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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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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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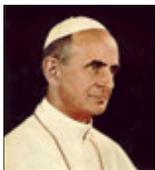
"YOUNG PEOPLE IN AFRICA:

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countries."*

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



(left) Fr. Salako
with children at
one of the
S.M.A. Missions
in Niger)



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)



*"May the Sacred Heart of
Jesus in the Most Holy
Sacrament of the Altar be
praised, adored, and loved,
with grateful affection, on
all the altars, and in all the tabernacles
of the world, now and even to the end of
Time. Amen."*

Pastor's Note



SOME THOUGHTS ON THE SCANDALS: BEARING THE “BURDEN OF THE CHURCH” AND THE *MYSTERIUM INIQUITATIS*

Sorrowful days these are for believing Catholics who love their Church and who know,

by the experience of their own continuing conversion to Christ, that She is indeed the “Ark of Salvation”. For scandal and shame have disfigured her face.

In the face of the public exposure of the dark underside of the institutional Church, a storyline is taking shape in the popular mind which creates its own vast expanse of falsehood: that the Catholic Church is a uniquely evil institution, that a degree of depravity exists (and is enabled) there as nowhere else, and that from now on it ought to be treated with the same unrelenting severity as an organized crime syndicate.

No matter that the kinds of criminal behavior come to light among Catholic churchmen are endemic to society and have also been proven to be occurring in many other organizations, from other religious bodies, to schools, to youth sports, to scouting. Other organizations too have resorted to squalid ethics in order to “keep it quiet”. These other cases are well-documented and publicized, although not to the degree and in the way that the Catholic Church’s scandals are being publicized—or should we say, *hyper-publicized*. Now, as it was during the scandal-reporting of 2002, the mass media is creating a climate of *moral panic* directed against the institutional Catholic Church and her priests. Our bishops, it would seem, have chosen not to put up any counter-point to this, but it is increasingly clear that they are divided among

themselves. This is another source of sorrow for believing Catholics: to see our chief shepherds collectively “losing their nerve” and, in some cases, making themselves a party to factions. Neither truth nor charity is well-served by the public spectacle of ecclesiastical score-settling among high churchmen.

Some Catholics believe that this convergence of events will lead to a purification of the Church, as chemotherapy can act on a malignant tumor. I’m afraid I cannot agree at all with that expectation. In human affairs purges, reprisals, “cleansings” and the like never lead to a purer state of things. Rather, they inflame passions of hatred, engulf the innocent as well as the guilty, create new sources of bitterness, serve up scape-goats, and generally leave people exhausted and more closed in upon themselves once the fury has played itself out. And then life just picks up and goes on. Such is the human condition.

What changes things is when people really become converted to Christ and strive to live the ideals of the Gospel in fellowship with other Christians. For Catholics, we recognize that you cannot separate faith in Jesus Christ from faith in the Church which He founded. No amount of scandal, no amount of human failure can nullify Christ’s promise to His Church.

Our duty as Catholics at this time is, first and foremost, to believe and to pray and to learn what it is to bear the “Burden of the Church” in its human element. We are given to understand that in God’s dispensation there is both a “*Mystery of Grace*” and a “*Mystery of Iniquity*”—evil, a “*Mysterium Iniquitatis*”. It is a mystery to us why the devil has so much power in the world, by God’s permission. We cannot precisely measure just how much personal human sin gives what degree of dominance to the evil spirits warring against us. In the midst of these days of scandal, disorder, and recrimination, however, we can only believe that that power human sin gives the devil and his angels must still be very great indeed. “*St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the battle!*”

(Fr. Higgins)

SCRIPTURE STUDY

COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 2018:

SAINT FAUSTINA
(*Missale Romanum* 1970)

For our weekly meditation on the Collects of the Roman Missal, we consider the Collect for the feast of St. Faustina Kowalska (October 5). The following is the official ICEL translation of this Collect in the MR70:

“O God, who in a wondrous manner revealed the inexhaustible riches of Your mercy to Saint Maria Faustina, grant, we beseech You, that by looking with trust upon the pierced side of Your Son we may be strengthened to show mercy one to another and, at length, sing forever of Your mercy in heaven. Through our Lord, etc. Amen.”

The private revelations of Our Lord to the Polish nun, Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska, in the early part of the twentieth century, have had a great impact on our miserable modern world, torn as it is by geopolitical, ecclesial, familial, and personal strife. The essence of the “Divine Mercy” image and message is the basic message of the Gospel: the merciful love of Jesus for sinners, demonstrated for us supremely by His Death.

The famous Divine Mercy image (a copy of which hangs in our parish Church near the baptismal font) is rooted in the Gospel account of Good Friday. St. John locates the full measure of Christ’s divine love in the spear wound in His side while He hung on the Cross: “*But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water*” (cf. Jn. 19:34, RSV). This blood and water- in view of the whole of St. John’s Gospel, and according to patristic interpretation- represent and, indeed *are*, the totality of Christ’s divine life which He communicates to His Church, especially through the two great Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist (in the Divine Mercy image, the blue-white and red rays convey this same truth).

Our Collect prayer, in its motive clause, bids us focus on this pierced side of the Risen Lord with trust, like St. Thomas (cf. Jn. 20:27). It indicates

that we first must receive sacramentally that grace of forgiveness issuing from this wound, if we are to have the ability to forgive others (never forgetting our own ongoing need for forgiveness and conversion). This first petition- the strength to show mercy to others- presents a fundamental challenge to us, who often find it so hard to forgive. We need the supernatural grace from Christ to do that which is humanly impossible. Beyond this, however, the Collect provides a further key: the role of hope in forgiveness.

Our second petition- “[*that*] we may...at length, sing forever of your mercy in heaven”- presents the real possibility of an eternal reconciliation in Heaven with those we are commanded by Jesus to forgive (assuming both they and we repent of our sins and persevere in God’s grace). The hope for reconciliation in Heaven in no way denies the realities of repentance and justice in regard to any offending party (ourselves included), nor does it imply an unrealistic or imprudent reconciliation in this life where such is not always possible (nor does it deny the real possibility of Hell for the impenitent).

Rather, behind such a prayer of hope lies the sound belief in Purgatory. In other words, we believe that God will sort out all matters of reparation and justice where the offending, albeit repentant, party is concerned. Purgatory will take care of everything that is still lacking in our own and others’ sanctification in matters of justice (again, provided that we and they die in God’s grace), so that we may be reconciled in Heaven. *Authentic* forgiveness, then, includes our desire and hope for another person’s eternal salvation, with all that this necessarily entails for them. This is very pleasing to Jesus- especially when it is a hard sacrifice for us- because it makes us more like Him, that is, more merciful.

(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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URGENT PRAYER PETITION:



**Fr. Salako has
had to travel
to Niger
because one of
his missionary
priests has
been
kidnapped by
Islamist
jihadists. He**

has asked for the support of our prayers.

**The *New York Times* reports that the
priest's name is PIERLUIGI MACALLI,
S.M.A. It is believed that the jihadists
have taken him out of Niger to Burkina
Faso.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Religious Education

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR
THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGIN NEXT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 2018:**

WHEN: Sunday, September 30th, 2018

WHERE: All classes will be held in the Lower
Church Hall.

WHO: Children from Grades K-10.

TIME: 8:30 - 10:10 AM

**ALL STUDENTS SHOULD REPORT AT THIS
TIME NEXT SUNDAY FOR REGISTRATION.**

The Latin Mass Children's Catechism Class will
meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Lower
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Matt 28:6

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Matthew 20:26

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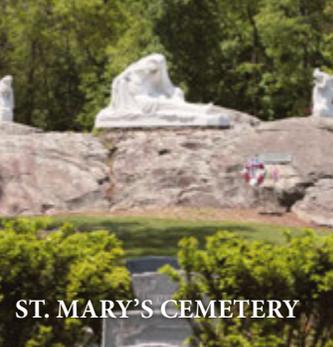


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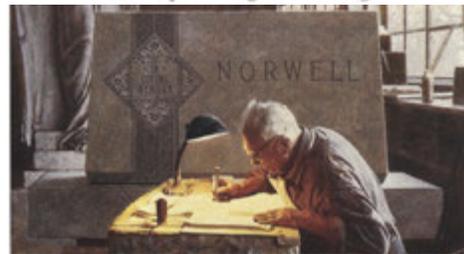
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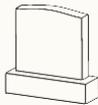
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