

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



*May 6th, 2012 in the Year of Grace  
The Fourth Sunday after Easter*

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### ON THE PARISH CALENDAR....

Sunday, May 6th:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, 9:00a.m. Mass,  
 followed by May  
 Procession.  
 Ladies' and Young  
 Ladies' Sodality  
 Monthly Meeting,  
 after 10:30 a.m.  
 Mass, lower rectory  
 conference room.



Thursday, May 10th:

WINGATE MANOR Mass, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 13th:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION,  
 10:30 a.m. Mass,  
 followed by May Procession  
 Holy Name Parish Men's Group Monthly Meeting,  
 12:15 p.m., lower rectory conference room.

Thursday, May 17th:

ASCENSION THURSDAY, Holy Day of  
 Obligation

Parish Masses at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
 and 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 28th:

U.S. MEMORIAL DAY,  
 Outdoor Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery, 10:00 a.m.

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,  
 APRIL 29th, 2012, \$4,524.00 +  
 \$249.00.00 (OTHER  
 OFFERINGS) = \$4,773.00

HOME MISSIONS AND BLACK AND NATIVE  
 AMERICAN COLLECTION: \$1,212.00

SPECIAL PARISH HEATING FUEL  
 COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY,  
 MAY 13th:

Next Sunday we make an appeal to your  
 generosity for the extra costs of heating fuel  
 during the cold weather months. Please consider  
 making a gift to the parish in the range of \$25,  
 \$50, or \$100. Thank you for all your support.

ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL 2012

Many thanks to all those parishioners who have  
 already contributed to this year's campaign or  
 made pledges. Our parish goal for 2012 is to  
 raise at least \$20,048. Our parish number for  
 Mary Immaculate of Lourdes is 294.

The Good Samaritan is **YOU**



## MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY MARY IMMACULATE

### Pastor's Note



*(Front Cover: May, 1967 A.D.—Parish May Procession with the First Holy Communion children, Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. This and other photos may be viewed in the Newton Upper Falls photo gallery within City of Newton's website.)*

#### **“I WISH THEM TO COME IN PROCESSION...”**

Few words were spoken by Our Lady to St. Bernadette Soubirous over the course of the 18 Apparitions at Lourdes, 1858. One of the things Our Lady told her was: *“I wish them to come in procession,”* by which was meant the religious procession so much a part of Catholic worship.

Visitors to Lourdes to this day can experience the fulfillment of Our Lady's request. Each evening there is a candle-light Rosary Procession at the Shrine. For many, the participation in this Procession is one of the most moving experiences of their time at Lourdes. It is to share in the expression of religious faith as a corporate thing, a ritual enactment by the members of the Mystical Body of Christ: they are following in the train of the Risen Lord Jesus who is the Body's Head. They are not atomized, isolated individual subjects in a free-floating, hit-or-miss quest for spirituality.

The Eucharistic liturgy of the Mass is, of course, the most perfect expression of the Christian collectivity, but the religious Procession can nevertheless subjectively intensify the objective reality of being part of the larger Church for us.

Throughout the Catholic year there are several significant processions which are called for. On February 2nd, Candlemas Day, the last feast-day of the Christmas Cycle, there is the Procession of blessed candles, signifying Christ as the Light of the World and our incorporation into Him by the light of our Baptismal grace. On Palm Sunday, there is the Procession of Palms as Holy Week begins. Holy Thursday night has the solemn Procession of the Eucharist to the Altar of Repose. There is the “Greater Litanies” Rogation Procession on St. Mark's Day, April 25th, by which we implore God's mercy for a fruitful land to sustain us and special divine protection from all the calamities (drought, storms, disease, war, the hidden attacks of the devil, etc.) which hang over our earthly existence.

May Devotions have a particularly beloved place in Catholic life. The association of the parish children's First Holy Communion with the May Procession in Honor of Our Lady is well-known.

The Eucharistic Procession of the Blessed Sacrament on Corpus Christi is the most jubilant of all the religious Processions of the year. Here we see most clearly the unity of the Catholic Church as the Mystical Body of Christ. Christ is there at the head of the Procession in His Real Presence, and we all of us, the members of His Body, follow behind.

An outdoor, public religious procession is a beautiful thing to participate in and a blessing for the place in which it happens. May we experience this grace during our parish May Devotions for 2012.

*Fr. Higgins*

## LATIN MASS TEXTS

### Traditional Propers

#### Fourth Sunday After Easter

Vestments: White

**INTROIT: Psalm 97: 1, 2** Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle, alleluia, for the Lord hath done wonderful things, alleluia: He hath revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Psalm 97:1* His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him salvation. V. Glory be to the Father.

**COLLECT** O God, who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant to Thy people to love that which Thou commandest and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the changing things of this world, our hearts may be set where true joys are to be found. Through our Lord.

**EPISTLE: James 1: 17-21** Dearly beloved, every best gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change nor shadow of alteration. For of His own will hath He begotten us by the word of truth, that we might be some beginning of His creature. You know, my dearest brethren. And let every man be swift to hear, but slow to speak and slow to anger. For the anger of man worketh not the justice of God. Wherefore, casting away all uncleanness and abundance of naughtiness, with meekness receive the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

**FIRST ALLELUIA: Psalm 117: 16** Alleluia, alleluia. V. The right hand of the Lord hath wrought strength, the right hand of the Lord hath exalted me.

**SECOND ALLELUIA: Romans 6: 9** Alleluia. V. Christ, rising again from the dead, dieth now no more: death shall no more have dominion over Him. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL: John 16: 5-14** At that time Jesus said to His disciples: I go to Him that sent Me; and none of you asketh Me: Whither goest Thou? But because I

have spoken these things to you, sorrow hath filled your heart. But I tell you the truth: it is expedient to you that I go; for if I go not, the Paraclete will not come to you: but if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He is come, He will convince the world of sin, and of justice and of judgment. Of sin, because they believed not in Me; and of justice, because I go to the Father, and you shall see Me no longer; and of judgment, because the prince of this world is already judged. I have yet many things to say to you: but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will teach you all truth. For He shall not speak of Himself: but what things soever He shall hear He shall speak, and the things that are to come He shall show you. He shall glorify Me: because He shall receive of Mine and shall show it to you.

**OFFERTORY: Psalm 65: 1-2, 16** Shout with joy to God, all the earth, sing ye a psalm to His name: come and hear, and I will tell you, all ye that fear God, what great things the Lord hath done for my soul, alleluia.

**SECRET** O God, who by the sacred intercourse of this sacrifice hast made us partakers of the one supreme divine nature: grant, we beseech Thee, that as we know Thy truth, so we may follow it by a worthy life. Through our Lord.

### Preface of Easter

**COMMUNION: John 16: 8** When the Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will convince the world of sin, and of justice and of judgment, alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTCOMMUNION** Assist us, O Lord our God, that by these gifts which we have received in faith, we may be purified from vice and delivered from all dangers. Through our Lord.

# Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

## Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

April 29th, A.D. 2012, Saturday vigil, 4 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30 and 9:00 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Introit:** Psalm 98:1, **Cantate Domino**

*"Sing to the Lord a new song, alleluia; for the Lord has accomplished wondrous deeds, alleluia; He has revealed his justice in the sight of the Gentiles, alleluia, alleluia."*

**Kyrie – Chant**

**Gloria – Missa De Angelis (English)**

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation:

**Credo I: (extra sheet)**

**Offertory:**

Psalm 63 (62): 2, 5 **Iubilate Deo universa terra**  
*"Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing a psalm in honor of His name; come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what great things the Lord has done for my soul, alleluia."*

## Mass Setting: Mass VIII Missa De Angelis

Sanctus(English)

*"Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias"*

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

**Communion:** John 20:14, **Ego sum vitis vera**

*"I am the true vine, and you are the branches; he who abides in me and I in him, he it is who bears much fruit, alleluia, alleluia."*

### **Post Communion Hymn**

Salve Mater Misericordiae (chant)

**Recessional Hymn:**

Hail, Holy Queen  
(Today's Missal **No.111**)

## Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

April 29th, A.D. 2012, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

### **Fourth Sunday after Easter**

**Prelude:** Ave Maria, (Franz Peter Schubert d.1828)

**Processional Hymn**

Ad Regias Agni Dapes (Gregorian Chant)

*Vidi Aquam: Chant*

**Introit:** Psalm 65:1,2,3

*"Cantate Domino canticum novum, allelúja: quia mirabilia fecit Dominus, allelúja: ante conspectum gentium revelavit justitiam suam. Allelúja, allelúja, allelúja. V. Salvabit sibi dextera ejus: et brachium sanctum ejus."*

**Ordinary Prayers: Missa Brevis In C Major KV 220, "Spatzenmesse"**

(Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus  
and Agnus Dei)  
(Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart d.1791)

**Paschal Alleluia:** Numbers 17:8; Luke 1:28,42

*"Lauda, ánima mea, Dóminum: laudábo Dóminum in vita mea: psallam Deo mea, quámdiu ero, allelúja."*

**Offertory Verse:** Psalm 65:1,2,16

*"Allelúja, allelúja. Dextera Dómini fecit virtútem: dextera Dómini exaltávit me."*

**Offertory Hymn:** Salve Mater Misericordiae  
(Chant)

**Communion Hymn:** Panis Angelicus  
(César Franck d.1890)

**Communion Verse:** Matthew 21:13

*"Módicum, et non vidébitis me, allelúja: íterum módicum, et vidébitis me, quia vado ad Patrem, Allelúja, allelúja."*

**Recessional Hymn:** Regina Coeli KV.276  
(Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart d.1791)

*Regina Caeli (Chant)*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DAILY LATIN MASS

May 7th-12th, A.D. 2012

Monday, May 7th: 12:30 p.m.

*St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr*

Tuesday, May 8th: 5:30 p.m.

*Ferial Day*

Wednesday, May 9th: 12:30 p.m.

*St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor*

Thursday, May 10th: 5:30 p.m.

*St. Antoninus, Bishop & Confessor*

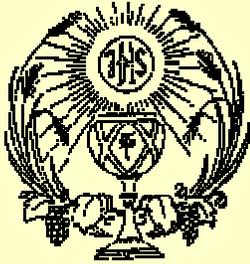
Friday, May 11th: 12:30 p.m.

*Saints Philip & James, Apostles*

Saturday, May 12th: 9:00 a.m.

*Saints Nereus, Achilleus &*

*Domitilla, Virgins*



**EASTERTIDE**

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.



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## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following children  
who are making their First Holy  
Communion this morning  
at the 9 a.m. Mass:

Colum Donovan  
Charles Sebastian DeMatteo  
Joseph Jourdan  
Alexander McCormick  
Thomas Sigra



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, May 6th, 2012, in the lower  
rectory conference room.

Inquirants welcome to attend.



Thursday, May 17th, is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the parish as follows:  
 7:30 a.m. (English), 12:30 p.m. (Latin Low Mass); 5:30 p.m. (English sung Mass); 7:30 p.m. (Latin High Mass).

## Don't Forget

### PRAYER FOR THE HOLY CHURCH AND FOR PRIESTS

Oh, my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of Your Spirit, and give power to the words of Priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord.

Lord, give us holy Priests; You Yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the soul of Priests.

May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of Priests, for You can do all things.



My beloved Jesus, I pray to You for the triumph of the Church, that You may bless the Holy Father and all the clergy; I beg You to grant the grace of conversion to sinners whose hearts have been hardened by sin, and a special blessing and light to priests, to whom I shall confess for all of my life.

*(St. Faustina Kowalska, +1938)*

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

I. WILLIAM KASPAR & ANGELA STEINKRAUSS

### EASTER SEASON FOOD DRIVE

The Newton Food Bank is low on supplies. We would like to help out as a parish by conducting a parish food-drive during these days of Easter. The Food Bank is requesting non-perishable food and cleaning supplies. If you would like to contribute, please leave your donation in one of the baskets in the front vestibule of the main church. The drive will run through May 20th, 2012.



Thank you for your kindness!

### 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), 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

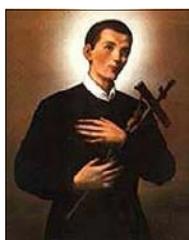
For all those on our parish prayer list, especially for... Francis McNary, Warren Yee, Betty Chrishi, Marie Rapazzini, Mary Trombetta, Helen Reid, Brenda Winegarner, Jean Johnson, Lois Ludwig, Paula Apothacary, Jeanne Ciocca, Sam Adams III, Altair da Silva, Jack Shaughnessy, Christina Kwash, Kitty Ward, Missy Ochsner, Spagnuolo Family, 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, 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, Erin Marie Fell, 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 Corcoran, 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.*



**CONGRATULATIONS...** to Mr. and Mrs. William and Tabatha Desrosiers on the christening of their son **NICHOLAS JONATHAN DESROSIERS** at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes on

*April 29th, A.D. 2012. His godparents are Mark and Monique Niemaszek. Nicholas Jonathan’s older sister MARY JANE made her First Holy Communion on the same day at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Nicholas is Bill and Tabatha’s 11th CHILD.*

### PRAYER LINE OF THE POOR CLARE COLLETTINE SISTERS

Hawarden, Wales



The website address is:  
[www.poorclarestmd.org](http://www.poorclarestmd.org)



**Photo:** Parish children in May Procession at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, 1967. The boys wear blue capes as part of Mary’s Court.

# Calendar of Masses

<b>SATURDAY</b> May 5th	4:00 p.m.	Frank Crimlisk	Memorial	Janet Crimlisk
<b>SUNDAY</b> May 6th: Fourth Sunday after Easter	7:30 a.m.	Pro Populo		
	9:00 a.m.	First Holy Communion Class		
	10:30 a.m.	Carolyn Ouillette Guiliano Family	Memorial Special Intention	Bennett Family Frye Family
	5:30 p.m.	Joseph Potvin	Special Intention	Alicia Dupras
<b>MONDAY</b> May 7th	7:30 a.m.	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish		
	12:30 p.m.	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed		
<b>TUESDAY</b> May 8th	7:30 a.m.	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
	5:30 p.m.	Joseph & Michael MacKenzie Lois Ludwig	Birthday Intention Health of the Sick	MacKenzie Family MacKenzie Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> May 9th	7:30 a.m.	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
	12:30 p.m.	Mary Brassil	Memorial	Claire Brassil
<b>THURSDAY</b> May 10th	7:30 a.m.	Kathleen & Daniel Poutas	Memorial	Pat Lynch & Poutas Family
	5:30 p.m.	Tony, Tricia, Patrick, Mary & Christopher Reilly	Special Intention	Reilly Family
<b>FRIDAY</b> May 11th	7:30 a.m.	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
		<i>Health of the Sick</i>		
	12:30 p.m.	Susan Goeller	Special Intention	Maria Centofanti
<b>SATURDAY</b> May 12th	9:00 a.m.	Judy Dennolin Maria Centofanti	Special Intention Special Intention	Susan Goeller Joyce Higgins
	4:00 p.m.	Mrs. Dominic Dougherty	92nd Birthday Intention	Dougherty Family

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

# Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

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## Parish Staff

PASTOR: FATHER CHARLES JEREMIAH HIGGINS

VISITING ASSISTANT PRIEST: FATHER ALVARO SILVA

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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

FIRST SACRISTAN: MANNY GOGUEN

SACRISTANS: FRANCIS GALLAGHER, CAMERON MACKENZIE,

TOM GOGUEN, PETER GOGUEN, PATRICK GOGUEN

SEXTON: SEAN WARD (RET. CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT)

PARISH ACCOUNTANT: EILEEN GUSTIN

RECTORY HOUSEKEEPER: LAURIE SPINELLI

## Telephones

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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.

May 6th, A.D. 2012

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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)