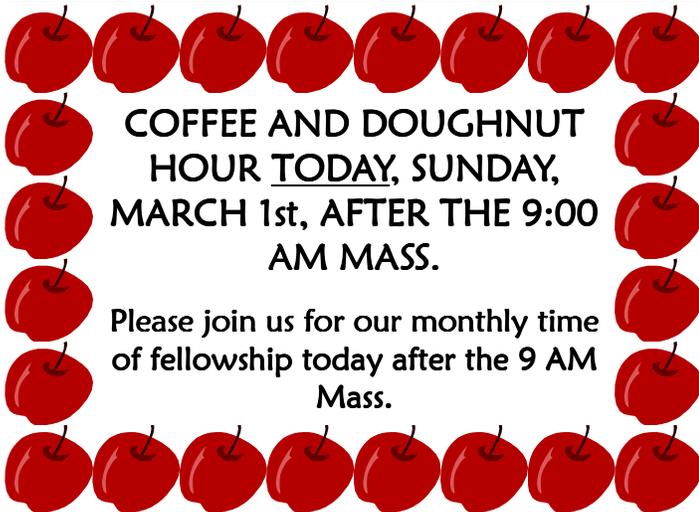
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**NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8th:
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Our parish church relies 100% on the generosity of the church-going faithful for its support. We are especially grateful to those parishioners who have been mailing in their weekly offerings and/or increasing their offertory gift on the following Sunday, when inclement weather prevents them from getting to Sunday Mass.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP



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

Please join us for our monthly time of fellowship today after the 9 AM Mass.



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

Religious Education

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR 2014-2015

Grades K-5, 8:30-10:00 AM
Classes are held in the Lower Church Hall.



Director: Jean Johnson

Latin Mass Children's Catechism: Patti Strom



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First Sundays of the Month, after the 10:30 AM Mass in the lower rectory Conference Room.

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

Thursday, March 5th:
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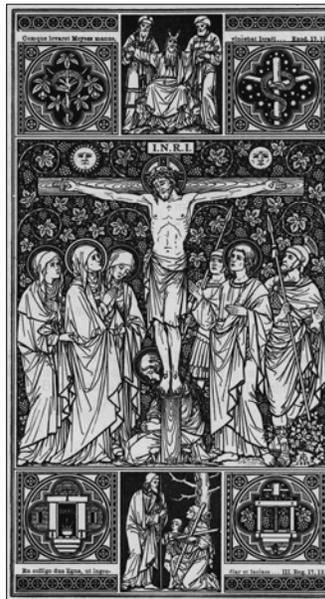
Thursday, March 12th:
WINGATE MANOR

(Masses are at 2:00 PM)

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.

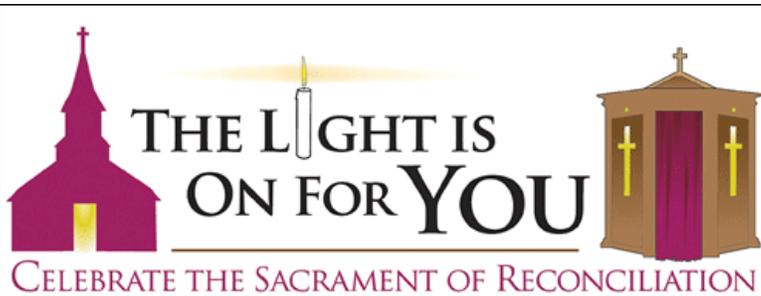
Fr. Higgins' sermon series for this year is entitled:

"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: SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

INTROIT: *Psalm 24: 6, 3, 22* Remember, O Lord, Thy depths of compassion, and Thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world, lest at any time our enemies rule over us: deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations. *Psalm 24: 1-2* To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT: O God, who seest that we have no power whatever from ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may hurt the soul. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: *1 Thessalonians 4: 1-7* Brethren: We pray and beseech you in the Lord Jesus that, as you have received from us, how you ought to walk and to please God, so also you would walk, that you may abound the more. For you know what precepts I have given to you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from fornication, that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the passion of lust, like the Gentiles that know not God: and that no man overreach nor circumvent his brother in business: because the Lord is the avenger of all these things, as we have told you before and have testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto sanctification: in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL: *Psalm 24: 17-18* The troubles of my heart are multiplied: deliver me from my necessities, O Lord. *V.* See my abjection and my labour, and forgive me all my sins. **TRACT:** *Psalm 105: 1-4* Give glory to the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. *V.* Who shall declare the powers of the Lord: who shall set forth all His praises? *V.* Blessed are they that keep judgment and do justice at all times. *V.* Remember us, O Lord, in the favour of Thy people: visit us with Thy salvation.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 17: 1-9* **At** that time Jesus taketh Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: and He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun: and His garments became white as snow. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him. And Peter answering, said to Jesus: Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And as He was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them. And lo, a voice out of the cloud, saying: This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye Him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face and were very much afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said to them: Arise, and fear not. And they lifting up their eyes saw no one, but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying: Tell the vision to no man till the Son of Man be risen from the dead.

OFFERTORY: *Psalm 118: 47, 18* I will meditate on Thy commandments, which I have loved exceedingly: and I will lift up my hands to Thy commandments, which I have loved.

SECRET: Peacefully look down, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon these sacrifices, that they may both increase our devotion and contribute to our salvation. Through our Lord.

Preface of Lent

COMMUNION: *Psalm 5: 2-4* Understand my cry: hearken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God: for to Thee will I pray, O Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION We humbly beseech Thee, almighty God, that we whom Thou hast strengthened with Thy sacraments, may henceforth serve and please Thee in worthiness of life. 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.

Second Sunday in Lent

Introit: Psalm 27 (26): 8, 9

"My heart declared to You: Your countenance have I sought; I shall ever seek Your countenance, O Lord; do not turn Your face from me."

Kyrie (Chant)

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

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

Credo I

Offertory: Psalm 119 (118): 47, 48

"I shall meditate upon Your commandments which I greatly love; I will extend my hands towards Your commandments which I love."

Mass Setting: Mass XVIII

Sanctus

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

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Communion: Matthew 17:9

"Tell no one about the vision you have seen until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

Post Communion Hymn

Our Lady of Sorrow

4:00pm

Ave Regina Coelorum

(Antonio Sacchini 1730-1786)

Recessional Hymn:

Oh Come and Mourn With Me Awhile

(Nicola A. Montani)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

Processional Hymn: God So Loved the World

(John Stainer P.1887)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Psalm. 24:6,3,22,1,2

"Reminiscere miserationum tuarum, Domine, et misericordiae tuae, quae a saeculo sunt."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII

(Kyrie, Credo I, Sanctus, Agnus Dei)

Gradual: Psalm 27:17,18

"Tribulationes cordis mei dilatatae sunt: de necessitatibus meis eripe me, Domine. Vide humilitatem meam, et laborem meum: et dimitte omnia peccata mea." **Tract:** Psalm 105:1-4

"Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus: quoniam in saeculum misericordia eius. Quis loquetur potentias Domini: auditas faciet omnes laudes eius?"

Offertory Verse: Psalm. 118:47,48

"Meditabor in mandatis tuis, quae dilexi valde: et levabo manus meas ad mandata tua, quae dilexi."

Offertory Hymn: Ecce Vidimus

(Lodovico Viadana +1645)

Communion Hymn: Tristis Est Anima Mea

(Giovanni Croce d.1609)

Communion Verse: Psalm 5:2-4

"Intellige clamorem meum: intende voci orationis meae, Rex meus, et Deus meus: quoniam ad te orabo, Domine."

Recessional Hymn:

Oh Come and Mourn With Me Awhile

(Nicola A. Montani)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

Calendar of Masses

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

SATURDAY February 28th	4:00 PM	Anna Maria DiVecchia	Memorial	Antoinette Paoletti
SUNDAY March 1st <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo Maria Emilia Gaviria Tony & Tricia Reilly & Family John Drohan Jr.	Memorial Special Intention Memorial	Lazaro Pena Gaviria Tony & Tricia Reilly Rusnack Family
	5:30 PM	Katherine M. Maloney	Memorial	
MONDAY March 2nd <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 March 3rd <i>Lenten feria</i>	7:30 AM	Alecia A. Prince	16th Anniversary	
WEDNESDAY March 4th <i>Lenten feria</i>	12:30 PM	Anthony Angelucci Sr.	Special Intention	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
THURSDAY March 5th <i>Lenten feria</i>	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	James (“Jake”) Cipriano Intention of the Donor	Memorial	Joe Daniele Roy Schoeman
FRIDAY March 6th <i>Lenten feria</i> First Friday	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Samuel Bacardi Maria Ludwig	Special Intention B-day Intention	Karen Bacardi MacKenzie Family
SATURDAY March 7th <i>Lenten feria</i> First Saturday	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	Intention of the Donor Mary Elizabeth Hood Magdalena Limonowska	Special Intention Memorial	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Marie Schroter

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



“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.”



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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