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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

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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.

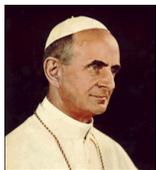
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**THE POPE'S
INTENTION FOR
EVANGELIZATION FOR
THE MONTH OF JANUARY,
2018: "RELIGIOUS
MINORITIES IN ASIA: That**

Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom." (PHOTO: Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015.)

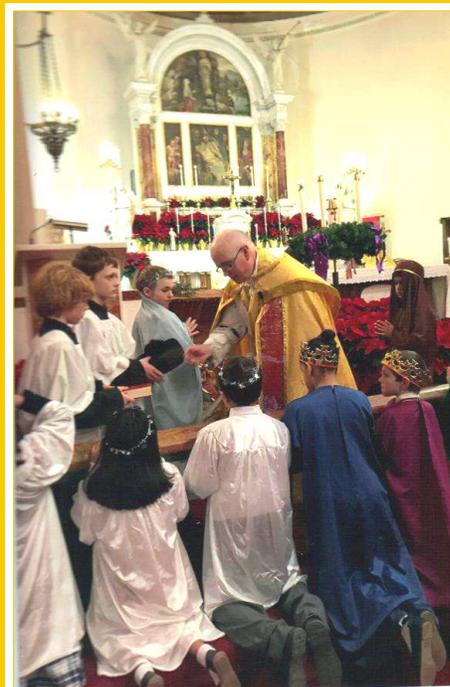


Parish Mission Statement

"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)



FRONT COVER

The Blessing of the Christmas Crib on Christmas Eve: Fr. Higgins with the children of the parish who participated in the Children's Nativity Pageant. (PHOTO by Patti Strom. Other Christmas Eve photos taken by Patti are in this week's bulletin.)

Pastor's Note

PRAYERS AT THE TIME OF A NEW YEAR

As we embark upon this New Year and are at the peak of the celebration of the Christmas Feast on the Epiphany of Our Lord, I would like to offer these two prayers for consideration:

Prayer of Saint Francis de Sales

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same everlasting Father who takes care of you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations and say continually, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me, but in me, and I in Him."

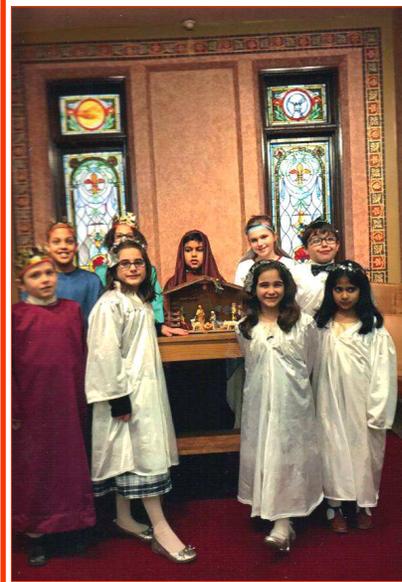
Prayer for Enemies (St. Thomas More)

Almighty God, have mercy on N. and N. etc., and on all that bear me evil will and would harm me. And by such easy, tender, and merciful means as Your infinite wisdom can best devise, grant that their faults and mine may both be amended and redressed; and make us saved souls together, where we may ever live and love together with You and Your blessed saints. O glorious Trinity, grant this for the sake of the bitter Passion of our sweet Savior Christ. Amen.

Lord, give me patience in tribulation, and grace in everything to conform my will to Yours, that I may truly say: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." (Mt. 6:10)

The things, good Lord, that I pray for, give me the grace to labor for. Amen.

(Fr. Higgins)



Children's Nativity Pageant

Mary: Sarah Desrosiers
Joseph: Sidhaan Khanduja
The Magi Kings:
Thomas Desrosiers
Amaya LeFerre
Gael LeFerre
The Angel Host:
Angelene Nicolara
Christine Nicolara
Matther Sierra
Sanaiya Khanduja





**THE EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION
FOR 2018 IN THE YEAR OF GRACE**
(The Announcement of Easter and the
Moveable Feasts:)

Know, dear brethren, that as we have
rejoiced at the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus
Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we
announce to you also the joy of His
Resurrection who is our Savior:

The Sunday of Septuagesima is the 28th
Day of January.

On the 14th Day of February will fall Ash
Wednesday, and the beginning of the Fast
of the most sacred Lenten Season.

On the 1st Day of April you will
celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal
Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 10th Day of May will be the
Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 20th Day of May, the Feast of
Pentecost.

On the 31st Day of May, the Feast of
Corpus Christi.

On the 2nd Day of December, the First
Sunday of the Advent of Our Lord Jesus
Christ, to whom is honor and glory
forever and ever. Amen.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
EPIPHANYTIDE OPEN HOUSE THIS
SUNDAY AT THE RECTORY**

Sunday, January 7th, 2018, 8:30 AM—2:30 PM



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*CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. &
Mrs. Andrew and Chantelle (Irsik)
Thaler on the christening of their
daughter ABIGAIL MAE THALER at
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church
on the Sixth Day of Christmas, December 30th,
A.D. 2017. His godparents are Brendan &
Christina Hannigan. Abigail Mae is their THIRD
CHILD. Her grandparents Eric & Terrie Thaler,
and uncle Tim Thaler, were here from Colorado.*



One of our parish seminarians TYLER MOLISSE, in formation with the Institute of Christ the King at their seminary outside of Florence, Italy, attended Raymond Cardinal Burke at the Pontifical Vespers on Christmas Day this year.



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.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the resurrection of:

Robert Kwash, aged 77 (father and father-in-law of parishioners Dan & Christina Kwash)

Mary McCarthy, Year’s Mind



BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

III. Michael Steinkrauss & Audrey Laubacher

III. Samuel Snyder & Cierra Nugent

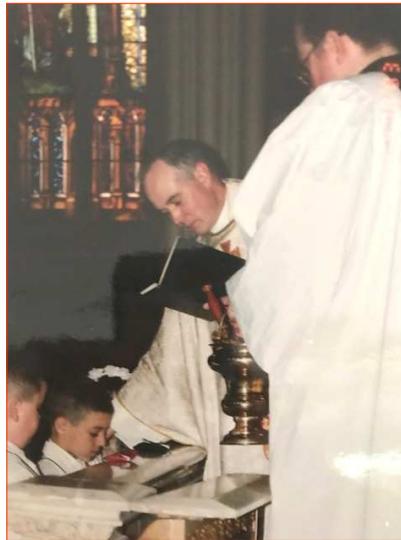


PHOTO: Fr. Higgins enrolling Michael Steinkrauss in the Brown Scapular after his First Holy Communion, Holy Trinity German Church, May 8th, 2003.

Congratulations to Michael and his fiancée Audrey who will be united in Holy Matrimony on January 19th.

PHOTO by Patti Strom.



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*St. Bernardine of Siena (+1444 A.D.) spread devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus (“Jesus” means “Yahweh Is Salvation”) by means of the inscription of the monogram **IHS**. It is an abbreviation of the name “Jesus” by using the first three letters of the Lord’s Name according to the Greek alphabet (The New Testament of the Bible was originally written in Greek). St. Bernardine also popularized the addition of the name “Jesus” to the “Hail Mary”— “Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, **JESUS**.”*

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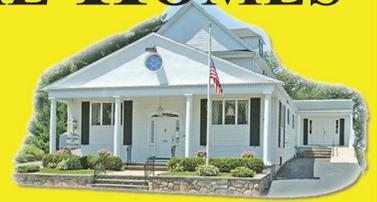
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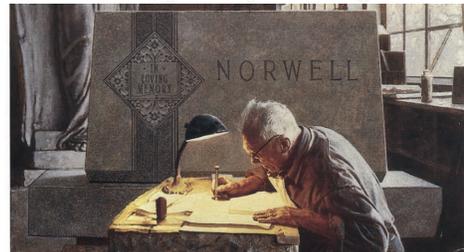
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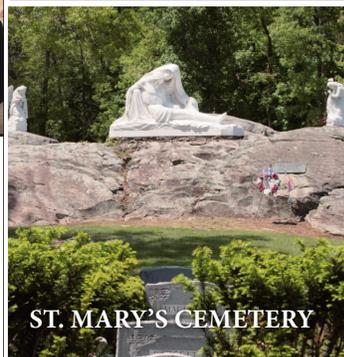


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For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at **781-235-1841**.
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