

*Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish
Newton/Needham, Massachusetts*



*February 5th, 2012 in the Year of Grace
Septuagesima Sunday
and the Fifth Sunday of the Year*

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ON THE PARISH CALENDAR....

Sunday, February 5th, 2012:

Religious Education Classes, K-5, 8:30 a.m.
 (lower church hall)

Latin Mass Children's Catechism,
 9:30-10:25 a.m.

(lower rectory conference room)

Ladies and Young Ladies Sodality, Monthly Meeting,
 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass (lower rectory)

Thursday, February 9th, 2012:

WINGATE MANOR Mass, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 11th, 2012:

APPARITION OF OUR LADY AT LOURDES

Parish Feast Day

Latin High Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 12th, 2012:

Religious Education Classes, K-5, 8:30 a.m.
 (lower church hall)

Latin Mass Children's Catechism,
 9:30-10:25 a.m.

(lower rectory conference room)

Holy Name Parish Men's Group, 12:15 p.m.,
 Monthly Meeting (lower rectory conference room)

Parish Choir Concert, 1:30 p.m.

Main Church

Pre-Confirmation Religious Education Classes,
 Grades 6-8, 4:15-6:15 p.m.
 (lower church hall)

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SUPPORT OF
 OUR PARISH

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



**OFFERTORY FOR SUNDAY,
 JANUARY 29th, 2012: \$4,340.00
 + \$472.00 (OTHER
 OFFERINGS) = \$4,812.00**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION (new
 total) : \$1,450.00**

**THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA
 COLLECTION: \$1,134.00**



(Front Cover: "The Jews in Babylonian Captivity", by Antonio Puccinelli, 1851. In 586 B.C. the Babylonian army took the city of Jerusalem by storm and destroyed the famous Temple of King Solomon. A greater part of the surviving population was carried off into exile. This long captivity of the Jews lasted for 70 years (586-516 B.C.), after which time the descendants of the exiles were allowed to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their city and their Temple. The time of "Septuagesima" (70 days before Easter Sunday) suggests a spiritual comparison between this 70 year Babylonian Captivity of the Jews and the Christian preparation for Easter. Like the Jews in their exile, the Christian pilgrim on earth is far from the true homeland of Heaven: as the Jewish exiles had to do long penance for past sins before they could be delivered, so the Christian must do penance for his sins and sinful tendencies in order to more worthily celebrate the Easter mysteries.

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

PASTORAL LETTER FROM CARDINAL SEAN ON THE RECENT HEALTH CARE REGULATION IN VIOLATION OF CATHOLIC CONSCIENCE RIGHTS

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Allow me this opportunity to share with you important information concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith. The federal government, which claims to be “of, by, and for the people,” has just dealt a heavy blow to almost a quarter of those people—the Catholic population—and to the millions more who are served by the Catholic faithful.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced last week that almost all employers, *including Catholic employers*, will be *forced* to offer their employees health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be *forced* to include those “services” in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be *forced* to buy that coverage as a part of their policies. The Church has had to struggle against regulations like those now proposed by HHS in several states. This HHS ruling would expand and intensify a situation which is already very harmful.

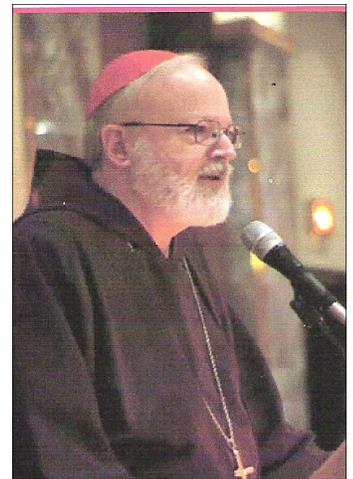
In its ruling, the Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation’s first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And as a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled and must be prepared either to violate our consciences, or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The administration’s sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply.

We cannot simply accept this unjust law now proposed at the federal level. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our parents and grandparents did not come to these shores to help build America’s cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God given rights. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same. Our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less.

In order that we make every effort to respond to this proposed restriction on religious liberty I would ask you two things. First as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing: with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I recommend that you visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website, www.usccb.org/conscience, to learn more about this assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration’s decision.

With the assurance of my prayers for you all and all your loved ones, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+SEAN, O.F.M.cap.
Archbishop of Boston



LATIN MASS TEXTS
Traditional Propers

Septuagesima Sunday

Vestments: Violet

INTROIT: Ps. 17. 5, 6, 7 The sorrows of death surrounded me, the of hell encompassed me: and in my affliction I called upon the Lord, and He heard my voice from His holy Temple *Psalm 17. 2-3* I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength: the Lord is my firmament, my refuge, and my deliverer. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT Graciously hear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayers of Thy people, that we who are justly afflicted for our sins, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness for the glory of Thy name. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 9. 24-27; 10. 1-5 Brethren: Know you not that they that run in the race, all run indeed, but one receiveth the prize? So run that you may obtain. And every one that striveth for the mastery refraineth himself from all things: and they indeed that they may receive a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible one. I therefore so run, not as at an uncertainty; I so fight, not as one beating the air: but I chastise my body, and bring it into subjection, lest perhaps when I have preached to others, I myself should become a castaway. For I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all in Moses were baptized, in the cloud and in the sea: and all did eat the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink: (and they drank of the spiritual rock that followed them: and the rock was Christ). But with most of them God was not well pleased.

GRADUAL: Psalm 9. 10-11, 19-20 A helper in due time in tribulation: let them trust in Thee who know Thee: for Thou hast not forsaken them that seek Thee, O Lord. *V.* For the poor man shall not be forgotten to the end: the patience of the poor shall not perish forever: arise, O Lord, let no man prevail.

TRACT: Psalm 129. 1-4 Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice *V.* Let Thine ears be attentive to the prayer of Thy servant. *V.* If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall abide it? *V.* For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness, and by reason of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20. 1-16 At that time Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like to a householder who went out early in the morning to hire labourers into His vineyard. And having agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour, he saw others standing in the market place idle, and he said to them: Go you also into my vineyard, and I will give you what shall be just. And they went their way. And again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour: and did in like manner. But about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing, and he saith to them: Why stand you here all the day idle? They say to him: Because no man hath hired us. He saith to them: Go you also into my vineyard. And when evening was come, the lord of the vineyard saith to his steward: Call the labourers and pay them their hire, beginning from the last even to the first. When therefore they were come that came about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first also came, they thought that they should receive more: and they also received every man a penny. And receiving it they murmured against the master of the house, saying: These last have worked but one hour, and thou hast made them equal to us that have borne the burden of the day and the heats. But he answering said to one of them: Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst thou not agree with me for a penny? Take what it is thine and go thy way: I will also give to this last even as to thee. Or is it not lawful for me to do what I will? Is thy eye evil, because I am good? So shall the last be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.

OFFERTORY: Ps. 91. 2 It is good to give praise to the Lord, and to sing to Thy name, O Most High.

SECRET Having received our offerings and prayers, we beseech Thee, O Lord, cleanse us by these heavenly mysteries, and graciously hear us. Through our Lord.

Preface of the Holy Trinity

COMMUNION: Ps. 30. 17-18 Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant, and save me in Thy mercy: let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon Thee.

POSTCOMMUNION May Thy faithful people, O Lord, be strengthened by Thy gifts: that by partaking of them they may continue to seek after them, and by seeking them, constantly partake of them.

Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

February 5th, A.D. 2012

Saturday vigil, 4 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 and 9:00 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

The Fifth Sunday of the Year

Introit: Psalm 95: 6,7

"Come, let us worship God and bow down before the Lord; let us shed tears before the Lord who made us, for He is the Lord our God."

Kyrie: (Chant)

Gloria: (English Chant)

Responsorial Psalm

Alleluia:

Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory: Psalm 17: 5,6,7

"Render secure my footsteps in Your paths so that my feet do not slip; incline Your ear and hear my words; display Your wonderful mercies, O Lord, Savior of those who place their hope in You."

Mass Setting: NEW ENGLISH CHANT MASS

Sanctus (New English translation)

Acclamation after the consecration

"We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection, until You come again."

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Communion: Luke 6:17,18,19

"A multitude with diseases, and those who were troubled by unclean spirits, came unto Him, because a power emanated from Him which healed them all."

Post-Communion Hymn:

Ave Maris Stella ("Hail, Star-of-the-Sea")

(Gregorian Chant)

Recessional Hymn:

Praise My Soul (Worship II Hymnal, No. 228)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

February 5th, A.D. 2012

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Septuagesima Sunday

Processional Hymn:

O Bone Jesu (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, d. 1594)

Asperges (Chant)

Introit:

Circumdedereunt me gemitus mortus...

Ordinary prayers:

Missa XI Orbis Factor

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

Gradual and Tract:

Adjutor in oportunitatibus, in tribulation...De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine

Offertory Verse:

Bonum est confiteri Domino

Offertory Hymn:

De Profundis Clamavi

(Christoph Willibald Von Gluck, 1714)

Communion Hymn:

Ave Verum

(William Byrd, d. 1623)

Communion Verse:

Illumina faciem tuam super servum tuum

Recessional Hymn:

How Oft, Instinct with Warmth Divine

(Franz Josef Haydn, d. 1809)

Angelus (Chant)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAILY LATIN MASS

February 6th-11th, A.D. 2012

Monday, February 6th: 12:30 p.m.

St. Titus, Bishop & Confessor

Tuesday, February 7th: 5:30 p.m.

St. Romuald, Abbot

Wednesday, February 8th: 12:30 p.m.

St. John of Matha, Confessor

Thursday, February 9th: 5:30 p.m.

St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor

Friday, February 10th: 12:30 p.m.

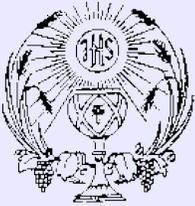
St. Scholastica, virgin

Saturday, February 11th: 9:00 a.m.

APPARITION OF OUR LADY AT

LOURDES

Parish Feast Day



SEPTUAGESIMA

**CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD SUNDAYS
BEFORE AND AFTER THE 10:30 LATIN
MASS**



**WE INVITE
EVERYONE TO JOIN
US FOR
COFFEE HOUR**

**DOWNSTAIRS EACH SUNDAY
AFTER THE 10:30 LATIN MASS.**

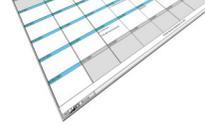
*Saint
Bernadette
Soubirous,
(1844-1879,
A.D.)*



BLESSING OF THROATS IN HONOR OF SAINT BLAISE

The traditional blessing of throats in honor of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, will be offered after all the Sunday Masses this weekend, February 4th-5th.

*Mark Your
Calendar*



*EARLY SACRED MUSIC
CONCERT BY OUR LATIN
MASS PARISH CHOIR OF
MARY IMMACULATE OF
LOURDES*

Please join us for a choir concert of Early Sacred Music here in the main church on next Sunday, February 12th, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.: Our parish choir, under the direction of Mrs. Bobbie Hoffmann, will perform both familiar and rarely heard pieces from Gregorian Chant and Medieval and Renaissance composers, among them—

*William Byrd, Giovanni
Pierluigi da
Palestrina, Tomas Luis
de Victoria, and Giuseppe
Ottavio Pitoni*



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 2012:
APPARITION OF OUR LADY AT
LOURDES,
Our Parish Feast Day**

The patronal feast of our parish of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes is the Apparition of our Lady at Lourdes, February 11th. At our parish daily Mass for Saturday, 9:00 a.m., we will offer a Latin High Mass. Please remember to pray for the special intention of our parish on this feast-day—as we thank God for the blessings we have received as a parish over the past year and ask Him to preserve us in peace for the year to come.

Knights of Columbus



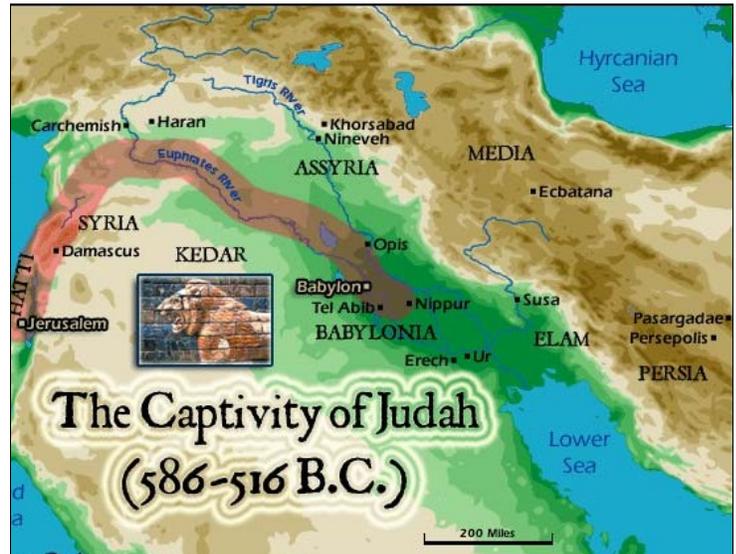
The FATHER DANIEL KENNEDY Needham Knights of Columbus will host their annual Super Bowl Party at the Knights Hall on 1121 Highland Ave. on Sunday, February 5th. The festivities will begin at 4 p.m. and ALL are welcome to attend! A \$25 donation includes appetizers, dinner and a raffle ticket. A silent auction will be held. There will be 2 HD-TVs and one will be raffled off, tickets are \$10 for this special. All proceeds to benefit men from local seminaries studying for the priesthood. For information, please contact Mike Riley at 781-956-0472 or Mike Fraini at 781-552-1169

THEOLOGICAL NOTE:

The Suspension of the "Alleluia" on Septuagesima Sunday (The First Sunday in Lent for the 1970 Missal)

The "Alleluia", which may be translated as "Praise God" or "Glory to Him who lives", is suspended from the prayers of the Divine Liturgy from Septuagesima Sunday to the Easter Vigil. During this period of Easter preparation Mother Church takes this "song of heaven" away from us so that we might reflect more deeply that this transitory life is a kind of exile from our true home in heaven.

This week's bulletin sponsored through the generosity of
STONE INSTITUTE, Elliot St, Newton
 Short Term Rehab, Respite Care,
 & Long Term Care
www.stoneinstitute.com



MILITARY SERVICE PRAYER LIST:

We remember all of our military servicemen and women, especially ... *SPC Dennis Geary, US Army, Afghanistan, Matthew Simard, 1st Lt., USMC (Afghanistan), Michael Simard, PFC, USMC, Christopher Raymond, 82nd Airborne (Afghanistan), Command Sgt. Major Gregory Widberg and his 1-182 Infantry Regiment, deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, Lance-corporal Alex Tomchik, USMC, Brian Rainey, US Army (Afghanistan), Joseph Rainey, US Army (Iraq), John Constantino, Infantry (Afghanistan), 1st Lt. Michael Mondello, 181st Infantry (Afghanistan) Sgt. Kevin James Howard, USMC (Afghanistan), Sgt. Brian Joseph Howard, USMC (Afghanistan), Sgt. 1st Class David Garduque; ;Sgt. Jeffrey R. Quinn, USMC.*

(Please let us know if you would like someone on active duty prayed for by name.)

Pray for Tommy Holcum, severely wounded in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.

Pray for Pfc Bowe Bergdahl, captured by the Taliban in Afghanistan.



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, especially for... David Quinn, Lois Ludwig, Paula Apothacary, Jeanne Ciocca, Sam Adams III, Altair da Silva, Jack Shaughnessy, Molly Healy, Christina Kwash, Kitty Ward, Missy Ochsner, Spagnuolo Family, Barbara Proia, Katie O’Connell, Janet Bourgeois, Judy Sartell, Lana Tomchik, Matthew Banks, Patrick Rainey, Judy Pederson, Ed Donovan, Danny O’Brien, Helen Donnelly, Priscilla Brossard, Mary Sims, Bill Hickey, Lee-Anne Ketchum, Frank Fay, Arthur Nauss, Rod MacLeod, Monica Wellenstein, Teresa Tambunan, Mary Platt, Sean Monaghan, Sheila Whittle, Michelle Fay, Bobbie Hoffman, Beverly Balconi, Martial Rainey, Dennis McCarthy, Edward Crestitelli, Sharon Kopchik, Lee Fecteau, Fr. Edward McDonagh, Erin Marie Fell, Arthur Cutler, Dominic Cantillo, Theresa Higgins, Lita Uilaoghaire, Norman Alibrandi, Joyce Higgins, Peggy Capasso, Karen Starbird, Jack Buckley, Edward Fahey, Nancy Daly, Mary Hoffman, Marie Schroter, Dorothy Alibrandi, Helen Krawiecki, Annie Procopio, Marie Danca, David Kase, Thaddeus Davulis, Andrew McCloskey, Barbara Sullivan, Wanda Lempitski, Thomas Coreoran, Tony Palladino, Marie Goodwin, Joe Bellino, Lucia LoPresti, Polly Sullivan, Fred Strom.

“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



SPECIAL INTENTION: *For all the expectant mothers of our parish family.*

“St. Gerard Majella, pray for us”

Prayer for Motherhood:

O good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and Wonderworker of our day, I call upon thee and seek thy aid. Thou who on this earth didst always fulfil God’s designs, help me to do the Holy Will of God. Beseech the Master of Life, from Whom all paternity proceedeth, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life and heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory in the world to come. Amen.



LADIES’ SODALITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. ROSE OF LIMA:

Founded 1872

The Ladies and Young Ladies Sodality will have its Monthly Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. Mass **TODAY**, Sunday, February 5th, 2012, in the lower rectory conference room.

Inquirants welcome to attend.

PRAYER LINE OF THE POOR CLARE COLLETTINE SISTERS

Hawarden, Wales



The website address is:
www.poorclarestmd.org

THE COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY MAGDALEN:

Winter Visitor Weekend—February 9th-12th, 2012

All high school students are invited to attend our Winter Visitor Weekend. Visitors will have the Opportunity to attend our annual ski trip, attend and participate in classes, meet one-on-one with faculty and admissions representatives, stay in the student residences, attend Mass and participate in spiritual life on campus and tour our 135-acre campus. Contact the Admissions Office at:

admissions@magdalen.edu or call toll free:

877-498-1723

Calendar of Masses

SATURDAY February 4th	4:00 p.m.	Thomas Rogers	14yr. Memorial	Mary Rogers
SUNDAY February 5th: Septuagesima Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Pro Populo		
	9:00 a.m.	Peggy Dada	Memorial	Joyce Higgins
	10:30 a.m.	Stephen Chartier & Family	Special Intention	Juhasz Family
		Corcoran & Mazzarella Family	Memorial	
		Michael Steinkrauss	Special Intention	Mary Kwash
	5:30 p.m.	Joseph Meegan & Fredrick & Mary Louise Breen	Memorial	Joanne Meegan
MONDAY February 6th	7:30 a.m.	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish		
	12:30 p.m.	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed		
TUESDAY February 7th	7:30 a.m.	<i>Intention of the celebrant</i>		
	5:30 p.m.	Joseph Pascucci	5 year Memorial	Joseph & Jackie Pascucci
WEDNESDAY February 8th	7:30 a.m.	<i>Intention of the celebrant</i>		
	12:30 p.m.	In gratitude to the Holy Family		Antoinette Paoletti
THURSDAY February 9th	7:30 a.m.	Mary Danca	Birthday Remembrance	Marie Danca
	5:30 p.m.	St. Michael		Susan Goeller
FRIDAY February 10th	7:30 a.m.	Kelly Timilty	Memorial	Joyce Higgins
		<i>Health of the Sick</i>		
	12:30 p.m.	Tony, Tricia, Patrick, Mary & Christopher Reilly	Special Intention	Reilly Family
SATURDAY February 11th	9:00 a.m.	Fileno Tenaglio Santino DiBattista James Nyhen	Memorial Memorial Memorial	Maria Centofanti Maria Centofanti Barbara & Maureen Nyhen
		Carol Secheyco	Memorial	Secheyco Fmaily



Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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Parish Staff

PASTOR: FATHER CHARLES JEREMIAH HIGGINS

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: JEAN JOHNSON (DIRECTOR)

PATTI STROM (LATIN MASS CHILDREN'S CATECHISM)

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: MRS. BOBBIE HOFFMANN

PARISH SECRETARY: MARGIE BIBBO

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SACRISTANS: FRANCIS GALLAGHER, CAMERON MACKENZIE,

TOM GOGUEN, PETER GOGUEN, PATRICK GOGUEN

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Parish Cemetery of Saint Mary's, Needham

For all Cemetery business, please call Cemetery
Manager **Joseph Viel** at 978-208-0266

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, and we are always glad to welcome Sunday visitors here to our beautiful, historic church. We look forward to your coming again.

February 5th, A.D. 2012

Septuagesima Sunday

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 4:00 PM (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 AM
9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Traditional Latin), 5:30 PM

Weekdays: Monday—Friday 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Low Mass:

Mon., Wed. & Fri., 12:30 PM.; Tues. & Thurs.,
5:30 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM

Holy Days: If Mon-Fri., 7:30 AM, 12:30 (Latin),
5:30, 7:30 PM (Latin); if on Saturday, 9 AM
(Latin) & 12:30 PM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Upon request. Please contact Father Higgins

Penance (Confession):

Saturday 8:30-9:00 AM and 3:30-4:00 PM
Sunday, before and after 10:30 AM Mass,
First Fridays (before the 12:30 p.m. Mass)

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.



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 Paul VI)