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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

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NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.maryimmaculateoflourdes.org

To contact the parish by internet, please access this new website.

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Mr. Ron Goguen, Superintendent .

Guardian Staff on-site for service hours Mon.-Fri.,
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rectory on 270 Elliot St, Newton Upper Falls and is
open Monday-Friday, 8 AM—5 PM.

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saintmaryscemetery.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Traditional Latin High Mass: 10:30 AM

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

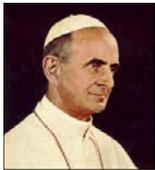
Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or
facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for
the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

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.



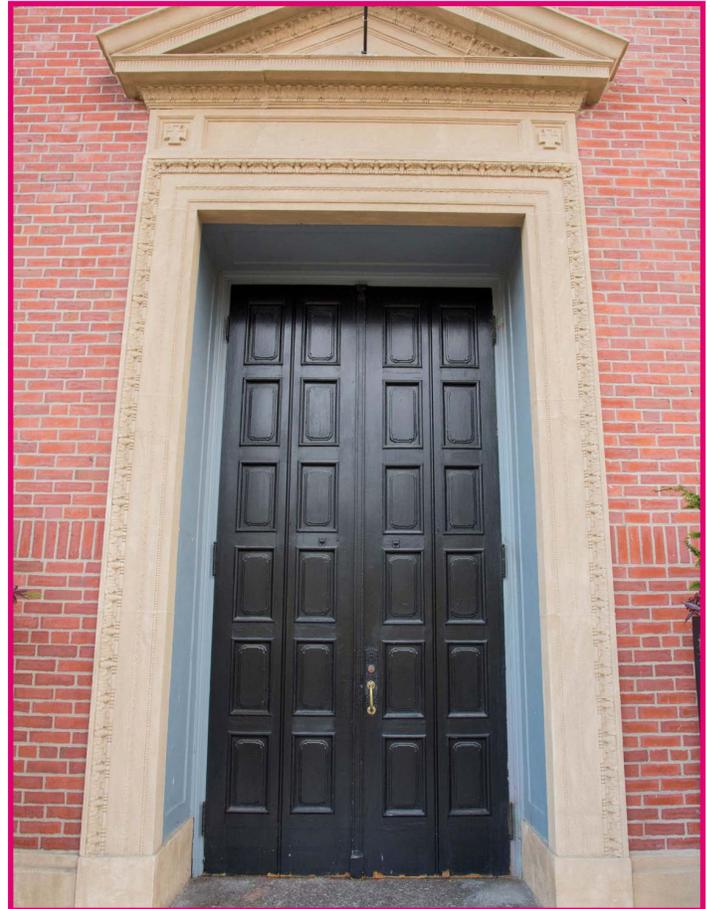
Parish Mission Statement

“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)

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
(Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910)
Newton/Needham, Massachusetts
Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman
Catholic Parish
Iraqi/Arab Catholic Community:
Our Lady of Mesopotamia



FRONT COVER

The front doors of our parish church of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. The season of Advent ushers in the renewed cycles of the Church Year. The doors of a church lend themselves to metaphors of the Lord's Coming. "Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy."—Advent Hymn, "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Pastor's Note

DON'T LET THE "GRINCH" OF COMMERCIAL CHRISTMAS STEAL YOUR SPIRITUAL CHRISTMAS

The Christmas Cycle of the Church's Year of Grace for *Anno Domini* 2017 (*Anno Domini*, A.D. = "In the Year of the Lord") begins today with the preparatory season of Advent. This year, with Christmas falling on a Sunday, we are able to enjoy four full weeks of Advent.

As we well know, the tone set by the Christmas Shopping Season—the "Commercial Christmas"—and the cramming of social events into the "holidays" can easily overwhelm the observance of Christmas as a spiritually beautiful time, which is meant to leave us with an enhanced sense of peace and joy in our lives.

Catholic liturgy and the traditional customs which have grown up around it offer us ready-made and effective means to prevent the "Grinch" of Commercial Christmas from stealing away the blessings of the Spiritual Christmas.

First there is the sensitivity to the unfolding of the Christmas Mystery. There is the preparatory season of the Four Sundays of Advent. The liturgies of Advent are meant to ready us for openness to the graces of Christ's coming to earth. The prayer of the Church for the *Adventus Domini* (the "Coming of the Lord") intensifies from December 17th until Christmas Eve December 24th.

Then there is the proper celebration of the Christmas Feast according to the Church's tradition. While other people may be tossing out their Christmas trees and ripping down their Christmas decorations on December 26th, we Catholics are only just beginning to keep Christmas.

We have the Twelve Days of Christmas which culminate in the second great Feast of the Christmas Cycle: the Feast of the Epiphany,

properly observed on January 6th. The arrival of the Three Magi Kings at the Crib of the Christ Child in Bethlehem symbolizes the drawing of all the nations of the earth to recognize their Savior. On the Octave Day of Epiphany (January 13th) we commemorate the Baptism of the Lord by John the Baptist, and on the Sunday after, the Miracle at Cana, when Christ turned the water into wine at the behest of His Mother Mary. These are three great moments in the Epiphany (or Manifestation) of the Lord Jesus Christ to the world. They are the high-point of the Christmas celebration.

Even after Epiphanytide is done and we are waiting for the Lenten fast to begin, we still have one final satellite feast of Christmas to celebrate on February 2nd, Candlemas Day, the 40th day after Christmas, when the Christ Child is presented in the Temple in Jerusalem and is hailed as "*The Light of revelation to the gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.*"

So, the proper way to celebrate Christmas is to follow Church's timetable and to push back on the Commercial Christmas. Live Advent as Advent as much as you can, in your family home and in your personal space. Then celebrate Christmas over the extended weeks when it's really Christmas. We do this here at our parish by having our holiday Open House on the Sunday after January 6th and by leaving our Christmas decorations up through February 2nd. The abrupt end to the Commercial Christmas actually leaves us free to experience the spiritual Christmas at our leisure, since the world-at-large has "moved on" to the next thing.

Christmas should be the most joyful time of year for us: the thought of our Savior's Coming alleviating even the deepest sorrows we may experience in this life. "*Good Christian men, rejoice! With heart and soul and voice! Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened Heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!*"

(Fr. Higgins)

SCRIPTURE STUDY

THE COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL Advent I: Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016

As was mentioned in last week's column, for the rest of this new liturgical year (upon which we embark today), I will offer meditations/analyses of the Collects of the Roman Missal in both of its forms (note: MR stands for the Latin designation, *Missale Romanum*). The English translations supplied for Collects from the MR 1962 are a composite of the translations of the *Roman Catholic Daily Missal* published by Angelus Press, and my own editing/translation. For this week, we consider the Post-Communion Collect of the Mass for the First Sunday of Advent, MR 1962 (Extraordinary Form): "May we receive, Lord, Your mercy in the midst of Your temple, so that we may prepare for the coming solemnity of our healing with fitting honors. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen."

If we break this text down into its five constitutive parts, according to the methodology I described in last week's bulletin column, it looks like this:

1. "Lord" (the address to God),
2. (usually, there is here an explicit ascription of God in the form of a relative clause immediately following his name, although not in this case),
3. "may we receive Your mercy...in the midst of Your temple" (the central petition; note: one may argue that the second part here *implicitly* serves as an ascription of God, i.e., "He who is worshipped in the temple and bestows mercy to His worshippers therein"),
4. "so that we may prepare for the coming solemnity of our healing with due honors" (the hoped-for outcome),
5. "Through our Lord, etc." (concluding doxological formula)

Reformed (or simplified) into a syllogism, the parts of the Collect look like this:

- If the Lord is a God who shows mercy (and this Collect indicates that He is),
- And if we receive this mercy in the midst of His temple (the petition),
- Then we will be able to approach the Christmas feast worthily (the hoped-for outcome).

The stress of the syllogism appears to be laid upon the middle term: our petition for receiving God's wanted mercy in the midst of the temple. *This* is what enables one to prepare best for Christmas. Holy Communion is the apex of God's mercy, because it is Jesus Himself, and the temple refers to the Church, wherein His sacrifice is offered and His mercy received in the Holy Gifts. This Collect appears to be teaching us, then, that worthy reception of Holy Communion is the principal way to prepare for Christmas during the Advent season. We should note here that the granting of this central petition rests on solid ground, for Post-Communion Collects, by their very nature, often make reference to the Holy Gifts just received (Chupungco, *The Prayers of the New Missal*, p. 17). In other words, the petition for mercy is itself granted and ratified in the reception of Holy Communion.

While this is true, the petition also points to our desire for the Sacrament to have an on-going effect in us. We are always in need of a deepened experience of Divine Mercy. Holy Communion is the reference point for everything else in the week. Thus, the Collect teaches us that our on-going communion in God's mercy in daily life is also integral to a worthy preparation for Christmas. This extends necessarily to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

We may also interpret the reference to the temple as an implicit reference to Our Lady, whom we acclaim as the "Ark of the Covenant" in the Litany of Loreto. Just as the Divine Presence rested invisibly on the "mercy seat" of the old Ark in the Jerusalem Temple (the place upon which the priest expiated for Israel's sins by sprinkling the blood of the sacrifice), so too, the Divine Son of God rests within the temple-ark of Mary, from whom Christ takes flesh in order to become both Priest and Victim (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* nos. 433, 2676).

In light of these things, then, our worthy reception of Holy Communion is essentially an act of worship that is *Marian* in character for two reasons: (a) it renders us temples wherein Christ dwells, and (b) it entails our ready faith, love, and obedience. This intimate communion with Christ on the sacramental and moral level is the heart of the Christmas message: God takes flesh and dwells among us, and this may only be apprehended by Marian faith, love, and obedience.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEEKLY FRIDAY AM BIBLE STUDY:

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.

CURRENT STUDY: "MORNING & EVENING PRAYER:

Meditations & Catechesis on the Psalms & Canticles"—Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI



Religious Education

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES TODAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 2016:

[December 4th] Grades K-5, Sunday morning, 8:30-10 AM
(includes Children's Liturgy of the Word and 9 AM parish Mass)

[December 4th] Grades 6-8 (Pre-Confirmation), 10:15-11:30 AM

Classes meet in the Lower Church Hall

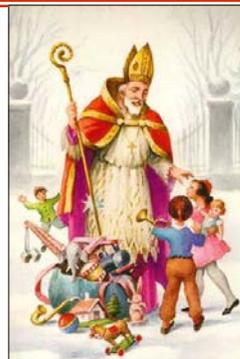
New students are always welcome

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



Latin Mass Children's Catechism will meet at 9:30 AM in the Lower Rectory Conference Room.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

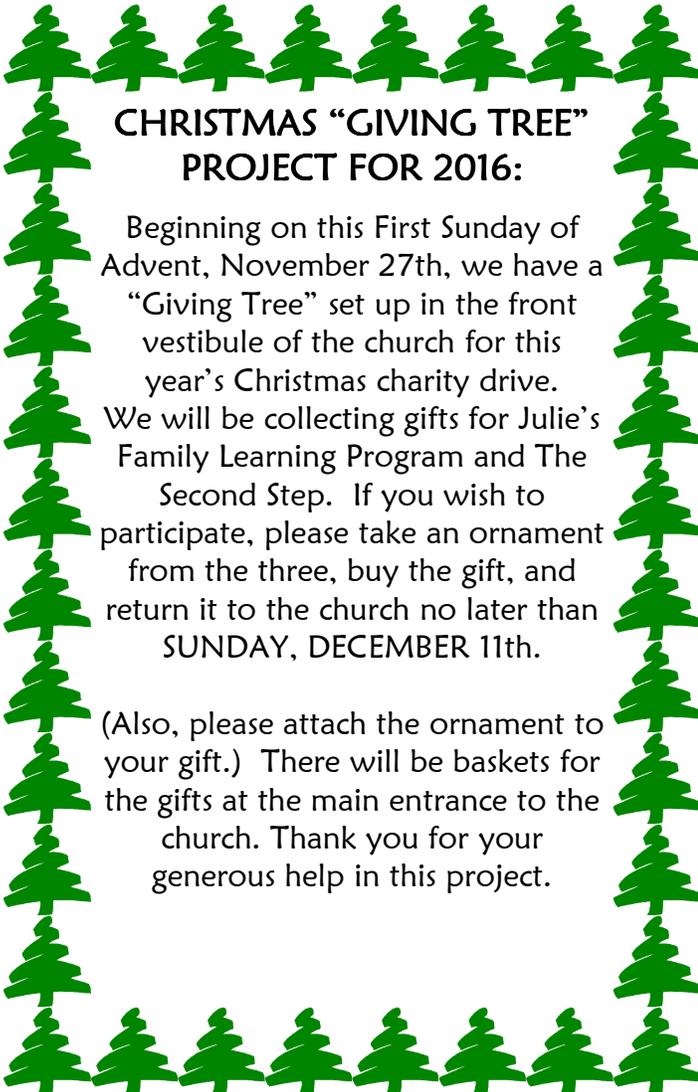


NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th,
Monthly Coffee & Donut Social

Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment in the Lower Church Hall after the 7:30 & 9 AM Masses next Sunday.



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



CHRISTMAS "GIVING TREE" PROJECT FOR 2016:

Beginning on this First Sunday of Advent, November 27th, we have a "Giving Tree" set up in the front vestibule of the church for this year's Christmas charity drive.

We will be collecting gifts for Julie's Family Learning Program and The Second Step. If you wish to participate, please take an ornament from the tree, buy the gift, and return it to the church no later than SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th.

(Also, please attach the ornament to your gift.) There will be baskets for the gifts at the main entrance to the church. Thank you for your generous help in this project.

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?”*

**OFFERTORY FOR SUNDAY,
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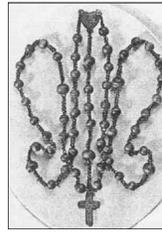
**DECEMBER 24th-25th: CHRISTMAS
COLLECTION for the CLERGY HEALTH AND
RETIREMENT TRUST (SICK AND RETIRED
PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF
BOSTON).**

MARY IMMACULATE OF LOURDES: PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

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

Most Recent Enrollments:
Vivian L. Fajan—Requested by Maria
Centofanti
Mary Fay Mahoney—Requested by
Dominic A. Dougherty III

FAITH & CULTURE



Advent Book Study

David Allen, our pastoral associate,
will be leading a four week study
on St. John Paul II's Apostolic
Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*
("On the Most Holy Rosary").



This excellent document is a
classic magisterial statement
on the singular beauty and
importance of the Rosary for
the contemporary Church. A
wonderful way to prepare for
Christmas, this is a study you
will not want to miss. Please
join us!

Dates and Time: The four Sundays of Advent
November 27, and December 4, 11, 18
at 12:30 P.M., following the 10:30 A.M. Latin
Mass.

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

Refreshments will be provided

Books are available in the rectory office.
(A donation of \$5.00 for the book is
recommended.)

**Note: Please read the introduction for the
first class**

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the resurrection of :

Marie Geraci, aged 79



Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

4:00 PM Sat. Vigil, 7:30 & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude: 9 AM

Ad Te Levavi

(Samuel Webbe, Published c.1850)

Entrance Antiphon: Ps.25:1-3

(Saint Meinrad, page 4)

"To You, I lift up my soul, O my God. In You, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in You be put to shame."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus
(Kyrie, Credo*, Sanctus and Agnus Dei)

Offertory Hymn:

Dear Maker of the Starry Skies

(English Chant, Mode IV)

Communion Antiphon: Ps.85:13

(Saint Meinrad, page 4)

"The Lord will bestow His bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase."

9:00 AM

Ave Verum

(Charles Gounod)

Post Communion Hymn:

Alma Redemptoris Mater

(Gregorian Chant, Mode I)

9:00 AM

Alma Redemptoris Mater

(Giovanni Felice Sances, **Published 1640**)

Recessional Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(Worship II Hymnal, **No.195**)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

First Sunday of Advent

Processional Hymn: Creator Alme Siderum

(Gregorian Chant, Mode VI)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Ps. 24:1,3,4

"Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam: neque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi, qui te exspectant non confundentur. Vias tuas, Domine, demonstra mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus

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

Gradual Ps. 24:3,4

"Universi, qui te exspectant, non confundentur, Domine. Vias tuas, Domine, notas fac mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me"

Alleluia: *"Alleluia, alleluia. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam, et salutare tuum da nobis. Alleluia."*

Offertory: Ps. 24:1-3

"Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam: neque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi, qui te exspectant non confundentur."

Offertory Hymn: Alma Redemptoris Mater

(Gregorian Chant, Mode I)

Communion Verse: Ps. 84:13

"Dominus dabit benignitatem: et terra nostra dabit fructum suum."

Communion Hymn: Adoro Te

(Gregorian Chant)

Recessional Hymn: Veni Veni Emmanuel

(Parish Hymnal **No.15**)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

LATIN MASS PROPERS: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



When you shall see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is at hand.

INTROIT: Psalm 24: 1-3 To Thee have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded. *Psalm 24: 4* Show me, O Lord, Thy ways: and teach me Thy paths. *V.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. To Thee have I lifted . . .

COLLECT Stir up Thy power, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and come: that from the threatening dangers of our sins, by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued, and be saved by Thy deliverance: Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE: Romans 13: 11-14 Brethren, knowing that it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep. For now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. The night is passed and the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and impurities, not in contention and envy: but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.

GRADUAL: Psalm 24: 3, 4 All they, that wait on Thee, shall not be confounded, O Lord. *V.* Show, O Lord, Thy ways to me: and teach me Thy paths. **ALLELUIA: Psalm 84: 8** Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy: and grant us Thy salvation. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 21: 25-33 **At** that time Jesus said to His disciples: There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, by reason of the confusion of the roaring of the sea and of the waves: men withering away for fear and expectation of what shall come upon the whole world. For the powers of heaven shall be moved. And then they shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud with great power and majesty. But when these things begin to come to pass, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand. And He spoke to them a similitude: See the fig tree and all the trees: when they now shoot forth their fruit, you know that summer is nigh. So you also, when you shall see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is at hand. Amen, I say to you, this generation shall not pass away till all things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 24: 1-3 To Thee have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait for Thee shall be confounded.

SECRET May these holy Mysteries, O Lord, cleanse us by their powerful efficacy, and enable us to come with greater purity to Him who is their foundation. Through our Lord.

Preface of Advent

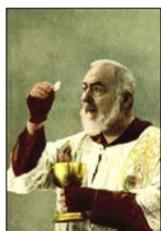
COMMUNION: Psalm 84: 13 The Lord will give goodness: and our earth shall yield her fruit.

POSTCOMMUNION May we receive Thy mercy, O Lord, in the midst of Thy temple: that we may with becoming honour prepare for the approaching solemnities of our redemption. Through our Lord.

Calendar of Masses

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

SUNDAY	4:00 PM (<i>Sat</i>)	Kitty Ward	Memorial	Sean Ward
November 27th	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		
FIRST	9:00 AM	Joanne Ellesine	Birthday Intention	Kingsley Family
SUNDAY OF	10:30 AM	Antonio DiNezio	Memorial	Maria Centofanti
THE ADVENT		Nicoletta Tenaglia	Memorial	Maria Centofanti
OF OUR LORD		Angela DiNezio	Memorial	Maria Centofanti
		Rusnack/Drohan/ Bambrick Family	Memorial	Rusnack Family
		All Souls	Memorial	Rusnack Family
		Dante D'Attilio	Memorial	
		William Hobbib	Special Intention	Hobbib Family
	5:30 PM	McGrath/Picard Families	Special Intention	Antoinette Family
MONDAY	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of	Memorial	
November 28th		Mary Immaculate of		
<i>Feria of Advent</i>		Lourdes		
	12:30 PM	Mr. & Joseph Nolan	Memorial	Leonard Feeney Nolan
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	Kitty Ward	Memorial	Sean Ward
November 29th				
<i>Feria of Advent</i>				
WEDNESDAY	12:30 PM	Kathy Slack	Memorial	Kathy Blake
November 30th				
ST. ANDREW				
APOSTLE				
THURSDAY	7:30 AM	For All Refugees, Migrants		
December 1st		& Displaced Persons		
<i>Feria of Advent</i>	5:30 PM	Bernadette Rose Draper		Daniel Draper
FRIDAY	7:30 AM	Kitty Ward	Memorial	Sean Ward
December 2nd	<i>Health of the Sick</i>			
<i>Feria of Advent/Sacred</i>	12:30 PM	Mary J. Clancy	Memorial	
<i>Heart of Jesus</i>				
First Friday				
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	All Souls	Memorial	
December 3rd		Norman Hobbib	Special Intention	Hobbib Family
<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>		Intention of the Donor		
First Saturday		Monte Ferris Jr.	Special Intention	
		In Honor of Our Lady of		
		Victory		Susan Goeller
	4:00 PM	Paul Crowley	40th Anniversary	Crowley Family



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the sun than without the Holy Mass.”—Padre Pio**



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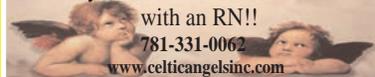
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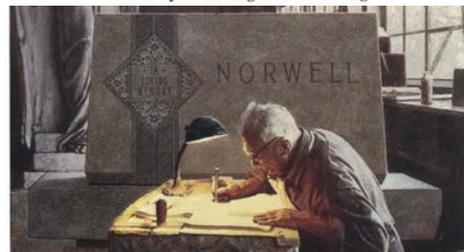
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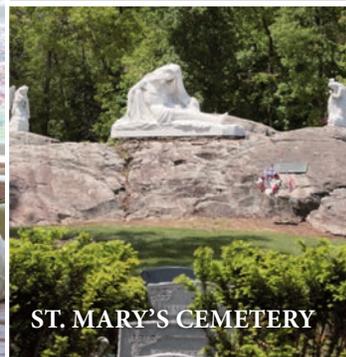


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