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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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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

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January 1st: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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

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.

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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
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OCTOBER, 2018: "THE
MISSION OF RELIGIOUS: That
consecrated religious men and

women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice." (PHOTO: (above) Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015.)

NEW EDIFICE FOR ST MARY'S PARISH.

Archbishop O'Connell Will Lay Cornerstone of Beautiful Structure at
Newton Upper Falls Tomorrow.



ST MARY'S CHURCH, NEWTON UPPER FALLS, AS IT WILL APPEAR WHEN COMPLETED.

FRONT COVER: The illustration of what the new church of St. Mary's, Newton Upper Falls (Mary Immaculate of Lourdes) was supposed to look like, as it appeared in the Boston Globe's story on the up-coming laying of the cornerstone, October 9th, 1909.

Pastor's Note



PARISH ANNUAL REPORT: FISCAL YEAR 2018

I want to express my thanks on behalf of the whole parish to Martha and Rod Phillips for the research and for enabling the transmission of these archival images so that we may know the fascinating history of this parish. One hundred and nine years ago this month the cornerstone for the new parish church of St. Mary's was laid. (I refer you to last Sunday's bulletin, which is now on-line at the parish website, for the details of that event.)

It is moving indeed to see reflected back across the decades the faith and the commitment to their parish of the Catholics of the early 1900's. The great collective sacrifice that was required of a working class, largely immigrant, parish to build such a church as this—and they did make it! They meant to build a most beautiful House of the Lord that would last for generations.

The task is now falling to us in this generation to preserve and give life to this patrimony which we have received. Against so many odds, Mary Immaculate of Lourdes—with its parish church one of the heritage churches of the United States—remains open as a full-service parish. In its present configuration, Mary Immaculate of Lourdes has become a “traveling parish” (i.e., people positively choosing to come here and join for its traditional Latin Mass apostolate and its

liturgical-devotional life) as much as a territorial neighborhood parish. We are, here, a “*little flock*”, in the sense in which Christ Himself used the phrase with great tenderness: “*Fear not, little flock, for it hath pleased your Father to give you a kingdom*” (Luke 12:32).

Our Annual Report for this past Fiscal Year (which ended on June 30th, 2018) is printed out for you on two sheets, a yellow one for the Parish and a green one for the Parish Cemetery of St. Mary's. They are available in the pamphlet rack in the front vestibule of the church for you to take.

The Parish Cemetery covered its costs again this year and shows a positive balance of **\$22,877.00**. On the Parish side, we show a deficit of **\$76,895.00**. Our total income actually exceeded our budget by **\$7,187.00**. This good fortune was due to the extra generosity of a small number of “angel donors”. As you can see from the second page of the Parish Report, **53%** of our total income came from ten donors. The total amount of direct, unsolicited gifts to the parish for last year was **\$239,743.00**. These gifts off-set the budgetary deficit we had from our Offertory giving, which was **\$216,159.00**. The total actual expenses did exceed our budget numbers significantly despite our best efforts at cost-control. We were able to cover the short-fall from parish savings.

The message I want to convey from all of these numbers is the same message I have already been giving: **Stewardship**. We are a 100% donor-dependent institution. Last year we recorded 161 donor-households (those who gave at least \$250 per year). Of those 161 households, 79 gave less than \$20-per-week: 117 out of 161 gave less than \$50-per-week. What would our balance-sheet look like if “stewardship-level” giving were embraced by a large majority of our “little flock” parish? I realize it's not easy during a time of demoralizing scandals and “little faith” to accept this. Nonetheless, stewardship-level giving among the lay faithful is the answer.

(Fr. Higgins)

SCRIPTURE STUDY

COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14th: *STEWARDSHIP (PART 1)*

For the next four weeks, I have decided to re-issue my four columns from last Fall which demonstrate the Biblical basis for the Fifth Precept of the Church, "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." In view of this year's Annual Report, I think it timely for us to hear again why stewardship is both necessary for the survival of our parish, and most importantly, for the salvation of our souls.

In Proverbs 3, we read about the virtues required for the son of the Israelite king. In 3:9, we read the following: "Honor the LORD with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce" (3:9, RSV). This verse likely reflects the lesson enshrined in the story of Cain and Abel in Gen. 4:3-5: "Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel brought some of the firstlings of his flock...the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering He had no regard." (RSV). God accepted Abel's offering, because it was worthy of divinity (it was the best that Abel could give to God), whereas Cain's sacrifice failed to communicate the same sentiment. Why is this?

Abel recognized that the firstlings were owed God, because the whole flock ultimately belonged to God before it belonged to Him as its steward and shepherd. Cain also recognized that God was owed sacrifice, but it seems he did not think God was owed the best produce he could gather up, nor that he deserved the first fruits of his own harvest. Instead, God could take some left-overs laying around elsewhere. God was not pleased with this deficient sacrifice of Cain.

Behind the wise injunction of Proverbs 3:9 is the truth that the Israelite king's son was not to be given credit in the first place for all the temporal blessings of his kingdom. Rather, like Abel, he was obliged to give unqualified thanks to God for the temporal goods under his stewardship as king. This thank-offering was a concrete portion of his substance representing the best of his labor (first fruits).

The principle applies in a non-agrarian society like our own. God is owed the first fruits of our labors, i.e., our money, which represents our livelihood, our substance. Concretely, the first fruits means a percentage portion of our income being given over to God before we dispense with the rest. This is what the traditional Israelite "tithe," the 10% offering, meant. What was true for Israel is true for the Church, as we see in the Book of Acts.

In our day, a worthy tithe represents 5%-10% of our income. Obviously, the Church never asks us to give what we don't have [At the same time, we cannot forget how Christ commends the generosity of the poor widow who gives two coins in the Temple]. Most of us, however, are not in extreme circumstances, and yet the Fifth Precept of the Church is simply not being observed as it should be.

According to this year's Annual Report, only a minority of donor households are truly carrying the burden of the parish's operating costs. Imagine how different our balance sheet would look if tithing-level giving were the norm for everyone else in the parish. Our deficit would vanish instantly! You can afford to give a tithe, and you should. God deserves this, since our every breath is a gift. Our ability to earn is itself His gift. Tithing acknowledges God's lordship as fundamentally prior to our own derivative ownership (as well as that of the IRS).

A failure to give a legitimate sacrificial gift ultimately tells God that we view Him like Cain did, as an after-thought when it comes to the concrete things in life. Let us join with Abel, Abraham, and Melchizedek when we assist at Mass, as the Canon calls us to do, and to offer our best to God (Walsh, *In Memory of Me*, pp. 128-130). Let us offer God a tithe that is truly a first fruits gift of our substance during the Offertory.

(David Allen)



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

LATIN MASS PROPERS: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INTROIT: *Esther 13: 9, 10-11* All things are in Thy will, O Lord; and there is none that can resist Thy will: for Thou hast made all things, heaven and earth, and all things that are under the cope of heaven: Thou art Lord of all. *Psalms 118: 1* Blessed are the undefiled in the way; who walk in the law of the Lord. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT Lord, we pray Thee, keep Thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to good works, to the glory of Thy holy name. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: *Ephesians 6: 10-17* Brethren: Be strengthened in the Lord, and in the might of His power. Put you on the armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the deceits of the devil. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places. Therefore, take unto you the armour of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and to stand in all things perfect; stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of justice, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in all things taking the shield of faith, wherewith you may be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the most wicked one. And take unto you the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.

GRADUAL: *Psalms 89: 1-2* Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from generation to generation. *V.* Before the mountains were made, or the earth and the world was formed; from eternity and to eternity Thou art God.

ALLELUIA: *Psalms 113: 1* Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a barbarous people. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 18: 23-35* At that time Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The kingdom of Heaven is likened to a king, who would take an account of his servants. And when he had begun to take the account, one was brought to him that owed him ten thousand talents: and as he had not wherewith to pay it, his lord commanded that he should be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. But that servant falling down, besought him saying: Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And the lord of that servant, being moved with pity, let him go, and forgave him the debt. But when that servant was gone out, he found one of his fellow-servants that owed him a hundred pence: and laying hold of him, he throttled him, saying: Pay what thou owest. And his fellow-servant falling down besought him, saying: Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not; but went and cast him into prison till he paid the debt. Now his fellow-servants, seeing what was done, were very much grieved; and they came and told their lord all that was done. Then his lord called him, and saith to him: Thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all the debt, because thou besoughtest me; shouldst not thou then have had compassion also on thy fellow-servant, even as I had compassion on thee? And his lord being angry delivered him to the torturers until he paid all the debt. So also shall my heavenly Father do to you, if you forgive not every one his brother from your hearts.

OFFERTORY: *Job 1: 2* There was a man in the land of Hus, whose name was Job, simple, and upright, and fearing God: whom Satan besought that he might tempt: and power was given him from the Lord over his possessions and his flesh; and he destroyed all his substance and his children; and wounded his flesh also with a grievous ulcer.

SECRET Graciously receive, O Lord, this holy offering, by which Thou hast willed to be Thyself appeased: and in Thy powerful mercy restore salvation unto us. Through Our Lord.

COMMUNION: *Psalms 118: 81, 84, 86* My soul is in Thy salvation, and in Thy word have I hoped, when wilt Thou execute judgment on them that persecute me? The wicked have persecuted me: help me, O Lord my God.

POSTCOMMUNION Having been fed with the food of immortality, O Lord: we beseech Thee, that what we have received with our mouth, we may follow with a pure mind. Through our Lord.

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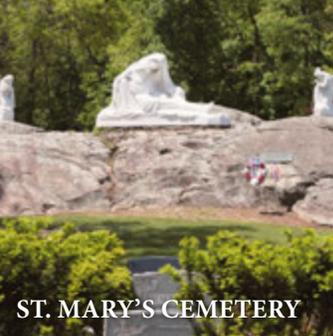


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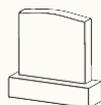
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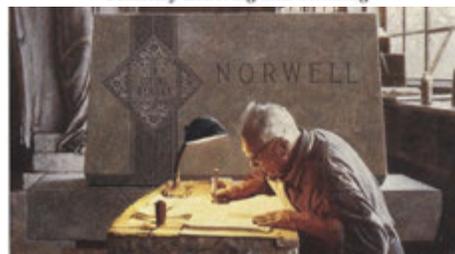
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