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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

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www.maryimmaculateoflourdes.org

To contact the parish by internet, please access this new website.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/miolnewton



Parish Cemetery of Saint
Mary's, Needham
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ESTATE
MANAGEMENT
INC.**

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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.

Telephone: 781-235-1841
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.

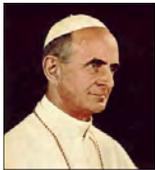
ABOUT OUR PARISH

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.”

**(Pope Saint Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)
Raised to the Altars October 14th, 2018**

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Boston*



**THE POPE'S INTENTION
FOR THE MONTH OF
MAY, 2019: "THE CHURCH IN
AFRICA, A SEED OF UNITY:
That the Church in Africa, through
the commitment of its members,
may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of
hope for this continent."**

(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 Altar
of Our
Lady,
decorated
for Easter,
Divine
Mercy
Sunday,
April
28th,
2019.
(PHOTO
by Jan
Paul von
Wendt)**

Pastor's Note



Fr. Higgins

WHEN EVERY SUNDAY IS "LOW SUNDAY"

Of the various names given for the Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday, *Quasimodo* Sunday, *Dominica in Albis*) one of them is "Low Sunday". This is properly meant as the contrast with Easter Sunday which is "High Sunday". "Low Sunday" has also been used ironically, however, to describe the much lower attendance at Church after the surge in church-going for Easter Sunday.

An interesting article appeared in the *Boston Globe* on Good Friday this year, entitled *Membership Plunges in US Churches over Past Twenty Years (April 19th, 2019)*. The news story was about a Gallup poll on church membership in the United States. According to Gallup church membership in the United States was 70% in 1999, and had been close to or higher than that figure for most of the 20th Century. At present that figure is only 50%.

Among American Catholics Church membership has dropped from 76 to 63%. Membership among American Protestants has declined in this same 20-year-period from 73 to 67%.

The polling is tracking some strong undertow currents in American life.

- Overall decline in trust in institutions in general and churches in particular.
- A replacement of an older "joiner" generation (i.e., a generation more inclined, or more socialized, to join organizations) with a younger "non-joiner" generation.

"Among Americans 65 and older, church membership in 2016-2018 averaged 64% compared to 41% among those ages 18-29."

According to Gallup poll analyst Jeff Jones:

The challenge is clear for churches, which depend on loyal and active members to keep them open and thriving. How do they find ways to convince some of the unaffiliated religious adults in society to make a commitment to a particular house of worship of their chosen faith.

These trends are not just numbers, but play out in the reality that thousands of US churches are closing each year. Religious Americans in the future will likely be faced with fewer options for places of worship, and likely less convenient ones, which could accelerate the decline in membership even more.

Professor Scott Thomas, who teaches sociology of religion at Hartford Seminary, identifies diminished social pressure to formally join organizations as another factor behind church membership decline:

I've encountered many persons in churches that have attended for several years but did not officially join or become a member. This is also evident in persons switching from one congregation to another without joining any.

This poll offers plenty of "food for thought". Scandals and the way they are publicized may offer a ready explanation for declining participation in Catholic parish life but it would seem that the real undermining factors have to do with the ones identified here in this Gallup poll, scandals or not.

"GRATITUDE IS THE THING THAT BRINGS US THE MOST GRACE...I HAVE LEARNT THIS FROM EXPERIENCE; TRY IT AND YOU WILL SEE. I AM CONTENT WITH WHATEVER GOD GIVES ME, AND I SHOW HIM THIS IN A THOUSAND LITTLE WAYS."—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)





David Allen

ST. JOHN BEFORE THE LATIN GATE

Missale Romanum 1962(MR '62)

For this week's column on the Collect's of the Roman Missal, we consider a very old feast day which, although it was removed from the sanctoral cycle in the MR'62, nevertheless remains a viable *optional* feast for parishes like ours who follow the *usus antiquior*. The feast is entitled "St. John before the Latin Gate," and it commemorates the attempted martyrdom of St. John in the city of Rome. To this day, a stational Church exists in Rome from which commemorates this event at its location.

In the readings of the Divine Office for this feast day, St. Jerome testifies to this event, referring to its earlier attestation in the writings of the North African priest Tertullian. According to these two patristic witnesses, St. John was apprehended and cast into a boiling vat of oil, but came out completely unhurt. Consequently, the emperor Domitian sent him into exile on the Greek island of Patmos where he died naturally in his old age.

The following is my own translation of the Collect for this feast: "O God, who see that our evils trouble us on all sides: grant, we beseech You, that the glorious intercession of Blessed John, Your Apostle and Evangelist may protect us. Through our Lord, etc. Amen."

To develop the virtue of humility is to come to know ourselves more accurately as we stand before the all-seeing eyes of our good God. In the clear light of truth, humility helps us to know ever more acutely our human poverty and sin, as well as the infinitely greater depths of Christ's love for us, and the power of his grace working in us for salvation. Prayers such as this one above accurately reflect this perspective of the baptized in their lived experience of the

Christian life.

We know, at times, that it is extremely difficult to bear our cross, and we feel beset on all sides by our evils- that is, by our own sins, our deficiencies in virtue, as well as the temptation and oppression of the devil. In such moments, we are reminded that we rely *at all times* upon Christ and the intercession of his saints.

Truth to tell, the constant presence of the Communion of Saints is both indispensable and integral in sustaining our Christian life, since the saints participate in Christ's mediation before the Father, as we see in the Book of Revelation. This reality is reflected in the Third Eucharistic Prayer of the MR'70: "*and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.*" Christ and his Bride the Church are never separated.

Within this communion, some saints stand out more than others because of their excelling degree of glory, that is, their excelling degree of union with Christ and their merits. Likewise, among the saints, the Church considers those closest to Jesus in His earthly life to be closest to Him in heaven, as well. This is exactly why we commend ourselves in particular to Our Lady and St. Joseph.

One such saint is St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, "the one Jesus loved," as he refers to himself in his Gospel. In leaning upon him, then, we enjoy greater proximity to Jesus, because St. John himself *leaned* upon the breast of Jesus (cf. Jn. 13:23). The protection afforded us by St. John's "*glorious intercession*," therefore, is not to be taken lightly. Among the saints, his advocacy is indeed powerful. Let us commend ourselves to St. John for the grace of perseverance in our witness to Christ, as well as the grace of persevering prayer.





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"What return can I make to the Lord for all His kindness to Me?"

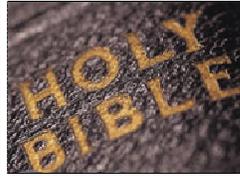
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SECOND COLLECTION FOR TODAY, MAY 5th: HEATING FUEL COLLECTION for the PARISH



SCRIPTURE STUDY



WEEKLY THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

Led by David Allen,
THURSDAY mornings at 8:20 AM (after the 7:30 AM Parish Mass.) Lower Rectory Conference Room.

This is an open group and all are invited to attend at any time.

CURRENT STUDY:
EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

Inquirants welcome to attend.

Nursing Home Masses in the Parish for the Month of MAY:

Thursday, May 2nd:
STONE INSTITUTE REHAB

Thursday, May 9th:
WINGATE MANOR
(Masses are at 2:00 PM)

PHOTO left: Construction underway for the new S.M.A. Seminary for the Benin/ Niger Province. Sent by Fr. Salako.



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

(Recent Enrollments)

- +James Monaghan
(Kathy & John Monaghan)
- +Catia DiClemente
(Maria Centofanti)
- +James F. Fagan
(Dominic A. Dougherty, III)
- +Barbara Qualter
(Kathleen Nicoloro)
- +Joseph Qualter
(Kathleen Nicoloro)
- +Coy Perry
(Kathleen Nicoloro)

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



PARISH FELLOWSHIP



WE INVITE EVERYONE TO
JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR
DOWNSTAIRS EACH
SUNDAY AFTER THE 10:30
LATIN MASS.



**HEALTH OF THE
SICK**

*"In every man there is
Jesus, but in the sick we
see Jesus twice."—Padre
Pio*

*For all those on our parish
prayer list for the sick,
especially for:*

John Centofanti, Teresa Lee, Catherine Kwash,
Alexander Louis Post, Bob Quinn, Barbara Nyhen,
Sunny McCloskey, Shirley Bibbo, Katharine Allen,
Dorothy Phillips, Dorothy Fresolo, Gloria Pazasis, Lita
O'Laoghaire, Mary Downey, Joseph Gamache, Kathy
Quinn, Nick & Janet Pino, Mary Duhaime...

*"I do not promise to make you happy
in this life, but in the next"—Our Lady
of Lourdes to St.
Bernadette, February 18th, 1858*



BAPTISMS



*CONGRATULATIONS to Mr.
and Mrs. Joseph & Christine
(Sheridan) Scanga on the
christening of their daughter
CAITLYN MARIE SCANGA at
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
Church on Sunday, April 28th,
A.D. 2019 by her great-uncle Fr. John Sheridan.
Her godmother is Kelly Elizabeth Harris.*

**"IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERENELY
BEAR THE TRIAL OF
BEING DISPLEASING TO
YOURSELF, THEN YOU
WILL BE FOR JESUS A
PLEASANT PLACE OF
SHELTER."—ST. THERESE
OF LISIEUX (+1897)**



LATIN MASS PROPERS: GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY (2nd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER)

INTROIT: Psalm 32. 5-6, 1 The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord, alleluia: by the word of the Lord the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. ibid. 1.* Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise becometh the upright. *℟.* 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. —The earth is full ...

COLLECT: O God, who, by the humility of Thy Son, didst lift up a fallen world, grant unending happiness to Thy faithful: that those whom Thou hast snatched from the perils of endless death, Thou mayest cause to Rejoice in everlasting joys. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord...

EPISTLE: From First Epistle of Blessed Peter the Apostle (I Peter 2. 21-25) Dearly beloved: Christ suffered for us, leaving you an example, that you should follow His steps, who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. Who when He was reviled, did not revile: when He suffered, He threatened not, but delivered Himself to him that judged Him unjustly: who His own self bore our sins in His body upon the tree: that we, being dead to sins, should live to justice; by whose stripes you were healed. For you were as sheep going astray: but you are now converted to the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

PASCHAL ALLELUIA: Luke 24. 35; John 10. 14 Alleluia, alleluia. (*Lk. 24:35.*) The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread. Alleluia. (*Jn. 10:14.*) I am the good Shepherd: and I know My sheep, and Mine know Me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. John 10. 11-16 At that time Jesus said to the Pharisees: I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd giveth His life for His sheep. But the hireling, and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming and leaveth the sheep and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth and scattereth the sheep: and the hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling and he hath no care for the sheep. I am the good Shepherd: and I know Mine, and Mine know Me. As the Father knoweth Me, and I know the Father: and I lay down My life for My sheep. And other sheep I have that are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 62. 2, 5 O God, my God, to Thee do I watch at break of day: and in Thy Name I will lift up my hands, alleluia.

SECRET: May this holy offering, O Lord, always bring to us Thy healing blessing: that what it represents in a Mystery, it may accomplish with power. Through our Lord ...

COMMUNION: John 10. 14 I am the good Shepherd, alleluia: and I know My sheep, and Mine know Me, alleluia, alleluia. **POSTCOMMUNION:** Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we who receive the grace of new life, may ever glory in Thy gift. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son ...



Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

7:30 & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude: Ave Maria

(Franz Schubert composed in 1825)

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 65 (66): 1-2

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 33)

"Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of His name. O render Him glorious praise, alleluia."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass I "Lux et Origo"

Parish Book of Chant, no.28ff./pp. 60~62

(Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Credo III, Music Issue, No. 941

Offertory Antiphon: Luke24:46-47

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 34)

"The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in His name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia."

Communion: Luke 24:35

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 34)

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Communion Meditation:

Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest

(Fr. Frederick Faber)

Recessional Hymn:

The Clouds of Night Are Passed Away

(Parish Hymnal, No. 68)



Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

Good Shepherd Sunday (2nd after Easter)

Prelude: Ave Maria

(Franz Schubert composed in 1825)

Vidi Aquam (Parish Book of Chant, pg. 35)

Processional: Salve Festa Dies

(Parish Book of Chant, No. 262/ pg. 284)

Introit: Psalm 32. 5-6, 1 *Misericordia Domini plena est terra, alleluia: verbo Domini coeli firmati sunt, alleluia, alleluia. Psalm. Exsultate, justi, in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. — Misericordia Domini ...*

Ordinary Prayers: Mass I "Lux et Origo"

Parish Book of Chant, no.28ff./pp. 60~62

(Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Credo III Parish Book of Chant, no.119/pp. 114

Paschal Alleluia: Luke 24. 35; John 10. 14 *Alleluia, alleluia. V. Cognoverunt discipuli Dominum Jesum in fractione panis. Alleluia. V. Ego sum pastor bonus: et cognosco oves meas, et cognoscunt me mea. Alleluia.*

Offertory: Psalm 62. 2,5 *Deus, Deus meus, ad te de luce vigilo: et in nomine tuo levabo manus mea, alleluia.*

Communion: John 10. 14 *Ego sum pastor bonus, alleluia: et cognosco oves meas, et cognoscunt me mea, alleluia, alleluia.*

Communion Meditation: Regina Coeli

(Pierre de Manchicourt, Published 1539 Liber decimus quartus XIX musicas)

Recessional Hymn:

The Clouds of Night Have Passed Away

(Parish Hymnal, No. 68)

Postlude:

The Lord Is My Shepherd

(Thomas Koschat, 1845~1914)

Regina Caeli (Chant)

Calendar of Masses

(Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)

SUNDAY May 5th (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY & THE 2ND AFTER EASTER)	4:00 PM <i>(Vigil)</i> 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 5:30 PM	Thomas Harold Dugan Pro Populo Alex Mount William Grant Cathleen Cronin Krul Helen Rusnack Kathryn Drohan Judge Joseph Nolan Ralph DiNizio Paul Devaney Roberta & Jack Nicoloro Jean Pierre/Dominique Family Joseph & Rita Kinneally	Memorial Health of the Sick Memorial Memorial 15th Anniversary 29th Anniversary 6th Anniversary Memorial Memorial Wedding Anniv. Living & Deceased Memorial	Bob & Jane Brearley Sotell Family Proia Family Reynolds Family Rusnack Family Rusnack Family Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Maria Centofanti Nasif Family Nicoloro Family Geraldine Jean Pierre Bennett Family
MONDAY May 6th <i>Easter Feria/ St. John before the Latin Gate</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Ferdinand “Fred” Krul Jr.	Memorial	Reynolds Family
TUESDAY May 7th <i>Easter Feria</i>	7:30 AM	Al Phillips	Memorial	Michael J. Wiseman
WEDNESDAY May 8th <i>Our Lady Mediatrix of All Graces</i>	12:30 PM	Leah Sauter	Special Intention	Laura Harvey
THURSDAY May 9th <i>Easter Feria/ St. Gregory Nazianzen</i>	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston Ralph DiNizio	Memorial Memorial	Catherine E. Dinon
FRIDAY May 10th <i>Easter Feria/ St. Antoninus</i>	7:30 AM <i>Health of the Sick</i> 12:30 PM	All Migrants, Refugees & Displaced Persons Intentions of the Donor	Special Intention	Susan Goeller
SATURDAY May 11th <i>SS. Phillip & James, Holy Apostles</i>	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	All Souls (24) Anthony Isaac Reynolds Jonathan Higgins Manning, Crowley, Bibbo Family	Memorial Special Intention Birthday Intention Memorial	Donor Reynolds Family Margie Bibbo



“Each Mass has an infinite, immense value that we can never fully understand.”
 —St. John Marie Baptiste Vianney, Curé d’Ars



THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ASSIST AT ST. MARY'S CEMETERY ANNUAL OUTDOOR MEMORIAL DAY MASS
MONDAY MAY 27TH, 2019 AT 10:00 AM | ST MARY'S CEMETERY
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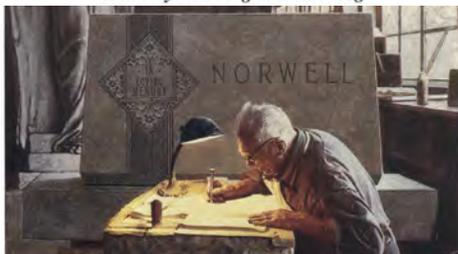
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