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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

Parish Staff

PASTOR: FATHER CHARLES JEREMIAH HIGGINS
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To contact the parish by internet, please access this new website.

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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.

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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 Mass : Mon-Wed-Fri: 12:30
PM; Thu: 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 Catholic Mission (Chaldean Rite)



**THE POPE'S
UNIVERSAL
INTENTION FOR THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER,
2017: "THE ELDERLY: That
the elderly, sustained by families
and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom
and experience to spreading the Faith and forming the
new generations."**

*(PHOTO: Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of
Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette
Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015.)*



FRONT COVER

A an old post-card of the new church of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, circa 1910. The present rectory was not built until the 1930s. Until then the priests continued to live in the old rectory on Chestnut Street and had to walk up the hill to the new parish church.

*(Many thanks to parishioner Martha Phillips for discovering
this picture.)*

Pastor's Note

“TO THEE, O LORD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL”

We enter once more into this Season of the Lord's Advent in preparation for the Feast of Christmas. An important part of the Season is to be aware of the two-fold motion going on between God and us: on the one side God “comes” or “appears”, and on the other side man (we) “goeth forth to meet Him”. This is well-expressed in the Collect Prayer for this First Sunday of Advent (1970 Missal):

Grant, Almighty Father, that when Christ comes again we may go out to meet Him, bearing the harvest of good works achieved by Your grace. We pray that He will receive us in into the company of the saints and call us into the kingdom of heaven.

Psalm 24(25) is used for the Introit Psalm in today's Mass (for both forms) and it expresses well the longing of the human heart for God. It speaks of confidence in God's mercy and faithfulness, true sorrow for sin, and the desire for following the way of God's truth: “*Make me to know Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me, for Thou art the God of my salvation; for Thee I wait all the day long.*” (vv. 4-5)

Besides Psalm 24(25), three other Psalms are used in the versicles of the Advent-Mass Introits to re-enforce the theme of man going forth to meet God even as He comes to us. They are Psalm 79(80) *Sunday II*, Psalm 84(85) *Sunday III (Gaudete)*, and Psalm 18(19) *Sunday IV (Rorate)*.

A good spiritual exercise for these Advent days would be to read the full text of all four of these Advent season Psalms and make them our companions in our preparation for Christ's coming with His grace to us at Christmas.

(Fr. Higgins)

2017-2018 PARISH SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANYTIDE

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Holy Night—Christmas Eve,

Sunday, December 24th:

4:00 PM—Family Mass with Children's Pageant

8:00 PM: Chaldean-rite Mass

12 Midnight—Traditional Latin Mass

Christmas Day, Monday, December

25th: Masses at 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30

AM (Traditional Latin Mass)

N.B. NO 5:30 PM MASS

Octave Day of Christmas, Monday,

January 1st, Mary the Mother of

God: Masses at 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30

AM (Traditional Latin Mass).

The Epiphany of the Lord, Saturday,

January 6th: Traditional Latin Mass
at 9 AM.

Sunday, January 7th:

Mass of the Epiphany, 4:00 PM

(Sat), 7:30 & 9 AM, 5:30 PM

Mass of the Holy Family, 10:30 AM

Open House at the Rectory from
8:30 AM-2:30 PM

Candlemas Day, Friday, February

2nd: Blessing of Candles and
Procession, Mass of the Purification,
7:30 PM (Traditional Latin)

Candlemas is the last Feast of the
Christmas Cycle

SCRIPTURE STUDY

THE COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL: DECEMBER 3rd, 2017 ST. JOHN DAMASCENE

For this week's meditation on the Collects of the Roman Missal, we consider the Collect for the feast of St. John of Damascus, Priest and Doctor of the Church, celebrated in the new calendar on December 4. Below is the day's Collect in the third typical edition of the *Roman Missal* (2010):

"Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may be helped by the prayers of the Priest Saint John Damascene, so that the true faith, which he excelled in teaching, may always be our light and our strength. Through our Lord, etc. Amen."

St. John of Damascus lived from the middle of the seventh century through the middle of the eighth century, a critical time in Church history which saw the rising tide of Muslim invasion of Christian lands, and the mushrooming of the heresy of iconoclasm (literally, the "breaking of icons"). This heresy equated the veneration of images of Christ and the Saints with idolatry, and consequently, incited many to destroy such images and ban them from liturgical and devotional use. The Seventh Ecumenical Council, which met under the Byzantine Empress Irene at Nicaea in 787 A.D. (also known as Nicaea II), flatly condemned the heresy of iconoclasm. Its teaching is indebted to the writings of St. John of Damascus, among others, which is why he is one of the Doctors of the Church.

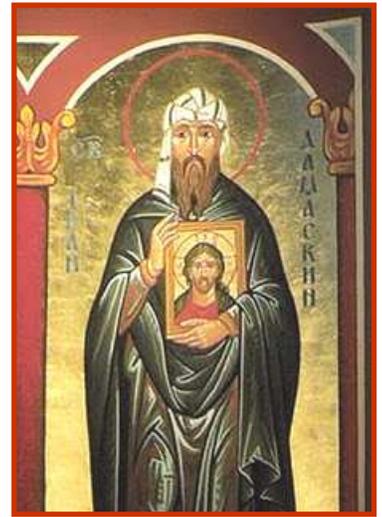
St. John's teaching centers on the Incarnation, and consequently, man's ability to see and worship the face of God in Christ. In our Collect, we ask that this very teaching may be our *light* and our *strength*. We are asking, firstly, that our minds may be enlightened with the true faith in regard to the mystery of the Incarnation, namely, that Christ is true God and true man, for this is central to our salvation. Secondly, we pray that this consoling truth of God's love in Christ may fortify us for living the life of grace.

Consider paragraphs 515 and 476-477 from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which explain these truths of the Incarnation:

515 "...His humanity appeared as 'sacrament,' that is, the sign and instrument, of His divinity and of the salvation He brings: what was visible in His earthly life leads to the invisible mystery of His divine sonship and redemptive mission."

476 "Since the Word became flesh in assuming a true humanity, Christ's body was finite. Therefore the human face of Jesus can be portrayed; at the seventh ecumenical council (Nicaea II in 787) the Church recognized its representation in holy images to be legitimate."
477 "At the same time the Church has always acknowledged that in the Body of Jesus 'we see our God made visible and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see.' The individual characteristics of Christ's Body express the Divine Person of God's Son. He has made the features of His human body His own, to the point that they can be venerated when portrayed in a holy image, for the believer 'who venerates the icon is venerating in it the Person of the one depicted.'"

When we adore the Divine Baby in the manger-crib in just a few weeks, we will profess that Christ is fully God and fully man, and that these two natures are inseparable in His One Divine Person. To kiss the flesh of Christ is to adore Him as our God, and to thank Him for His unfathomable love for us. *Venite adoremus Dominum!*



(David Allen)

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





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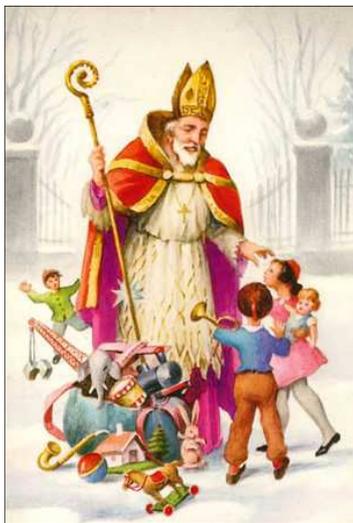
HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE to help the Newton Food Pantry NON-PERISHABLE FOOD AND GIFT CARDS

Donations may be left in the front vestibule of the main church through Sunday, December 10th. Items particularly needed are:

Ground coffee & tea, cooking oil, flour, sugar, toiletries (toothpaste & conditioner, deodorant, soap, hand & body lotions), canned or boxed meals, tuna & other protein, soups, fruits brushes, shampoo & & vegetables.

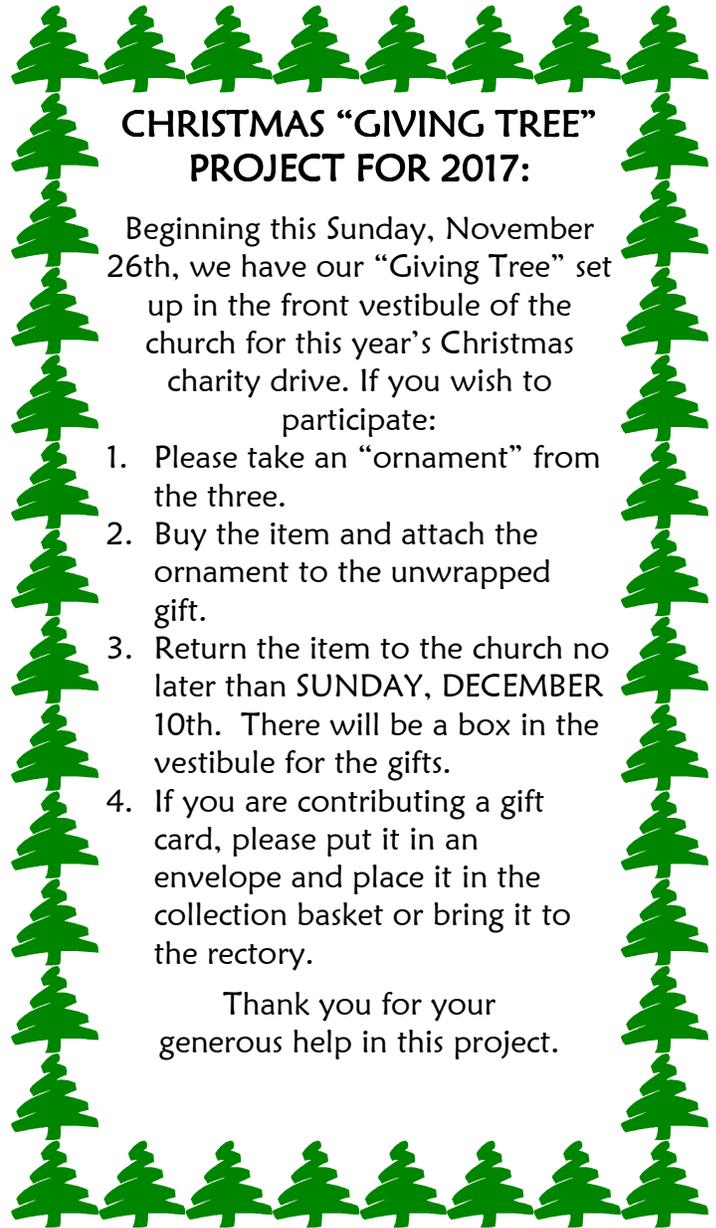
Please place any gift-cards in the collection basket at the Offertory.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP



TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

Come one! Come all! To our Pancake Breakfast this Sunday in the Lower Church Hall after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 AM Masses.



CHRISTMAS "GIVING TREE" PROJECT FOR 2017:

Beginning this Sunday, November 26th, we have our "Giving Tree" set up in the front vestibule of the church for this year's Christmas charity drive. If you wish to participate:

1. Please take an "ornament" from the tree.
2. Buy the item and attach the ornament to the unwrapped gift.
3. Return the item to the church no later than SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th. There will be a box in the vestibule for the gifts.
4. If you are contributing a gift card, please put it in an envelope and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory.

Thank you for your generous help in this project.

ADVENT CALENDARS will be on sale next Sunday, December 3rd, in the front vestibule, along with other Advent-related religious items. Proceeds will go to the support of our parish.





**FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
OF THE
BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**
DECEMBER 8th, 2017
(Friday of this week)
Patronal Feast of the
United States of America

**HOLY DAY MASSES AT MARY
IMMACULATE OF LOURDES:**

**7:30 AM, 12:30 PM (Latin Tridentine),
5:30 PM, 7:30 PM (Latin Tridentine)**

*Don't forget to fulfill this important obligation by attending
Mass on this day.*



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER
DONATIONS**

Christmas Flower
donation

envelopes are available to you as you come into church and at the table under the Grotto. Your gifts in the Flower envelopes help defray the extra costs of our Christmas Flower decorations. If you would like your donation to be a memorial gift, there are spaces for the names of loved ones on the envelopes. Christmas Flower envelopes may be placed in the basket at Offertory time or dropped off at the parish office in the rectory. The Flower Offering Envelopes with the Memorial names will be placed upon the altar at all of our parish Masses through Candlemas Day, February 2nd.



**LADIES' SODALITY OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
AND ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

Monthly meeting today in the Lower
Rectory Conference Room after the
10:30 AM Mass.

**Nursing Home Mass in the Parish for
Thursday, December 7th:
STONE REHAB (2:00 PM)**

Religious Education

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR
TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd:**

Classes meet in the Lower Church Hall.
Grades K-5, 8:30 –10 AM, includes Sunday Mass.
Pre-Confirmation: 10:15-11:30 AM (10DEC17).

The Latin Mass Children's Catechism Class
meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Lower
Rectory Conference Room.

New students are always welcome

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



The Children of the parish are invited to
participate in the Children's Nativity at our
Christmas Eve Family Mass, 4 PM, December
24th. Parents, please let Jean Johnson know if any
of your children will be participating.

(Children in the Pageant should be in the Lower
Church Hall at 3:30 PM on Christmas Eve.)

**PURGATORIAL SOCIETY OF
MARY IMMACULATE OF
LOURDES PARISH:**

(Recent Enrollments)

**+James Hugh McCafferty (Dougherty
Family)**

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

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the resurrection of :

**Edward Lafferty, aged 84
Raymond DesRosiers, aged 56
Alfred DeFazio, aged 86**

LATIN MASS PROPERS: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTROIT: Psalm 24. 1-4. 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. *Ps. ibid.* 4. Show me, O Lord, Thy ways: and teach me Thy paths. *℟.* 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 ...

COLLECT: STIR up Thy power, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and come: that from the threatening dangers of our sins, we may deserve to be rescued by Thy protection, 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.

EPISTLE: From Blessed Paul the Apostle to the 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 armor 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. *℟.* Show, O Lord, Thy ways to me: and teach me Thy paths. **ALLELUIA** Alleluia, alleluia. *Psalm 84. 8* O Lord, hear my prayer; and let my cry come to Thee. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. 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

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 on 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 Jesus Christ ...

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 honor prepare for the approaching solemnities of our redemption. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...



Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

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

First Sunday of the Advent of the Lord

Prelude: Psallite Domino (9 AM Mass)

(Giovanni Felice Sances, Published 1638)

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 24:1-3

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, 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: English Chant

(Kyrie from *Missa Adventus*, Parish Hymnal, No. 152, Creed, Sanctus-Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Offertory:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(Worship II, No. 195)

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 84:13

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 4)

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

Communion Meditation:

Alma Redemptoris Mater

(Gregorian Chant, Mode I)

Alma Redemptoris Mater (9 AM Mass)

(Giovanni Felice Sances, Published 1640)

Recessional Hymn:

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
(Worship II, No. 163)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

First Sunday of the Advent of the Lord

Prelude: Magnificat

(William Byrd c.1540~1623)

The Asperges: the Sprinkling of Holy Water

Processional Hymn: Veni, Veni, Emmanuel (Extra Sheet)

Introit: Psalm 24. 1-4. *AD te levávi ánimam meam: Deus meus, in te confído, non erubéscam: neque irrideant me inimíci mei: étenim univérsi, qui te exspéctant, non confundéntur. Psalm. Vias tuas, Dómine, demónstra mihi: et sémitas tuas édoce me. V̇. Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculórum. Ṙ. Amen. — Ad te levávi ...*

Ordinary Prayers: Missa XVII (Adventus)

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

Gradual: Psalm 24. 3, 4. *UNIVÉRSI, qui te exspéctant, non confundéntur, Dómine. V̇. Vias tuas, Dómine, notas fac mihi: et sémitas tuas édoce me. Alleluia Psalm 84. 8. : Allelúia, allelúia. V̇. Osténde nobis, Dómine, misericórdiam tuam: et salutáre tuum da nobis. Allelúia.*

Offertory: Psalm 24. 1-3. *AD te levávi ánimam meam: Deus meus, in te confído, non erubéscam: neque irrideant me inimíci mei: étenim univérsi, qui te exspéctant, non confundéntur.*

Communion: Psalm 84. 13. *DÓMINUS dabit benignitátem: et terra nostra dabit fructum suum.*

Communion Meditation:

Ave Verum Corpus

(Richard Dering, Published 1617)

Alma Redemptoris Mater

(Tomás Luis de Victoria, Published 1609)

Recessional Hymn:

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
(Worship II, No. 163)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

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“He has risen.”
Matt 28:6

“Be a Servant”
Matthew 20:26

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Recognizing the growing needs of ethnic communities, Father Anthony broadened his pastoral skills by learning to celebrate Mass in both Spanish and Vietnamese. This enabled him to accept his first assignment at St. Ambrose and St. Mark Parishes in 2015.

Today, Father Anthony ministers in the heart of Dorchester. He engages the community in three very different languages. When summarizing his responsibilities, he describes personifying Christ: “The duty of the priest is, I think, to be Jesus to every single person he meets.”

To help ensure priests like Father Anthony receive essential care as they live out their vocation, please support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust through the special collection this Christmas.

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