

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

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

Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

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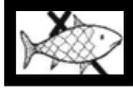
February 14th, 2016 in the Year of Grace

The First Sunday in Lent

(Ember Days of Lent)

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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

Parish Staff

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***Website:** A new official Parish website is in progress and will soon be on-line. In the mean time, for Mass times and Parish Bulletins, please visit www.bostoncatholic.org and type-in "Mary Immaculate of Lourdes".

Facebook: www.facebook.com/miolnewton



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**

saintmaryscemetery.org

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

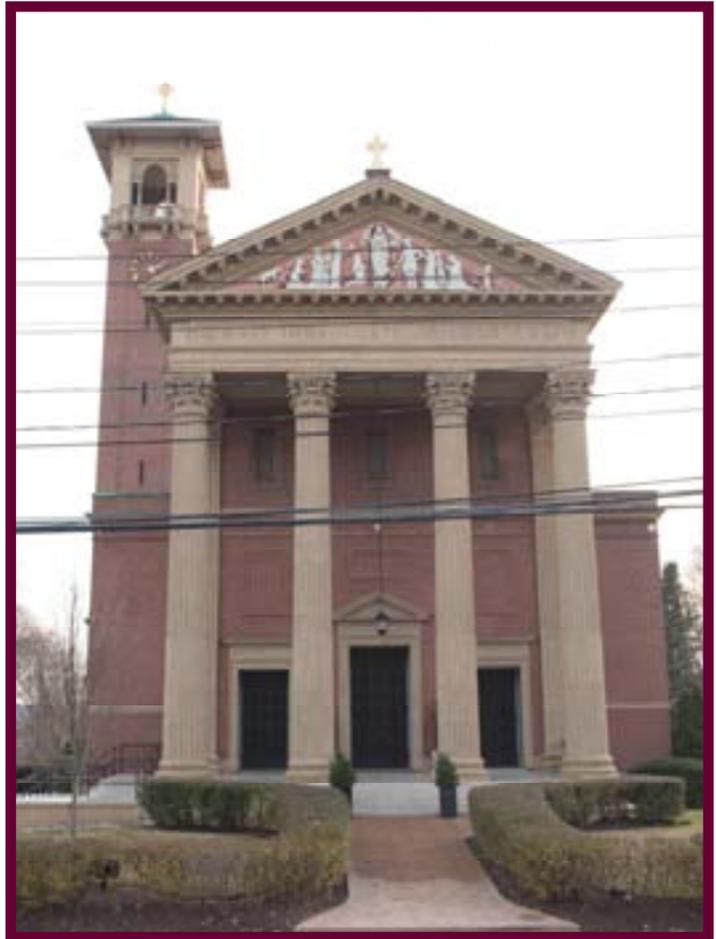
Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or
facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for
the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

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 FORM.**



FRONT COVER: The façade of our parish church of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes.
(PHOTO by Tatiana Blanco,
www.tatianablancophotography.com)



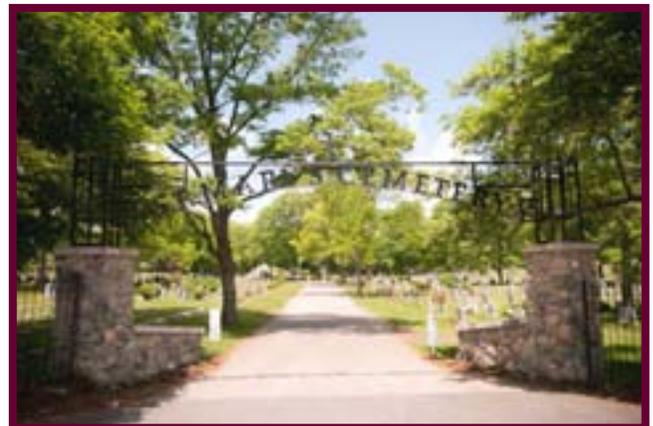
Parish Mission Statement

“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)

NEW WEBSITE FOR PARISH CEMETERY:



saintmaryscemetery.org

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Pastor's Note



FATHER SALAKO AND OUR SISTER PARISH OF ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SANNIQUELLIE, LIBERIA

I share with you several photos which Fr. Desire Salako, SMA, sent us from his mission parish in northern Liberia:

(Fr. Higgins)



February 14th, A.D. 2016

First Sunday in Lent

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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

SCRIPTURE STUDY

SUNDAY EPISTLES STUDY FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT II Cor. 6:1-10

In today's Epistle from 2 Corinthians, St. Paul exhorts his readers "not to accept the grace of God in vain" (v. 1, RSV). This verse comes toward the end of an appeal to his readers that they be reconciled to God through the Church's ministers. As often happens with our Sunday Epistle readings, we catch St. Paul in the middle of delivering a fuller argument or exhortation. We can miss his point if we don't take the time to look at the wider context. Below is 5:18-20, which precedes today's passage in chapter 6: "...Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (RSV). In the light of the Church's Tradition, we know that St. Paul is implicitly referring to the sacramental means of forgiveness of sins and reconciliation. More generally, this passage also refers to the totality of the transmission of the Gospel message through the apostles' ministry.

With this background, v. 1 of chapter 6 becomes somewhat clearer: "Working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain" (RSV). In other words, believers must strive to live out the grace of their baptism. Referencing the prophet Isaiah in v. 2, St. Paul interprets the prophet's message for his own audience, underlining the importance of remembering God's saving work in their lives, and of persevering in salvific grace.

In view of this passage's placement at the beginning of the Lenten season, we should hear the Church summoning us to partake of the grace of the Lenten fast. This makes sense in light of our collect: "O God, Who dost purify Thy Church by the yearly observance of Lent..." In other words, the Church calls us to a renewal in conversion, and we should all heed this summons.

One of the best ways to keep a holy Lent is to

make a good confession. The grace of this sacrament impresses upon us the profound truth that Jesus died for *my* sins, the *specific* sins that I have committed and continue to commit each day. What better way to prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter than to receive sacramentally the forgiveness He merited for us on the cross? What better way to say "thank you," and to show him how seriously we take His ultimate sacrifice? Pope St. John Paul II confessed weekly. If one of the most saintly men of our times confessed his sins with such frequency, surely we could stand to receive this great sacrament more regularly, especially during Lent.

In the rest of today's Epistle, St. Paul continues with a lengthy defense of the integrity of his ministry and that of his companions. This last part, much like the Epistle two weeks ago on Sexagesima Sunday (2 Cor. 11:19-33; 12:1-9), is meant to encourage us, now that we have taken the plunge into the spiritual combat of Lent. Lent allows us to join more closely with hosts of saints whose spiritual combat has been far more intense than our own. Indeed, the rest of the Propers of today's Mass highlight the protection of the Holy Angels, especially during times of spiritual combat, just as in the life of Our Lord in today's Gospel. Let us call upon their aid with greater fervor, and be consoled by their presence with us during struggles and temptations.

(David Allen)

Mr. David Allen, M.T.S., is the lay Pastoral Associate for our parish of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes.



WEEKLY FRIDAY AM BIBLE STUDY: EPISTLES OF ST. PAUL—FIRST THESSALONIANS

Led by David Allen, Friday morning at 8:20 AM (after the 7:30 AM Parish Mass.) Lower Rectory Conference Room.

This is an open group and all are invited to attend at any time.



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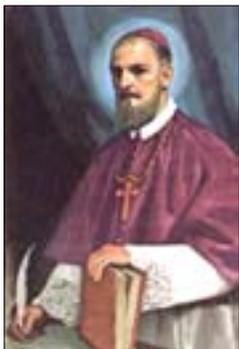
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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7th, A.D. 2016:
SUNDAY OFFERTORY, \$6,069.00 + \$480.00
(OTHER OFFERINGS) = \$6,549.00



LENT IN THE PARISH



Lenten Book Study*

David Allen, our Pastoral Associate, will be leading a six week study on *The Sermons of St. Francis de Sales for Lent*.

Delivered in 1622, these sermons are a comprehensive treatment on Lenten spiritual themes. St.

Francis de Sales offers us timely wisdom for keeping a good and holy Lent.

Dates and Time: Quinquagesima Sunday and the first five Sundays of Lent (February 7, 14, 21, 28, and March 6, 13) at 12:30 PM following the 10:30 AM Latin Mass.

Location: Rectory dining room. Please enter the rectory from the front door.

Refreshments will be provided

LENT IN THE PARISH



PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2016

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
*Each Friday evening during Lent, 7:30 PM
February 12th-March 18th.*

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.

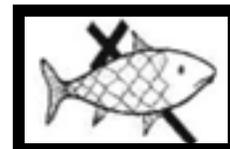
Fr. Higgins' sermon series for this year is entitled:

“THE PUBLIC LIFE OF JESUS: FROM JORDAN’S BANK TO JERUSALEM”

Our Lord lived on this earth for Thirty-three Years. For only three years of it was He publicly known (about 10% of His life-time). This phase of Christ’s life is known as “The Public Life”. Following the relative chronology of Christ’s Public Life from the 1910 Catholic Encyclopedia article “Jesus Christ” by Rev. A.J. Maas, S.J., we will trace the course of Our Lord’s Public Life from His Baptism by John the Baptist on the banks of the Jordan River to His journey to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and the events of Holy Week.

The service lasts about 1 hour. All welcome.

MAIN CHURCH



LENT IN THE PARISH



Confessions heard Wednesday nights during
Lent in the Main Church: 6:30-8:00 PM

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. **Abstinence from Flesh Meat:** obliges beginning on a person's 14th birthday and applies to Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.
2. **Practice of Penance:** all Catholics should perform some act of penance on the weekdays of Lent (for example, our personal Lenten sacrifices), and Fridays throughout the year (for example, not eating meat on Friday).
3. **Days of Fast:** Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On these 2 days of the year all Catholics between the ages of 18-59 are bound to fast according to the guideline of 1 full-meal permitted and 2 smaller meals allowed to maintain strength.

Any person is free to observe the more stringent laws of abstinence, penance and fast in place before 1965 for himself, provided he understands that he cannot impose that same strictness on others.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP



WE INVITE EVERYONE TO
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SUNDAY AFTER THE 10:30
LATIN MASS.

Religious Education

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NO CLASSES TODAY, FEBRUARY 14th

Grades K-5, 8:30-10 AM

(includes Children's Liturgy of the Word and
9 AM parish Mass)

Grades 6-10 (Pre-Confirmation), 10:15-11:30 AM
Classes in Lower Church Hall

New students are always welcome

*Jean Johnson, Director
Patti Strom, Latin Mass Children's
Catechism*



CONGRATULATIONS

to parishioner **ELLEN BALKUS**
who celebrated her **98th birthday**
on February 7th. Ellen is a resident
at the **Waban Health Care Center**.



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GERARD (GELLERT)
SAGREDO JUHASZ,
brother and brother-in-
law of parishioners
Chris and Sharon
Juhasz, and a
parishioner at Mary
Immaculate of Lourdes
himself during his
senior year in high
school. Frater Gerard
(formerly Paul) is now a
novice with the
Norbertine Fathers of
St. Michael's Abbey in
California. He is wearing the white habit of the
Norbertines. (PHOTO by Antoine Juhasz.)*

**MARY'S MANTLES PRAYER SHAWL
MINISTRY: SECOND SUNDAYS OF
THE MONTH AFTER 10:30 MASS**

Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

4:00 PM (Vigil), 7:30 & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

First Sunday in Lent

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps, 91:15~16

"When he calls on Me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days."

ST. MEINRAD Booklet, pg. 17

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII

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

Offertory Antiphon: Cf. Ps. 91(90):4

"The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under His wings you will trust."

ST. MEINRAD Booklet, pg. 18

9:00 AM

Stabat Mater

(Antonio Vivaldi, 1678~1741)

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Mt. 4:4

"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

ST. MEINRAD Booklet, pg. 17

Post Communion Hymn:

Ave Regina Caelorum (Gregorian chant)

9:00 AM:

Ave Regina Caelorum

Published: Novi Concentus, 1653(Giovanni Rovetta)

Recessional Hymn:

Forty Days And Forty Nights

(Worship II Hymnal, No. 85)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30 AM

First Sunday in Lent

Processional Hymn: Attende Domine

(Gregorian Chant)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Psalm. 90:15,16,1

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

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII

(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: **Ave Regina Caelorum

Published: Novi Concentus, 1653

(Giovanni Rovetta)

Communion Verse: Psalm. 90: 4-5

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

Communion Hymn: Adoramus Te, Christe

(Théodore Dubois d.1924)

****Miserere Mei Deus**

Published: Salmi Passagiati 1615

(Francesco Severi, 1595~1630)

Recessional Hymn:

Stabat Mater (Gregorian Chant)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

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.

Calendar of Masses

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

SATURDAY February 13th	4:00 PM	Edward Connolly	Memorial	Joe & Karen Kelly
SUNDAY February 14th <i>FIRST</i> SUNDAY IN LENT	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo Priscilla Eagle Joseph & Dorothy Fagrey Sandra Lucia Rusnack/Drohan/ Bambrick Family John Paul Botsolis Concette & Dominic DiNezio Josephine LeBlanc Nick & Janet Pino Brother Martin, MICM Michael Steinkrauss Jose Bernardo Esther Delicata Jessica Kurnala Wongso Caroline Kerrigan	Memorial Memorial Special Intention Liv/Dec Birthday Intention Memorial Memorial Health of the Sick Special Intention Birthday Intention Memorial Memorial Special Intention Special Intention	Cindy Fagrey Provencher Family Rusnack Family Botsolis Family Maria Centofanti Robert & Susan Goeller Annie Procopio Annie Procopio Kwash Family Fortunata Buenaventura Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Ria Herlambang Alice Kerrigan
MONDAY February 15th <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 16th <i>Lenten feria</i>	7:30 AM	Intention of the Donor	Memorial	
WEDNESDAY February 17th <i>EMBER</i> WEDNESDAY	12:30 PM	Margaret Kelly	Memorial	Leonard F. Nolan
THURSDAY February 18th <i>Lenten feria</i>	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	Intention of the Donor Barbara & Maureen Nyhen		Sheila Brady
FRIDAY February 19th <i>EMBER FRIDAY</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Intention of the Donor <i>Health of the Sick</i> Kwash/Rulnick/Rizzo/ Steinkrauss Family		Kwash Family
SATURDAY February 20th <i>EMBER</i> SATURDAY	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	Frank Kelly Cheryl Calvey Pro-Life Irlanda Mercede Nunez St. Mary's Cemetery	Memorial Birthday Intention Birthday Intention Memorial	Leonard Feeney Nolan Bostolis Family Annie Procopio

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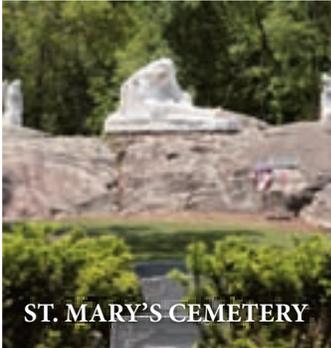
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