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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 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

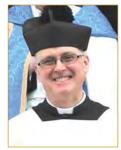
<u>Weekdays:</u> Novus Ordo Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 7:30 A. M. *Traditional Latin* Mon-Wed-Fri 12:30 PM; Thu 5:30 P. M. Sat 9:00 A. M.

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)

+ SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS+

Pastor's Note



Fr. Híggíns

UNIVERSAL MASK MANDATE...AGAIN

As of September 2nd, the Mayor of the City of Newton, by executive order, imposed a universal mask mandate on all

indoor public spaces within the city limits. This mandate specifically includes places of religious worship and is of indefinite duration.

The order states: "ALL PEOPLE, <u>REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION</u> <u>STATUS</u>, IN ANY <u>INDOOR SPACE</u> <u>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</u>, MUST WEAR A MASK OR CLOTH FACE-COVERING THAT COVERS THEIR MOUTH AND NOSE."

This universal mask mandate is a coercive mandate: "FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES AN IMMINENT AND IMMEDIATE THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH...THIS ORDER MAY BE ENFORCED TO THE EXTENT ALLOWABLE UNDER THE LAW."

For the sake of protecting our parish church's continued ability to stay open I ask everyone to please comply with this universal mask mandate order, whether you agree with it or not.

In a recent opinion essay in *The New York Times* entitled *The Hard Covid Questions We Should Be Asking*, Joseph Allen (associate professor and director of the Healthy Buildings Program at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the chair of the Lancet Covid-19 Commission Task Force on Safe Work, Safe School and Safe Travel) and Helen Jenkins (associate professor at Boston University School of Public Health and an infectious disease epidemiologist) address what they see as *"undefined and sometimes conflicting goals in responding to the pandemic. What are we actually trying to achieve in the United States?"* With regard to mask mandates: "Any organization setting a mask mandate at this point in the pandemic in the United States must pair that mandate with an offramp plan. Sleepwalking into indefinite masking is not in anyone's interest and can increase distrust after an already very difficult year."

It would seem to me that the City of Newton's new universal mask mandate can be exactly criticized on these grounds. Its stated purpose seems influenced by "Covid-anxiety" more than anything else. We are not in a high-infection part of the country, but we are in a highly vaccinated part. And where is the "offramp"? There is none.

The Allen/Jenkins essay goes on to state:

It's not just the C.D.C., but everyone—including us public health experts—who is not always connecting our advice or policy Recommendations. The conflict is not about masks or boosters: it's about the often unstated objective and how a mask mandate or a "boosters for all" approach may or may not get us there...If the goal is zero spread, which we think is not realistic, then the country would need to keep many of the most restrictive measures in place—an approach that has serious public health consequences of its own.

In another *New York Times* article by David Leonardt *(Data Shows Less Alarming Picture of Delta, September 7th, 2021)* he concludes:

But even with Delta the overall risks for the vaccinated remain extremely small. Yet as Dr. Monica Gandhi, an infectious-disease specialist at the University of California, San Francisco wrote on Friday: 'The messaging over the last month in the U.S. has basically served to terrify the vaccinated and make the unvaccinated eligible adults doubt the effectiveness of the vaccines.'

This is the lay-of-the-land we find ourselves living in with regard to COVID-control measures and public policy. All we can do is endure it in a spirit of penance.

LATIN MASS PROPERS: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INTROIT: Psalm 85. 3, 5. HAVE mercy on me, O Lord, for I have cried to Thee all the day; for Thou, O Lord, art sweet and mild, and plenteous in mercy to all that call upon Thee. *Ps. ibid.* 1. Incline Thine ear to me, O Lord, and hear me; for I am needy and poor. \tilde{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. — Have mercy ...

COLLECT MAY Thy grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord, ever go before us and follow us: and make us continually intent upon good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

EPISTLE: From the Letter of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians, 3. 13-21. BRETHREN: I pray you not to faint at my tribulations for you, which are your glory. For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom all paternity in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened by His Spirit with might unto the inward man. That Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts; that being rooted and founded in charity, you may be able to comprehend with all the saints, what is the breadth and length, and height, and depth. To know also the charity of Christ, which surpasseth all knowledge; that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do all things more abundantly than we desire or understand, according to the power that worketh in us: to Him be glory in the Church, and in Christ Jesus, unto all generations, world without end. Amen.

GRADUAL: Psalm 101. 16-17. THE Gentiles shall fear Thy Name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth Thy glory. For the Lord hath built up Sion, and He shall be seen in His majesty. **ALLELUIA: Psalm 97. 1.** Alleluia, Alleluia. Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle, because the Lord hath done wonderful things. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Luke, 14. 1-11. AT THAT TIME, when Jesus went into the house of one of the chief of the pharisees on the sabbath day to eat bread, they watched Him. And behold, there was a certain man before Him that had the dropsy: and Jesus answering, spoke to the lawyers and pharisees, saying: Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? But they held their peace: but He taking him, healed him, and sent him away. And answering them, He said: Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fall into a pit, and will not immediately draw him out on the Sabbath day? And they could not answer Him to these things. And He spoke a parable also to them that were invited, marking how they chose the first seats at the table, saying to them: When thou art invited to a wedding, sit not down in the first place, lest perhaps one more honorable than thou be invited by him; and he that invited thee and him, come and say to thee: Give this man place: and then thou begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when thou art invited, go, sit down in the lowest place: that when he who invited thee, cometh, he may say to thee: Friend, go up higher. Then shalt thou have glory before them that sit at table with thee: because every one that exalteth himself, shall be humbled; and he that humbleth himself, shall be exalted. —

OFFERTORY: Psalm 39. 14, 15. LOOK down, O Lord, to help me; let them be confounded and ashamed that seek after my soul to take it away; look down O Lord, to help me.

SECRET: COMPLETE the purifying effect of this Sacrifice, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by mercifully making us worthy partakers thereof. Through our Lord ...

COMMUNION: Psalm 70. 16, 18. O LORD, I will be mindful of Thy justice alone: Thou hast taught me, O God, from my youth, and unto old age and grey hairs, O God, forsake me not.

POSTCOMMUNION: IN Thy goodness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, purify and renew our minds by these heavenly Sacraments: and as a result, may we also receive help for our bodies, both now and in time to come. Through our Lord ...

Calendar of Masses

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

SUNDAY September 12th	4:00 PM	Pat Petronelli	10th Anniversary	Betty Whitney Their Grandchildren: Burstein,	
THE 16th SUNDAY after PENTECOST and the 24th SUNDAY PER	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Pro Populo John & Kay Mullen For the Preservation of the Free Exercise of the Latin Mass in the Life of the Church	Memorial	McDonagh & Wukitch Children	
ANNUM	en 10	Ida Goffredo Joan Reynolds Intention of the Donor Intention of the Donor	Birthday Mem. Special Intention	Goffredo Family Reynolds Family	
MAL	YAL	Marie Hong Tran Intention of the Donor	Memorial	Mary Tran	
i m		Intention of the Donor All Souls Jerry & Helen Rusnack Denise & Patrick Gemma Joseph Scarlata	Memorial Birthday Mem. Birthday Intention	Jonathan Duong Rusnack Family Rusnack Family Laura Harvey	
	SOH	Nguyen Thanh Long Mary Ramsdell	Health of the Sick Memorial	Stephen Miller	
S.S. NOMEN	MARIÆ	In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Joseph Marshall Cole Maria Divine Mercy Margaret Steinkrauss John & Sarah Boyle Intention of the Donor	In Thanksgiving Memorial Special Intention Memorial Memorial	Laura Harvey Diane Leonard Minh Kasper Family Kasper Family	
		Nicholas Monahan Our Priests & Bishops	Special Intention	Monahan Family Donor	
	5:30 PM	Kathy Fitch	Memorial	Diane Fitch	
MONDAY September 13th St. John Chrysostom/	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial		
Feria	12:30 PM	Tony & Tricia Reilly Fam.	Special Intention	Tony & Tricia Reilly	
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	David J. Hennessey	Memorial	Christine Quagan	
September 14th	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (HOLY CROSS DAY)				
WEDNESDAY September 15th	12:30 PM Commemorations	Anthony Silveri +Dorothy Tower Harvey +Marshall Cole THE SE	Memorial VEN SORROWS OF OUR	Mark Silveri LADY	

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

THURSDAY	7:30 AM	Rev. James M. Broderick		
September 16th SS. Cornelius & Cyprian	5:30 PM	Hugh Reynolds	Special Intention	Reynolds Family
FRIDAY September 17th St. Robert Bellarmine/ Stigmata of St. Francis	7:30 AM Health of the Sick 12:30 PM	Intention of the Donor Commemoration: Andrea Soto In Honor of Our Lady of Sorrows Commemoration: +Anne Cole		Choy Family
SATURDAY September 18th St. Joseph Cupertino		All Souls Marie Hong Tran Intention of the Donor Mary Rose Belmonte Florence Moran All Souls Andrea Soto Dorothy Tower Harvey All Souls Ai Duong	Memorial Memorial Mass of the Angels Memorial Birthday Intention Birthday Memorial Memorial Special Intention	Reynolds Family Ana Betancur Ana Betancur Laura Harvey
	4:00 PM	Barbara Struzenski	Memorial	Family



Mary Immaculate of Lourdes PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration forms may be down-loaded from our parish web-site: www.maryimmaculateoflourdesnewtonma.org

Classes for the new school year will begin on

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, A.D. 2021.

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> Latin Mass Children's Catechism Class TIME: 9:30-10:30 AM



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