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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

<u>Parish Staff</u>

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Parish Cemetery of Saint Mary's, Needham GUARDIAN ESTATE MANAGEMENT INC.

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>

Mass Schedule

<u>Saturday Vigil:</u> 4:00 PM <u>Sunday:</u> 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM <u>Traditional Latin High Mass:</u> 10:30 AM

Weekdays: Mon.-Tues., Thurs.-Fri. 7:30 AM Traditional Latin Mass: Mon-Wed-Fri: 12:30 PM; Thu: 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 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)

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes (Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910) Newton/Needham, Massachusetts Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman Catholic Parish Iraqi Chaldean-rite Catholic Mission of Boston



THE POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2017: "THE ELDERLY: That the elderly, sustained by families

and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the Faith and forming the new generations." (PHOTO: Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015.)

PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO THE CLERGY FUNDS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO GET TO CHRISTMAS MASS ON ACCOUNT OF THE WINTER WEATHER. ENVELOPES ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE TABLES TO THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.



FRONT COVER

The Christmas Crib at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, A.D. 2010 (PHOTO by Paul Eldridge, +2017)

+ DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY +

Pastor's Note

"TE DEUM" FOR 2017 and the PARISH'S SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR 2018

The renewal of the Church's Year of Grace anticipates the civil New Year by a few weeks. On New Year's Day we are always celebrating the Octave Day of Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

The turning of the year in the midst of Christmastide is a fitting occasion for us to give thanks to God, *Te Deum*, for all of the graces and favors we have received in the past year and to pray for all of the graces and favors we hope to obtain from the Divine Goodness in the year to come, for ourselves and others.

As a Parish Community of faith it is fitting to give thanks and make humble prayer on behalf of the parish's special intentions. We remember, first and foremost, that a Church community exists *"for the glory of God and for the sanctification of souls."* Our primary prayer intention for Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church therefore should always be this: that God may be glorified and that human souls be sanctified and made ready for the life of Heaven. In particular we pray...

For those who will be Baptized in this Church in 2018: We pray for all the souls, especially the new-born infants, who will be receiving the Baptismal Regeneration from the Baptismal font of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church over the next 12 months. Filled with sanctifying grace they will become heirs to Heaven.

For those will receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation: There are three Sacraments of Christian Initiation— Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. Two of them, Baptism and Confirmation, can only be received once because they leave a permanent character on the soul. We pray particularly for the little children of the parish who will be making their First Holy Communion in 2018. Worthy reception of the Holy Eucharist nourishes a person's soul to actually live out the Baptismal Promises.

For the Marriages to be Blessed: We pray for the married lives of those who exchange their vows in this parish church.

For the nurturing of priestly and religious vocations: We pray for those from our parish who have joined religious life or have entered a seminary for the priesthood. We ought to presume also that God is preparing by His grace certain souls within our parish community for Himself, according to His timetable. We pray that our parish life may be such that it is instrumental for those being called to hear that Call.

For the sins that will be forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance: We pray that many people will avail themselves of the Sacrament of Penance: that those who have been away from the Sacraments for a long time will be reconciled to God, that those struggling to overcome habitual sins will break free at last, that those who confess out of devotion more than necessity will be more deeply and strongly converted to God.

For the Health of the Sick and the Relief of Sufferers: We pray for Christ's Healing power to made manifest to all commended to our prayers for the Health of the Sick, especially through the sacramental graces of the Anointing of the Sick (Extreme Unction).

For those who are to die this year from our parish—those whose funeral Masses will be said in this Church, those who will be buried in the consecrated ground of our parish cemetery: We pray that all who die and are buried from this Church in 2018 will die in the friendship of God and so be saved. After all, is not such a "Happy Death", with Heaven assured, the goal of all our striving?

(Fr. Higgins)

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SCRIPTURE STUDY

THE COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL: DECEMBER 31st, 2017 ST. THOMAS BECKETT

"O God, for the sake of Whose Church the glorious Bishop Thomas fell by the sword of ungodly men: grant, we beseech Thee, that all who implore his aid, may obtain the good fruit of their petition. Through our Lord, etc. Amen."

Within the joy and splendor of the Church's Christmas Octave, there are several feast days of martyrs. We have St. Stephen on the 26th, St. John the Apostle on 27th, (not a martyr, but he nevertheless endured an attempted martyrdom and eventually died in exile), the Holy Innocents on the 28th, and finally, St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury on the 29th. St. Thomas died in defense of the superior authority of the Church over the Crown, and more specifically, the legitimate authority of the Church's canonical discipline independent of civil interference. He was hacked down by some of King Henry II's soldiers in his own cathedral during Solemn Vespers on December 29, 1170. The red poinsettias adorning our altar fittingly complement the red vestments worn to commemorate our beloved martyrs.

To an outsider, all of these feasts of martyrs might seem too close in proximity to the joys of Christmas, as if to conflict with the central tone of the season, but this is not so. The martyrs' great love for Christ is the supreme witness to Christ's love for us. The red vestments that solemnly commemorate the precious blood of these saints draws us into the mystery of Our Lord's Precious Blood shed for us on the Cross, for which cause He took on flesh at Christmas.

These solemn feast days of the martyrs are full of Christmas joy, because we celebrate their triumph and their entrance into heavenly glory. As we contemplate the visible face of the Christ Child, we celebrate the fact that they now see that same Lord face-to-face. This, in turn, impels us onward in hope, so that we, too, might one day see Our Lord's glorious face.

When my wife Ellen and I visited Canterbury in May 2016, it was a great joy to venerate both the exact spot of St. Thomas' martyrdom in Canterbury Cathedral, as well as a few of his relics in the Catholic Parish of St. Thomas Becket near the Cathedral. As any Catholic who has been on pilgrimage knows, it is absolutely thrilling to visit the places where our beloved saints lived and died. This principle stems from the Incarnation- Christ became Man at a specific time and in a specific place. Therefore, these holy sites, whether those linked directly with Our Lord or those linked to the saints, are irrevocably part of salvation history, and their story becomes part of ours (even if we are unable to travel). These places allow us to draw near to Christ and His saints in new ways, and therefore, they can serve as instruments for our own conversion and growth in grace. (cf. Thomas Howard, On Being Catholic, pp. 175-176, where he makes some similar points on the practice of pilgrimage).

This incarnational principle is especially true for the holy sites of martyrs. The merits of their deaths participate in a supreme way in the infinite merits of the Blood of Christ. Thus, to venerate their relics and the spots where they shed their blood for Him, and to offer there our own petitions and thanksgivings, is to participate in an powerful and fruitful way in their heavenly intercession for ourselves and those dear to us. This is the sense of the Collect above. It is not that the saints do for us whatever we ask them. Rather, it is this: as we joyfully and lovingly honor them, we seek the purifying effect of their prayers upon our own. Even as we make specific requests, we ultimately trust to receive answers to our prayers that will conform us more perfectly to the loving will of God.

(David Allen)

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



MESSAGE FROM FR. SALAKO



Fr. Salako sends us his Christmas greetings along with pictures from his Mission in Niger.

"I'm just coming from Niger, from the desert of Niger. I had

a simple and deep Christmas in primary evangelization with those who hear about Jesus Christ the day before Christmas. See how God starts—in one of the pictures—to build a church under a tree. We hope that, one day, they will celebrate the Nativity in a church building.

Continue to pray for us. God is at work. God bless you!"





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HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1st, A.D. 2018: OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS and the SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Masses at: 7:30 & 9:00 AM Traditional Latin Mass at 10:30 AM (no 5:30 PM Mass on January 1st)



SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2018: Traditional Latin Mass of the Epiphany, 9:00 AM



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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR EPIPHANYTIDE OPEN HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY AT THE RECTORY

Sunday, January 7th, 2018, 8:30 AM—2:30 PM



BAPTISMS



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Jude and Rhoda (Nalubuga) Matovu on the christening of their daughter VICTORIA BLESSING MATOVU at Mary Immaculate of

Lourdes Church on Sunday, November 26th, A.D. 2017. Her godparents are Gerald Kyelabye and Immaculate Nabawanda. Victoria Blessing is their FIRST-BORN.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. William and Angela (Steinkrauss) Kasper on the christening of their son LUKE GABRIEL KASPER at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church on

Gaudete Sunday, December 17th, A.D. 2017. His godparents are John Steinkrauss and Gabriella Steinkrauss. Luke Gabriel is their THIRD CHILD.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

II. Michael Steinkrauss & Audrey Laubacher

II. Samuel Snyder & Cierra Nugent

LATIN MASS PROPERS: SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

INTROIT: Wisdom 18. 14,15/Psalm 92. 1 While all things were in quiet silence and the night was in the midst of her course, Thy almighty Word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven from Thy royal throne. *Psalm*. The Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded Himself. \mathring{V} . Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. — While all ...

COLLECT: O Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure; that in the Name of Thy beloved Son we may deserve to abound in good works: Who livest and reignest ...

EPISTLE: From Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Galatians, 4. 1-7 Brethren, as long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all: but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed by the father: so we also, when we were children, were serving under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that He might redeem them who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God hath sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying: Abba, Father. Therefore now he is not a servant, but a son: and if a son, an heir also through God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 44. 3-2/Psalm 92. 1 Thou art beautiful above the sons of men: grace is poured abroad in Thy lips. ℣. My heart hath uttered a good word, I speak my words to the king: my tongue is the pen of a scrivener, that writeth swiftly. ALLELUIA Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded himself with might. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Luke 2. 33-40 At that time Joseph and Mary the Mother of Jesus were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother: Behold, this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel: and for a sign which shall be contradicted: and thine own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed. And there was one Anna a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was far advanced in years, and had liveth with her husband seven years from her virginity. And she was a widow until fourscore and four years: who departed not from the temple, by fastings and prayers serving night and day. Now she, at the same hour, coming in, confessed to the Lord: and spoke of Him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel. And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee to their city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom: and the grace of God was in Him.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 92. 1,2 God hath established the world, which shall not be moved: Thy throne, O God, is prepared from of old: Thou art from everlasting. Lift up your gates, O ye princes: and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates, and the King of glory shall enter in.

SECRET: Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the offering made in the sight of Thy Majesty may

obtain for us the grace of loving devotion, and the reward of a blessed eternity. Through our Lord ...

COMMUNION: Matthew 2. 20 Take the Child and His Mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead who sought the life of the Child.

POSTCOMMUNION: By the working of this Mystery, O Lord, may our vices be removed, and our just desires fulfilled. Through our Lord ...



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Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal) 4:00 PM (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Sunday of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Entrance Antiphon: Luke 2:16

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 10) The Shepherds went in haste, and they found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Ordinary Prayers: English Chant (Kyrie from the *Missa de Angelis*, Creed, Sanctus-Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

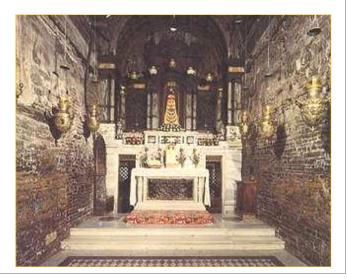
> Offertory: God RestYou Merry, Gentlemen

(Worship II, **No. 102**)

Communion Antiphon: Baruch 3:38 (SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 11) Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

> **Communion Meditation:** Good Christian Men, Rejoice (Worship II, **No. 105**)

Recessional Hymn: Once in Royal David's City (Worship II, **No. 220**)



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

Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

The Asperges: the Sprinkling of Holy Water

Processional Hymn: Introit (Extra Sheet)

Introit: Wisdom 18. 14,15/Psalm 92. 1 Dum medium silentium tenerent omnia, et nox in suo cursu medium iter haberet, omnipotens sermo tuus,Domine, de coelis a regalibus sedibus venit. Ps. 92:1. Dominus regnavit, decorum indutus est: indutus est Dominus fortitudinem, et pracinxit se. \mathcal{N} . Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saculorum. Amen. — Dum medium ...

Ordinary Prayers: Mass II, Kyrie Fons Bonitatis (Kyrie, Gloria, Credo IV, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei)

<u>Gradual</u>: Psalm 44. 3,2/Psalm 92. 1 Speciosus forma pra filiis hominum: diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis. *N*. Eructavit cor meum verbum bonum, dico ego opera mea regi:lingua mea calamus scriba velociter scribentis. <u>Alleluia:</u> Allelúia, allelúia. *N*. Dominus regnavit, decorem induit: induit Dominus fortitudinem, et pracinxit se virtute. Alleluia.

<u>Offertory</u>: Psalm 92. 1,2 Deus firmavit orbem terra, qui non commovebitur: parata sedes tua, Deus, ex tunc, a saeculo tu es.

<u>Communion</u>: Matthew 2. 20 Tolle puerum et matrem ejus, et vade in terram Israel: defuncti sunt enim qui quarebant animam pueri.

Communion Meditation: Puer Natus In Bethlehem (Chant)

Recessional Hymn: Once in Royal David's City (Worship II, No. 220)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

Calendar of Masses

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

SUNDAY December 31st (THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH/ SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS)	4:00 PM (Sat) 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mary F. O'Malley Pro Populo Asimakis "Mike" Bostsolis Altair & Francisca Da Silva Jeff & Kelly Bernard Fam. Roland Maher Carmella Gianfrancesco Donna Angelucci Alison MacKenzie Sang-woo Lee Special Intention John Juhasz Crapo-Kitselman-Tower Family Horton-Hannah-Baldwin Family Harvey Family	Memorial Memorial In Thanksgiving Health of the Sick Memorial Special Intention Special Intention Birthday Intention Living & Deceased Living & Deceased	Jane & Bob Brearly Bill Brearley Denise & Christopher Botsolis Richard Fell Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Neal MacKenzie Haley Lee Haley Lee Juhasz Family Laura Harvey Laura Harvey
	5:30 PM	Sandra Lucia	Special Intention	Provencher Family
MONDAY January lst OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo Parish Special Intention Parish Special Intention		
TUESDAY January 2nd SS. Basil & Gregory	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish	Memorial	
WEDNESDAY January 3rd HOLY NAME OF JESUS	12:30 PM	Mary McCarthy	Memorial	Mary McCarthy
THURSDAY	7:30 AM	Rose DelGrosso	Birthday Intention	Sheila Brady
January 4th St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	5:30 PM	Carolyn Ward	Memorial	Elizabeth & William Hobbib
FRIDAY January 5th	7:30 AM Health of the Sick	Rose DelGrosso	Birthday Intention	Jimmy & Sunny McCloskey
St. John Neumann/ Sacred Heart of Jesus Jirst Jridap	12:30 PM	Kathleen Mannion	Health of the Sick	Mary McLoughlin
SATURDAY January 6th THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (Jirst Saturday)	9:00 AM	All Souls Charles J. Higgins Susan & Robert Goeller Kim Family Barbara Nyhen	Memorial 36th Anniversary Special Intention Health of the Sick	Catherine E. Dinon Juhasz Family Hobbib Family Datricia Strom
	4:00 PM	Lena Strom	90th Birthday Int.	Patricia Strom





To submit your special intentions for our senior priests at Regina Cleri to remember during Holy Mass each week, please visit clergytrust.org/intentions.

Meet Father Cusack — Embracing his vocation, embracing God's people

Father Anthony Cusack grappled with his vocation as a young man. After hearing God's call to the priesthood, he embraced a life of service to every person placed before him in ministry.

Recognizing the growing needs of ethnic communities, Father Anthony broadened his pastoral skills by learning to celebrate Mass in both Spanish and Vietnamese. This enabled him to accept his first assignment at St. Ambrose and St. Mark Parishes in 2015.

Today, Father Anthony ministers in the heart of Dorchester. He engages the community in three very different languages. When summarizing his responsibilities, he describes personifying Christ: "The duty of the priest is, I think, to be Jesus to every single person he meets."

To help ensure priests like Father Anthony receive essential care as they live out their vocation, please support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust through the special collection this Christmas.

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