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## Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

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#### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM Traditional Latin High Mass: 10:30 AM

Weekdays: Mon.-Tues., Thurs.-Fri. 7:30 AM <u>Traditional Latin Low Mass</u>: 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**

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 vourselves 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)

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#### FRONT COVER

From the Parish Archives: These photographs are from a parade float sponsored by the parish in the early 1950's. As can be seen from the second photo, young girls of the parish are dressed to recreate the miracle scene of the Blessed Virgin Mary appearing to St. Bernadette at the Grotto of Lourdes. The buildings in the background are the storefronts on High Street.

## OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

#### **Pastor's Note**

## THE PRIMARY MORAL DUTY OF KEEPING ONESELF ALIVE

Whether a person considers himself religious or not, every one realizes at some point or other that he has moral duties in life which—like it or not—he has an obligation to fulfill. One of these moral duties is the duty to preserve one's own life.

As Catholics we perceive this duty as part of our relationship to God as the Creator and the Giver of Life. Our very life itself is a gift of God. We are but stewards of this life: we are not the owners.

The life of charity includes the charity that we owe to ourselves (*caritas sui* in Latin, "charity-to-oneself"). We owe it to ourselves to keep ourselves alive by proper care of our body's needs and not to foolishly put that life at risk. (For example, thrill-seekers who participate in extreme sports where there is a high risk of serious injury or death are violating this primary moral duty to keep oneself alive.) If we fall seriously ill, we are morally bound to seek remedy by the ordinary means at hand.

We are strictly forbidden to take our own lives by suicide. In a culture such as ours where there is a wide permission given for suicide as an expression of the autonomy of self it is very important for us as Catholics to be reminded that suicide is a grave sin against the Fifth Commandment *Thou shalt not kill*. It is selfmurder.

In the Glossary of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* we find this definition of suicide:

**SUICIDE:** The willful taking of one's own life, a grievous sin against the Fifth Commandment. A human person is neither the author nor the supreme arbiter of his life, of which God is the Sovereign Master.

In the body of the Catechism we find the

teaching against suicide spelled out.

Everyone is responsible for his life before God who has given it to him. It is God who remains the Sovereign Master of Life. We are obliged to accept life gratefully and preserve it for His honor and the salvation of our souls. We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of. (PAR 2280)

Suicide contradicts the natural inclination of the human being to preserve and perpetuate his life. It is gravely contrary to the just love of self. It likewise offends love of neighbor because it unjustly breaks the ties of solidarity with family, nation and other human societies to which we continue to have obligations. Suicide is contrary to love for the Living God. (PAR 2281)

This does not mean, however, that subjective states of mind cannot mitigate the guilt of suicide in particular cases. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* also clarifies:

Grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide. (PAR 2282)
We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to Him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives. (PAR 2283)

If in times past the Church refused public funeral rites for suicides and forbade their burial in consecrated ground it was in large part an effort at deterrence for others. This is no longer the case. Now we emphasize the riches of Divine Mercy and there are even prayers in the revised funeral rites specific to those who have died by suicide.

Nonetheless, we need to be crystal clear in our own minds of the wrongness of suicide.

(Fr. Higgins)

## **SCRIPTURE STUDY**

#### SUNDAY EPISTLES STUDY TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PHILIPPIANS 1:6-11

In today's Epistle, St. Paul addresses the Church in Philippi, a Macedonian city near the Northern coastline of the Aegean Sea. This Church began as quite a small group-just a few Jewish women gathering *outdoors* for worship by a river bank (there was not even a local synagogue). Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Luke (the narrator and author of Acts) seek out the group and preach to them. As a result of the apostolic preaching, Lydia and her family are baptized, embracing the faith wholeheartedly and joyfully (cf. Acts 16:11-15).

This gives us a clear background for understanding St. Paul's affectionate words to them in the verses we hear today, as well as in 1:3-5, which precede today's verses: "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (RSV). Thanks to the Book of Acts, we know about that successful "first day" of St. Paul's apostolate there. In contrast to some of St. Paul's missionary destinations, where he encountered outright persecution, the Christians in Philippi were docile to the doctrine of the faith, faithful in trials, and joyful in discipleship (cf. vv. 7, 9, 4:4-5).

When we read the Pauline epistles, we always need to keep the original context in mind, so as to arrive at a sound interpretation of the literal (i.e., the original) sense. But we must also recognize that St. Paul's letters convey counsels that are relevant for any believer or any local Church in any age (the spiritual senses of the text are always built upon the literal, cf. *Catechism* nos. 115-117). Thus, St. Paul speaks directly to us and our own contemporary pastoral needs. In view of this, then, today's excerpt from the introduction of Philippians can encourage us both to trust in God's providence and mercy, and to refocus our efforts in this life toward the eternal reward of heaven.

In the monastic Rule of St. Benedict, the great

father of Western monasticism instructs his monks "never [to] lose hope in God's mercy" (cf. Benedict, Rule, 4:74). For some of us, the temptation we face is not laxity, but scrupuosity. This misplaced, hyperobsession with sin and the fear of sin and punishment is not God's will for us. Rather, we need to hold onto St. Paul's declaration to his flock in Philippi: "And I am sure that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (v. 6, RSV). St. Paul would have his spiritual children grow in the graces of their baptism (the good work God has begun in us), and so, to be ready to face both their particular judgment and the Last Judgment ("the day of Jesus Christ") with confidence in God's grace. This is the basis for his prayer of vv. 9-11: "that your love may abound more and more...[that you] may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" (RSV).

God does not dispense the sacraments so that His children would *fail* to achieve eternal life, but so that they may attain it! We cannot attain heaven without supernatural grace which comes to us in the sacraments, particularly in baptism, penance, and the Eucharist. And if we sincerely seek to cooperate with these graces (abounding in charity and "*the fruits of righteousness*"), God will graciously convey us to the halls of heaven. Cooperating with the grace of the sacraments means that we as individuals and as a parish must strive to look more and more like the believers in Philippi: docile to the doctrine of the faith, faithful to Christ in suffering, and above all, joyful.

(David Allen)

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



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WEEKLY FRIDAY AM BIBLE STUDY:

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.

**CURRENT STUDY: "MORNING & EVENING** 

PRAYER: Meditations & Catechesis on the Psalms & Canticles"—Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI





#### 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:

Joseph Gamache, Kathy Quinn, Ellen Balkus, Lena Strom, Kay Mullen, Marie Geraci, Barbara Nyhen, Maureen Nyhen, Christina Kwash, Janet Pino, Ed Donovan, Marie Schroter, Marie Danca, Mary Duhaime,

"I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but in the next"— Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette, February 18th, 1858



Prayers for:
PAUL ELDRIDGE
MARY DOWNEY
MARIE SCHROTER
STAN SCHROTER

"THE END OF ALL HUMAN ENDEAVOR IS TO BE HAPPY AT HOME." —G.K. CHESTERTON

# Religious Education

#### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES TODAY, OCTOBER 16th, 2016:

Grades K-5, Sunday morning, 8:30-10 AM (includes Children's Liturgy of the Word and 9 AM parish Mass)

Grades 6-8 (Pre-Confirmation), 10:15-11:30 AM

Classes meet in the Lower Church Hall

New students are always welcome

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Latin Mass Children's Catechism will meet at 9:30 AM in the Lower Rectory Conference Room.

## Knights Columbus

The Knights of Columbus thank us for the very generous response to their

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(PHOTO: Betsy and Paul with Bro. Martin MacKenzie)



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.



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#### Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the resurrection of:

Donna Wallace, aged 62 (sister of our Visiting Assistant Priest, Fr. John Tokaz, OFM Cap.) Liam Cunningham, aged 27



## Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

#### Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

4:00 PM Sat. Vigil, 7:30 & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

#### Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year

#### Prelude: 9 AM

Cantabo Domino (Antonio Burlini, d.1623)

#### **Entrance Antiphon:** Ps.17:6,8

(Saint Meinrad, page 84)

"To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me."

#### **Ordinary Prayers: English Chant**

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

#### Offertory Antiphon: Ps.33:18-19

(Saint Meinrad, page 84)

"Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine."

#### 9:00 AM

O Salutaris (William Beale, d.1854)

#### Communion Antiphon: Mk.10:45

(Saint Meinrad, page 85)

"The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many."

#### 9:00 AM

Ave Verum (Luigi Bordese)

#### **Post Communion Hymn:**

Salve Regina (chant)

#### 9:00 AM

Ave Maria, D.839 (Franz Schubert)

#### **Recessional Hymn**

O Queen of the Holy Rosary\*
(Haydn)

#### \*Additional Music Sheet

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal) 10:30 AM

#### Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude:** Hear My Prayer, O Lord (Thomas Tomkins, Musica Deo Sacra, 1668)

#### **Processional Hymn:**

Salve, Mater Misericordiae (Chant)

Asperges: Chant

#### Introit: Ps.129:3,4,1

"Si iniquitátes observáveris, Dómine, Dómine, quis sustinébit? quía apud te propitátio est, Deus Israël. (Psalm) De profúndis clamávi ad te, Dómíne: Dómine, exáudì vocem meam."

#### **Ordinary Prayers: Mass For Three Voices**

William Byrd, Published: c.<u>1593</u> (Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

#### **Gradual:** Ps. 132:1-2

"Ecce quam bonum, et quam jucúndum habitáre fratres in unum! Sicut ungúentum in cápite, quod descéndit in barbam, barbam Aaron." Alleluia: Ps. 113:1 "Allelúja, allelúja. Qui timent Dóminum, sperent in eo adjútor at protéctor eórum est. Allelúja."

#### Offertory Verse: Ester 14:12,13

"Recordáre mei, Dómine, omni potentátui dóminans: et da sermónem rectum in os meum, ut pláceant verba mea in conspéctu príncipis."

> Offertory Hymn: Veni, Jesu, Amor Mi (Cherubini)

#### Communion Verse: Ps. 16:6

"Ego clamávi quóniam exaudísti me, Deus: inclína aurem tuam, et exáudi verba mea."

#### Communion Hymns: Anima Christi (L.Dobici)

\*\*Ave Maris Stella

(William Byrd, Published: Gradualia I, 1605)

#### **Recessional Hymn**

O Queen of the Holy Rosary (Haydn)

Noon Angelus (Chant)



"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's."

## LATIN MASS PROPERS: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INTROIT: Psalm 129: 3-4 If Thou shalt observe iniquities, O Lord, Lord, who shall endure it? for with Thee is propitiation, O God of Israel. Psalm 129: 1-2 From the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; hear, we pray Thee, the devout prayers of Thy Church, and grant that what we ask confidently we may obtain effectually. Through Our Lord.

EPISTLE: Philippians 1: 6-11 Brethren, we are confident in the Lord Jesus, that He who hath begun a good work in you, will perfect it unto the day of Christ Jesus. As it is meet for me to think this for you all, for that I have you in my heart; and that, in my bands and in the defence and confirmation of the Gospel, you are all partakers of my joy. For God is my witness, how I long after you all in the depths of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your charity may more and more abound in knowledge and in all understanding; that you may approve the better things; that you may be sincere and without offense unto the day of Christ; filled with the fruit of justice, through Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 132: 1-2 Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. *V.* It is like the precious ointment on the head, that ran down upon the beard, the beard of Aaron. ALLELUIA: Psalm 113: 11 Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* They that fear the Lord, let them hope in Him; He is their helper and protector. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 15-21 **A**t that time, the Pharisees went and consulted among themselves, how to ensnare Jesus in His speech. And they sent to Him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying: Master, we know that Thou art a true speaker, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest Thou for any man, for Thou dost not regard the person of men. Tell us therefore, what dost Thou think? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? But Jesus knowing their wickedness, said: Why do you tempt Me, ye hypocrites? Show me the coin of the tribute. And they offered Him a penny. And Jesus saith to them: Whose image and superscription is this? They say to Him: Caesar's. Then He saith to them: Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's.

OFFERTORY: Esther 14: 12, 13 Remember me, O Lord, Thou who rulest above all power; and give a well-ordered speech in my mouth, that my words may be pleasing in the sight of the prince.

SECRET Grant us, O merciful God, that this saving oblation may unceasingly cleanse us from our faults and keep us from all harm. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION: Psalm 16: 6 I have cried, for Thou, O God, hast heard me: O incline Thy ear unto me, and hear my words.

**POSTCOMMUNION** We have received, O Lord, the gifts of Thy sacred mysteries; and most humbly pray, that what Thou hast commanded us to do in memory of Thee, may be a help in our weakness. Thou Who livest.

## Calendar of Masses

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

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SUNDAY October 16th 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST and the 29th IN	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo Tom Queffelec Battaglia/Provencher Fam. Mary Provencher William Kasper Intention of the Donor Anthony Angelucci	Memorial Memorial Birthday Intention Birthday Intention Special Intention	Dunn & Gaherin's Staff Provencher Family Provencher Family Kasper Family Victoria Angelucci
ORDINARY TIME		Michael D. Sullivan III Rusnack/Booth/Drohan Betsy Eldridge Parviz Nader Gianni Resteghini Nicola & Josefina Pino Doyle Family Brendan O'Connor Marianne C. Patten Janet Crapo Harvey Mike Procopio	Special Intention Liv/Dec Family 50th Wed. Memorial Memorial Health of the Sick Memorial Special Intention Memorial Memorial Memorial Memorial Birthday Intention	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Rusnack Family Paul Eldridge Concepcion Reyna Lidia Resteghini Nick & Janet Pino Botsolis Family Mary McLoughlin C. Joseph Doyle Harvey Family Annie Procopio
MONDAY October 17th St. Ignatius of Antioch /St. Margaret Mary Alacoque	5:30 PM 7:30 AM	Intention of the Donor Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	Memorial	
TUESDAY October 18th	7:30 AM ST. LUKE THE	Eunice Maloney	Memorial	Kingsley Family
WEDNESDAY October 19th		David Polito	Health of the Sick	Geraldine Goguen
THURSDAY October 20th	7:30 AM	Claire, Philip & Peter Rigoli		Janet Rigoli
St. Paul of the Cross/ St. John Cantius	5:30 PM	Jordan Pascucci	Health of the Sick	Geraldine Goguen
FRIDAY October 21st	7:30 AM Health of the Sick	Robert Cotter	xx 11 6.1 or 1	Kay Mullen
Bl. Karl of Austria	12:30 PM	Brianna Wilkinson	Health of the Sick	Geraldine Goguen
SATURDAY October 22nd	9:00 AM	Megan MacKenzie Intention of the Donor James Gagnon	Birthday Intention  Memorial	MacKenzie Family Tony & Tricia Reilly
Pope St. John Paul II		Pro-Life		Mike & Annie Procopio
	4:00 PM	Peggy Dada	Memorial	Kay Mullen



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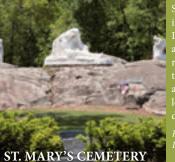
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