

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

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

Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman Catholic
Parish

Syriac-Rite Catholic Community: Our Lady of Mesopotamia



April 19th, 2015 in the Year of Grace
Second Sunday after Easter
(Sunday of the Good Shepherd)

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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

Parish Staff

PASTOR: FATHER CHARLES JEREMIAH HIGGINS

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rectory on 270 Elliot St, Newton Upper Falls and is
open Monday-Friday, 8 AM—5 PM.

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Mass Schedule

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

April 19th, A.D. 2015

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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

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**



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)



*“Alleluia. I am
the Good
Shepherd: and I
know My
sheep, and
Mine know Me.
Alleluia.”*
—John 10:14



FRONT COVER: Easter Eve, the Proclamation of the Easter Message, the Easter Praeconium or “Exultet”, before the Paschal Candle. *“Therefore, on this sacred night, receive holy Father, the flame of this evening Sacrifice, which holy Church presents to You by the hands of Your ministers, in the solemn offering of this Candle of wax, the work of bees. Now we know the excellence of this pillar, which the glowing fire enkindles to the glory of God. Which, although divided into parts, suffers no loss from its light being borrowed. For it is nourished by the melting wax, which the parent bee produced for the substance of this precious lamp.”*

(PHOTO by Paul Eldridge.)

APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Pastor's Note

CONNECTING TO THE CHRIST-LIFE

Saint Peter the Apostle, in his First Epistle, exhorts his fellow believers to follow in the footsteps of Christ:

Dearly beloved, Christ suffered for us, leaving you an example that you should follow in His steps. 'Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.' (I Peter 2:21)

When he speaks of Christ's example and following in His steps he means much more than simply trying to imitate Christ's virtuous behavior. To ponder the meaning of his words is to open up consideration of how our life here on this earth is mystically incorporated into Christ's own Life by virtue of our Baptism.

As God Christ exists from all eternity, "*begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father*": as Man, however, Christ's Life has a beginning when He was conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of Mary, His Virgin Mother. This Life on earth is spoken of as "The Mystery of the Thirty-three Years". On the fortieth day after Easter, when Christ ascended into Heaven in His glorified Body, the whole 33 years of Christ's visible Life on earth was subsumed into His glorified Life. The relationship then of the whole Christ-life to our world of time and space breaks the bonds that normally govern it.

We see this, for example, in the sufferings of Christ. The actual sufferings Jesus Christ endured during the course of His 33 years were not confined by a human experience in that time-frame. On the Cross, all of the sins of mankind—both those that had been committed up until that time and those to come until the end of time (our sins!) pressed upon Him. His Sacred Human Heart suffered all of its immensity. In a similar way, the consolations and the joys Christ felt during His 33 years

were not limited just to the human love He received from His Mother Mary, St. Joseph, the faithful Apostles, His friends like Lazarus, Martha and Mary Magdalene. All of the love and adoration and affection for Jesus expressed by faithful souls also consoled and rejoiced His Sacred Heart. Although the sins of men tormented Him on the Cross, the gratitude and the sanctity of human souls for all time, from the innocence of baptized infants to the courage of the martyrs shedding their blood in union with His, also touched Him.

An awareness of this mystery help us to appreciate the Mass as not only Calvary, but as a re-presentation of the *whole* Christ-Life, from His conception at Nazareth to His Ascension on the Mount of Olives.

It also indicates to us that we should look to interpret and understand the experiences of our lives here on earth in terms of their relation to the Christ-Life. The immediate, unreflected "stuff" of our lives is just like so much meta-data collected by a computer. It doesn't seem to mean anything. This is the sense in which Blaise Pascal, a most fervent Catholic believer, wrote in his *Pensee*: "*The eternal silence of this infinite space frightens me.*"

If we seek, however, to relate and interpret the personal happenings of our lives to Christ (and in a wide sense to include the relation that various people in the Gospels have to Christ) then it can really be stunning to us how much clarity we get. We see our lives, as we are living them, patterned by joy, light, sorrow, and hints of the glory to come as in the Mysteries of the Rosary, in a complexity we can perceive though not comprehend. It is a complexity beautifully expressed by St. Paul: "*For you have died and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you will also appear with Him in glory.*" (Col. 3:3)

(Fr. Higgins)



SCRIPTURE STUDY



ST. LUKE CHAPTER 18:18-30 (PART 2)

In response to a rich official's inquiry regarding the road to eternal life in St. Luke chapter 18, Jesus points out to him the universal path (the Commandments), as well as giving him an individually tailored prescription (divestment of riches). Everyone is bound to observe the former, but, as many commentaries indicate, not everyone is bound to observe the latter, like the rich man was called to do, since his wealth was his particular idol. Unable to heed Jesus' call, the man becomes "quite sad," because he is "very rich" (v. 23).

After this exchange, Jesus teaches the disciples about riches and renunciation in vv. 24-30.

Jesus responds to the rich man's sadness in vv. 24-25: "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." To those listening, it seemed as if Jesus was saying that it was impossible for *anyone* to enter heaven. In their minds, as one commentator notes, the wealthy and prosperous were obviously favored by God. If then, the rich could hardly hope to enter heaven, how could the lower classes, let alone the poor? Hence, their exclamation: "Then who can be saved?" (v. 26). Jesus corrects their misinterpretation: "What is impossible for human beings is possible for God" (v. 27). In other words, God's grace can overcome any seemingly insurmountable obstacle, provided man yields to this grace.

St. Peter then joins the conversation, saying to Christ, "We have given up our possessions and followed you" (v. 28). St. Peter reminds Jesus that he and the eleven did what the rich man could not. In St. Matthew's account of this passage, St. Peter then asks Jesus, "What will there be for us?" (Cf. Mt. 19:27).

This can question be inferred in St. Luke's account. Jesus responds to St. Peter with the following words in vv. 29-30: "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God who will not receive back an overabundant return in this present age and eternal life in the age to come." Jesus confirms for his apostles that they are on the road to heaven, assuring them of their reward.

At this point, it is important to note that, unlike us, the twelve apostles were uniquely engaged in itinerant ministry, and so, when Jesus called them, they had to choose between their secular trades, or following Christ (Cf. Luke 5:10-11, 27-28). Their choice can be likened to the evangelical counsel of poverty, embraced by religious (Cf. Catechism nos. 915-916). Christ proposes it to all, but it is not a commandment. To those called to embrace this life of sacrifice, Christ promises special blessings now and hereafter. God is never outdone in generosity!

To follow Christ as a devoted disciple, however, does not necessarily demand sacrificing personal wealth. Christ issues a very particular call to the rich man to embrace the evangelical counsel of poverty, but he does not require everyone to do this. For example, St. Zacchaeus willingly made generous restitution for his former financial corruption, but was not asked to abandon his wealth entirely to become a believer (cf. 19:8-10). As Catholics, it is critical to interpret Jesus' instructions properly. The Church's Tradition always balances the evangelical counsel of poverty, on the one hand, and her social teachings on private property and the common good, on the other (Cf. Catechism nos. 2402-2404).

(David Allen)

Mr. David Allen is the lay Pastoral Associate for our parish of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. He is currently working towards a Master's Degree in Theological Studies (MTS) at St. John's Seminary.





WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF EXODUS

David Allen, our Pastoral Associate, hosts a weekly Bible Study every Friday morning at 8:20 AM (after the 7:30 Parish Mass). The class is currently studying the Old Testament Book of Exodus. The Bible Study meets in the Lower Rectory Conference Room (in rectory basement). It is an open group and all are welcome to attend.

Refreshments provided. Please bring your Bible.



PARISH FELLOWSHIP



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Religious Education

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR 2014-2015

No classes this Sunday

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Latin Mass Children's
Catechism: Patti Strom*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

*Sunday, May 3rd, 9 AM Mass
Sunday, May 10th, 10:30 AM Mass*

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?"

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION (Clergy Funds): **\$8,123.00**

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WEEK OF APRIL 12th, A.D. 2015: SUNDAY OFFERTORY \$5,013.00 + \$5,928.00 (other offerings) = **\$10,941.00**



SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT SUNDAY: HOME MISSIONS



OUR LADY OF MESOPOTAMIA MISSION: IRAQI CATHOLICS

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes is the host parish for the Syriac-rite Mission of Our Lady of Mesopotamia.

The Syriac-rite Liturgy of St. James comes out of the ancient Christian city of Antioch, 4th century A.D. The Mass is in Arabic and Aramaic but a booklet with English translation is provided. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

**NEXT LITURGY:
Saturday, April 18th, 2015, 5:30 PM**



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Joseph Fresolo, U.S. Army (Afghanistan), brother of parishioner Dottie Fresolo.

(Please let us know if you would like someone deployed overseas prayed for by name.)



Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the resurrection of:

William B. Smith, aged 87,
(father of Helen Smith Tourigny)

Harry Gonzalez,
(Father and father-in-law of parishioners Kristine and John DeMatteo)

Sally Almeda,
(Mother and mother-in-law of parishioners Mark & Sue Almeda)



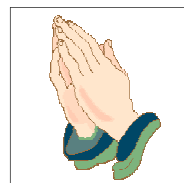
HEALTH OF THE SICK

“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:
Betsy Eldridge, Gabriella

Zunino (*Alice Drew’s baby great granddaughter*), Ellen Balkus, Lena Strom, Kay Mullen, Marie Geraci, Dave Welch, Barbara Nyhen, Maureen Nyhen, Rob Quagan, Christina Kwash, Janet Pino, Ed Donovan, Marie Schroter, Marie Danca, Jane Dippo...

*“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:

LORETTA PIZZELLA (recent stroke, cousin of parishioner Betty Whitney)
JAN PAUL VON WENDT

RUSS HOFFMANN (husband of Bobbie Hoffmann, who broke his leg in a fall at home.)

JANET PINO (recent stroke)
MARY SIMS

CONGRATULATIONS to parishioners Nick &



Laura Keough on their first-born child WINIFRED LUCILLE. The child is doing well but is still being

monitored in the Nursery Intensive Care Unit. Please pray for her intention.



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

Third Sunday of Easter

Introit: Psalm 66(65); 1,2

"Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, alleluia; sing a psalm to His name, alleluia; praise Him with magnificence, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

Kyrie – Chant

Gloria – Missa De Angelis (English)

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory: Psalm 146(145):2

"Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord throughout my life; I will sing to my God for as long as I live, alleluia."

Mass Setting: Mass VIII Missa De Angelis

Sanctus(English)

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

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Communion: Ps 96(95):2

"Sing unto the Lord, alleluia; sing to the Lord, bless His name; proclaim His salvation day after day, alleluia, alleluia."

Post Communion Hymn

Concordi Laetitia (Chant)

Recessional Hymn:

Sing With All The Sons of Glory
(Worship II Hymnal No.252)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30 AM

Good Shepherd Sunday

Processional Hymn: The Lord is My Shepherd
(Psalm 22/23)

Vidi Aquam: Chant

Introit: Psalm 104:43,1

"Misericórdia Dómini plena est terra, allelúia: Verbo Dómini caeli firmáti sunt. Allelúia, allelúia V.Exsultáte justi in Dómino: rectos decet collaudátio."

Ordinary Prayers:

Mass in Honor of the Blessed Sacrament

James A. Korman (+1896)

(Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Paschal Alleluia: Luke 24:35; John 10:14

Allelúja, allelúja. Cognoverunt discipuli Dóminum Jesum in fractióne panis. V. Ego sum pastor bonus: et cognosco oves meas, et cognoscunt me meae. Alleluia.

Offertory Verse: : Psalm 62:5

"Deus, Deus meus, ad te de luce vigilo: et in nómine tuo levábo manus meas, allelúja."

Offertory Hymn: Ave Maria

(Charles Gounod d.1893)

Communion Hymn: O Esca Viatorum

(Traditional)

Communion Verse: John 10:14

"Ego sum pastor bonus, allelúja: et cognosco oves meas, et cognoscunt me meae, allelúja, allelúja."

Recessional Hymn:

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
10th mov. Cantata **BWV 147**
Johann Sebastian Bach (d.1750)

Noon Regina Caeli (Chant)

LATIN MASS PROPERS: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

INTROIT: Psalm 32: 5-6 The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord, alleluia: by the word of the Lord were the heavens made, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.32:1* Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: praise is comely for the upright. V. Glory be.

COLLECT O God, who by the humility of Thy Son hast raised up a fallen world, grant to Thy faithful people abiding joy; that those whom Thou hast delivered from the perils of eternal death, Thou mayest cause to enjoy endless happiness. Through the same.

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 2: 21-25 Dearly beloved, Christ suffered for us, leaving you an example, that you should follow His steps. Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. Who when He was reviled, did not revile: when He suffered, He threatened not, but delivered Himself to him that judged Him unjustly: who His own self bore our sins in His body upon the tree: that we, being dead to sins, should live to justice: by whose stripes you were healed. For you were as sheep going astray: but you are now converted to the shepherd and bishop of your souls.

FIRST ALLELUIA: Luke 24: 35 Alleluia, alleluia. V. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread. **SECOND ALLELUIA: John 10: 14** Alleluia. V. I am the good shepherd: and I know My sheep, and Mine know Me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 10: 11-16 *At* that time Jesus said to the Pharisees: I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. But the hireling, and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming and leaveth the sheep and flieth: and the wolf catcheth and scattereth the sheep: and the hireling flieth, because he is a hireling, and he hath no care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd: and I know Mine, and Mine know Me, as the Father knoweth Me, and I know the Father: and I lay down My life for My sheep. And other sheep I have that are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 62: 2, 5 O God, my God, to Thee do I watch at break of day; and in Thy name I will lift up my hands, alleluia.

SECRET May this holy oblation, O Lord, ever draw down upon us Thy saving blessing; that it may perfect in virtue what it represents in mystery. Through our Lord.

Preface for Easter


COMMUNION: John 10: 14 I am the good shepherd, alleluia: and I know My sheep, and Mine know Me, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION Grant us, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we who obtain from Thee the grace of a new life, may every glory in Thy gift. Through our Lord.



Calendar of Masses

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

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|---|
| SATURDAY April 18th | 4:00 PM | Intention of the Donor | | |
| SUNDAY April 19th 2nd Sunday after Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) | 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM | Pro Populo Winnie Keough Jessica Craig Battaglia/Provencher Family Helen Rusnack Pro-Life Margaret Marie Hood Stephen Luna Charles Flynn Holy Souls Janet & Nick Pino Bernadette Kasper William B. Smith | Health of the Sick Special Intention Memorial 11th Anniversary Special Intention Memorial Memorial Memorial Special Intention Special Intention Memorial | Goguen Family Provencher Family Provencher Family Rusnack Family Annie Procopio Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Bennett Family Matthew Teehan Geraldine Jean-Pierre Kasper Family |
| | 5:30 PM | Intention of the Donor | | |
| MONDAY April 20th Easter feria | 7:30 AM | Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish | Memorial |  |
| | 12:30 PM | Commemoration of the Faithful Departed | Memorial | |
| TUESDAY April 21st St. Anselm | 7:30 AM | Stephen Aries Sr. | Memorial | Bob & Jane Brearley |
| WEDNESDAY April 22nd Easter feria/ SS. Soter & Caius | 12:30 PM | William B. Smith | Memorial | |
| THURSDAY April 23rd St. George | 7:30 AM | Sophie Constantino | Memorial | Cierra Nugent |
| | 5:30 PM | <i>Intention of the Celebrant</i> | | |
| FRIDAY April 24th St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen | 7:30 AM Health of the Sick 12:30 PM | Pedro Garcia <i>Intention of the Celebrant</i> | | Irlanda Nunez |
| SATURDAY April 25th St. Mark the Evangelist | 9:00 AM | Michael Coronel | | Irlanda Nunez |
| | 4:00 PM | Daniel J. Congdon | Memorial | Mary Anne Raffol |

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