

# Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

(Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910)

Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman Catholic Parish



December 16th, 2012 in the Year of Grace  
Gaudete Sunday

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# Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SUPPORT OF  
OUR PARISH

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



**OFFERTORY FOR HOLY DAY,  
DECEMBER 8th & SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 9th: \$7,555.00 +  
\$1,024.00 (OTHER OFFERINGS) =  
\$8,579.00**

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION  
DECEMBER 24th-25th:  
SUPPORT FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS  
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON**

### **Mass Schedule**

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

**Weekdays:** Monday—Friday 7:30 AM

#### **Traditional Latin Low Mass:**

Mon., Wed. & Fri., 12:30 PM; Tues. & 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

### **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,  
First Fridays (before the 12:30 p.m. Mass)

#### **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.

## DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY



*(Front Cover: Stained glass window of the Saint Anne and her daughter Mary. This window is located on the confessional of the Oak Street side of our parish church of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. A recent addition to the interior of our main church as part of the construction of the confessionals in 2009, it was formerly in a convent of Poor Clares. As the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandmother of Jesus, St. Anne holds an honorable place in salvation history. In the 6th century the feast which has become the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—December 8th— was originally celebrated in the eastern Greek Church on December 9th as a celebration in honor of the Conception of St. Anne. Photo by Paul Eldridge.)*

### LATE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Catholic piety has embellished the last nine days of Advent, from December 16th to Christmas Eve on December 24th, with touching devotions to the Child Jesus. In Latin America the Novena of the Child Jesus is well-celebrated both in church and in the home with a spirit of Christmas joy.

These are days to decorate the parish church and our homes for the Christmas feast. The manger scene is set-up in advance of Christmas Eve—but the Crib is left empty until Christmas

Eve itself.

Another custom, originating in France, has the children of the house preparing a soft-bedding for the Christ Child on Christmas Eve by laying strands of straw in the empty manger in token of good deeds or devotions performed. Thus the Christ Child finds a warm, soft bed of straw from the children on the Holy Night.

One of the most important ways we can push back against the secularization and the commercialization of Christmas into “The Holidays” is to continue our religious celebration of Christmas past the calendar date of December 25th. Celebrate intensely the Twelve Days of Christmas (Christmas Eve-January 5th, “Twelfth Night”, and mark January 6th as the pinnacle of the whole Season—the Epiphany of the Lord, “The Feast of the Three Kings.” In the USA the external observance of the Epiphany has been transferred to the first Sunday after January 1st, which disrupts the flow of the Feast somewhat. This year, however, January 6th falls on a Sunday.

As you will read on the next page of the bulletin, we are hosting our Christmas Open House at the rectory this year on Epiphany Sunday, January 6th, from 8:30 a.m.— 4 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

### ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies of this Year’s Financial Report for the Parish and Cemetery are available in the pamphlet rack located in the front vestibule of the church for those who wish to take one. At all the Masses this Sunday I will be touching upon the report as part of the larger topic of our parish’s situation with regard to the Cardinal’s decree on reconfiguration.

*(Fr. Higgins)*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PARISH CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY SCHEDULE 2012-2013

Holy Night—Christmas Eve,  
Monday, December 24th:

4:00 PM—Family Mass with Children's  
Pageant

12 Midnight—Traditional Latin Mass  
(Our Parish Latin Mass Choir will sing the *Missa  
Aeterna Christi Munera* by Giovanni da  
Palestrina, 1590.)



Christmas Day,  
Tuesday, December  
25th: Masses at 7:30,  
9:00 & 10:30 AM  
(The 10:30 Mass will be a  
Traditional Latin Mass)

Octave Day of Christmas, Tuesday,  
January 1st, Mary the Mother of God:  
Masses at 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM  
(The 10:30 Mass will be a Traditional Latin Mass.  
January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation.)

The Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday,  
January 6th:

Open House at the  
Rectory from 8:30  
AM-4:00 PM

Candlemas Day,  
Saturday,  
February 2nd:  
Blessing of Candles,  
Procession and Mass (Traditional Latin)  
at 9:00 AM  
Candlemas is the last Feast of the Christmas  
Cycle



### CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Christmas Flower envelopes are in your pews and also at the entrance tables of the church. Donations to help defray the extra costs of our Christmas Flower decorations are gratefully accepted. If you would like your donation to be a memorial gift, there are spaces for the names of loved ones on the envelopes. Christmas Flower envelopes may be placed in the basket at Offertory time or dropped off at the parish office in the rectory.

PHOTOCOPIES OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PARISH AND CEMETERY ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PAMPHLET RACK OF THE FRONT VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH.

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:

*Fr. Charles Higgins, Pastor and Chairman*

*Joe Kelly, Vice-Chairman*

*Mary Anne Mendolia*

*Dave Slifka*

*Brian Yates*



**EPIPHANY SUNDAY:  
RECTORY OPEN HOUSE  
from 8:30 AM until 4 PM.**

**Please come to  
enjoy Christmas  
hospitality after  
Mass on Sunday,  
January 6th.**



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

# Religious Education

Sunday, December 16th:  
 8:30-10:00 a.m., Grades K-5  
 (Sacrament of Reconciliation, Grades 3-5)  
 4:15-6:30 PM, Grades 6-8  
 (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT INVITATION

All the children of the parish are invited to join the children who attend Religious Education Classes in our annual Christmas Eve Pageant, held at the 4 p.m. Mass on December 24th. The children will be part of the Procession and at the end of Mass will lead the congregation in singing "Away in a Manger". (During the Mass the children may sit with their families or in a group with the other children.)

If your child (or children) is interested in participating, please contact our Religious Education co-ordinator Jean Johnson or leave your name and number at the rectory. We will meet in the lower church hall before Mass on December 24th at 3:30 p.m.



*(Learning the words to 'Away in a Manger' would be a help.)*


**TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC CALENDAR FOR A.D. 2013 ON SALE:**

As in years past, we will once again offer the Traditional Liturgical Calendar put out by the Seraphim Company for sale after the 10:30 Mass. The Calendar follows the old Roman Liturgical Calendar which can be used with the 1962 Missal. The price is \$7 and goes to the support of the parish. Please see Christine Higgins.

**BENEDICTUM BOOK CLUB:  
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th**

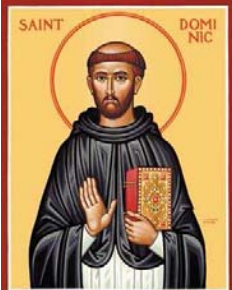
The Benedictum Book Club will meet next on Monday, December 17th, from 10:30 AM-12Noon, in the lower rectory conference room. The book under discussion will be Joseph Kelly's The Origins of Christmas. All are welcome.

For more information contact  
**Tina McCormick:**  
**TinaM@post.harvard.edu or**  
**617-970-1448**



**LAY DOMINICANS**

The Greater Boston Pro-Chapter of Saint Dominic will meet this Sunday, December 16th at 1:00 p.m. in the lower conference room of the Rectory at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish. Inquirers are welcome. Lay Dominicans are Catholic men and women, both married and single, who live and work in the Greater Boston Community and are affiliated with the world-wide Order of Preachers (Dominicans). As Lay Dominicans, they commit themselves to conform with the teachings of the Church and to embrace Dominican Spirituality, namely a life of prayer, study, apostolate and community. Further information and/or questions may be addressed by calling 617-472-4446 or by contacting our website at [www.stdominics.opne.org](http://www.stdominics.opne.org)



**OUR LADY OF MESOPOTAMIA**

*The Syriac-Catholic community of Our Lady of Mesopotamia will hold its next Divine Liturgy at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes next Sunday, December 23rd, at 7:00 PM. The service is in Arabic and Aramaic but a booklet with English translation is provided.*



## Calendar of Masses

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

<b>SATURDAY</b> December 15th	4:00 p.m.	Joanie Kingsley	Birthday Intention	Doug Kingsley
<b>SUNDAY</b> December 16th <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	7:30 a.m.	Pro Populo		
	9:00 a.m.	Our Parish Benefactors		
	10:30 a.m.	James & Gertrude Kezer Deceased members of the Provencher Family	Memorial Memorial	James & Joan Rainey William & Karen Provencher
		Roberta Billings Fred Strom Maria Centofanti	Memorial Memorial Birthday Intention	Bennett Family Paul & Betsy Eldridge Barbara Nyhen
	5:30 p.m.	Claire E. Bouton	Memorial	
<b>MONDAY</b> December 17th <i>Ferial Day of Advent</i>	7:30 a.m.	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish	Memorial	
	12:30 p.m.	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	Memorial	
<b>TUESDAY</b> December 18th <i>Ferial Day of Advent</i>	7:30 a.m.	Olga Cooke	Memorial	Jean Johnson
	5:30 p.m.	Catherine E. Dinon	Special Intention	Maria Centofanti
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> December 19th <i>Ferial Day of Advent/ Ember Wednesday</i>	7:30 a.m.	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
	12:30 p.m.	Art Oleksaik	Special Intention	Pappin Family
<b>THURSDAY</b> December 20th <i>Ferial Day of Advent</i>	7:30 a.m.	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
	5:30 p.m.	Marie Carroll & Marie Balter	Special Intention	Tony & Tricia Reilly
<b>FRIDAY</b> December 21st <i>Ferial Day of Advent/ St. Thomas the Apostle</i>	7:30 a.m. <i>Health of the Sick</i>	James & Helen McCloskey	Birthday Intention	Sheila Brady
	12:30 p.m.	Margie Pappin		Sodality
<b>SATURDAY</b> December 22nd <i>Ferial Day of Advent/ Ember Saturday</i>	9:00 a.m.	Catherine Dinon	Birthday Intention	Barbara & Maureen Nyhen
		Denise McNamara Bruno Filletti John Oleksiak Alice Nyhen	Memorial Memorial Memorial Special Intention	Jim McNamara Bennett Family Pappin Family Barbara & Maureen Nyhen
	4:00 p.m.	Mildred Cerullo	Memorial	Family

## HEALTH OF THE SICK

*“In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice.”*

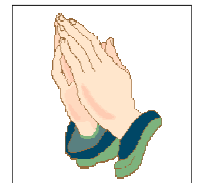
—Padre Pio

*For all those on our parish prayer list, especially for...* Dotty Hayes, Wendy Watts, Joseph F. Fresolo Sr., George Jay, Joseph Nolan, Barbara Nyhen, Rev. Walter Cuenin, Ronald Orlando, Dominic Gundrum, Louis



Komuves, Sr. Catherine Granfield, Mary Adams, Hugh Doyle, Lorraine Orlando, Rob Quagan, Paul Wenger, Nathan Johnston, Frank Downey, Janet Pino, Fr. Carney Gavin, Irene Campana, Gerry Mazzarella, Maureen Nyhen, Francis McNary, Warren Yee, Betty Chrishi, Marie Rappazzini, Mary Trombetta, Helen Reid, Brenda Winegarner, Jean Johnson, Lois Ludwig, Paula Apothacary, Jeanne Ciocca, Sam Adams III, Altair da Silva, Christina Kwash, Kitty Ward, Spagnuolo Family, Katie O’Connell, Janet Bourgeois, Judy Sartell, Lana Tomchik, Matthew Banks, Patrick Rainey, Judy Pederson, Ed Donovan, Danny O’Brien, Evelyn Donovan, Helen Donnelly, Priscilla Brossard, Mary Sims, Billy Hickey, Lee-Anne Ketchum, Arthur Nauss, Rod MacLeod, Monica Wellenstein, Teresa Tambunan, Mary Platt, Sean Monaghan, Sheila Whittle, Michelle Fay,

Bobbie Hoffmann, Beverly Balconi, Martial Rainey, Dennis McCarthy, Edward Crestitelli, Sharon Kopchik, Erin Marie Fell, Dominic Cantillo, Theresa Higgins, Lita Uilaoghaire, Norman Alibrandi, Joyce Higgins, Karen Starbird, Jack Buckley, Edward Fahey, Nancy Daly, Mary Hoffmann, Marie Schroter, Dorothy Alibrandi, Annie Procopio, Marie Danca, David Kase, Thaddeus Davulis, Andrew McCloskey, Barbara Sullivan, Wanda Lempitski, Thomas Corcoran, Tony Palladino, Lucia LoPresti, Polly Sullivan.



*“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*

### MILITARY SERVICE PRAYER LIST:

We remember all of our military servicemen and women, especially ... Sgt. Troy Stemen, U.S. Army (Afghanistan), Mark Gaudet, Army Special Forces, Pierre K. Ripert, USN, Matthew Simard, 1st Lt., USMC (Afghanistan), Michael Simard, PFC, USMC, Christopher Raymond, 82nd Airborne (Afghanistan), Lance Cpl. Alex Tomchik, USMC, Brian Rainey, US Army (Afghanistan), Joseph Rainey, US Army, Sgt. Kevin James Howard, USMC (Afghanistan), Sgt. Brian Joseph Howard, USMC Afghanistan), Sgt. William J. Duggan, U.S. Army, 342nd Military Police Detachment, deployed to Afghanistan March, 2010; 2nd Lt. Richard S. Pluta, deployed to Iraq; Sgt. 1st Class David Garduque; ;Sgt. Jeffrey R. Quinn, USMC; (Please let us know if you would like someone on active duty prayed for by name.)

*Pray for Tommy Holcum, severely wounded in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.*

*Pray for Pfc Bowe Bergdahl, captured by the Taliban in Afghanistan.*

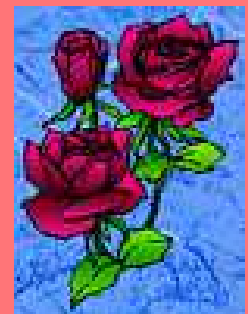


**IN THANKSGIVING:** Sgt. Dennis Geary and his unit have returned safely from Afghanistan.



### Requiescant in Pace

Dorothy Garabedian,  
aged 81  
Claire E. Bouton  
(Mother of Fr.  
Thomas Bouton)



## LATIN MASS TEXTS

### Traditional Propers

#### Gaudete Sunday

Vestments: Rose

**INTROIT: Philippians 4: 4-6** Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. *Psalm 84: 2* Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. V. Glory be to the Father.

**COLLECT** Incline Thine ear to our prayers, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation: Who livest.

**EPISTLE: Philippians 4: 4-7** Brethren, Rejoice in the Lord always: again, I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men. The Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**GRADUAL: Psalm 79: 2-3, 2** Thou, O Lord, That sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might and come. V. Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: that ledest Joseph like a sheep.

**ALLELUIA** Alleluia, alleluia. V. Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, and come to save us. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL: John 1: 19-28** At that time the Jews sent from Jerusalem priests and Levites to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed, and did not deny; and he confessed: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the Prophet? And he answered: No. They said therefore unto him: Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself? He said: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord, as said the Prophet

Isaias. And they that were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him: Why then dost thou baptize, if thou be not Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John answered them, saying: I baptize with water: but there hath stood one in the midst of you, whom you know not. The same is He that shall come after me, who is preferred before me: the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to loose. These things were done in Bethania, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**OFFERTORY: Psalm 84: 2-3** Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people.

**SECRET** May the sacrifice of our devotion, we beseech Thee, O Lord, be always offered unto Thee: that it may both fulfil the end for which Thou didst institute this sacred mystery, and wonderfully work in us Thy salvation. Through our Lord.

### Preface of the Holy Trinity

**COMMUNION: Isaias 35: 4** Say to the fainthearted, take courage and fear not: behold our God will come, and will save us.

**POSTCOMMUNION** We implore Thy mercy, O Lord, that these divine mysteries, by atoning for our sins, may prepare us for the coming festival. Through our Lord.

**Alma Redemptoris Mater—English Translation**  
**Loving Mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven and star of the sea, come quickly to the aid of thy people, fallen indeed but striving to stand again. To the wonderment of Nature thou wert the Mother of thy Holy Creator without ceasing to be a virgin, and heard from Gabriel that greeting “Hail”. Have pity on us sinners.**

*(Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli porta manes et stella maris, succurre cadente. Surgere qui curat, populo: tu quae genuisti natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem, Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.)*

**The “Alma Redemptoris” is the hymn of Our Lady during the Christmas Cycle of the Year**



# Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

## Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

December 16th, A.D. 2012, Saturday vigil, 4 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30 and 9:00 a.m.

### Third Sunday of Advent

#### Introit: Psalm 85

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Do not be anxious over anything; but in all manner of prayer, let your requests be made known unto God*

#### Kyrie

Mass XVII Adventus (Parish Hymnal No.152)

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

#### Credo I: (extra sheet)

#### Offertory: Ps 85 (84): 2-3a

*"O Lord, You have blessed Your land, You have put an end to Jacob's captivity; You have forgiven the guilt of Your people."*

#### Mass Setting: Mass XVII Adventus

Sanctus

*"Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias."*

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

#### Communion: Isaias 35:4

*"Say: Take courage, you who are fainthearted, and do not fear; behold, our God will come and He will save us."*

#### Post Communion Hymn: Alma Redemptoris

Mater (Gregorian Chant, Mode I)

#### Recessional Hymn:

Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer  
(Today's Missal, No. 35)

## Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

December 16th, A.D. 2012, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

### Third Sunday of Advent

**Processional Hymn:** Rejoice in the Lord Always  
(Henry Purcell d.1695)

*Asperges: Chant*

**Introit:** Phil. 4:4-6; Ps. 84:2

*"Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Iacob."*

**Ordinary Prayers:** Mass XVII Adventus  
(Kyrie, Credo I, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Gradual Ps. 79:2,3,2

*"Qui sedes, Domine, super Cherubim, excita potentiam tuam, et veni. Qui regis Israel, intende: qui deducis velut ovem, Ioseph."*  
**Alleluia:** *"Alleluia, alleluia. Excita, Domine, potentiam tuam, et veni ut salvos facias nos. Alleluia."*

Offertory Ps. 84:2,3

*"Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Iacob: remisisti iniquitatem plebis tuae."*

**Offertory Hymn:** Magnificat (Chant)

**Communion Hymn:** Panis Angelicus  
(César Franck P.1860)

Communion Verse: Is. 35:4

*"Dicite: Pusillanimes confortamini, et nolite timere: ecce Deus noster veniet, et salvabit nos."*

**Recessional Hymn:** Lord, We Beseech Thee  
(Adrian Batten d.1637)

Angelus: Chant

Noon Angelus (Chant)

(Picture: Isaias writes his prophecy of Christ.)



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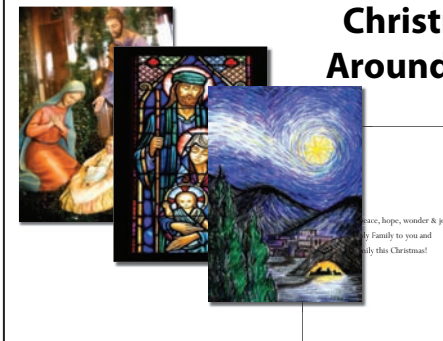


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