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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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Mr. Ron Goguen, Superintendent. Guardian Staff on-site for service hours Mon.-Fri., 9 AM-3 PM, April through November. The Cemetery Office is located at the parish rectory on 270 Elliot St, Newton Upper Falls and is open Monday-Friday, 8 AM-5 PM.

> Telephone: <u>781-235-1841</u> saintmaryscemetery.org

Mass Schedule

4:00 PM (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 AM Sunday: 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.

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

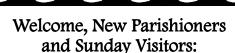
Matrimony:

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



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: The High Altar of the parish church, Ash Wednesday, 2014. A.D. Wednesday of this week, February 10th, the Solemn Fast of Lent begins with the imposition of blessed ashes as a sign of repentance and a mark of our earthly mortality. (PHOTO PAUL ELDRIDGE.)

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

NEW WEBSITE FOR PARISH CEMETERY:

saintmaryscemetery.org

(CORRECTION ON WEBSITE ADDRESS)



Pastor's Note

LENT 2016

The Roman Martyrology's entry for Ash Wednesday announces: "The Day of Ashes and the beginning of the most holy Fast of Lent." Ash Wednesday this year falls on Wednesday of the coming week, February 10th. We will have four parish Masses at Mary Immaculate, as we do for the Holy Day Mass schedule:



7:30 AM 12:30 PM (Latin Low Mass) 5:30 PM 7:30 PM (Latin High Mass)

Please note that Ash Wednesday is a day of

obligatory fast for healthy adults between the ages of 18-59, as well as a day of abstinence from flesh meats. Everyone should try to observe some sacrifice according to his age and capacity.

Here below is a summary of the current Lenten discipline for Catholics:

LENTEN REGULATIONS

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

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

The Lenten Observance of Catholics is characterized by *Prayer*, *Fasting*, *and Almsgiving*. These are practices we do throughout the year, of course, but they should be performed with more conscientiousness and intensity during the Forty Days of Lent.

Another important practice of Lent is recourse to the Sacrament of Penance. By virtue of making a good Lent, we will undoubtedly become more aware of our need for Christ's Forgiveness and seek it through the absolution given by the priest in Confession.

Beginning next Wednesday, February 17th,

priests in the Archdiocese of Boston will be hearing Confessions on the Wednesdays in Lent from 6:30-8:00 PM. May God bless our Lenten resolutions and give us perseverance in the 40 Days to come.

(Fr. Higgins)

SCRIPTURE STUDY

SUNDAY EPISTLES STUDY QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY 1 Cor. 13:1-13

familiar parts of Scripture, even to non-believers. Many couples across denominations choose this text as one of the readings for their wedding ceremony. It even makes a prominent appearance during a sober moment in the comedy *The Office*. Devout believers as well as secularized "spiritual-not religious" people seek meaning for their lives from this text of St. Paul. At the threshold of Lent, the Church bids us apply this text to our Lenten observance.

In vv. 1-3, St. Paul lists various gifts, but insists that they are utterly meaningless and devoid of value without charity. All too commonly, some Christians practice the Lenten disciplines with a kind of loveless rigorism. In other words, they perform their penance with great effort, but without charity. Their obsession with the rigor of their penance looms so large, that it can lead to prideful, glum, and irritable behavior. This warped observance of Lent crowds out the opportunity for the real purpose of penance: growth in charity and holiness. In the final analysis, such religious practice is ugly and off-putting, because it reflects the opposite of the joy and charity that are sure signs of the presence of the Holy Spirit. In other words, it is exactly the "noisy gong" St. Paul mentions, thereby proving his point that without charity, it's all empty.

Having identified the problem of Christian praxis devoid of charity, St. Paul then proceeds to describe many of charity's wonderful aspects. In vv. 4-7, he provides us with a profoundly moving meditation as well as a convicting examination of conscience: "Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (RSV). We know we often fall short of this ideal, and so we must look to the lives of saints (such a St. Paul) for courage and inspiration, even as we call upon their

aid in prayer. A more concerted effort to study the lives of the saints might be a good Lenten exercise to help strengthen the virtue of charity. After all, we cannot keep a good Lent merely by denying ourselves lawful pleasures (meat, chocolate, TV, etc.). We also need to fill ourselves up with good spiritual nourishment in place of the things we have given up.

In the second half of the passage, St. Paul repeatedly affirms the imperfection of the spiritual gifts in this life, and the perfection that awaits the Church in the next (vv. 8-12). In v. 12, he also speaks of the hope of seeing "face to face." St. John echoes this idea from St. Paul: "when He [Christ] appears we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure" (cf. 1 In. 3:2-3). For this life, St. Paul identifies the virtue of charity as the strongest link to that celestial perfection (v. 13). This concords once again with the teaching of St. John: "God is love" (cf. 1 Jn. 4:8, 16). St. Paul and St. John help us to see that we cannot keep a perfect Lent this side of heaven, although the hope of heaven should motivate our purification in this life. Lent helps us each year to partake more fully of the hope of Easter, the feast which above all others points us to the perfection of heaven, and the joy of seeing Our Lord "face to face."

(David Allen)

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





WEEKLY FRIDAY AM BIBLE STUDY: EPISTLES OF ST. PAUL—FIRST THESSALONIANS

Led by David Allen, Friday morning at 8:20 AM (after

the 7:30 AM Parish Mass.) Lower Rectory Conference Room.

This is an open group and all are invited to attend at any time.



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LENT IN THE PARISH



PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2016

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

Each Friday evening during Lent, 7:30 PM

February 12th-March 18th.

Our special parish spiritual exercise during the Lenten Season is the traditional Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis) each Friday during Lent, with a Sermon, Holy Communion outside of Mass and Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Fr. Higgins' sermon series for this year is entitled:

"THE PUBLIC LIFE OF JESUS: FROM JORDAN'S BANK TO JERUSALEM"

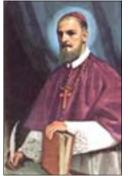
Our Lord lived on this earth for Thirty-three Years. For only three years of it was He publicly known (about 10% of His life-time). This phase of Christ's life is known as "The Public Life". Following the relative chronology of Christ's Public Life from the 1910 Catholic Encyclopedia article "Jesus Christ" by Rev. A.J. Maas, S.J., we will trace the course of Our Lord's Public Life from His Baptism by John the Baptist on the banks of the Jordan River to His journey to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

The service lasts about 1 hour. All welcome.

MAIN CHURCH

LENT IN THE PARISH





Lenten Book Study*

David Allen, our Pastoral
Associate, will be leading a six week
study on *The Sermons of St. Francis*de Sales for Lent.
Delivered in 1622, these sermons
are a comprehensive treatment on
Lenten spiritual themes. St.
Francis offers us timely wisdom for

keeping a good and holy Lent. Please join us!

Dates and Time: Quinquagesima Sunday and the first five Sundays of Lent (February 7, 14, 21, 28, and March 6, 13) at 12:30 P.M., following the 10:30 A.M. Latin Mass. Location: Rectory dining room. Please enter the rectory from the front door. *Refreshments will be provided* Books are available in the rectory office. A donation of \$20.00 for the book is recommended. *Note: Please read chapters 1-2 for the first class*



All welcome to attend the Mass. Fr. Joseph Briody will be the celebrant.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-5, 8:30-10 AM (includes Children's Liturgy of the Word and 9 AM parish Mass) Grades 6-10 (Pre-Confirmation), 10:15-11:30 AM Classes in Lower Church Hall

New students are always welcome

Jean Johnson, Director Patti Strom, Latin Mass Children's Catechism



PARISH FELLOWSHIP

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND COFFEE HOUR TODAY, FEBRUARY 7th, AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS.

Please join us for a Pancake Breakfast sponsored by our Religious Education Program today immediately after the 9 AM Mass.



WE INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR DOWNSTAIRS EACH SUNDAYAFTER THE 10:30 LATIN MASS.

ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS



The St. Blaise blessing will be offered be offered after all of our parish Sunday Masses this weekend, February 6th-7th.

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

Fifth Sunday of the Year

Entrance Antiphon: Ps.95

"O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God."

ST. MEINRAD Booklet, pg. 47

Ordinary Prayers: English Chant

(Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus & Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory Antiphon: Mt. 5:5-6

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill."

ST. MEINRAD Booklet, pg. 48

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps. 107(106):8-9

"Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things."

ST. MEINRAD Booklet, pg. 48

Post Communion Hymn

Salve Regina
Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!
Our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve,
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley, of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this our exile show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus;

Recessional Hymn:

O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

Let All Together Praise Our God (Worship II Hymnal, **No. 160**) Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal) Sunday, 10:30 AM

Quinquagesima Sunday

Processional Hymn

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake from Lidley's Prayers

(Richard Farrant c. 1530 –1580)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Ps. 30:3,4,2

"Esto mihi in Deum protectorem, et in locum refugii, ut salvum me facias: quoniam firmamentum meum, et refugium meum es tu: et propter nomen tuum dux mihi eris, et enutries me. (Psalm) In te, Domine, speravi, non confundar in aeternum: in justitia tua libera me, et eripe me."

Ordinary Prayers: Missa XVII

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

Gradual Ps. 76:15,16

"Tu es Deus qui facis mirabilia solus: notam fecisti in gentibus virtutem tuam. Liberasti in brachio tuo populum tuum, filios Israel et Joseph." **Tract:** Ps. 99:1,2

"Jubilate Deo, omnis terra: servite Domino in laetitia. Intrate in conspectu ejus, in exsultatione: scitote, quod Dominus ipse est Deus. Ipse fecit nos, et non ipsi nos: nos autem populus ejus, et oves pascuae ejus."

Offertory: Ps. 118:12,13

"Benedictus es, Domine, doce me justificationes tuas: in labiis meis pronuntiavi omnia judicia oris tui."

Offertory Hymn: Ave Maria (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina d.1594)

Communion Verse: Ps. 77:29,30

"Manducaverunt, et saturati sunt nimis, et desiderium eorum attulit eis Dominus: non sunt fraudati a desiderio suo."

Communion Hymn: Sicut Cervus (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina d.1594)

Recessional Hymn: Salve Mater Misericordiae (Chant)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

LATIN MASS PROPERS: QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

INTROIT: Ps. 30. 3-4 Be Thou unto me a God, a protector, and a place of refuge to save me: for Thou art my strength and my refuge: and for Thy name's sake Thou wilt lead me, and nourish me. *Psalm* In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me never be confounded: deliver me in Thy justice, and save me. *V. Glory* be to the Father. COLLECT We beseech Thee, O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers, that being loosed from the bonds of our sins, we may be defended by Thee against all adversity. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 13. 1-13 Brethren: If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And if I should have prophecy, and should know all mysteries, and all knowledge; and I should have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And if I should distribute all my goods to feed the poor, and if I should deliver my body to be burned and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity is patient, is kind; Charity envieth not, dealeth not perversely, is not puffed up, is not ambitious, seeketh not her own, is not provoked to anger, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never falleth away; whether prophecies shall be made void, or tongues shall cease, or knowledge shall be destroyed. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child. But when I became a man, I put away the things of a child. We see now through a glass in a dark manner; but then face to face. Now I know in part; but then I shall know even as I am known. And now there remain faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

GRADUAL: Ps. 76. 15-16 Thou art the God that alone dost wonders: Thou hast made Thy power known among the nations. *V*. With Thy arm Thou hast delivered Thy people, the children of Israel and of Joseph. TRACT: Ps. 99. 1-2 Sing joyfully to God, all the earth: serve ye the Lord with gladness. *V*. Come before His presence with exceeding great joy: know ye that the Lord He is God. *V*. He made us, and not we ourselves: but we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

GOSPEL: Luke 18. 31-43 **A**t that time Jesus took unto Him the twelve and said to them: Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things shall be accomplished which were written by the Prophets concerning the Son of Man. For He shall be delivered to the Gentiles, and shall be mocked and scourged and spit upon: and after they have scourged Him, they will put Him to death, and the third day He shall rise again. And they understood none of these things, and this word was hid from them, and they understood not the things that were said. Now it came to pass, when He drew nigh to Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the wayside, begging. And when he heard the multitude passing by, he asked what this meant. And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus standing, commanded him to be brought unto Him. And when he was come near, He asked him, saying: What wilt thou that I do to thee? But he said: Lord, that I may see. And Jesus said unto him: Receive thy sight, thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he saw and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

OFFERTORY: Ps. 118. 12-13 Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy justifications: with my lips I have pronounced all the judgments of Thy mouth.

SECRET May these sacrifices, we beseech Thee, O Lord, cleanse our offenses, and sanctify the bodies and minds of Thy servants for the celebration of this sacrifice. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION: Ps. 77. 29-30 They did eat and were filled exceedingly, and the Lord gave them their desire: they were not defrauded of that which they craved.

POSTCOMMUNION We beseech Thee, almighty God, that we who have received this heavenly nourishment, may be strengthened by it against all adversities. Through our Lord.

Calendar of Masses

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

	(intention of the Mass Specia	r Kemarks - Kequesteu	by)
SATURDAY February 6th	4:00 PM	Marie Hauer	Memorial	Antoinette Paoletti
SUNDAY	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		
February 7th	9:00 AM	Joseph Donovan Diane Nilsen	Memorial	Tracy Clark
Quinquagesima Sunday and the 5th of the Year	10:30 AM	Diane & Michael Blanchette	Special Intention	Provencher Family
		James Nyhen Nick & Janet Pino Barbara Nyhen All Souls Intention of the Donor David Botsolis Jose Bernardo Barbara Nyhen Geraldine Jean-Pierre	Memorial Health of the Sick Health of the Sick Memorial	Maureen & Barbara Nyhen Maureen & Barbara Nyhen Maureen & Barbara Nyhen Maureen & Barbara Nyhen
			Special Intention Memorial Health of the Sick Special Intention	Botsolis Family Fortunata Buenaventura Judy Spaulding
	5:30 PM	Malgorzata Pado Kazadi Caroline Kerrigan	Memorial Special Intention	Joanne Lempitski Alice Kerrigan
MONDAY February 8th St Jerome Emiliani/St. John of Matha	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	Memorial	
TUESDAY February 9th Feria	7:30 AM	William & Dorothy Wilson	Memorial	
WEDNESDAY February 10th ASH WEDNESDAY	7:30 AM	Fr. Higgins		Blessed Margaret of Castello Group
	12:30 PM 5:30 PM	Alma Collins Intention of the Celebrant	Memorial	Leonard F. Nolan
	7:30 PM	Virginia Hidalgo	12th Anniversary	Jan Paul & Lisa Von Wendt
THURSDAY February 11th APPARITION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AT LOURDES	7:30 AM	Barbara Nyhen	Health of the Sick	
	5:30 PM	Barbara Nyhen	Health of the Sick	Susan & Robert Goeller
FRIDAY	7:30 AM	Intention of the Donor	Memorial	
February 12th	Health of the Sick 12:30 PM	Friday after Ash Catherine Dinon	Special Intention	Robert & Susan Goeller
SATURDAY February 13th Saturday after Ash	9:00 AM	John L. Nolan Sr. Joseph Pro-life	Memorial	Leonard Feeney Nolan Robert & Susan Goeller Annie Procopio
	4:00 PM	Edward Connolly	Memorial	Joe & Karen Kelly

February 7th, A.D. 2016 Quinquagesima Sunday and the Fifth of the Year
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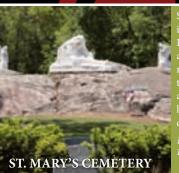




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