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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

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Mass Schedule

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

Weekdays: Mon.-Tues., Thurs.-Fri. 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Low Mass:

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

<u>Holy Days:</u> 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



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."

(Blessed Pope Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)

FRONT COVER: Procession of the illuminated Holy Cross inside Mary Immaculate of Lourdes church for the Mass of the Holy Cross, September 2014. Fr. Bassim Shoni, chaplain of the Syriac-rite mission Our Lady of Mesopotamia carries the Cross. The Community celebrates the Feast of the Holy Cross with the lighting of a small bonfire, which recalls the signal fires lit from Jerusalem to Constantinople in the 4th Century to announce to the eastern Roman capital that the True Cross had been found. Fr. Shoni will be returning to Iraq to bring medicines and money to the Christian refugees in Kurdistan. (PHOTO by Sema Ashkouri.)

SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Pastor's Note

IN THE TIME OF EBOLA PLAGUE

This past summer we were blessed to have the assistance of Fr. Desire Salako of the SMA Fathers (Society of the African Missions). Fr. Salako is Pastor of the parish of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Sennequellie, County Nimba, Liberia. It lies smack in the middle of the region ravaged by the deadly Ebola plague last year. Here in this country we had the news reports of the disaster that was unfolding in West Africa, and of the isolated outbreaks of the disease in this country brought in by people returning from there (the Liberian man in Texas and the two nurses who got it from treating him). Fr. Salako, however, found himself there on the front lines, and over the weeks he was here with us in the rectory this summer he eventually opened up and shared with us a great many details about his experiences which I want to summarize in this Pastor's Note.

When the Ebola appeared in Liberia in the spring of 2014, and it was clear that there was no way of controlling its spread, Fr. Salako's SMA superiors tried to recall him from his post in order to spare his life. Facing the risk of mortality right in front of him, Fr. Salako informed them that he wished to stay. How, he told them, could he ever be a priest to them again if he appeared to flee when they were sick and dying? "So what do I say to them then? 'God loves you'?"

Fr. Salako mentioned in his Mission Appeal that over a decade of civil war in Liberia prior to the Ebola outbreak had left the country without any health-care system in place. The situation was basically "every man for himself", sauve qu'il peut! Mass panic set in. People fled from the towns into the bush, imagining that the disease was in the towns. This had the double-effect of spreading the disease more quickly through the countryside and also making it

harder to find sick people and treat them.

Those whose duty it was to try to alleviate the situation, such as Catholic priests and religious, were left to do what they could do with very little means. Fr. Salako described looking for Ebola victims left on the roads or at the periphery of villages, abandoned out of fear, and trying to rescue them with their parish truck. The authorities' response to reports of Ebola in a neighborhood or village was to declare its inhabitants quarantined. Fr. Salako would be among those, who—on their own, brought food and supplies to these quarantined people. They took precautions but, in that situation, they were at constant risk of infection. Fr. Salako did not get Ebola. He was spared. Others were not, and a great many of them died. They are hidden martyrs of charity.

In the aftermath of the Ebola outbreak, there was much added suffering. Liberia as a country was internationally quarantined. Normal commerce stopped. Roughly 5,000 people died of Ebola in Liberia. Much greater, however, are the mortality estimates for other diseases and conditions which could not be treated for lack of access to medications on account of this international quarantine. Also, farmers could not sow their fields because Ebola struck at seed -time. At harvest-time last year there was very little to harvest. Hunger—acute hunger overshadows the land. Fr. Salako has taken responsibility for 55 children in his parish whose parents died from Ebola. Whatever share of the Mission Appeal collection he is allowed to keep from the SMA Fathers for his own parish he can put to immediate use for them.

In my meetings with our Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council this fall I intend to discuss with them how we might continue as a parish to be of help to Fr. Salako in the work he is doing in Liberia.

(Fr. Higgins)

SCRIPTURE STUDY



ST. LUKE CHAPTER 22: 47-53

The pace of St. Luke's Passion narrative increases dramatically with the betrayal in Gethsemane in v. 47: "While He was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas." What was Jesus in the middle of saying? In v. 46, Jesus was urging the fatigued disciples, "Get up

and pray that you may not undergo the test." The test was now fully underway.

Judas approaches Jesus to kiss him (v. 47), the signal by which he was to identify him for the soldiers (cf. Mt. 26:48). The irony is maddening, for a kiss on the cheek was a normal sign of friendship, as is still customary in many cultures today. Jesus' words to Judas in v. 48 before he actually kisses Him are striking in their bluntness: "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" It is as if He is saying, "Are you really about to do this horrible thing...to Me, your Lord and Master? Do you realize how imperiled your soul is?" Jesus confronts Judas with the ugliness of his sin before he does the deed, as if to shake him out of his bondage to the devil.

As we contemplate this scene, Jesus speaks not only to the supreme sin of Judas, but also to our own sins, which are betrayals of His love. Jesus likewise demonstrates here how to apply fraternal correction. Our Lord's focus is not on revenge, resentment, or expressions of hatred for the betrayed trust. While certainly grieved by sin, He is not preoccupied with His wound, but rather with the soul of the sinner. Jesus' piercing words identify the horror of Judas' sin, in order to elicit shame and detestation for the sin, thereby opening the door for true contrition. We can imagine Jesus' words running over and over again in Judas' mind as he is filled with regret later on (cf. Mt. 27:3), just as St.

Peter remembers Jesus' words and is cut to the heart (vv. 61-62). Unlike St. Peter, however, Judas fails to move beyond his shame to embrace Jesus' mercy.

After Judas betrays Our Lord, the disciples spring into action with violent defense, which Jesus immediately halts, healing a man whose right ear is cut off in the scuffle (vv. 49-51). The detail about the man's right ear suggests St. Luke's characteristic careful investigation into the matter, as with all aspects of his Gospel (cf. 1:2-3). We see Jesus exercising compassion for another, even as He is in the midst of the worst kind of betrayal. As the commentary in the Orthodox Study Bible aptly observes, Jesus' healing of this man illustrates His teaching on love for enemies. Oftentimes when we are upset or wounded, we can fail to take others' needs into account, and even lash out at them. In this area of our lives, may Our Lord give us the grace to be partakers of His own serenity, and to exercise compassion during times of turmoil and stress.

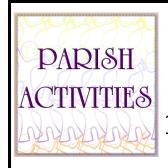
The betrayal in Gethsemane ends with Jesus' dramatic words to the soldiers in vv. 52-53: "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness." Jesus exposes the grievous injustice against Him in this highly secretive and heavily-armed snatch and grab. Jesus likewise signals the beginning of the fulfillment of the Isaian prophecy he mentioned at the Last Supper: "this scripture must be fulfilled in Me, namely, 'He was counted among the wicked." (cf. v. 37). Jesus' crucifixion between two robbers reinforces this prophecy vividly. In this vein, St. Paul says that "[God] made him [Christ] to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (cf. 2 Cor. 5:21).

(David Allen)

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



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



END OF
SUMMER
ALL-PARISH
PICNIC:
TODAY, September

13th, 2015
Beginning at 12 Noon

Come join us today for our annual All-Parish Picnic in the parish gardens, directly following the 10:30 AM Mass. Many thanks to our Parish Staff and our volunteers behind the scenes who have been making preparations, and many thanks to all those who have contributed something to the common buffet table.





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WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: EPISTLES OF ST. PAUL—EPHESIANS

David Allen, our Pastoral Associate, hosts a weekly Bible Study every Friday morning at 8:20 AM (after the 7:30 Parish Mass). The class is now studying St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. The Bible Study meets in the Lower Rectory Conference Room (in rectory basement). It is an open group and all are welcome to attend.

Refreshments provided. Please bring your Bible.



CONGRATULATIONS

to parishioner Kay Mullen who celebrated her 90th birthday on September 8th



CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION SURVEY COURSE:

David Allen, our pastoral associate, will be offering a survey course on the Catholic faith on Sundays at 12:30 P.M., after the 10:30 A.M. Mass. This class is designed for inquirers who are seeking the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, as well as those who are already Catholic, and who wish to deepen their knowledge of the Faith.

The class will begin on October 4th, and run through mid-May. Class will be held in the Rectory dining room, which can be reached through the front door. David will be using two texts: the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, as well Peter Kreeft's *Catholic Christianity*. Both texts can be purchased at the class for a suggested donation to the parish of \$30.00.

The Sacrament of Baptism for infants and children under 7 years of age is scheduled upon request. Please speak with Fr. Higgins directly or call the Parish Office during the week:
617-244-0558

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the resurrection of:

Kathleen O'Leary, aged 77 Dominick Nigro, aged 90





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:

Winnie Lu Keough, Betsy Eldridge, Ellen Balkus, Lena Strom, Kay Mullen, Marie Geraci, Dave Welch, Barbara Nyhen, Maureen Nyhen, Christina Kwash, Janet Pino, Ed Donovan, Marie Schroter, Marie Danca, Jane Dippo...

"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

Prayers for:
LENA STROM, entered hospice care
NICK PINO, facing heart surgery
RICHARD SOTELL, recovering from accident
MARY DUHAIME, recovering from major surgery



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.

MILITARY SERVICE PRAYER LIST:

We remember all of our military servicemen and women, especially for ...

Joseph Fresolo, U.S. Army (Afghanistan), brother of parishioner Dottie Fresolo.

(Please let us know if you would like someone deployed overseas prayed for by name.)



Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

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

24th Sunday of the Year

Introit: Sir36:18 Da Pacem

Grant peace to those who are waiting for you, O Lord, so that your prophets may be proved trustworthy; hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel

> **Kyrie** – Chant Gloria – Missa De Angelis (English)

> > Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory: Cf.Ex 24:4,5 Sanctificavit

Moses consecrated an altar to the Lord, and presented thereupon burnt offerings and sacrificial victims; he made an evening sacrifice as a fragrant offering to the Lord, in the presence of the sons of Israel.

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: Mt 16:24 Qui Vult venire

If a man wishes to come afterme, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Communion Hymn: 9:00am

O Sacrum Convivium (Jean Baptiste François Lallouette c.1651~1728)

Post Communion Hymn

Mary the Dawn (Chant)

9:00a.m.

Ave Maria (Antonio Diabelli, 1781~1858)

Recessional Hymn:

God, My King, Thy Might Confessing (Worship II Hymnal No.100)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30 AM

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Processional Hymn

Vexilla Regis Prodeunt (Chant)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Ps. 85:3,5,1

"Miserére mihi, Dómine, quóniam ad te clamávi tota die: quia tu, Dómine, suávis ac mitis es, et copiósus in misericórdia ómnibus invocántibus te. (Psalm) Inclina, Dómine, auram tuam mihi, et exaudi me: quoniam inops, et pauper sum ego."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass In Honor of Our Lady of

Lourdes (W.Marsh)

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

Gradual: Ps. 101:16-17

"Timébunt gentes nomen tuum, Dómine, et omnes reges terræ glóriam tuam. Quóniam ædificávit Dóminus Sion: et vidébitur in majestáte sua." Alleluia: Ps. 97:1 "Allelúja, allelúja. Cantáte Dómino cánticum novum: quia mirabília fecit Dóminus. Alleluia."

Offertory Verse: Ps. 39:14,15

"Dómine, in auxílium meum réspice: confundántur et revereántur, qui quærunt ánimam meam, ut áuferant eam: Dómine, in auxílium meum réspice."

> Offertory Hymn: Adoramus Te, Christe (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina c.1525~1594)

Communion Verse: Ps. 70:16,17,18

"Dómine, memorábor justitiæ tuæ solius: Deus, docuísti me a juventúte mea, et usque in senéctam et sénium: Deus, ne derelínquas me."

Communion Hymn: Panis Angelicus

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina c.1525~1594) **O Sacrum Convivium (Jean Baptiste François Lallouette c.1651~1728)

Recessional Hymn

God, My King, Thy Might Confessing (Worship II Hymnal No.100)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

LATIN MASS PROPERS: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INTROIT: Psalm 85: 3, 5. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I have cried to Thee all the day; for Thou, O Lord, art sweet and mild, and plenteous in mercy to all that call upon Thee. Psalm 85:1 Bow down Thy ear to me, O Lord, and hear me; for I am needy and poor. V. Glory be to the Father...

COLLECT: O Lord, we pray Thee that Thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually intent upon all good works. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 3:13-31 Brethren: I pray you not to faint at my tribulations for you, which are your glory. For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom all paternity in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened by His Spirit with might unto the inward man. That Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts; that being rooted and founded in charity, you may be able to comprehend with all the saints, what is the breadth and length, and height, and depth. To know also the charity of Christ, which surpasseth all knowledge; that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do all things more abundantly than we desire or understand, according to the power that worketh in us: to Him be glory in the Church, and in Christ Jesus, unto all generations, world without end. Amen.

GRADUAL: Psalm 101: 16-17 The Gentiles shall fear Thy name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth Thy glory. *V.* For the Lord hath built up Sion, and He shall be seen in His majesty. **ALLELUIA:** Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle, because the Lord hath done wonderful things. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 14: 1-11 **A**t that time, when Jesus went into the house of one of the chief of the Pharisees on the Sabbath-day to eat bread, they watched Him. And behold, there was a certain man before Him that had dropsy: and Jesus answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying: Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath-day? But they held their peace: but He taking him, healed him, and sent him away. And answering them, He said: Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fall into a pit, and will not immediately draw him out on the Sabbath-day? And they could not answer Him these things. And He spoke a parable also to them that were invited, marking how they chose the first seats at the table, saying to them: When thou art invited to a wedding, sit not down in the first place, lest perhaps one more honorable than thou be invited by him; and he that invited thee and him, come and say to thee: Give this man place; and then thou begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when thou art invited, go, sit down at the lowest place: that when he who invited thee cometh, he may say to thee: Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have glory before them that sit at table with thee: because every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 39: 14, 15 Look down, O Lord, to help me; let them be confounded and ashamed that seek after my soul to take it away; look down, O Lord, to help me.

SECRET Cleanse our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, through the effects of this sacrifice: and in Thy mercy make us worthy to partake thereof. Through our Lord.

Preface of the Holy Trinity

COMMUNION: Psalm 70: 16-17, 18 O Lord, I will be mindful of Thy justice alone: Thou hast taught me, O God, from my youth, and unto old age and grey hairs, O God, forsake me not.

POSTCOMMUNION In Thy loving kindness, O Lord, purify our souls, we beseech Thee: and quicken us to a new life by Thy sacrament, that in both the present and future, even our bodies therein may find relief. Through our Lord.

Calendar of Masses

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

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SATURDAY September 12th	4:00 PM	Maureen Matoes	Memorial	Mary Zanco	
SUNDAY September 13th 16th Sunday after Pentecost/ 24th Sunday of the Year	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo Doug & Joanie Kingsley Brian McCormick Daniel Kwash Michael Kwash Tony & Tricia Reilly & Family Mary Clare MacKenzie Mark Serafino Ruth & Peter Murphy Nicholas Monahan Jimmy Evert Dominick J. Forti Margaret T. Patterson Richard Lloyd Robert Quagan	Wedding Anniv. Memorial Birthday Intention Special Intention Special Intention Birthday Intention Birthday Intention 25th Wedd. Anniv. Birthday Intention Memorial Memorial Memorial Health of the Sick Memorial	Kingsley Family Cindy Fagrey Kwash Family Kwash Family Tony & Tricia Reilly MacKenzie Family MacKenzie Family MacKenzie Family Monahan Family Richard Fell Kasper Family Bennett Family Judy Spaulding Judy Spaulding	
	5:30 PM	Kitty Ward	Year's Mind	Margie Bibbo	
MONDAY September 14th EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	Memorial Memorial		
TUESDAY September 15th	7:30 AM	Priscilla Donahue OUR LADY OF SORROWS	Month's Mind	Kingsley Family	
WEDNESDAY September 16th	12:30 PM	Barbara Reidy SS. Cornelius & Cyprian	Memorial	Claire Brassil	
THURSDAY September 17th	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	Claire, Philip, Peter Rigoli St. Robert Bellarmine James A. Donovan Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi	Memorial	Philip Rigoli Jr.	
FRIDAY	7:30 AM	Wanda Lempitski	Memorial	Dick Lempitski	
September 18th	Health of the Sick 12:30 PM	Feria Kwash/Rulnick/Rizzo/ Steinkrauss Family St. Joseph Cupertino	Memorial	Kwash Family	
SATURDAY September 19th St. Januarius	9:00 AM	Robert Quagan Intention of the Donor Mary Colella Katherine Wall	Month's Mind Memorial Memorial	Quagan Family Margie Gilbert Deborah Wall	
J	4:00 PM	Daniel J. Congdon	Memorial	Mary Anne Raffol	

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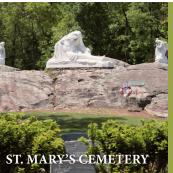


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