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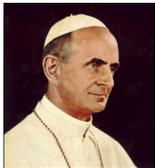
**Anointing of the Sick** (for those who are gravely ill or  
facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for  
the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

# 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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## 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.”

(Pope Saint Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)  
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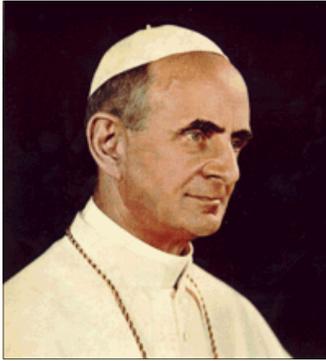
2019: prevail over the language of conflict." (PHOTO:  
(above) Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of  
Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette  
Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015.)



## FRONT COVER:

The Solemn Requiem celebrated on Friday, November 2nd, 2018 at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes for All Souls Day. The Month of November is the Month of Remembrance for all the faithful departed, especially for our own beloved dead. The All Souls envelopes, with the names memorialized, will be on the altar at all of our parish Masses during this month. (PHOTO by Rod Phillips.)

## Pastor's Note



### THE MAGISTERIAL TEACHING OF POPE SAINT PAUL VI

The canonization of Pope Paul VI last month invites us to consider anew some of the

important magisterial teachings of his Papacy (1963-1978). Over the summer there was some attention given to his Encyclical Letter *Humanae Vitae* (“Of Human Life”) on the 50th Anniversary of its issuance, July 25th, 1968. The Encyclical was subtitled: “*The Right Order to Be Followed in the Propagation of Human Offspring.*” It re-affirmed the Church’s teaching on the moral impermissibility of the use of contraceptives and sterilization as a means of “family planning” in married life, even in the face of much pressure for the Pope to abrogate that teaching in order to “get with the times”. In light of how things have gone over the past half-century, however, *Humanae Vitae* seems more and more like a prophetic document.

When he became Pope after Pope John XIII’s death in June, 1963, there was a question of whether or not the Second Vatican Council, which had just been convened, would continue. Pope Paul made the decision that it would. He presided over its closure on December 8th, 1965.

A few months earlier he had issued an Encyclical Letter entitled *Mysterium Fidei* (“The Mystery of Faith”) This Encyclical was a vigorous defense of the traditional theological teaching of the Catholic Church on the supernatural reality of Christ’s Presence in the Holy Eucharist:

*However, venerable brothers, in this very matter which we are discussing, there are not lacking reasons for serious pastoral concern*

*and anxiety. The awareness of our apostolic duty does not allow us to be silent in the face of these problems. Indeed, we are aware of the fact that, among those who deal with this Most Holy Mystery in written or spoken word, there are some who, with reference either to Masses which are celebrated in private, or to the dogma of transubstantiation, or to devotion to the Eucharist, spread abroad opinions which disturb the faithful and fill their minds with no little confusion about matters of faith. It is as if everyone were permitted to consign to oblivion doctrine already defined by the Church, or else to interpret it in such a way as to weaken the genuine meaning of the words or the recognized force of the concepts involved.*

This Encyclical was a pro-active measure to reassure the Catholic faithful as to what was and what was not the Church’s teaching on her most precious Possession, the living Christ in the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist, even as wave upon wave of ambiguous and erroneous teaching from many Catholic theologians was about to break over the Church.

A third important magisterial document from Pope Paul VI is the *Credo of the People of God*: a Solemn Profession of Faith pronounced by the Pope at St. Peter’s Basilica on June 30th, 1968, at the end of the “Year of Faith” the 19th Centenary of the Martyrdom of SS. Peter and Paul. In the words of Fr. John Hardon, S.J., this *Credo* (now one of the official Professions of Faith of the Catholic Church) “*is a carefully assembled synthesis of those revealed truths which today are either most challenged or that especially need to be understood by the faithful. It incorporates all the familiar doctrines of the Nicene Creed but goes beyond them in occasionally updating their verbal expression and showing how these mysteries are to be lived by the Christian believer.*” (*Modern Catholic Dictionary*, A.D. 1999)

*(Fr. Higgins)*

# SCRIPTURE STUDY

## COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 2018: SAINT JOSAPHAT

For our weekly meditation on the Collects of the Roman Missal, we consider the Collect for the feast of St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr (*Missale Romanum* 1962). In the old calendar, his feast is observed on Nov. 14th, and in the new calendar, on Nov. 12th. The following is the English translation of this Collect in the MR'62 from the Angelus Press edition of the *Roman Catholic Daily Missal*:

*“Stir up within Thy Church, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the Spirit with which blessed Josaphat, Thy Martyr and Bishop, was filled, when he laid down his life for his sheep: so that, through his intercession, we too may be moved and strengthened by the same Spirit, and may not shrink from giving our lives for the brethren. Through our Lord...in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, etc. Amen.”*

This petition contains the verb “*excita*” or “stir up,” which we will see several times very soon in the coming weeks in the MR'62. This verb is present in the Collect of the Last Sunday of Pentecost, as well as several of the Collects of Advent. St. Josaphat's Collect in mid-November is a kind of preview of the recurring, dominant petition in the Collects for the new liturgical year.

The Church uses this word “*excita*” in her liturgical prayers to describe her desire for the kind of interior, spiritual renewal *that can only come from God*. It is a petition that recognizes man's utter dependence upon divine grace to purify him and to move him towards the attainment of divine goods (cf. Lauren Pristas, *The Collects of the Roman Missals*, “Advent”). Our Collect for St. Josaphat invokes the transformative power of the Holy Ghost in our hearts, so that we may love *our fellow Christians* (“the brethren”) even to the point of blood-martyrdom.

That this Collect links martyrdom to love for other Christians- *not* the unbaptized or unbelievers- may strike us as unusual, since we normally associate martyrdom with the evil work of unconverted pagans. Why does the Collect speak of martyrdom

in this way? The answer is found in the life of St. Josaphat himself, who was murdered by fanatical Orthodox Christians in 1623. These resisted his efforts at forging bonds of communion with the Holy Father so as to heal the schism of 1054 [their plot backfired, however, since his murderers soon became Catholics themselves!].

In our lives, we may have to provide from time to time a witness of faith to lapsed or quasi-lapsed Catholics and/or Christians, and when we do so, we are likely to encounter resistance, suffering or persecution of some kind. Such a witness must be inspired by and continually rooted in divine charity, as our Collect teaches us. Beseeching the help of the Holy Ghost, it summons us to bear bravely whatever cross may come our way as a consequence of our witness to Christ and his Church. St. Josaphat is an icon of such love.

Although he is not very well known in the West, St. Josaphat's life and martyrdom attest to his enduring importance for the universal Church. Specifically he witnesses to two interrelated and indispensable truths of our faith: the communion of the universal Church and communion with the See of Peter [the Church bears witness to St. Josaphat's commitment to these truths by having enshrined his body in a side altar in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome].

This is an important message for today's Catholics. In these days of real and purported scandal, far too many of the faithful are whipped up with a fanatical and destructive spirit that is inimical to the Holy Father and the communion of the Church. Frankly, it is chillingly similar to the Protestant mentality of the Reformation [we know the bad fruits of that sad history]. Such a spirit is decidedly anti-Catholic, and it is also contrary to the kind of spirit we are praying for in our Collect: the *Holy Spirit*, who leads us to *love* Christ and the brethren, not to separate ourselves from them and to despise them [for any who would challenge me on this point, I would urge them to read the Epistles of St. Ignatius of Antioch].

*(David Allen)*

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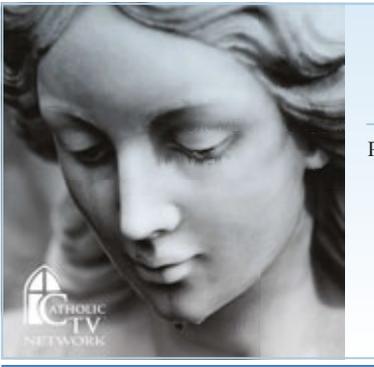
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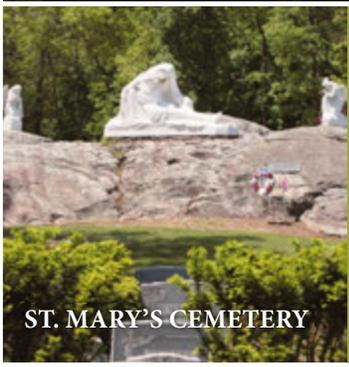
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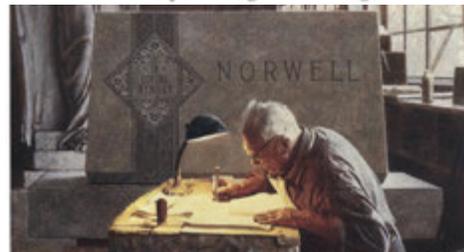
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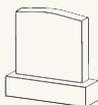
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