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## Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

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### Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 PM

**Sunday:** 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

**Traditional Latin High Mass:** 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**

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facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for  
the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

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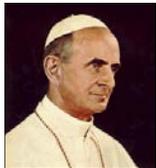
# ABOUT OUR PARISH

## 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)**

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**THE POPE'S  
INTENTION FOR  
EVANGELIZATION FOR  
THE MONTH OF JANUARY,  
2018: "RELIGIOUS  
MINORITIES IN ASIA: That**

*Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom." (PHOTO: Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015.)*



## FRONT COVER

The St. Agnes Window inside our parish church of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, located by the confessional on the rectory side.

(PHOTO by Paul Eldridge, +2017)

## Pastor's Note



### INNOCENCE OF LIFE

The stained-glass window on the cover of this week's bulletin is the "St. Agnes Window", located at the back of the church, just above the St. Joseph confessional. The donor inscription is the St. Joseph's Mission, Needham. (St. Joseph's church in Needham was a mission chapel of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

when this church was built in 1910.)

The symbolism of the window-scene depicts the child-martyr Agnes receiving her double crown of glory—the crown of martyrdom and the crown of virginity. One angel holds out to her the palm of victory, indicating blood martyrdom; the other a brilliant crown of light, which stands for the innocence of virginity.

Agnes's extraordinarily long hair was one of the miracles surrounding her passion, according to the legend of her martyrdom. When the persecutors had her publicly stripped, her hair at once grew long and full to cover her body.

St. Agnes's name means "lamb". We are meant to associate it with Christ as the Lamb of God. The gentleness of a little lamb is invested with spiritual and moral meaning here to represent sinlessness, meekness and innocence of life.

Innocence of life is a very good term to convey what Christianity means by the holy virtue of purity. It is a positive thing: it is not a default naïveté, inexperience, "repression" or "what-you-haven't-done." It is, rather, a high moral value intertwined with charity. Like charity, innocence of life is what we must learn to grow into and reach up to as we go on in life. It demands of us self-discipline, self-sacrifice and a never-ending struggle to turn away from

disvalue to the world of value.

Our contemporary cultural world is, as we well know, glutted with sexual impurity and the exaltation of the most decadent and selfish sexual behaviors, as if they represented great leaps forward in human freedom and social progress instead of the calamities that they do. The moral values of chastity, purity, virginity and innocence of life are not even honored in the breach. They are simply disparaged as holdovers from a past stage of lower human development: the stage of "religious superstition" and patriarchal social control ....not even worth discussion.

If adults who are mature Christians hope to influence the conduct of younger Christians and those coming of age they must lead by example. Clear moral teaching on chastity is very important, on the does-and-don'ts, especially in the area of prudently avoiding the unnecessary near-occasion of mortal sin. But young people are very astute (we know, as we were once like them!) and they have a keen eye for do-as-I-say-not-as-I-do.

Young people for their part need to open their eyes to the false freedom that is represented by the present-day attitudes towards sexual behavior. It is not real freedom: it is wantonness! It is flinging yourself away in base passions, in self-gratification. It is a deliberate, progressive closing off of the self to the possibilities of real love—which demands a coming out of one-self and a self-giving, the capacity to receive love as well as to give it. Real love flourishes from having well-ordered relationships in our lives, primarily our relationship to God and then our various relationships with others in their appropriate ways.

Innocence of life is the gateway to love.

*(Fr. Higgins)*

# SCRIPTURE STUDY

## THE COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL: JANUARY 21st, 2018 THE MASS OF ST. AGNES

For this week's meditation on the Collects of the Roman Missal, we consider the Collect for the Feast of St. Agnes (MR '70). Her feast is celebrated on the same date in both forms of the Mass, and the Collects of the day in each Missal are largely the same. (This year, her feast is displaced by the Sunday Propers.) Below is the official ICEL translation of this Collect in the third typical edition of the Roman Missal (2010):

*"Almighty ever-living God, who choose what is weak in the world to confound the strong, mercifully grant, that we, who celebrate the heavenly birthday of your Martyr Saint Agnes, may follow her constancy in the faith. Through our Lord, etc. Amen."*

St. Agnes was beheaded in 304 A.D. for refusing to renounce her Christian faith and yield her virginity. The Collect quotes St. Paul's words in 1 Cor. 1:27 to indicate the power of grace at work in the martyrs: "God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong" (RSV). This applies well to our martyr, who was merely twelve or thirteen when she died. The world does not usually regard teenagers as great heroes. Nevertheless, St. Agnes' constancy in virginity and martyrdom made her great, indeed, far greater than her Roman culture's standards of worth.

Hear the words of St. Ambrose in his treatise *On Virgins* found in the Divine Office for today's feast:

*"A new kind of martyrdom! Too young to be punished, yet old enough for a martyr's crown...she shows herself a master in valor despite the handicap of youth....All are amazed that one not yet of legal age can give her testimony to God. So she succeeds in convincing others of her testimony about God, though her testimony in human affairs could not yet be accepted. What is beyond the power of nature, they argue, must come from its Creator."*

This last point is especially important, for martyrdom is never to be sought or accomplished by one's own strength. It is a grace for which God supplies the strength.

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The world often overvalues those who can accomplish many things or accumulate power, beauty, health, and wealth. Temporal endowments, gifts, and other good accomplishments are not bad in themselves, but much too often become pernicious idols. We Christians often fall prey to evaluating ourselves by worldly standards (and often become despondent as a result). Worldly gifts and accomplishments, however, can hardly compare to the saints' love for Jesus.

Thus, the Church upholds a mere teenager as worthy of greatest praise, simply because of her excelling love for Christ. The martyrs, and especially those virgin martyrs celebrated in the Canon, continually challenge our values and standards of worth. They call us to recalibrate ourselves, and to focus on what is most important: getting into heaven full of merit gained by our cooperation with God's grace.

The martyrs also encourage us to be strong in our own "martyrdoms," that is, all of the various kinds of suffering, great and small, which constitute our daily crosses, whereby we may offer ourselves to God as a living sacrifice (cf. Rom. 12:1). We hear again St. Ambrose in the work quoted above: "It is the birthday of a martyr; let us offer ourselves in sacrifice." This lesson which affirms our baptismal priesthood is found elsewhere in the Fathers, and it is the central "take-away" from any martyr's feast day. The martyrs help us to be conscious of how we might further perfect the offering of ourselves to God.

*(David Allen)*

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



# PHOTO ALBUM (2): EPIPHANYTIDE OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY

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## LATIN MASS PROPERS: THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**INTROIT:** Psalm 96. 7-8, 1 Adore God, all you His Angels: Sion heard, and was glad: and the daughters of Juda rejoiced. *Ps. ibid.* 1. The Lord hath reigned, let the earth rejoice: let many islands be glad. *Ÿ.* 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. —Adore God ...

**COLLECT:** O almighty and everlasting God, look mercifully upon our weakness: and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty to protect us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son ...

**EPISTLE:** From Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Romans, 12. 16-21 Brethren: Be not wise in your own conceits. To no man rendering evil for evil: providing good things, not only in the sight of God, but also in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as is in you, have peace with all men. Revenge not yourselves, my dearly beloved, but give place unto wrath, for it is written: Revenge is mine: I will repay, saith the Lord. But if thine enemy be hungry, give him to eat: if he thirst, give him to drink: for doing this, thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head. Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil by good.

**GRADUAL:** Psalm 101. 16-17 The Gentiles shall fear Thy Name, O Lord, and all the kings Thy glory. For the Lord hath built up Sion; and He shall be seen in His glory. **ALLELUIA** Psalm 96. 1 Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord hath reigned, let the earth rejoice: let many islands be glad. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 8. 1-13 At that time, when Jesus was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him: and behold a leper came and adored Him, saying: Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. And Jesus stretching forth His hand, touched him, saying: I will. Be thou made clean. And forthwith his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith to him: See thou tell no man: but go, show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift which Moses commanded for a testimony unto them. And when he had entered into Capharnaum, there came to him a centurion, beseeching Him, and saying: Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, and is grievously tormented. And Jesus saith to him: I will come and heal him. And the centurion making answer, said: Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof: but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man subject to authority, having under me soldiers; and I say to this one: go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant: Do this, and he doeth it. And Jesus hearing this, marveled, and said to them that followed Him: Amen I say to you, I have not found so great faith in Israel. And I say to you that many shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven: but the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into the exterior darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said to the centurion: Go, and as thou hast believed, so be it done to thee. And the servant was healed at the same hour.

**OFFERTORY:** Psalm 117. 16, 17 Shout with joy to God, all the earth: sing ye a psalm to His Name: come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what great things the Lord hath done for my soul, alleluia.

**SECRET:** May these offerings, we beseech Thee, O Lord, cleanse us from our sins, and by sanctifying Thy servants in body and mind, make them fit to celebrate this Sacrifice. Through our Lord ...

**COMMUNION:** Luke 4. 22 All wondered at these things which proceeded from the mouth of God.

**POSTCOMMUNION:** Vouchsafe, O Lord, we beseech Thee, to make us, who of Thy bounty frequent such great Mysteries, truly disposed to profit by them. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

# 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

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Entrance Antiphon:** Psalm 95:1, 6  
(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 44)

*O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in His holy place.*

### Ordinary Prayers: English Chant

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

### Offertory: Psalm 33:6

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 45)

*Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.*

### Communion Antiphon: John 8:12

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 45)

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

### Communion Meditation:

A Message Came to a Maiden Young  
(Worship II, No. 1)

### Recessional Hymn:

Mater Christi (Mother of Christ)  
(*Extra Sheet*)

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

10:30 AM

### Third Sunday after Epiphany

**Prelude:** Lord, Not To Us Z137  
(Henry Purcell, 1659~1695)

*The Asperges: the Sprinkling of Holy Water*

**Processional Hymn:** Corde Natus Ex Parentis  
(**Book of Parish Chant, p. 237**)

**Introit: Psalm 96. 7-8; 1 Adorate Deum, omnes Angeli ejus: audivit, et latata est Sion: et exsultaverunt filiae Judae. Ps. ibid. 1. Dominus regnavit, exsultet terra: latentur insula multa. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. — Adorate Deum ...**

**Ordinary Prayers: Mass II “Kyrie Fons Bonitatis”**  
(Kyrie, Gloria, Credo IV, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei)

**Gradual: Psalm 101. 16-17 Timebunt gentes nomen tuum, Domine, et omnes reges terra gloriam tuam. V. Quoniam adificavit Dominus Sion: et videbitur in majestate sua.**

**Alleluia: Psalm 96. 1 Allelúia, allelúia. V. Dominus regnavit, exsultet terra: latentur insula multa. Alleluia.**

**Offertory: Psalm 117. 16-17 Jubilate Deo, universa terra: psalmmum dicite nomini ejus: venite, et audite, et narrabo vobis, omnes qui timetis Deum, quanta fecit Dominus anima mea, alleluia.**

**Communion: Luke 4. 22 Mirabantur omnes de his, qua procedebant de ore Dei.**

### Communion Meditation:

Ave Maris Stella  
(Francesco Cavalli, Published 1656)

### Recessional Hymn:

Mater Christi (Mother of Christ)  
(*Extra Sheet*)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

## Calendar of Masses

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>January 21st</b> ( <i>THIRD</i> <i>SUNDAY OF</i> <i>THE YEAR</i> <i>SUNDAY OF</i> <i>THE YEAR AND</i> <i>THE THIRD</i> <i>AFTER</i> <i>EPIPHANY</i> )	4:00 PM ( <i>Sat</i> ) 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Craig Family Pro Populo Winston Farrington Elisa Covino Altair & Francisca Silva Sang-woo Lee Special Intention Provencher/Battaglia Fam. Mary Steinkrauss Patricia Wright Christiane Protière Lisa Monahan Agnes Starzinsky Ruth & Edward Connolly Christopher John Connolly & Family	Special Intention 4th Anniversary Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Memorial Memorial Memorial Health of the Sick Birthday Intention Month's Mind Memorial Special Intention	Provencher Family Paul & Cindi Goguen Lita O'Laoghaire Erika Da Silva Haley Lee Haley Lee Provencher Family Provencher Family David Wright Juhasz Family Monahan Family Monahan Family Laura Harvey Laura Harvey
	5:30 PM	William Botsolis	Birthday Intention	Botsolis Family
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>January 22nd</b> <i>Day of Prayer &amp;</i> <i>Penance for the Legal</i> <i>Protection of Unborn</i> <i>Children</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish Rose DelGrosso	Memorial Special Intention	Lita O'Laoghaire
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>January 23rd</b> <i>Feria</i>	7:30 AM	Intention of the Donor		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>January 24th</b> <i>St. Timothy</i>	12:30 PM	Carolyn Hobbib	Special Intention	Hobbib Family
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>January 25th</b> <i>CONVERSION OF</i> <i>ST. PAUL</i>	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	Christian Unity Eleanor LeBlanc	Health of the Sick	Patricia Strom
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>January 26th</b> <i>SS. Timothy &amp; Titus/ St. Polycarp</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	David Botsolis Blanchette Family	Special Intention Special Intention	Denise Botsolis Provencher Family
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>January 27th</b> <i>St. John Chrysostom</i>	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	All Souls Eleanor LeBlanc	Memorial Health of the Sick	Laura Harvey Patricia Strom

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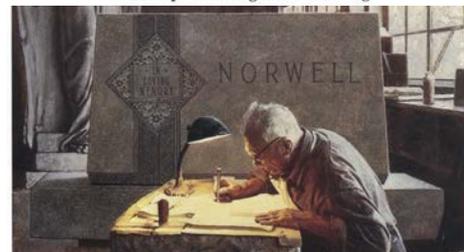
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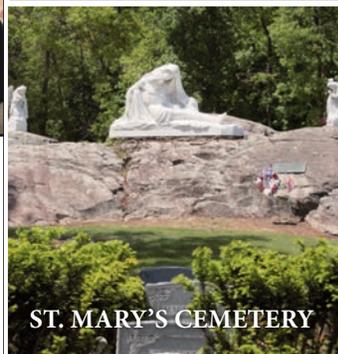


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