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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.

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open Monday-Friday, 8 AM—5 PM.

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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.

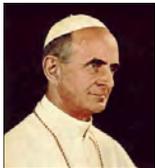
ABOUT OUR PARISH

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.

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**

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes (Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910) Newton/Needham, Massachusetts Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman Catholic Parish



THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2020: "CATHOLICS IN CHINA: That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and growth in unity."



(PHOTOS: (1) Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015. (2) Clement Pappin, summer of 2019, aged 6. (3) Fr. Salako's

audience with Pope Francis, 2019.)



"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)

Pastor's Note



Fr. Higgins

PARISH LENTEN MISSION: THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS OF THE LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE, CONFERENCE I

“At that time, when Jesus had entered into Capaharnaum, there came to Him a centurion, beseeching Him, and saying: Lord, my slave-boy lieth sick at home of the palsy and is grievously tormented, etc.”

—St. Matthew 8:5-13

This Gospel Lesson is the Lesson for the Mass of Thursday after Ash Wednesday. In the year of the Lourdes Apparitions, 1858, Thursday after Ash fell on February 18th. It was the third Apparition Bernadette Soubirous received and the first time she heard Our Lady's voice.

On that occasion Bernadette held out paper, pen and ink to the Apparition in the Grotto and asked her: *“Would you be so kind as to write down your name and what it is you want of me?”* The beautiful young Lady replied: *“What I want to tell you does not have to be written down. Would you be so kind as to come back here for fifteen days? I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but in the next.”*

Looking back from our vantage point, knowing that the Catholic Shrine at Lourdes has become the world-wide shrine for miracles in the world, this Gospel Lesson of the healing of the centurion's boy—with its association of healing of the sickness of the human body as a sign of the deeper, lasting healing of the sin-sickness of the human soul—on the day when Our Lady first spoke to Bernadette seems weighted with meaning.

Our Lenten Mission Theme for this year is: *“The First Fifty Years of the Lourdes Pilgrimage”*. It is, in a way, a continuation of last year's Mission theme *“Lourdes and the World of Second Empire France.”* But it is, at the same time, a new story.

In her 1999 book *Lourdes: Body and Spirit in the Secular Age*, Ruth Harris draws a dividing line between what she calls *“The Lourdes of the Apparitions”* and the *“Lourdes of the Pilgrimage”*. She treats them as two distinct phenomena, even if related to Bernadette Soubirous' trustworthy testimony.

And, indeed, this is largely true. The Lourdes Pilgrimage, as it has developed, is not a straight line from the Bishop's approval of the Lourdes Apparitions as *“worthy of belief”* in the 1860s. The Pilgrimage comes out of the reaction of French Catholics to the cataclysmic defeat of their armies by the Kingdom of Prussia and its German allies in 1870, a defeat which was followed by civil war. It seemed to many that all these calamities were the just punishment of God for the sins of France. It was God's punishment for atheism, for revolutionary socialism, for the rejection of the King and all that the Throne of France represented for the godly order and the building up of Christendom, from the Baptism of Clovis King of the Franks by St. Remy on Christmas Day, 496, to King St. Louis IX, the valiant “Crusader King” and the personification of the good Christian king, to Joan of Arc, who brought Charles the Dauphin to Rheims in order to be crowned as Charles VII the rightful King of France, to Louis XVI, martyred on the guillotine by the godless murderers of the French Revolution.

In the wake of the catastrophe of 1870-71, the center-of-gravity of the opinion of the majority of French Catholics, if we might put it that way, was for the Restoration of the Bourbon monarchy and the re-invigoration of French society by the traditional ideals of the Catholic world of the Middle Ages. The Comte de Chambord, the heir-presumptive to the Throne of France,

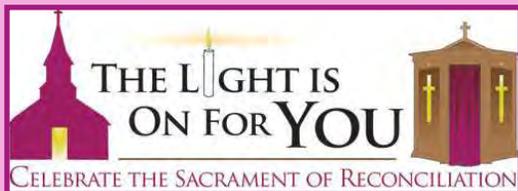
returned in 1871, and styled himself Henri V. Political forces were mobilized to bring off a Restoration. The moment was favorable indeed.

It was in this climate that the first mass-mobilized, national pilgrimages to Lourdes began. The first one was the National Pilgrimage of Penance in October, 1872.

Over these next five Conferences, we will follow the story of the mass pilgrimages to Lourdes up until the 50th Anniversary of the Apparitions, in 1908. We shall try to understand what the first organizers were striving to achieve, comparing and contrasting their aims with the results. It is a story (as all human stories are) of how God writes straight with crooked human lines.



Confessions heard Wednesday nights during Lent in the Main Church: 6:30-8:00 PM (Beginning March 4th)



“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.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2020

PARISH LENTEN MISSION FOR 2020

“THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS OF THE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE”

Each Friday evening during Lent, 7:30-8:30 PM February 28th-April 3rd

Please join us for this year’s Lenten Parish Mission over six Fridays of Lent beginning on Friday after Ash, February 28th. The service consists of the VIA CRUCIS (Stations of the Cross), followed by a Sermon, distribution of Holy Communion outside of Mass, and concludes with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This year’s theme is: **“THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS OF THE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE”**. The six Conferences will present various aspects of the coming-to-be of the now world-famous Lourdes Pilgrimage in the decades immediately following France’s disastrous defeat in the Franco-Prussian War (1870-1871).



PHOTO above: the Lourdes spring as it comes out of the Massabielle. This is how pilgrims to the Shrine today can view it.



David Allen

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

(Missale Romanum 1970)

“*☩ God, who have commanded us to listen to Your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by Your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord, etc. Amen.*”

Traditionally, the Second Sunday in Lent highlights Our Lord’s Transfiguration. While this event is principally commemorated on August 6th in both East and West, the Roman Rite commemorates it again during Lent in a lesser fashion, so as to experience its chronological proximity to the Passion.

The Church, in proposing this event to us again, would have us see what the disciples themselves were called to understand, namely, that Jesus went to His Passion freely and deliberately (cf. Byzantine Rite kontakion for August 6). He was not a victim of circumstances, as He himself indicates in John’s Gospel: “*For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down My life, that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; this charge I have received from my Father*” (cf. Jn. 10:17-18, RSV). This passage also manifests Jesus’ foreknowledge of His rising again, which the Transfiguration likewise foreshadows.

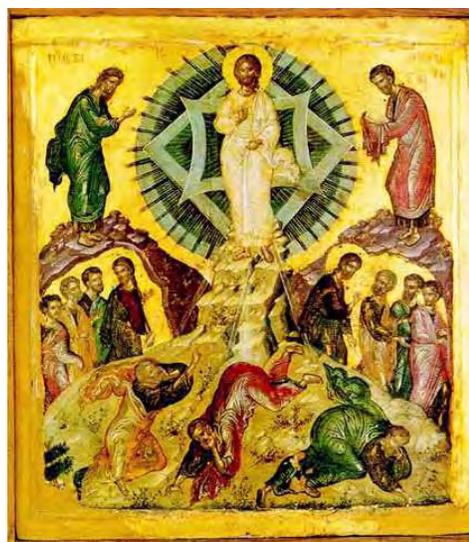
Our Collect above, taken from the MR’70, highlights the Father’s revelation of His Son and His command to the disciples on Mount Tabor, which we hear in today’s Gospel: “*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him*” (Mt. 17:5, RSV). This theophany reinforces Jesus’ own words earlier in John’s Gospel: “*Every one who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me*” (Jn. 6:45, RSV). It reinforces this passage, as well, which occurs after the Transfiguration and immediately prior to the Passion: “*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by Me*” (Jn. 14:6, RSV).

If we want to know God personally, we must listen lovingly to Jesus and obey Him. This is a good lesson at any season of the Christian life, but it is especially helpful for us to hear it during Lent, when we strive to strengthen our love for Jesus and our obedience to His teaching.

In the Last Supper discourses in John’s Gospel, Jesus shows us that His teaching should not be merely discursive propositions in our heads, but personal knowledge of *Him*, deeply internalized in our heart of hearts and manifested in charity. In John 15, in particular, Jesus’ agricultural analogy of the vine and the branches shows the kind of organic union, indeed communion between Himself and His disciples that He desires. In such a close union with Jesus, His words will have a purifying effect in our souls, allowing us truly to know God:

“You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing” (cf. Jn. 15:3-5, RSV, emphasis mine).

Thus, Jesus gives us a perfect commentary on his Father’s command at the Transfiguration, “*Listen to Him.*”



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



**LITTLE OFFICE OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 5:10 P.M.**

Communal recitation and singing of Vespers from the "Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary" in its traditional form, prior to the 5:30 P.M. Latin Mass. Led by David Allen, Parish Pastoral Associate. All welcome.

LENTE REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE

PENANCE

FAST

1. **Abstinence from Flesh Meat:** obliges beginning on a person's 14th birthday and applies to Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.
2. **Practice of Penance:** all Catholics should perform some act of penance on the weekdays of Lent (for example, our personal Lenten sacrifices), and Fridays throughout the year (for example, not eating meat on Friday).
3. **Days of Fast:** Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On these 2 days of the year all Catholics between the ages of 18-59 are bound to fast according to the guideline of 1 full-meal permitted and 2 smaller meals allowed to maintain strength.

Any person is free to observe the more stringent laws of abstinence, penance and fast in place before 1965 for himself, provided he understands that he cannot impose that same strictness on others.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the resurrection of:

+Gerard Leonard, aged 65

+Thomas Sampson, aged 62



**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:

Richard Lempitski, Jerome Rusnack, Hannah Strom, Erika da Silva, William Leavey, Ophelia Tobio, Tanguy du Halgouët, Margie Bibbo, Maria & John Centofanti, Teresa Lee, Catherine Kwash, Alexander Louis Post, Bob Quinn, Sunny McCloskey, Shirley Bibbo, Katharine Allen, Dorothy Fresolo, 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



JEROME RUSNACK—*recuperating from open-heart surgery*

KATHARINE ALLEN—*on-going cancer treatment*

HANNAH STROM—*severe injuries from a vehicle collision*

(niece of parishioner Patti Strom)

ERIKA DA SILVA—*cancer diagnosis, facing surgery*

SUNNY McCLOSKEY—*cancer diagnosis*

TANGUY DU HALGOUET—*on-going cancer treatment*



LATIN MASS PROPERS: SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

INTROIT: Psalm 24: 6, 3, 22 Remember, O Lord, Thy depths of compassion, and Thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world, lest at any time our enemies rule over us: deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations. *Psalm 24: 1-2* To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT: O God, who seest that we have no power whatever from ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may hurt the soul. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-7 Brethren: We pray and beseech you in the Lord Jesus that, as you have received from us, how you ought to walk and to please God, so also you would walk, that you may abound the more. For you know what precepts I have given to you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from fornication, that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the passion of lust, like the Gentiles that know not God: and that no man overreach nor circumvent his brother in business: because the Lord is the avenger of all these things, as we have told you before and have testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto sanctification: in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL: Psalm 24: 17-18 The troubles of my heart are multiplied: deliver me from my necessities, O Lord. *V.* See my abjection and my labour, and forgive me all my sins. **TRACT: Psalm 105: 1-4** Give glory to the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. *V.* Who shall declare the powers of the Lord: who shall set forth all His praises? *V.* Blessed are they that keep judgment and do justice at all times. *V.* Remember us, O Lord, in the favour of Thy people: visit us with Thy salvation.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17: 1-9 **At** that time Jesus taketh Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: and He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun: and His garments became white as snow. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him. And Peter answering, said to Jesus: Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And as He was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them. And lo, a voice out of the cloud, saying: This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye Him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face and were very much afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said to them: Arise, and fear not. And they lifting up their eyes saw no one, but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying: Tell the vision to no man till the Son of Man be risen from the dead.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 118: 47, 18 I will meditate on Thy commandments, which I have loved exceedingly: and I will lift up my hands to Thy commandments, which I have loved.

SECRET: Peacefully look down, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon these sacrifices, that they may both increase our devotion and contribute to our salvation. Through our Lord.

Preface of Lent

COMMUNION: Psalm 5: 2-4 Understand my cry: hearken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God: for to Thee will I pray, O Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION We humbly beseech Thee, almighty God, that we whom Thou hast strengthened with Thy sacraments, may henceforth serve and please Thee in worthiness of life. Through our Lord.

Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

4:00 PM (*Vigil*), 7:30 & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

The Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude: Parce Domine

(Parish Book of Chant, no. 241/pg. 252)

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 26(27):8-9

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 18)

Of You my heart has spoken: Seek His face. It is Your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not Your face from me.

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII

Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei

Parish Book of Chant, no.107ff./pp. 107~108

Credo I (Laminated long-sheet sheet in pews)

Offertory Antiphon: Psalm 24(25):6, 2, 22

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 19)

Remember Your compassion, O Lord, and Your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

Communion: Matthew 17:5

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 17)

This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.

Communion Meditation:

He Who Once, In Righteous Vengeance
(J. Mohr)

Recessional Hymn:

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair
(Worship II, No.215)



Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

The Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude: Ad Dominum Dum Tribularer

(Alessandro Scarlatti, 1660~1725)

Asperges me (Parish Book of Chant, pg. 34)

Processional: Parce Domine

(Parish Book of Chant, no. 241/pg. 252)

Introit: Psalm 24:6,3,22,1,2 *Reminiscere miseratiónum*

tuárum, Dómine, et misericórdiæ tuæ, quæ a sæculo sunt: ne umquam dominéntur nobis inimíci nostri: libera nos, Deus Israë!, ex ómnibus angústiiis nostris. (Ps. 24: 1-2) Ad te, Dómine, levávi ánimam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubéscam. Gloria Patri

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII

Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei

Parish Book of Chant, no.107ff./pp. 107~108

Credo I: Parish Book of Chant, no. 117/pg. 110

Gradual: Psalm 24:17,18 *Tribulatiónes cordis mei dilatáæ*

sunt: de necessitatibus meis éripe me, Dómine, Vide humilitátem meam, et labórem meum: et dimitte ómnia peccáta mea. Tract: Psalm 105:1-4 Confitémini Dómino, quóniam bonus: quóniam in saeculum misericórdia ejus. Quis loquétur poténtias Dómini: audítas fáciat omnes laudes ejus? Beáti qui custódiunt júdicium et fáciunt justítiam in omni témpore. Meménto nostri, Dómine, in beneplácito pópuli tui: visita nos in salutári tuo.

Offertory: Psalm 118:47, 48 *Meditabor in mandatis tuis, quæ dilexi valde: et levabo manus meas ad mandata tua, quæ dilexi.*

Communion: Psalm 5:2-4 *Intellige clamorem meum:*

intende voci orationis meae, Rex meus, et Deus meus: quoniam ad te orabo, Domine.

Communion Meditation: Intellige Clamorem Meum

(Heinrich Isaac, Published:1550 in Choralis Constantinus)

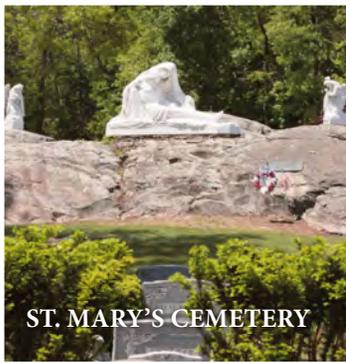
Tristis Est Anima Mea

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525~1594)

Recessional Hymn:

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair
(Worship II, No.215)

Angelus (Chant)



St Mary's Cemetery in Needham, founded in the 1870's, is the parish cemetery of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. The Cemetery is a reverent resting place for those awaiting reunion with the Risen Lord. The decision to pre-plan and purchase interment rights is a responsible and thoughtful gesture, sparing loved ones the stress of making difficult decisions during a time of grief and loss.

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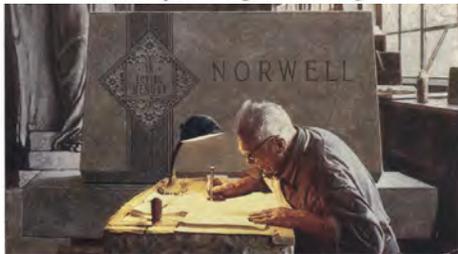
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