

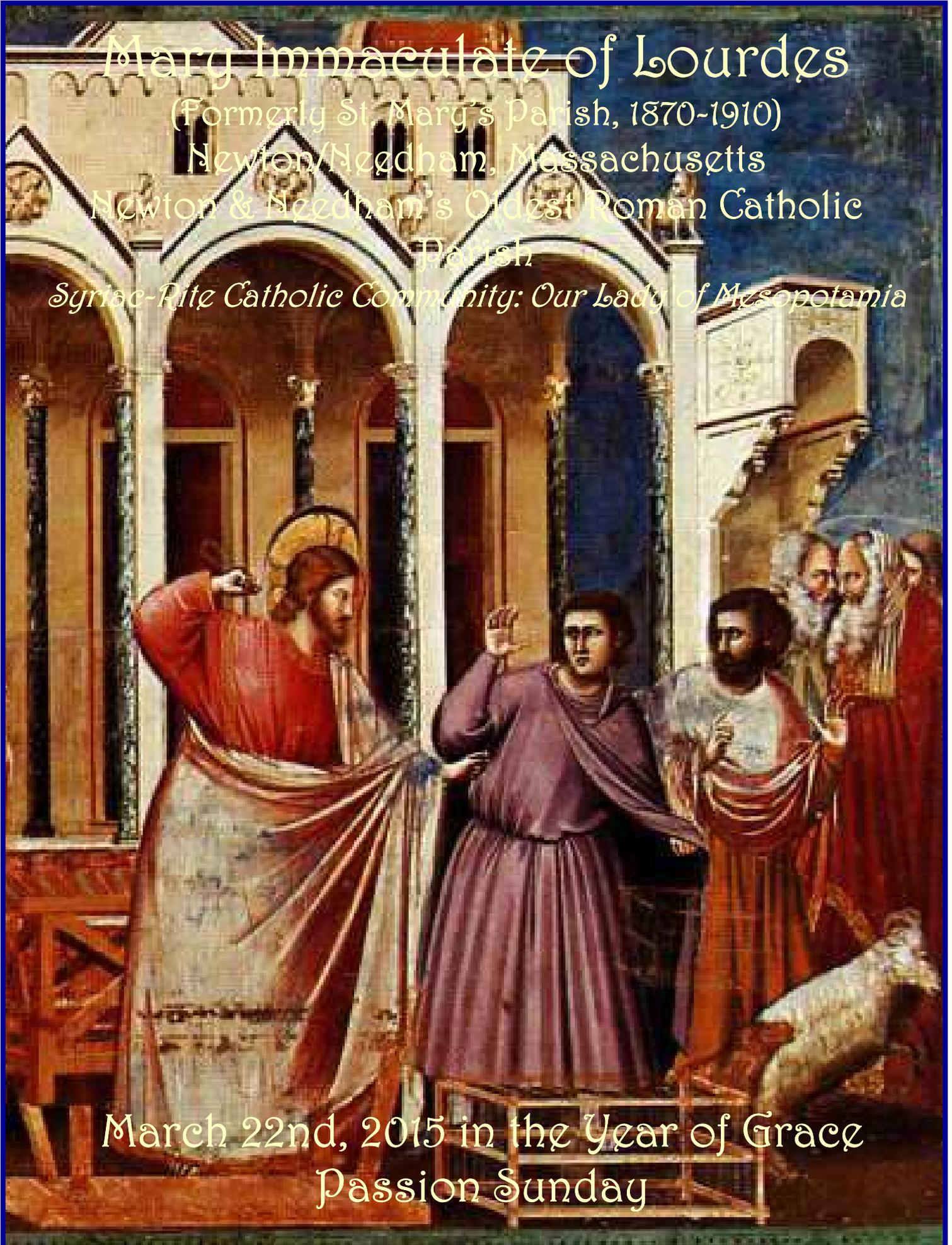
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

(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 22nd, 2015 in the Year of Grace
Passion Sunday

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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

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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

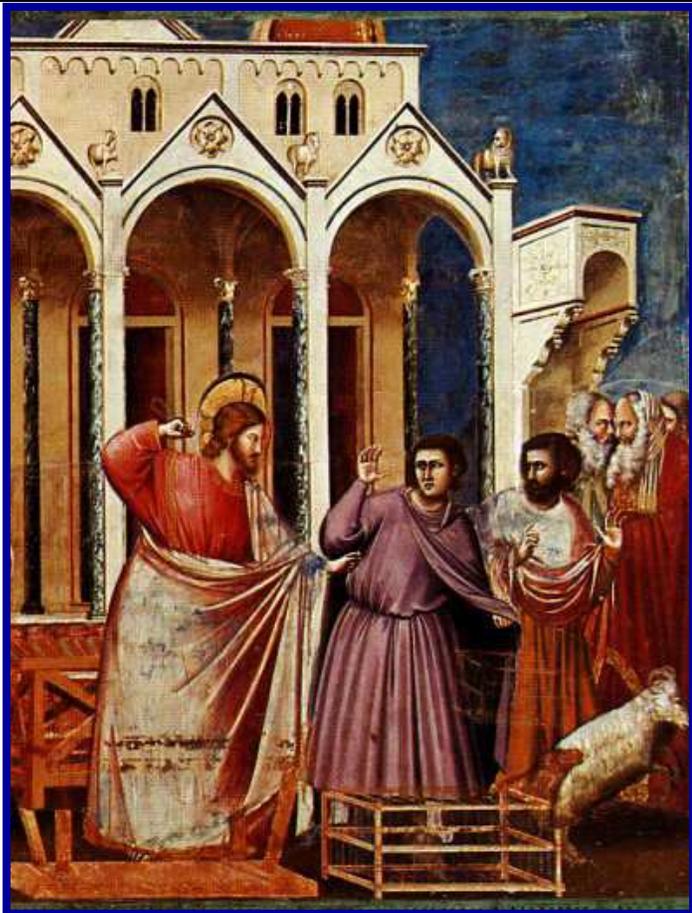
Matrimony:

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.

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH



FRONT COVER: Giotto's (1267-1337) "Cleansing of the Temple": "And Jesus entered the Temple of God, and cast out all those who were selling and buying in the Temple..." (Matthew 21:12ff)

Pastor's Note

PILGRIMAGES TO JERUSALEM: CHRISTIAN JERUSALEM

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

On the 40th Day after His Resurrection from the dead, the Lord Jesus ascended into the highest heaven from the Mount of Olives in the presence of His awed disciples. Yet a few days later, on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, the disciples received the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. With the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, and with the fire of the Holy Ghost cast

upon the earth, the world was created anew. And in the second creation, instead of the world coming to Jerusalem to offer God true worship in His Temple, "Jerusalem", in the persons of the Apostles and disciple-missionaries, went out to the world: "*But they going forth preached everywhere: the Lord co-operating with them, and confirming the word, with signs that followed.*" (St. Mark 16:20)

This sense of being in a new creation and living already here on earth the reality of the Kingdom of God gave the first generation of Christians—whether Jew or gentile—a deeper understanding of the cataclysm of the earthly Jerusalem's destruction by the Romans in A.D. 70. For Christians the only real and permanent Jerusalem, the "Place of Peace", could be in Heaven.

In the course of time, however, the place where the earthly Jerusalem had stood during Christ's lifetime did develop a new significance for the Christian faithful. In A.D. 313 the Roman Emperor issued the Edict of Milan which legalized Christianity after so many centuries of persecution. At Constantine's death in 337, Christianity had become the religion of the state. As a result of this changed state of affairs, Christianity grew rapidly and there was a great organization of the Church as a society. Churches were built everywhere.

And with the expansion of public Christianity there developed a curiosity and longing among the faithful to see the physical places where Christ the Lord had been and the events of salvation had taken place: in the words of St. Paulinus of Nola, "*to see and touch the places where Christ was present in the body.*"

Jerusalem at the beginning of the 4th Christian century was not even called Jerusalem. The Roman Emperor Hadrian had renamed it Aelia Capitolina after he had expelled all of the Jews in a second Jewish War in the early 2nd century A.D. Any holy places of the Christian had been eradicated as well.... (over)

Pastor's Note

(continued from previous page)...The Emperor Constantine determined to build up the once-Holy City with Christian shrines. One of the first pilgrims to the newly Christian Jerusalem was the Emperor's mother Helena. She went in her 80th year (325-326 A.D.) to see the holy places.

There was not much to see. Mount Calvary was covered with dirt and rubbish. The Emperor Hadrian had built a pagan temple there to the goddess Venus. By the order of Constantine all of the city's garrison was engaged in clearing the site. Buried deep they found Mount Calvary and the Tomb of Christ's Resurrection. In the excavations the three crosses were found and also, apart, the *titular* of Pilate's inscription: *Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews*. The Bishop of Jerusalem Macarius discovered which of these three crosses was the True Cross by applying each in turn to a sick woman. The third cross healed her miraculously. St. Paulinus of Nola adds that a dead man was raised by touching the Cross of Christ to his corpse. St. Helena had two churches built, one over the Tomb (the Holy Sepulchre), called the *Anastasis*, and a second basilica near Mt. Calvary/Golgotha, called the *Martyrion*. Calvary was not enclosed in the basilica but stood just at the southeast side of the apse.

One famous pilgrim's account of Christian Jerusalem comes from a woman named Egeria, around the year A.D. 388. Here follows her description in a letter she writes back home, probably to somewhere in France, of her experience in Jerusalem on Good Friday.

The people are dismissed at the Cross [after the dawn service] even before the sun is up, and those who are more ardent go to Sion to pray at the pillar at which the Lord was scourged. They then go home for a short rest, but it was not long before everyone is assembled for the next service. The bishop's chair is placed on Golgotha behind the Cross, which stands there now. He takes his seat and a table is placed before him with a linen cloth on it. The deacons

stand round, and there is brought to him a gold and silver box which is the Holy Wood of the Cross. It is opened and the Wood of the Cross and the Title are taken out and placed on the table. As long as the Holy Wood is on the table, the bishop sits with his hands resting on either end of it and holds it down, and the deacons round him keep watch over it. They guard it like this because the custom is that all the people, catechumens as well as the faithful, come up one by one to the table. They lean down to kiss the Wood, and move on. And it is said that on one occasion one of them bit off a piece of the Holy Wood and stole it away, and for this reason the deacons stand round and keep watch in case anyone dares to do the same again. Thus all the people go past one by one. They stoop down, touch the Holy Wood, and the inscription with their forehead and then their eyes, then kiss it, but no one dares to put out his hand to touch it. When they have kissed the Cross they go to a deacon who stands holding the Ring of Solomon, and the Horn with which the kings were anointed. These they venerate by kissing them, and they start about eight o'clock, with everyone going by, entering by one door and going out by the other, until midday...(Egeria, Pilgrimage, 67)

This custom described by Egeria is the Veneration of the Cross which we have during the service on Good Friday. It is one of the customs of the Church of Jerusalem which spread throughout Christendom on account of the reports the pilgrims brought back with them. Another custom is the Procession of Palms on Palm Sunday.

Christian Jerusalem lasted under the protection of the Eastern Roman Emperors of Constantinople for three centuries. It ended abruptly in A.D. 614 when the Persians invaded and laid waste to Jerusalem and all of Christian Palestine. Christian Jerusalem was destroyed as catastrophically as the Jerusalem of the Jews had been destroyed. Once more the Christian people were reminded of the transience of all earthly things, even of the Holy Places where Christ the Lord had walked.

(Fr. Higgins)

KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH



SCRIPTURE STUDY COLUMN



GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE BIBLE STUDY

(Luke 18:9-14)

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector is a fitting parable for Lenten meditation, because it treats the issues of pride, humility, and man's need for God's mercy. Jesus tells the parable in vv.10-14:

"Two men went up to the temple

area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men-greedy, dishonest, adulterous- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

This last verse is important, for St. Luke tells us that Jesus "addressed this parable to those who were **convinced** of their own righteousness and despised everyone else" (v. 9, emphasis added). If we take the time to read this verse, guilt may begin to sink in. How many times during any given day do we justify ourselves while judging someone else? Probably

more times than we would like to admit. Like the Pharisee, we tend to think more highly of ourselves than is actually warranted, and are quick to point out others' flaws.

Ironically, the Pharisee is not as good as he thinks he is. Notice that he "spoke [a] prayer to himself" (v. 11). He is the object of his own prayer! This form of pride is an act of idolatry, and thus, a violation of the First Commandment. While he is fortunate to be free of the grave sins that he lists, this ought not to be an occasion for him to gloat. Rather, he should tremble, lest he also succumb to these sins, due to human weakness. The frightening reality is that he is wide open to temptation, because he credits *himself* for his righteousness, and not God's grace.

Not even the Pharisee's fasting and tithing (traditional Lenten disciplines) can aid him much in the spiritual life, because they do not lead him to a greater reliance upon God's grace, but to self-reliance and swollen feelings of pride. While his fasting and tithing are good acts, his prideful intentions tarnish their goodness, rendering their real spiritual benefit void. Thus, he stands before God with nothing except the graces that have preserved him from certain other grave sins.

The tax collector, by contrast, knows his sins well. For him, "the burden of them is intolerable," as one prayer of confession aptly phrases it; he cannot even look at God. Thus, his prayer is simple: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (v. 13). God accepts this prayer, because it recognizes three things: the reality of sin, God's absolute holiness (man at his best cannot even compare with Him in goodness or beauty!), and God's tender compassion for sinners.

In the final analysis, the tax collector is living in reality, and is on the road to Heaven, whereas the Pharisee is living in a dangerous fantasy that leads to Hell. As we continue through Lent, let us be diligent in purging ourselves of pride and self-reliance. Let us be careful to perform our Lenten penances on the solid basis of God's grace. May this Lenten prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian be ours: "Grant me to see my own sins, and not to judge my brother. Amen."

(David Allen)



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



PARISH FELLOWSHIP



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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
 Classes are held in the Lower Church Hall.

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



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

PRIEST AVAILABLE FOR CONFESSION

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

All parish churches and shrines in the Archdiocese of Boston

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?”*

**WEEK OF MARCH 15th, A.D. 2015: SUNDAY
OFFERTORY \$5,199.00 + \$280.00 (other
offerings) = \$5,479.00**

**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.**



Catholic Appeal

Many thanks to all those who have contributed
or made a pledge to this year's Catholic Appeal.

There are still blue Appeal envelopes at the
entrance tables to the church which may be
placed in the Offertory basket. This year's parish
assessment is \$21,251.00. Please consider
making a gift to this year's Appeal if you have
not already done so. Our parish number is:
294



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 currently studying 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.*



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, March 28th, 2015
5:30 PM, PALM SUNDAY**



EASTER FLOWER OFFERING envelopes are provided in your pews and at the entrance tables to the Church. These special donations are gratefully accepted to help cover the extra costs of our Easter Flower decorations. If you would like to make a memorial gift, please write the name or names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope. The names of the Easter Memorials will be placed on the altars for all of our parish Masses from Easter Sunday to Corpus Christi. Easter Flower envelopes may be placed in the collection basket at Offertory time or dropped off at the rectory office.



Gladden and Jeanette Pappin, with their two children Marie-Therese and Clement, recently attended the general audience of Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square. In the top photo the Holy Father is bestowing a kiss on Clement's forehead.



Dr. Pappin is teaching at Notre Dame, Indiana. We hope that we may see them back at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes for a summer visit.

SACRED TRIDUUM

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR TRIDUUM

SPY WEDNESDAY (April 1st)
TENEBRAE SERVICE, 7:30 PM
 (Vigil Office for Holy Thursday)

MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 2nd)
Sung Mass (Ordinary Form) at 5:30 PM
Missa Cantata (Extraordinary Form) at 7:30 PM
 with Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. Night Watch of Eucharistic Adoration will continue until 12 Midnight.



GOOD FRIDAY (April 3rd)
 Service of the Lord's Passion (Ordinary Form) at 3:00 PM
 Service of the Lord's Passion (Extraordinary Form) at 7:30 PM

EASTER EVE on HOLY SATURDAY (April 4th)
Vigil and the First Mass of Easter (Extraordinary Form) at 8:00 PM



EASTER SUNDAY: (April 5th)
Masses at 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
Evening Mass at 5:30 PM
Syriac-rite Easter Mass at 7:00 PM

BAPTISMS



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Mary (Grennon) Tenore on the christening of their son MICHAEL SCOTT TENORE at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church on Sunday, October 26th, A.D. 2014. His godparents are Declan Heaslip and Katherine Robinson. Michael is their 6TH CHILD.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Erick and Sandra (Czelusniak) Diaz on the christening of their daughter GABRIELA MARIA DIAZ at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church on Saturday, December 13th, A.D. 2014. Her godparents are Carlos Seminario and Luz Gonzalez. Gabriela is their 3RD CHILD.



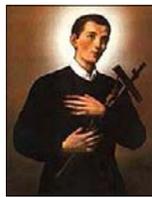
CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Tanguy and Anne-Sophie (Harel) de Poulpiquet du Halgouet on the christening of their son MATTHIEU DE POULPIQUET DU HALGOUET at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church on Saturday, December 20th, A.D. 2014. His godparents are Christophe Juhasz and Helene Beligne. His grandmother Claude Harel visiting from France served as proxy for the godmother. Matthieu is their 4TH CHILD.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony and Alison (Prokop) Jay on their christening of their son JEROME LAWRENCE JAY at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church on Saturday, January 24th, A.D. 2015. His godparents are Peter and Karin Morin. Jerome is their 3RD CHILD.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew and Chantelle (Irsik) Thaler on the christening of their son WILLIAM ANDREW THALER at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church on Saturday, February 28th, A.D. 2015. His godparents are Louis Irsik and Elizabeth Irsik. Vincent DeVendra stood in as the proxy for the godfather. William is their 2ND CHILD.



*SPECIAL INTENTION: For all the expectant mothers of our parish family.
"St. Gerard Majella, pray for us"*

Prayer for Motherhood:

O good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and Wonderworker of our day, I call upon thee and seek thy aid. Thou who on this earth didst always fulfil God's designs, help me to do the Holy Will of God. Beseech the Master of Life, from Whom all paternity proceedeth, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life and heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory in the world to come. Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism for infants and children under 7 years of age is scheduled upon request. Please speak with Fr. Higgins directly or call the Parish Office during the week:
617-244-0558

PRAYER LINE OF THE POOR CLARE COLLETTINE SISTERS

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www.poorclarestmd.org



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

MARY IMMACULATE OF LOURDES: PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

By this Purgatorial Society, the names of our dead friends and relatives may be enrolled (either as individuals or in aggregate), and prayed for especially in the 52 Masses that will be offered in the parish each year for the intention of the Purgatorial Society. The requested offering for a perpetual enrollment is \$20.00. (White leatherette enrollment envelopes are available in the vestibule of the rectory.) The prayers we have offered at

Mass for the souls of the faithful departed are both an expression of our belief in individual survival after the event of bodily death and of a charity towards our neighbor which reaches beyond the grave.

A partial list of the souls enrolled, including the most recent additions:

Katherine Stanton Ouellette, John McGovern, George and Teresa Fichtner, the Hogan Family, Katherine Maloney, Henry J. Ryan, Charles Crowley, Gertrude P. Newfell, Jeanne Luby, Catherine Sheehan Casey, Miranda Mucciante, Margaret Recchio, Vera Skank, Trisha McDavill, Patrick Recchio, James McGuire, Frank DeFeo Jr., Leona Foley, Sara Wasiuk, Margaret Wilson, John McDavitt, Antoinette "Toni" Solimine Cecilli, Barbara Ann Traficante, Elaine Goffredo, James Foley, Rev. William Hamilton, S.J., Michael J. Lamberti, John and Marguerite Mills, William P. Monahan, John D. Teehan, Lynne Molacek, Barbara Lee Fontes, Katherine (Kitty) Ward, Sylvia English, Richard Forrester, Suzanne Powell, Rafael Torres, John and Kathryn Lyons, Elaine Bryant, Nonie McBride, Santo Bottari, Theresa Woodworth, Mildred Kitselman Crapo, Fredrick Martin Crapo, Catherine Horton, Janet Crapo Harvey, Nancy Baldwin, Herbert Ricky Hanscom, Murray Cheever Harvey, Dorothy Tower Harvey, Gregory M. Dunn Sr., Malgorzata Tado-Kazadi, Ida Antczk, Charles Antczak, Teresa D. Patch, Michael Kenny, Charles O'Regan, Sabroski & Blomberg Family

(New members' names will be printed in the parish bulletin at the end of each month.* Please let us know if any names have been transcribed incorrectly or if you think your enrollment may have been overlooked.)

*"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."
(II Machabees 12:46)*



"If a compassionate charity towards all that are in any distress, even towards the most undeserving, be an essential ingredient of a Christian spirit, and one in which the very soul of religion and piety towards God consists, how much more should we exert our charity for those in spiritual need, no longer able to help themselves, and perhaps bound to us by ties of blood or friendship?"

—Fr. Herbert Thurston, S.J.

**Our apologies that the lists of enrollments have not been printed in the bulletin over the past several months.*

LATIN MASS PROPERS: PASSION SUNDAY

INTROIT: Psalm 42: 1-2 Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man: for Thou art my God and my strength. *Psalm 42: 3* O send out Thy light and Thy truth: they have led me and brought me unto Thy holy hill, even unto Thy tabernacles.

COLLECT We beseech Thee, almighty God, mercifully look upon Thy family: that by Thy great goodness it may be governed in body and by Thy protection be preserved in mind. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9: 11-15 Brethren: Christ being come, an High Priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is, not of this creation: neither by the blood of goats or of calves, but by His own blood, entered once into the Holies, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and of oxen and the ashes of an heifer, being sprinkled, sanctify such as are defiled, to the cleansing of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who, by the Holy Ghost, offered Himself unspotted unto God, cleanse our conscience from dead works, to serve the living God? And therefore He is the Mediator of the new testament: that by means of His death, for the redemption of those transgressions which were under the former testament, they that are called may receive the promise of eternal inheritance, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL: Psalm 142: 9, 10; 17: 48-49 Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies: teach me to do Thy will. *Psalm 17: 48-49* My deliverer, O Lord, from the angry nations: Thou wilt lift me up above them that rise up against me: from the unjust man Thou wilt deliver me. **TRACT:** Psalm 128: 1-4 Often have they fought against me from my youth. *V.* Let Israel now say: often have they fought against me from my youth. *V.* But they could not prevail over me: the wicked have wrought upon my back. *V.* They have lengthened their iniquities: the Lord who is just will cut the necks of sinners.

GOSPEL: John 8: 46-59 **At** that time, Jesus said to the multitudes of the Jews: Which of you shall convince Me of sin? If I say the truth to you, why do you not believe Me? He that is of God heareth the words of God. Therefore you hear them not, because you are not of God. The Jews therefore answered, and said to Him: Do not we say well, that Thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered: I have not a devil: but I honour My Father, and you have dishonoured Me. But I seek not My own glory: there is One that seeketh and judgeth. Amen, amen, I say to you: If any man keep My word, he shall not see death for ever. The Jews therefore said: Now we know that Thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets: and Thou sayest: If any man keep My word he shall not taste death for ever. Art Thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? and the prophets are dead, whom dost Thou make Thyself? Jesus answered: If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing: it is My Father that glorifieth Me, of whom you say that He is your God, and you have not known Him: but I know Him: And if I shall say that I know Him not, I shall be like to you, a liar. But I do know Him, and do keep His word. Abraham your father rejoiced that he might see My day: he saw it and was glad. The Jews therefore said to Him: Thou art not yet fifty years old: and hast Thou seen Abraham? Jesus said to them: Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham was made, I am. They took up stones therefore to cast at Him: but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 118: 17, 107 I will confess to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: render to Thy servant: I shall live and keep Thy words: enliven me according to Thy word, O Lord.

SECRET May these offerings, we beseech Thee, O Lord, loosen the bonds of our wickedness, and procure for us the gifts of Thy mercy. Through our Lord.

Preface of the Holy Cross

COMMUNION: I Corinthians 11: 24, 25 This is My Body which shall be delivered for you: this chalice is the new testament in My Blood, saith the Lord: do this, as often as you receive it, in commemoration of Me.

POSTCOMMUNION Draw near to us, O Lord, our God, and by Thy unailing help defend those whom Thy mysteries have refreshed. 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.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Introit: Psalm 42:1-2,3

"Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly nation; from wicked and deceitful men deliver me, for You are my God and my strength."

Kyrie (Chant)

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

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

Credo I

Offertory: Psalm 118:17,107

"I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; deal bountifully Your servant, that I may live and observe Your word; revive me according to Your word, O Lord."

Mass Setting:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Communion: John 12:26

"If a man would serve Me, let him follow Me; wherever I am, My servant will be there too."

Post Communion Hymn:

Ave Regina Caelorum (Solemn Tone)

Recessional Hymn:

Man of Sorrows, Wrapt in Grief
(From Slovak Hymnal)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30a.m.

Passion Sunday

Processional Hymn: Vexilla Regis Prodeunt
(Gregorian Hymn)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Psalm 42:1-2,3

"Júdica me, Deus, et discérne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab hómine iníquo et dolóso éripe me: quia tu es Deus meus et fortitúdo mea. V. Emitte lucem tuam et veritátem tuam: ipsa me deduxérunt, et adduxérunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernácula tua. Júdica me, Deus."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII

(Kyrie, Credo I, Sanctus, Agnus Dei)

Gradual: Psalm 142:9,10;17:48,49

"Eripe me, Dómine, de inimícis meis: doce me fácere voluntátem tuam. Liberátor meus, Dómine, de géntibus iracúndis: ab insurgéntibus in me exaltábis me: a viro iníquo erípies me."

Tract: Psalm 128:1-4 *"Sæpe expugnáverunt me a juventúte mea. Dicat nunc Israël: sæpe expugnáverunt me a juventúte mea. Etenim non potuérunt mihi: supra dorsum meum fabricáverunt peccatóres. Prolongáverunt iniquitátes suas: Dóminus justus concidet cervíces peccatórum."*

Offertory Verse: Psalm 118:17,107

"Confitébor tibi Dómine in toto corde meo: retribue servo tuo, vivam et custódiám sermónes tuos: vivifica me secúndum verbum tuum, Dómine."

Offertory Hymn: "Eram Quasi Agnus"

(Tomás Luis de Victoria d.1611)

Communion Hymn: Una Hora

(Tomás Luis de Victoria d.1611)

Communion Verse: Corinthians 11:24,25

"Hoc corpus, quod pro vobis tradétur: hic calix novi Testaménti est in meo sángine, dicit Dóminus: hoc fácite, quotiescúmque súmitis, in meam commemoratiónem."

Recessional Hymn: God So Loved The World

Chorus from The Crucifixion

(John Stainer)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

Calendar of Masses

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

SATURDAY March 21st	4:00 PM	Rev. Fr. Leonard Carrieri, MSSCC	Memorial	Alicia Kerr
SUNDAY March 22nd <i>Passion Sunday</i>	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo <i>Intention of the Celebrant</i> Marcella Bambrick Rose Alwyn Ruth Woodhouse Charles Flynn Virginia Monaghan John Lavita Nick Pino	18th Anniversary Special Intention Memorial Memorial Memorial Memorial Birthday Intention	Rusnack Family Laura Harvey McCarthy Family Bennett Family Eldridge Family Paul & Betsy Eldridge Janet Pino
	5:30 PM	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
MONDAY March 23rd <i>Monday in Passion Week</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	Memorial Memorial	
TUESDAY March 24th <i>Tuesday in Passion Week</i>	7:30 AM	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
WEDNESDAY March 25th ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	12:30 PM	Catherine Varnum	Special Intention	Stephen Pollard
THURSDAY March 26th <i>Thursday in Passion Week</i>	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	Josephine Sorrachi John Lavita	Special Intention Memorial	Provencher Family Mary McCarthy
FRIDAY March 27th <i>Friday in Passion Week</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i> <i>Health of the Sick</i> John McGovern	 Memorial	 Catherine Dinon
SATURDAY March 28th <i>Saturday in Passion Week</i>	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	Antonio DiNezio Michael Kennedy Edward Walsh Anzivino Family, Mario & Angelo, Frank & Virginia, Frank Jr., John, Kevin, Rita, Linda & David Mitchell, & Louis Fucci	Memorial Memorial Memorial Memorial	Maria Centofanti Bennett Family Bennett Family Anzivino Family



HEALTH OF THE SICK

“In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice.”—Padre Pio

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

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*

Please continue your prayers for Alice Drew’s baby great-granddaughter Gabriella Zunino. She is up to 9 lbs. and is home from the hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS to parishioners Nick & Laura Keough on their first-born child **WINIFRED LUCILLE**. The child is doing well but is still being monitored in the Nursery Intensive Care Unit. Please pray for her intention.



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.)



ABOUT OUR PARISH



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New Parishioners
and Sunday
Visitors:

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(Blessed Pope Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)

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