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New St Mary's Church at Newton Upper Falls Will Be One of Finest Catholic Edifices in City.



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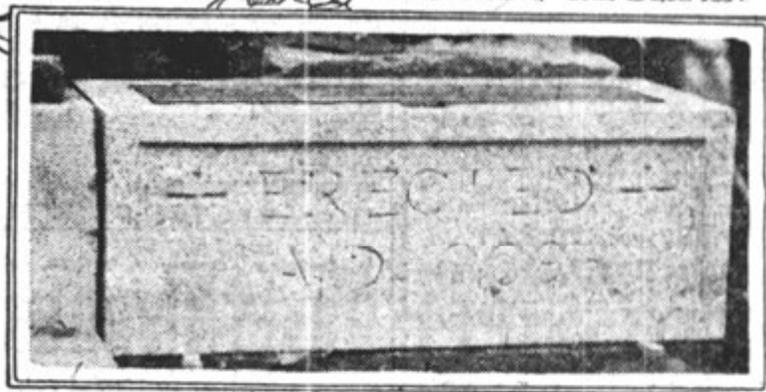
NEWTON, Oct 10—In the presence of several thousand persons and assisted by a number of prominent clergymen Archbishop William H. O'Connell this afternoon laid the corner stone of the new St Mary's church at Newton Upper Falls.

The impressive ceremony marked an epoch in the progress of the first Catholic parish in this city, for when the edifice is ready for occupancy next spring it will be one of the finest of any of the Catholic parishes of Newton.

When the service began at 3:30 on the flooring laid over the foundations for the new edifice the surrounding grounds were occupied by hundreds of spectators. The hill running back from the opposite side of High st and the tops of nearby buildings furnished vantage points for many others.

The service opened with the singing of hymns by the congregation, and included reciting of the rosary by visiting clergymen, the singing of hymns by the choir, a stirring sermon by Rev Florence Halloran of St Peter's church, Dorchester, the laying of the corner stone by Archbishop O'Connell and benediction.

The corner stone was laid in the northwest corner of the edifice. The box contained copies of the Globe, a



THE CORNERSTONE

number of other publications, U S coins of the time and records of St Mary's church.

Among the visiting clergymen assisting in the service were Vicar General George J. Patterson, Rt Rev Mgr James Moriarty of Cambridge, Rt Rev Mgr McGuinness of St Thomas' church, Jamaica Plain; Rt Rev Thomas I. Gasson, SJ, president of Boston college; Rev J. Millerick of St Joseph's church, West End; Rev Fr Driscoll of Lawrence; Rev Michael J. McManus of St Mary's church, Brookline; Rev Thomas Flanagan of St Joseph's church, Medford; Rev Matthew Flaherty of St Ber-

nard's church, Concord; Rev Daniel C. Kiordan of Sacred Heart church, Newton Center, and Rev W. H. Fitzpatrick of St Gregory's church, Milton.

The new edifice of St Mary's parish will be built at the junction of High, Oak and Elliot sts. in one of the highest and most central portions of Upper Falls. The first Catholic service in this city was held in Upper Falls in 1846. In 1870 St Mary's became an independent parish. In 1891 Rev Timothy J. Danahy, the present pastor, came to the parish. The parish includes not only Upper Falls but parts of Newton Highlands, Waban and Needham.

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## Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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7:30 PM.; if on Saturday, 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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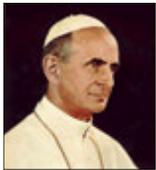
# ABOUT OUR PARISH

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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## 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)

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THE POPE'S INTENTION  
FOR EVANGELIZATION  
FOR THE MONTH OF  
OCTOBER, 2018: "THE  
MISSION OF RELIGIOUS :

*That consecrated religious men  
and women may bestir themselves, and be present  
among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have  
no voice." (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.)*



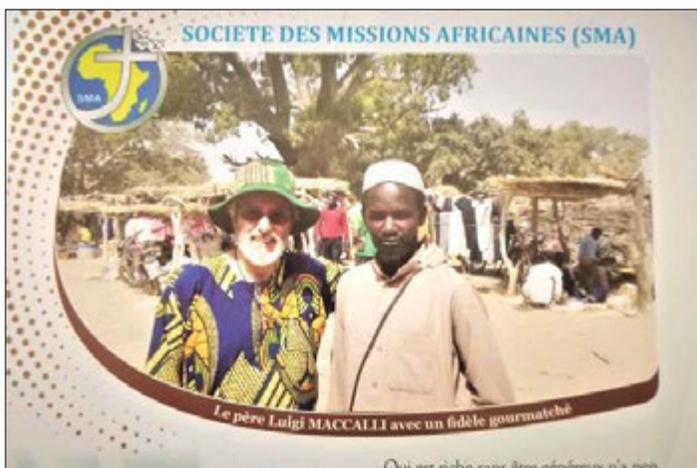
FRONT COVER:  
The Boston Globe's  
coverage of the laying  
of the cornerstone for  
the new church of St.  
Mary's, October 10th,  
1909. When the new  
church was dedicated  
the following year,  
November 24th

(Thanksgiving Day), 1910,  
it was dedicated as Mary  
Immaculate of Lourdes.  
This coming week will mark  
the 109th Anniversary of  
this event. (Many thanks to  
parishioners Martha and  
Rod Phillips for the  
research and enabling the  
transmission of the  
archival images.)

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## Pastor's Note



**PHOTO:** The kidnapped priest Fr. **PIERLUIGI MACCALLI, S.M.A** from the S.M.A. Calendar for 2019. The phrase “*Qui est riche sans être généreux n’a rien*” translates as: “*He who is rich without being generous has nothing.*”

### MESSAGE FROM FR. SALAKO ON THE KIDNAPPING OF HIS MISSIONARY PRIEST

Good morning, Father:

I am writing you this letter to describe the events related to Fr. Maccalli's abduction and detention in captivity. This is my own personal geopolitical analysis of what I saw and heard at the various meetings in Niger.

On Monday the 17th of September, 2018, at 9:47 PM, some armed men attacked Fr. Maccalli's office. His door has always been open to welcome people of every culture and religion. Anyone came at any time to share their joys and sorrows with him. Some came for spiritual care while others for physical care. He was also a physician of soul and body—a pharmacist, an exorcist, etc. He was a good bush pastor. I find it difficult to talk about him in the past because I believe he is going to come back to us soon, my faith and the efforts made by people here and there makes me feel so.

From the few gun shots in the air and from the

ammunition socket seen, it was discovered that the guns used were hunting rifles. These were used to frighten co-inhabitants and passers-by. His captors tied him up and took him away together. This incident took place right before the neighbors, they were frightened that they hid behind their windows. Fortunately on that evening the Assistant Priest went to bed earlier, and when he heard the gunshots, he thought it was all about firecrackers. It was one of the employees who came to pray in the mission compound [who] alerted him of the tragedy.

The news of the tragedy went very fast, telephones rang everywhere. The news got to me around 10:30 PM. I was able to get in touch with the Bishop, and then to the Generalate, to the Assistant Parish Priest and to others. Meanwhile, while the kidnappers were running away, the news was spreading everywhere. Both civil and military authorities were informed.

The information also got to the villagers that are situated on the other side of a river, a river that they had to cross before they could get to Burkina [Faso]. The villagers removed all canoes so as to prevent them from escaping Nigerien territory and then, the kidnappers themselves remained on the Nigerien territory until morning before getting the help of a resident to cross over to Burkina.

I did not sleep that night because there were so many telephone calls. I was frightened, helplessness, frustrated, etc. In the early hours of Tuesday morning, I took the first flight to Niamey.

Meanwhile, I got information about the situation in Burkina. The information was that a search operation was done to cleanse the refugee camps of criminals—with dozens of victims. The kidnappers of Maccalli found their ways into Niger, a place where he might have been at on the 24th of September.

The kidnapping of Maccalli seems to be an unimagined center of interest for the

authorities over there. First of all, the Nigerian State that claims to be sovereign is unable to guarantee security to its own citizens. The state wants to transform the context into a platform of affirmation of sovereignty. This tragedy is a perfect opportunity for them to solve their security problem. The opposition wants to take advantage of the situation to solve the global problem of the isolation of their own ethnic group.



Continue to pray for us.

(Fr. Salako, S.M.A.)

Tomorrow's exercises will take place at 3:30 p. m. The cornerstone will be laid by Archbishop O'Connell and prominent clergymen will assist.

The new edifice will be built on one of the highest spots of Newton Upper Falls, at High, Oak and Elliot sts, where the foundations are now practically finished. Here the church property will include an acre of grounds, providing an admirable site for the future rectory. The completion of the

new church will mark the abandonment of the present church on Chestnut st.

Sod for the new edifice was broken June 27 last by Vicar General Patterson. It had been proposed to build the church principally of concrete, but subsequently this plan was changed. The principal materials will be water-struck brick and steel. The design will follow the Roman renaissance architecture of the earlier, simpler style. The trimmings will be of limestone and the shafts of the columns of pink Tennessee marble, with granite bases and carved limestone capitals. The building will be 180 feet deep and the extreme width will be 70 feet.

The church will have a campanile or bell tower. The edifice will seat 700 upon the floor, and there will be a fine apse at the sanctuary. At the front will be placed the choir gallery, and



**NEW EDIFICE FOR ST MARY'S PARISH.**

Archbishop O'Connell Will Lay Cornerstone of Beautiful Structure at Newton Upper Falls Tomorrow.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, NEWTON UPPER FALLS, AS IT WILL APPEAR WHEN COMPLETED.

**LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE FOR MARY IMMACULATE OF LOURDES CHURCH: OCTOBER, 1909**

NEWTON, Oct 9 — An epoch in the first Catholic parish of this city will be marked tomorrow by the laying of the cornerstone of the new edifice of St Mary's church at Newton Upper Falls, which, upon its completion next spring, will be one of the finest church buildings of Newton.

at the opposite end the sanctuary and vestries. There will be in the basement an auditorium seating the same number, which will be used for Sunday school purposes, this having also its sanctuary, vestries and choir space.

The first Catholic service in Newton took place in 1846 at Newton Upper Falls, in the house of John Cahill. In 1865 the district became a mission of Waltham. A frame building, the first church of the parish, was dedicated in 1867. In 1870 St Mary's became an independent parish. In 1891 Rev Timothy J. Danahy, the present pastor, came to the parish. In his administration the old church was redecorated and the parochial residence renovated. Under his direction St Joseph's mission church was established in Needham. The parish now includes not only Upper Falls but parts of Newton Highlands, Waban and Needham.

# SCRIPTURE STUDY

## COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 2018: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY (*Missale Romanum* 1962)

For our weekly meditation on the Collects of the Roman Missal, we consider the Collect of today's feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary (MR'62). This Collect is one that almost all Catholics can recite for memory, because it normally concludes one's recitation of the Rosary. It deserves special attention, lest we miss its richness through habitual recitation. The following is the unofficial English translation of this Collect from the Angelus Press edition of the *Roman Catholic Daily Missal*:

*"O God, Whose only-begotten Son by His life, death, and resurrection, purchased for us the rewards of eternal life: grant, we beseech Thee, that, meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. Through the same our Lord, etc. Amen."*

The ascription clause summarizes the content of the Rosary prayer: meditation on the mysteries of Christ's wondrous life and his gift to us of eternal life. The Church's sense of "mystery" here is that of a divine, historical event which transcends human understanding, in which God reveals Himself in Christ and confers grace on man. We cannot understand these mysteries fully, but by the gift of faith, we can understand them in part, and we can certainly "apprehend" their content by the grace of the Sacraments and through prayer (cf. Peter Kreeft, *Catholic Christianity*, p. 36).

In addition to the life of Christ, the Rosary allows us to meditate on the life of Mary, for she is the one human being who is most closely united to Christ's mysteries. Put simply, since Christ's saving mysteries indispensably involve Mary, *our salvation necessarily involves Mary*. The following syllogism proposes the unapologetic Catholic claim about Mary (and the Church), which our Collect implies:

- A) Anyone who is saved, is saved only by Christ.
- B) Christ has saved and continues to save the world through His Church and through Mary.
- C) Thus, anyone who is saved by Christ, is also saved through His Church and through Mary, who is the archetype of the Church.

In view of this, we consider the Collect's petition clause. We ask God that we may imitate the contents of the mysteries and also obtain their promises (a dual petition, which also functions as a hoped-for outcome). In other words, we are asking God that our own life-stories will participate in the mysteries of Christ and Mary ever more closely. It is not only about moral imitation, but also about receiving the graces contained in each divine event. We may argue that the latter is the precondition for the former, for it is the reception of these graces—*especially through the Church's Sacraments*—but also through prayer, that will enable us to imitate Our Lord and Our Lady.

Since the Rosary is about being interiorly formed into the likeness of Christ through Mary, we hope to receive the benefits of their joint redemptive work, namely, eternal life. Praying the Rosary authentically, therefore, is an act of hope directed toward our salvation. The Rosary, while it is rightly directed toward final Beatitude, also brings the graces of the past into all the circumstances of our present moment. Meditating on the timeless mysteries of Jesus and Mary means that we can orient all of these elements of our daily life, both the sublime and the mundane, to the joy of heaven.

The Collect's petition implies that a life of devotion is critical in nurturing our faith. Maintaining a prayer life requires discipline, but the joy of this discipline is that there is always more treasure to uncover where the mysteries of faith are concerned. With time, humility, persistence, and faith, Jesus and Mary will lead us to a deeper understanding of and conformity to the will of God and the wonders of His grace and providence.

*(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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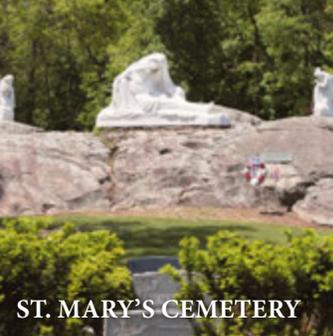


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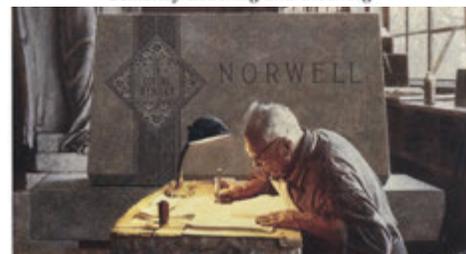
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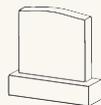
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