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## Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

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### www.maryimmaculateoflourdes.org

To contact the parish by internet, please access this new website.

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Parish Cemetery of Saint Mary's, <u>Needham</u> 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 FEBRUARY,

**2018:** "SAY 'NO' TO CORRUPTION: That those who have material, political, or

spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption." (PHOTO: Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015.)

## **TAX STATEMENTS FOR 2017**

Please call the Business Office at the rectory if you would like a statement of your donations to the parish for 2017.

### 617-244-0558



FRONT COVER:

The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes inside our parish church (re-designed and restored by parishioner Jeanette Pappin, 2011).

(PHOTO by Tatiana Blanco.)

### + FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY+

## **Pastor's Note**



LENTEN PARISH MISSION FOR 2018: "THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST."

of the Stations of the Cross devotion over the Fridays of Lent. This year's theme will be "The Miracles of Christ".

In His Public Life, Our Lord continually makes use of the performance of miraculous signs as the sensible, evident proof of the truth of His teaching. He particularly makes use of instantaneous healings from sickness. Most of these miracles are done before crowds of people. These miracles of Christ were a compelling reason for people to believe in Him, and many did. "But of the people many believed in Him and said: When the Christ cometh, shall He do more miracles than this Man doth?" (John 7:31) Christ Himself appealed to His miracles against the implacable hostility of His enemies among the Jews. "The Jews took up stones to stone Him. Jesus answered them: Many good works I have shewed you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?...If I do not the works of My Father, believe Me not. But if I do,

though you will not believe Me, believe the works: that you may know that the Father is in Me and I in the Father." (John 10:31-32, 37-38.)

Our own Christian faith must be built upon a belief in the truth of the testimony of the Gospels about these miracles of Christ since Our Lord Himself meant for them to be a sign of belief. Over the six Fridays of our Mission, beginning this Friday, February 16th, and ending on Passion Friday, March 23rd, we will consider the Miracles of Christ as we find them recorded in the Gospel Books and try to draw out from them the lasting lessons for the Christian disciple throughout all generations.

Please join us for this Lenten-Fridays Mission. It consists of the traditional Stations of the Cross, followed by the Sermon and Holy Communion outside of Mass, and ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We will begin at 7:30 PM. The length of the service is approximately one hour.

### (Father Higgins)

ASH WEDNESDAY at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Wednesday, February 14th, 2018:



Masses at: 7:30 AM (1970 Missal) 12:30 PM (1962 Missal) 5:30 PM (1970 Missal) 7:30 PM (1962 Missal)

BLESSED ASHES will be imposed at all of the Parish Masses.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Fast: obligatory for Catholics aged 18-59 Abstinence (from flesh meats): obligatory for Catholics from aged 14.

# SCRIPTURE STUDY

#### THE COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL: FEBRUARY 11th, 2018 OUR LADY OF LOURDES

**C**his year, we have the special privilege of celebrating our parish's patronal feast on a Sunday, and the normal Sunday Propers are displaced by the festal ones. Today, we consider the Collect for Our Lady of Lourdes in the MR'70 (last year, I wrote on the Collect for this feast in the MR '62). Below is the official ICEL translation of this Collect in the third typical edition of the Roman Missal (2010):

"Grant us, O merciful God, protection in our weakness, that we, who keep the Memorial of the Immaculate Mother of God, may, with the help of her intercession, rise up from our iniquities. Through our Lord, etc. Amen."

As we are on the cusp of Lent, this Collect fittingly acknowledges our weakness. This recognition of our sinful condition is the first step in Lent, for without it, Easter means very little. If we want to profit from Lent, we must first admit that we cannot simply *"be a good person"* and leave matters there.

This idea that I have put in quotes is a widespread and subtle form of Pelagianism today that declines from the help and power of God's grace. For the modern Pelagian, "*sin*" is not about personal culpability for moral evil before the good God, but is relegated to the world's structures of socio-political oppression and inequality. The Catholic Church surely condemns the presence of structural sin, but the problem is that the modern Pelagian excuses himself from sin and removes it to these far-off categories so as to avoid having to face it in himself.

We must set aside the lie of Pelagianism. We will not be able to receive grace if we do not first empty ourselves of the prideful thinking that says that we do not *really* need God's help. If we want to be honest Christians, we must admit our weakness, as the Collect leads us to do, and then we must *relish*  the miracle of God's grace, and cooperate with it to our utmost. Marian feast days, such as this day commemorating her several apparitions at Lourdes in 1858, afford us the opportunity to do just that, namely, to relish the beauty of God's grace, and to acknowledge our need for more of it. Celebrating Our Lady's Immaculate Conception actively crushes the serpentine deception of Pelagianism that is so prevalent in our culture.

In Mary, we see how superabundantly good and loving God is, and how exceedingly generous He is in dispensing His grace. In order to make Mary fit to be the *Theotokos*, He applied the merits of Christ's death to her at the very instant of her conception, so that she could be free from the bonds of Original Sin, and thereby, give to Christ His spotless human nature, untainted by any stain whatsoever of Adam's sin.

Today's feast is an eminently good way of beginning Lent, because there exists an analogous relationship between Mary's salvation at conception and our salvation through the great Easter Sacrament of Baptism, upon which we focus our attention during the Easter Vigil. Thus, her feast day today heralds the goal of the Lenten season, namely, full participation in the graces of redemption that come to us from Christ's Cross and Resurrection. Likewise, her call at Lourdes for greater efforts at penance spur us on toward our own penances during this holy season.

Finally, the power of Our Lady's intercession cannot be underestimated. The very thing we most want and need as Christians, that is, growth in our friendship with God, is the very thing Mary wants to give us by her intercession. Mary desires to draw us more fully into union with Jesus, especially when we fall. She helps us to *"rise up for our iniquities,"* as the Collect teaches us. May we always keep God's grace and Mary's prayers at the center of our Lenten discipline.

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

February 11th, A.D. 2018 Apparition of Our Lady at Lourdes (Parish Patronal Feast) Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

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# **STEWARDSHIP**



SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH AND THE WIDER CHURCH MISSION

"What return can I make to the Lord for all His kindness to Me?"

SUNDAY OFFERTORY FOR FEBRUARY, 5th, 2018, \$7,128.00 + \$1,219.00 (OTHER OFFERINGS) = \$8,347.00

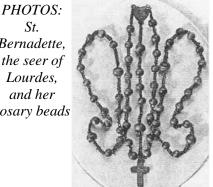


#### **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th:** ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION FOR THE SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES.





St. Bernadette, the seer of Lourdes. and her rosary beads



PARISH **ANNOUNCEMENTS** 



### **2018 Lenten Book** Study

St. Paul, by Pope Benedict XVI

David Allen, our lay Pastoral Associate, will be leading a five week study of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's excellent work, St. *Paul*, a collection of his weekly general audience talks during the Pauline

year of 2008-2009. Please join us.

Dates and Time: Sunday afternoons from 12:30-1:30 P.M. on the first five Sundays of Lent, immediately 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 front office of the Rectory. A suggested donation of \$15.00 for the book is greatly appreciated.

# **THIS WEEK**



#### WEEKLY THURSDAY AM **BIBLE STUDY:**

Led by David Allen, Thursday 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.

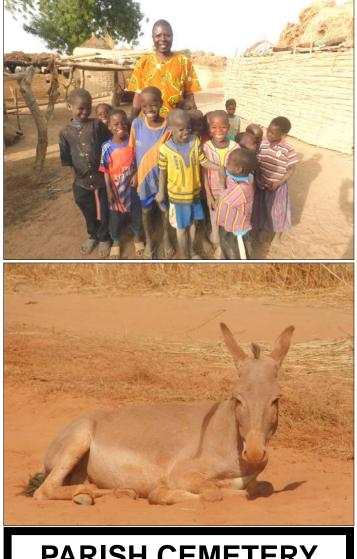




# FATHER SALAKO'S MISSION IN NIGER

Father Salako, S.M.A. writes: "Good Father: I am well. I was in Niger these past few days. I have visited some SMA missions, especially the girl-mothers. Some girls having 13, 14, or 15 years old are married by their family members. In their early ages they became mothers. We are working hard to give them a chance to be educated. Some of them accepted to go to school. Also, the Kingdom of God is progressing as you can see in these children's faces. Thanks, Father—you and your parishioners."





# PARISH CEMETERY OF ST. MARY'S



Winter dawn at St. Mary's Cemetery. (PHOTO by Jan Paul Von Wendt)

### LATIN MASS PROPERS: APPARITION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AT LOURDES

**INTROIT:** Apocalypse 21. 2, Psalm 44. 2 I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. *Psalm*. My heart hath uttered a good word; I speak my works to the King.  $\mathring{V}$ . 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. — I saw...

**COLLECT:** O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin didst prepare a worthy habitation for Thy Son; we humbly beseech Thee, that we who celebrate the feast of the Apparition of the same holy Virgin, may obtain health of both soul and body. Through our Lord ...

**EPISTLE:** From the Apocalypse of St. John 11. 19., 12. 1, 10 And the temple of God was opened in heaven; and the ark of His testament was seen in His temple, and there were lightnings and voice, and an earthquake and great hail. And a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying: Now is come salvation and strength and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ.

**GRADUAL:** Canticle of Canticles 2. 12, 10, 14 The flowers have appeared in our land, the time of pruning is come, the voice of the turtle is heard in our land. V. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come; my dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hollow places of the wall. **TRACT Judith 15. 10, Cant. 4. 7** Thou art the glory of Jerusalem, thou art the joy of Israel, thou art the honor of our people. V. Thou art all fair, O Mary, and there is no stain of original sin in thee. V. Truly happy art thou, O holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all high praise; for with thy virgin foot thou hast crushed the serpent's head.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Luke 1. 26-31 At that time, the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David: and the Virgin's name was Mary. And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Who having heard, was troubled at his saying and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a Son: and thou shalt call His name Jesus.

OFFERTORY: Luke 1. 28 Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women.

SECRET: May the sacrifice of praise, which we offer Thee, O Lord, by the merits of the glorious and Immaculate Virgin, rise up to heaven as a sweet savour: and may it obtain for us that physical and moral health which we desire. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION: Psalm 44. 10 Thou hast visited the earth, and hast plentifully watered it; thou hast in many ways enriched it.

**POSTCOMMUNION:** May the right hand of Thine Immaculate Mother raise up those, O Lord, whom Thou hast fed plenteously with food from heaven, that through her help we may come to our everlasting home. Who livest and reignest ...

## 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

The Apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes

> Prelude: 9 AM Mother of Mercy (J.Richardson)

**Entrance Antiphon:** Isaiah 61:10 (SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 116)

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for He has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in the mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.

Ordinary Prayers: English Chant

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

Offertory: Psalm 106: 8-9 O Mary Immaculate (E.Herment)

**Communion Antiphon:** 

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 116) Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

**Communion Meditation:** 

Omnis Expertem Maculae Mariam (Chant)

> Recessional Hymn: The Bells of the Angelus (Extra Sheet)

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

The Apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes

The Asperges: the Sprinkling of Holy Water

**Processional Hymn: Processional Hymn** Tota Pulchra Es (No. 226, pg. 227 in Parish Book of Chant)

**Introit**: Apoc. 21. 2 Vidi civitatem sanctam, Jerusalem novam, descendentem de caelo a Deo, paratam sicut sponsam ornatam viro suo Ps. 44. 2 Eructavit cor meum verbum bonum; dico ego opera mea Regi.  $\cancel{N}$ . Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum.  $\cancel{R}$ . Amen. — Vidi civitatem sanctam ...

**Ordinary Prayers: Mass IX "Cum Jubilo"** Parish Book of Chant, pg. 85:Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei Credo III: Parish Book of Chant, pg. 119

<u>Gradual</u>: Cant. 2. 12, 10, 14 Flores apparuerunt in terra nostra, tempus putations advenit, vox turturis audita est in terra nostra  $\mathcal{V}$ . Surge, amica mea, et veni: columba mea in foraminibus petrae, in cavern maceriae. <u>Tract:</u> Judith 15. 10 Tu Gloria Jerusalem, tu laetitia Israel, tu honorificentia populi nostri  $\mathcal{V}$ . Tota pulchra es, Maria: et macula originalis non est in te  $\mathcal{V}$ . Felix es, sacra Virgo Maria, et omni laude dignissima, quae serpentis caput virgineo pede contrivisti.

**Offertory**: Luke 1. 28 Ave, gratia plena: Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus.

<u>**Communion</u>: Psalm 44. 10** Visitasti terram et inebriasti eam, multiplicasti locupletare eam.</u>

**Communion Meditation:** Omnis Expertem Maculae Mariam (Chant)

> Recessional Hymn: The Bells of the Angelus (Extra Sheet)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

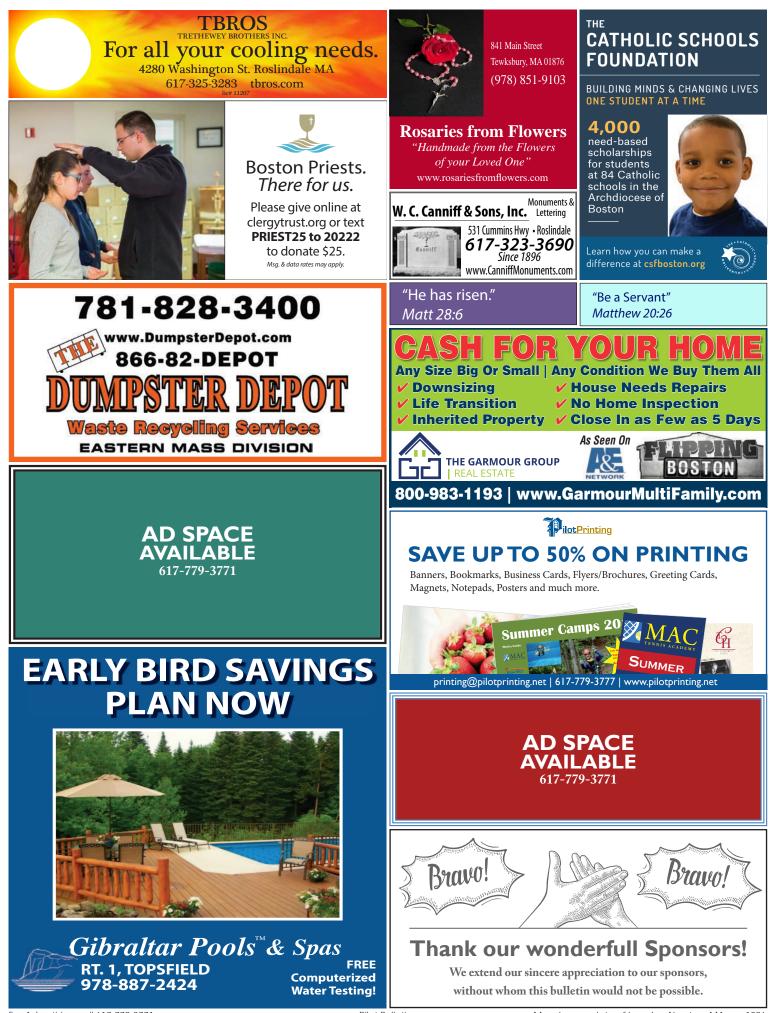
#### Calendar of Masses (Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)

SUNDAY February llth (PARISH PATRONAL FEAST, THE APPARITION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AT LOURDES)	4:00 PM (Sat) 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	WEEK WERE BULLETIN P FULL LIST MASS INTENT	ASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS NOT COMPLETED BY THE UBLICATION DEADLINE. A OF THIS WEEK'S PUBLIC TIONS IS AVAILABLE IN THE ET RACK IN THE FRONT
(SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR & QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY)	5:30 PM		VESTIBULE.
MONDAY February 12th Feria/ The Seven Holy Servites	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish Intention of the Donor	
TUESDAY February 13th Feria WEDNESDAY February 14th ASH WEDNESDAY	7:30 AM 7:30 AM 12:30 PM 5:30 PM 7:30 PM	Intention of the Donor	
THURSDAY February 15th Thursday after Ash	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	Intention of the Donor Intention of the Donor	ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE
FRIDAY February 16th Friday after Ash	7:30 AM Health of the Sick 12:30 PM	Intention of the Donor Intention of the Donor	BEGINNING OF THE HOLY FAST OF LENT
SATURDAY February 17th Saturday after Ash	9:00 AM	All Souls	

4:00 PM

M Intention of the Donor

"Each Mass has an infinite, immense value that we can never fully understand." —St. John Marie Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars



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