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# Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

### Parish Staff

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### <u>Telephones</u>

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December 27th, A.D. 2020

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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, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Telephone: <u>781-235-1841</u>

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# Mass Schedule

<u>Sunday:</u> Novus Ordo 4:00 P. M. (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 & 9:00 A. M. Traditional Latin 11:00/(11:15) A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

<u>Weekdays:</u> Novus Ordo Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 7:30 A. M. *Traditional Latin* Mon-Wed-Fri 12:30 PM; Thu 5:30 P. M. Sat 9:00 A. M.

Holy Days Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter); Assumption of Our Lady (August 15th); All Saints Day (November 1st); December 8th (Immaculate Conception of Our Lady) If falling on Mon-Fri— Novus Ordo, 7:30 A. M. & 5:30 P. M. Traditional Latin, 12:30 & 7:30 P. M. If falling on Saturday— Novus Ordo, 7:30 A.M. Traditional Latin, 9:00 & 11:00 A. M.

(Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and January 1st, as announced)

0 St. John the Divine/Holy Family 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 Emi~ nence 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.

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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."

> (Pope Saint Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978) Raised to the Altars October 14th, 2018

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

### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** The Sacrament of Baptism for infants and children under 7 years of age is scheduled upon request. Please contact the Parish Office (617-244-0558) to request a date.

<u>PENANCE</u>: Confessions regularly heard— SUNDAY, 10:00-11:00 A.M., 5:00-5:30 P.M. MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, before and after the 12:30 P. M. Mass. THURSDAY, before and after the 5:30 P.M. Mass.

SATURDAY, 8:00-9:00 A. M./ 3:30-4:00 P. M.

**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 SACRAMENT OF THE SICK, also known as **EXTREME UNCTION** 

### Communion of the Sick for the Homebound

Please contact Father Higgins at the Parish Office (617-244-0558)



**"GRATITUDE IS THE THING** THAT BRINGS US THE MOST **GRACE...I HAVE LEARNT THIS** FROM EXPERIENCE; TRY IT AND YOU WILL SEE. I AM **CONTENT WITH WHATEVER** GOD GIVES ME. AND I SHOW HIM THIS

IN A THOUSAND LITTLE WAYS."-ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)

### + DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY+

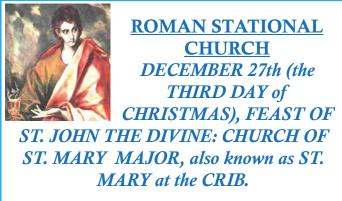
# **Pastor's Note**



### Fr. Higgins MERRY TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The Twelve Days of Christmas refer to the feast days between the Birth of the Christ Child on the 25th of December and the Eve of the Magi Kings' arrival on January 6th (January 5th is "Twelfth Night"). How wonderful to make use of these days as Christmas Days, just when the secular/commercial "Holidays" are over. Fr. LeBlanc and I send our Christmas greetings and our priestly blessings to all of our

parish households.



"The reason for the station Church, St. Mary Major, is easily seen; John was entrusted as a son to the Mother of God. The <u>Introit</u> (see the Common of Doctors) here appears in its oldest setting. <u>In medio</u> ... because of his writings John will remain for all times the great teacher in the Church. Recall how often he speaks to us in the liturgy. See how dramatically the liturgy introduces him—John as the priest proceeding through the 'midst of the Church' to the altar... For us 'coming' means Christ's grace-laden coming at Christmas. In the person of John the virgin, holy Church goes to meet her King."

—Dr. Pius Parsch, <u>The Church's Year of</u> <u>Grace</u>, Vol. I, A.D. 1957)



FRONT COVER: Nativity scene set up in the sanctuary of the Lower Church Hall, Christmas, 2011. (PHOTO by parishioner +Paul Eldridge, R.I.P.)



SCHEDULE OF MASSES for JANUARY 1st, THE OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS and the SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 1st, A.D. 2021: 7:30 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.

(Novus Ordo) 11:00 AM (Traditional Latin Mass) 11:15 AM Mass in Lower Church Hall

THERE WILL BE NO 5:30 PM MASS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY



"IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERENELY BEAR THE TRIAL OF BEING DISPLEASING TO YOURSELF, THEN YOU WILL BE FOR JESUS A PLEASANT PLACE OF SHELTER."—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)





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 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 2020: \$7,033.00 +OFFERTORY FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DECEMBER 8th, \$4,295 + OTHER OFFERINGS: \$1,470.00 = <u>\$12,798.00</u>



#### THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE PARISH WITH YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIFTS.

"Glorify the Lord generously, and do not stint the first fruits of your hands. With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe with gladness. Give to the Most High as He has given, and as generously as your hand has found. For the LORD is the One who repays, and He will repay you sevenfold."—Sirach 35



### CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Christmas Flower envelopes are 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. The Flower Offering Envelopes with the Memorial names will be placed upon the altar at all of our parish Masses during the Christmas Season, through Candlemas Day, February 2nd.



PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF "SOCIAL-DISTANCING" DIRECTIVES [BY FAMILY HOUSEHOLD] FOR INSIDE THE NAVE OF THE CHURCH AND THE WEARING OF FACE-COVERINGS



Arebbisbop Fulton J. Sbeen's Prayer for Spiritual Adoption

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the preborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

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I rejoice to be little, because only children and those who are like them will be admitted to the heavenly banquet.

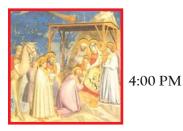
Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Calendar of Masses					
	(1	ntention of the Mass—Special 1	Remarks—Requested	by)	
SUNDAY	4:00 PM	Kathy Quinn	75th Birthday Int.	Bob Quinn	
December 27th		D D 1			
SUNDAY WITHIN	7:30 AM	Pro Populo Katherine Mullen	2nd Anniversary	Kathy Dath and Many Mullar	
THE OCTAVE OF	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Louis & Rita Post,	2110 Anniversary	Kathy, Beth and Mary Mullen	
CHRISTMAS	(11:15 AM)	Bro. John Post		Post Family	
		In Thanksgiving		Rusnack Family	
ST. JOHN THE DIVINE		Rusnack/Booth/Drohan	Special Intention	Rusnack Family	
DIVINE		Bambrick Family	) (	Rusnack Family	
The HOLY FAMILY		Rusnack/Booth/Drohan Ramhrick Family	Memorial	Rusnack Family	
of JESUS, MARY,		Bambrick Family Special Intention	Memorial	Rusnack Family Rusnack Family	
AND JOSEPH		Marie Hong Tran	Memorial	Mary Tran	
		Norman Hobbib	In Thanksgiving	Hobbib Family	
		In Honor of the Holy Fam.	4th Anniversary	Choy Family	
		Helen M. Rashid	Marra arri al	Thomas Rashid	
	5:30 PM	Mary McCarthy	Memorial	Mary McCarthy	
MONDAY	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of	Memorial		
December 28th		Mary Immaculate of			
HOLY INNOCENTS	12.20 DM	Lourdes	Mamarial	Habbib Eastile	
	12:30 PM	Carolyn Ward	Memorial	Hobbib Family	
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	Nic Choy	Birthday Intention	Choy Family	
December 29th					
St. Thomas Beckett					
WEDNESDAY	12:30 PM	Janet Wade	Memorial	DeMatteo Family	
December 30th			Month's Mind		
6th Day of Christmas					
THURSDAY	7:30 AM	Julie Ramsdell Miller	Special Intention	Stephen Miller	
December 31st	5:30 PM	Francis McCarthy	Memorial	Mary McCarthy	
7th Day of Christmas		2	Wemoria	Mary McCartily	
FRIDAY	7:30 AM	Pro Populo			
January 1st Health of the Sick OCTAVE DAY OF 9:00 AM PARISH HOLY DAY					
OCTAVE DAY OF	11:00 AM	INTENTIONS			
CHRISTMAS			1		

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

#### SATURDAY January 2nd 9th Day of Christmas

9:00 AM



All Souls Fr. Christopher Roberts Marie Hong Tran Intention of the Donor Mary Rose Belmonte Rosary Group Our Priests & Bishops

Tom Carty

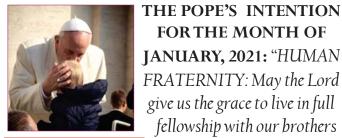
Memorial Memorial Memorial

Mass of the Angels Special Intention Special Intention

Camille Arcidi Juhasz Family Mary Tran

**Belmonte Family** Donor Donor

Sotell Family



FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2021: "HUMAN FRATERNITY: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all." (PHOTOS: (1) Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette

Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015. (2) Jeanette Pappin with her

children Clement and Marie-Thérèse (ages 7 ℃ 8), Thanksgiving. 2020. (3) Fr. Salako's audience with Pope Francis,

2019.)



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



# **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 for the sick, especially for:

Carl & Helen DePrima, Ida Goffredo, Cara Gavin, Deb Andrew, Laura Langston, Eliza Miller, Suze Jean Pierre, George Cupak, Bethie Jean Michel, Richard Lempitski, Jerome Rusnack, Hannah Strom, Erika da Silva, William Leavey, Ophelia Tobio, Tanguy du Halgouët, Margie Bibbo, Maria & John Centofanti, Teresa Lee, Catherine Kwash, Alexander Louis Post, Bob Quinn, Sunny McCloskey, Shirley Bibbo, Dorothy Fresolo, Lita O'Laoghaire, Mary Downey, Joseph Gamache, Kathy Quinn, Nick & Janet Pino, 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



IDA GOFFREDO—cancer diagnosis LAURA LANGSTON—cancer diagnosis SUZE JEAN PIERRE—cancer diagnosis

IN THANKSGIVING: **NEW-BORN ANNE-MARIE O'NEILL IS** 3 MONTHS' OLD AND HOME WITH HER FAMILY, DOING WELL.

## LATIN MASS PROPERS: ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

**INTROIT:** Ecclesiasticus 15:5 In the midst of the Church the Lord opened his mouth: and filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding: He clothed him with a robe of glory . *Psalm 91*: 2 It is good to give praise to the Lord: and to sing to Thy name, O Most High. *V*. Glory be to the Father.

**COLLECT** Do Thou, O Lord, in Thy goodness shine upon Thy Church: that being enlightened by the doctrines of blessed John Thine Apostle and Evangelist, she may attain to everlasting gifts. Through Our Lord.

**EPISTLE:** Ecclesiasticus 15:1-6 He that feareth God will do good: and he that possesseth justice shall lay hold on her, and she will meet him as an honorable mother. With the bread of life and understanding she shall feed him, and give him the water of wholesome wisdom to drink: and she shall be made strong in him, and he shall not be moved: and she shall hold him fast, and he shall not be confounded: and she shall exalt him among his neighbors, and in the midst of the Church she shall open his mouth, and shall fill him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and shall clothe him with a robe of glory. The Lord our God shall heap upon him a treasure of joy and gladness, and shall cause him to inherit an everlasting name.

**GRADUAL:** John 21:23 and 19 This saying therefore went abroad among the brethren, that the disciple should not die. And Jesus did not say: He should not die. *V*. But: So I will have him remain until I come: follow thou Me. ALLELUIA Alleluia, alleluia. *V*. This is the disciple who giveth testimony of these things: and we know that his testimony is true. Alleluia

GOSPEL: John 21: 19-24 **A**t that time Jesus said to Peter: Follow Me. Peter turning about saw that disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also leaned on His breast at supper and said: Lord, who is he that shall betray Thee? Him therefore when Peter had seen, he saith to Jesus: Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith to him: So I will have him to remain till I come, what is it to thee? Follow thou Me. This saying therefore went abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die. And Jesus did not say to him: He should not die; but: So I will have him remain till I come: what is it to thee? This is that disciple who giveth testimony of these things, and hath written these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

**OFFERTORY: Psalm 91:13** The just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall be multiplied like the cedar that is in Libanus.

**SECRET** Receive, O Lord, the gifts which we offer to Thee on the festival of him by whose patronage we hope to be delivered. Through Our Lord.

## Preface of Christmas

**COMMUNION:** John 21:23 A saying therefore went abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: and Jesus did not say: He should not die; but: So I will have him remain until I come.

**POSTCOMMUNION** Refreshed with this heavenly food and drink, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that we may be strengthened by the prayers of him in whose memory we have partaken of these mysteries. Through Our Lord.

# Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

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

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

**Prelude:** The First Noel (Traditional English Carol)

#### Introit: Psalm 68:6, 7, 36 Deus In Loco Sancto Suo

God is in His holy dwelling place; the God who causes us to dwell together, one at heart, in His house; He himself will give power and strength to His people.

> **Offertory** Resonet In Laudibus (Gregorian Chant V)

<u>Communion</u>: Luke 2:48, 49 *Fili, Quid Fecisti* 

My son, why have you treated us so? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you. How is it that you were seeking me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?

**Communion:** Good Christian Men, Rejoice (Traditional)

Recessional: Corde Natus Ex Parentis (Gregorian Chant V)

**Postlude:** Once In Royal David's City (Composed by Henry Gauntlett in 1848)

### Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal) 11:00 AM (5:30 P.M.)

### St. John the Divine

**Prelude:** The First Noel (Traditional English Carol)

Asperges (11:00 Mass)

#### Introit: Ecclesiasticus 15:5

**Offertory** Resonet In Laudibus (Gregorian Chant V)

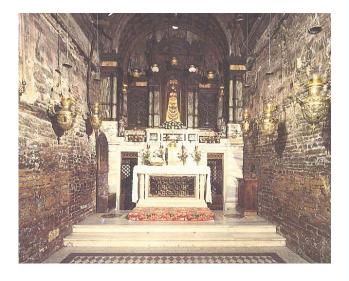
#### Communion: John 21:23

**Communion** Deus Enim Firmavit (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Published 1593)

Recessional: Corde Natus Ex Parentis (Gregorian Chant V)

Angelus (Chant)

**Postlude:** Once In Royal David's City (Composed by Henry Gauntlett in 1848)





020 St. John the Divine/Holy Family Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

December 27th, A.D. 2020

# CATECHESIS: ON-GOING INSTRUCTION IN THE FULLNESS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

2020 Jubilee 2021 YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST ON ACCOUNT OF THE PANDEMIC CARDINAL SEAN HAS EXTENDED THE JUBILEE YEAR TO JUNE 2022



### MIRACLES OF LOURDES AND THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(Msgr. Robert Hugh Benson, an Anglican convert to Catholicism, made a pilgrimage to Lourdes on its 50th Jubilee Year, 1908. Here he describes watching the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament moving along the lines of very sick people and the miracles which occurred on that day.)

Of course "scientific" arguments, of the sort which I have related, can be brought forward in an attempt to explain Lourdes; but they are the same arguments that can be, and are, brought forward against the miracles of Jesus Christ Himself. I say nothing to those here; I leave that to scientists such as Dr. Boissarie; but what I cannot understand is that professing Christians are able to bring a priori arguments against the fact that Our Lord is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever—the same in Galilee and in France. "These signs shall follow them that believe," He said Himself; and the history of the Catholic Church is an exact fulfilment of the words. It was so, St. Augustine tells us, at the tombs of the martyrs; five hundred miracles were reported at Canterbury within a few years o St. Thomas' martyrdom. And now here in Lourdes, as it has been for fifty years, in this little corner of poor France!

... This, then, is the supreme fact of Lourdes: that Jesus Christ in His Sacrament passes along that open square, with the sick laid in beds on either side; and that at His word the lame walk and lepers are cleansed and deaf hear—that they are seen leaping and dancing for joy.

Even now, writing within ten days of my return, all seems like a dream; and yet I know that I saw it. For over thirty years I had been accustomed to repeat the silly formula that "the age of miracles is past"; that they were necessary for the establishment of Christianity, but that they are no longer necessary now, except on extremely rare occasions perhaps; and in my heart I knew my foolishness. Why, for those thirty years Lourdes had been in existence! And if I spoke of it at all, I spoke only of hysteria and autosuggestion and French imaginativeness, and the rest of the nonsense ...



### THE CHURCH PROTECTS THE REVEALED MESSAGE

"THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE, IN THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF CHRISTENDOM, WERE THE OBSTINATE CHAMPIONS OF CATHOLIC TRUTH, AND THE BISHOPS WERE NOT... PERHAPS IT WAS PERMITTED, IN ORDER TO IMPRESS UPON

THE CHURCH ... THE GREAT EVANGELICAL LESSON, THAT, NOT THE WISE AND POWERFUL BUT THE OBSCURE, THE UNLEARNED, AND THE WEAK CONSTITUTE HER REAL STRENGTH."—ST. JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN (+1890) RAISED TO THE ALTARS, OCTOBER 13TH, 2019



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