

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(A devotional prayer especially useful when one is prevented from receiving sacramental Communion)



“I wish, my Lord, to receive Thee with the same purity, humility, and devotion with which Thy Most Holy Mother received Thee, as well as with the spirit and the fervor of the Saints.”

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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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www.maryimmaculateoflourdes.org

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

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MANAGEMENT
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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.

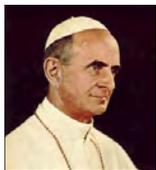
ABOUT OUR PARISH

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**

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



THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2020: "FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION: That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied."



(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

EUCHARISTIC FAMINE

An important aspect of the Lourdes story is the terribly poor health of the seer Bernadette Soubirous. She had multiple health problems which

precipitated her early death in 1879 at the age of only 35. She was given to understand that she was not to receive a restoration of her health by any miraculous means. When she was encouraged to seek a miraculous cure from Lourdes, she only replied, *"The waters are not for me."*

This ill-health of Bernadette, however, was not caused from birth defects. Although she suffered mildly from asthma as a small child, her health was really destroyed when she fell sick from the cholera in 1855, at a time when a cholera epidemic was raging through the region. It is a kind of miracle that she even survived it when so many people were carried off by such a deadly disease. She was only eleven years old. Nonetheless, the ravages of the disease and the family's fall into extreme poverty left permanent marks on Bernadette's health.

The susceptibility of people to disease was exacerbated by famine in the 1840s. The region of Lourdes was affected. The Great Famine in



Ireland (1845-1848) caused by the potato blight was a driver of mass immigration of the destitute Irish to the United States. In the message of Our Lady of La Salette to the two children Melanie and Maximin (September 19th, 1846), there was a

warning of famine as a consequence of sin and irreligion. Already, the crops were failing in

that region too.

In the present pandemic the WHO has warned of a concomitant "hunger pandemic" gathering force in many parts of the world. The ravages of the COVID-19 plague are falling especially hard on those with lower-incomes and on the poor in poor countries, and so will the ravages of hunger.

At a time of such universal danger as we are in now, Catholics of faith have the most urgent need of access to the living Christ in the Holy Eucharist. This, however, is precisely what they do not have: partly on account of the conditions which a pandemic creates, partly on account of prudential judgments made by the civil authorities and by our own chief pastors. While we might have to outwardly submit to such prudential judgments we do not have to agree that they were the best decisions nor that they were the only responsible decisions to be had. In any case, the result is that much of the Catholic world is in a state of *Eucharistic famine*.

There is no such thing in the world of value as *"fasting from the Eucharist."* There is only *abstaining from the Eucharist* (for personal reasons) or ***Eucharistic famine*** which, in itself, is an unmitigated evil. We must join our prayers that this state of things will soon be changed.

Fortunately, we are not absolutely deprived of the graces of the Holy Eucharist. Behind the closed doors of our churches, we priests are still offering daily Mass for our people and for the world. There is also the great value of making, frequently, a "spiritual communion". (I have placed the text of one such devotional prayer on the cover of this week's bulletin.) What is a worthy devotion in normal times becomes a life-line when sacramental Communion is suddenly cut-off. *"Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine."* (Psalm 32:18-19)

Church open for private prayer & visitation:

Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri:

6:30-7:30 am

Mon/Wed/Fri:

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Saturday: 8:00-9:00 am

Sunday:

6:30 am-12:30 pm

(Archdiocesan and Commonwealth directives put a 10-person limit inside the church at any one time.)

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SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH AND THE WIDER CHURCH MISSION

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

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH APRIL 8th-17th:

\$6,269.00

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\$951.00



“Glorify the Lord generously, and do not stint the first fruits of your hands. With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe with gladness. Give to the Most High as He has given, and as generously as your hand has found. For the LORD is the One who repays, and He will repay you sevenfold.”—Sirach 35



David Allen

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

(*Missale Romanum* 1970)

"☩ God, Creator of all things, who laid down for the human race the law of work, graciously grant that by the example of Saint Joseph and under his patronage we may complete the works You set us to do and attain the rewards You promise. Through our Lord, etc. Amen."

The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker "was instituted in 1955 by Pope Pius XII on a day when labor was celebrated in many countries," as the commentary in the Catholic Truth Society's *New Daily Missal* explains (p. 2664). This is a somewhat mild description. Truthfully, the pope's action was intended to be a robust and pointed response to the Communists. The Communist government "celebrated" the lives of ordinary plebeian workers, the pieces making up the collective, on May 1. In contrast to their false notions of the human person, the pope imposed this new feast directly on top of the secular celebration, symbolically quashing it.

Marxist ideology is radically opposed to the Judeo-Christian notion of the human person with his innate, God-given dignity. Man is not a mechanical functionary whose value hinges upon his limited utility to the whole. Rather, man has infinite value as a person, created in the image and likeness of God, and his work is an integral component of this dignity (cf. Gen. 1:26-30). Human work, therefore, comes from God's beautiful and perfect design before the Fall (its pains being an effect of the Fall).

Scripture and Tradition testify that God graciously associates men and women in His rule of and care for the world through the law of work (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* nos. 306-7). It is integral to human dignity. Consider the following from *Catechism* nos. 2427-8:

"Human work proceeds directly from persons created in the image of God and called to prolong the work of creation by subduing the earth, both with and for one another....Work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from Him. It can also be redemptive. By enduring the hardship of work in union with Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth and the one crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in His redemptive work. He shows himself to be a disciple of Christ by carrying the cross, daily, in the work he is called to accomplish. Work can be a means of sanctification and a way of animating earthly realities with the Spirit of Christ. In work, the person exercises and fulfills in part the potential inscribed in his nature."

[We should note here that the Church's teaching also clearly esteems and promotes the dignity of other kinds of work for which there is no monetary remuneration, most especially the chief work of fatherhood and motherhood, and certainly affirms the innate and unalienable human dignity of those unable to work]

Pius XII chose to uphold St. Joseph as the model worker, because he exemplifies the virtues of Christian work (faithfulness, diligence, piety and humility, etc.), as well as the dignity of the human person created in God's image. When we, like St. Joseph, offer our work to God in union with Christ, we can merit graces for ourselves and for others, both living and departed, as we read above. These are the rewards to which our Collect refers (cf. *Catechism* nos. 2006-2011 for a clear treatment on the subject of merit). May St. Joseph spur us on by his example and prayers to embrace God's will in our work, and to merit the rewards he promises.

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



“YOU SEE THE EDUCATED MAN, FULL OF THOUGHT, FULL OF ACTION, BUT STILL WITH A STONE HEART, AS COLD AND DEAD AS REGARDS HIS AFFECTIONS, AS IF HE WERE THE POOR IGNORANT COUNTRYMAN. YOU SEE OTHERS, WITH WARM AFFECTIONS, PERHAPS FOR THEIR FAMILIES, WITH BENEVOLENT FEELINGS TOWARDS THEIR FELLOW-MEN, YET STOPPING THERE; CENTERING THEIR HEARTS ON WHAT IS SURE TO FAIL THEM, AS BEING PERISHABLE. LIFE PASSES, RICHES FLY AWAY, POPULARITY IS FICKLE, THE SENSES DECAY, THE WORLD CHANGES, FRIENDS DIE. ONE ALONE IS CONSTANT; ONE ALONE IS TRUE TO US; ONE ALONE CAN BE ALL THINGS TO US!”

—SAINT JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN (+1890)

RAISED TO THE ALTARS, OCTOBER 13TH, 2019



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



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



“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)

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the resurrection of:

+Edward A. Burke, aged 91



LATIN MASS PROPERS: GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY (2nd 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. *V.* 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)

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

Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude: The Lord my shepherd is
(Thomas Purday, Published 1807 in *Harmonia Sacra Londinensis*)

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

Offertory Antiphon: Luke 24:46-47

(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 Have Passed Away
(Parish Hymnal, No. 68)



Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

Good Shepherd Sunday

Prelude: The Lord my shepherd is
(Thomas Purday, Published 1807 in *Harmonia Sacra Londinensis*)

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

Processional: Exsultemus et Laetemur

(Parish Book of Chant, pg. 277)

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

Greater 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:

Jesus Junxit Se
(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Published 1564)

Recessional Hymn:

The Clouds of Night Have Passed Away
(Parish Hymnal, No. 68)

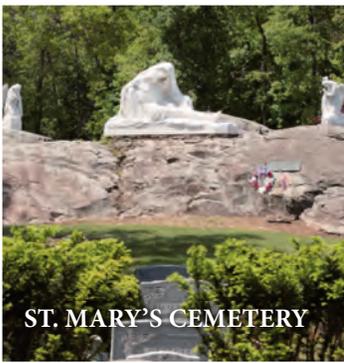
Regina Caeli (Chant)

Calendar of Masses

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

<p>SUNDAY April 26th</p>	<p>4:00 PM (Vigil) 7:30 AM</p>	<p>NOT SCHEDULED Pro Populo NOT SCHEDULED</p>		
<p>GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY (2nd after EASTER)/ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>9:00 AM 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Marlan & Katharine Allen Frs. Salako & Maccalli, S.M.A. Ip/Cho/Tam/Ng/ Choy Family Danby Choy Joseph Arcidiacono Maria Centofanti NOT SCHEDULED</p>	<p>Special Intention Special Intention</p>	<p>David & Ellen Allen David & Ellen Allen</p>
	<p>5:30 PM</p>		<p>Special Intention Birthday Intention Health of the Sick Health of the Sick</p>	<p>Choy Family Choy Family Annie Procopio Annie Procopio</p>
<p>MONDAY April 27th <i>Easter Feria/ St. Peter Canisius</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM 12:30 PM</p>	<p>Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Pasquale Fulliaci</p>	<p>Memorial Memorial</p>	<p>Annie Procopio</p>
<p>TUESDAY April 28th <i>St. Louis de Montfort</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM</p>	<p>Josephine Somachi</p>	<p>Special Intention</p>	<p>Provencher Family</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY April 29th <i>St. Peter of Verona</i></p>	<p>12:30 PM</p>	<p>In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph</p>		<p>Nicoloro Family</p>
<p>THURSDAY April 30th <i>St. Catherine of Siena</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Donato Visco Tanguy du Halgouet</p>	<p>Memorial Health of the Sick</p>	<p>Marianne Lochiatto Provencher Family</p>
<p>FRIDAY May 1st ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER First Friday</p>	<p>7:30 AM <i>Health of the Sick</i> 12:30 PM</p>	<p>Erika da Silva Mary J. Clancy</p>	<p>Health of the Sick Memorial</p>	<p>Provencher Family</p>
<p>SATURDAY May 2nd <i>St. Athanasius</i> First Saturday</p>	<p>9:00 AM 4:00 PM</p>	<p>All Souls (23) Janet Pino Bridget Robinson Fred Martin Crapo NOT SCHEDULED</p>	<p>Memorial Health of the Sick Special Intention Memorial</p>	<p>Donor Annie Procopio Laura Harvey Laura Harvey</p>

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



ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

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.

For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at 781-235-1841. St. Mary's Cemetery | 1 Wellesley Avenue, Needham, MA 02494

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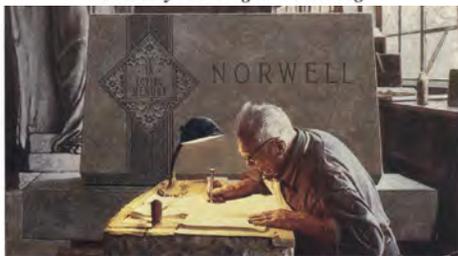
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