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## Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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## Parish Cemetery of Saint Mary's, Needham GUARDIAN ESTATE MANAGEMENT INC.

Mr. Ron Goguen,  
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: 781-235-1841

[saintmaryscemetery.org](http://saintmaryscemetery.org)

### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday:

*Novus Ordo*

4:00 P. M. (*Saturday Vigil*), 7:30 & 9:00 A. M.

*Traditional Latin*

11:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

#### Weekdays:

*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)

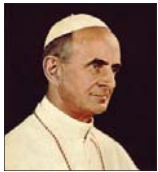


# ABOUT OUR PARISH

## 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.”

(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.

**PENANCE:** 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)**

## Pastor's Note



*Fr. Higgins*

### BEFORE THERE WAS LOURDES...THERE WAS LA SALETTE



Twelve years before Bernadette Soubirous received her Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858, there occurred an Apparition of the Blessed Virgin to two children employed as cattle-herders in the parish of La Salette. This Apparition occurred on September 19th, 1846, 175 years ago today.

Here is a description of the event taken from the La Salette Missionary Association:

*On Saturday, September 19th, 1846, a beautiful, clear autumn day, the Virgin Mary appeared to Maximin Giraud, age 11, and Melanie Mathieu, age 14, on a mountain near the town of La Salette, some 6,000 feet high in the French Alps.*

*The two children had first met the day before while tending cows on the slopes. After their meager lunch at midday, they were overcome by fatigue and fell into a deep sleep. Suddenly Melanie awoke and, not seeing the cows, called to Maximin: "Memin, come and see where the cows might have strayed." They quickly climbed the hill in front of them and with relief saw the cows grazing on the opposite side of the knoll.*

*Returning to pick up their knapsacks, the two children stopped in their tracks when they saw a very bright light blazing over the bench of stones where they had sat for lunch. The radiance parted and revealed a woman seated on the stones, her elbows on her knees and her face buried in her hands. They realized at once that she was weeping. They were frightened*

*but the Lady rose and re-assured them: "Come near, my children, don't be afraid. I am here to tell you great news." They hurried to her side while she took a few steps toward them.*

*Over a shining white dress the Lady wore a full length golden apron. Along the border of her white kerchief were roses of all colors and on a fine gold chain a crucifix more radiant than anything else in the vision. On the left of the crucifix hung a miniature hammer and on the right, pincers. Her headdress was white and crowned with a diadem of roses of many hues. Her shoes were sparkling white with a square gold buckle. Around each slipper were tiny roses that were not crushed as she stood and walked on the tips of the blades of grass.*

*The Lady was so resplendent in light that the noonday sun faded in comparison. Her face was exceedingly beautiful yet profoundly sad. Tears fell down her cheeks all the while she spoke. With rapt attention the children listened to the Beautiful Lady...*

*"If my people refuse to submit, I shall be forced to let go the arm of my Son. It is so strong and so heavy, I can no longer hold it. How long a time I have suffered for you! If I want my Son not to abandon you, I must plead with Him without ceasing. And as for you, you pay no heed! However much you pray, however much you do, you will never be able to repay the pains I have taken for you..."*

The mysterious Lady (who was Our Lady) reproached the people of the region for their irreligion, their blasphemies, and their servile work on Sundays, the Lord's Day. She warned of particular calamities which would befall them as a consequence, namely a terrible famine. To each of the children she confided a secret. Then she brought the audience to a close:

*"Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people."*

*Then she crossed the brook, walked slowly to the top of the hill and rose more than a yard in the air. Then she turned and gazed in the direction of Rome and said once again: "Very well, my children, you will make this known*



to all my people.” Then she vanished. The light alone remained but in an instant it too disappeared.

The children began by telling their masters what they had seen and heard. One of the authenticating signs in the investigation of the possible supernatural character of the Apparition was the widespread effect of conversion among the people of the region. Like Ninive after Jonas’s preaching in the Old Testament, the people did indeed change their ways, and they were spared the threatened chastisements.

After five years the Bishop of Grenoble made a formal declaration in favor of the vision:



*“We judge that the Apparition of the Blessed Virgin to two shepherds, September 19, 1846, on a mountain in the Alps, in the parish of La Salette ... shows all the signs of the truth and the faithful have grounds for believing it indubitable and certain.”*



**SECOND COLLECTION for TODAY:**  
**CLERGY FUNDS**, for the Support of the Sick and Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston



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 29AUG21 & 05SEP21:**  
**\$14,188.00 + ON-LINE GIVING FOR AUGUST, 2021: \$11,300.00 + OTHER OFFERINGS:**  
**\$2,117.00 = \$27,605.00**

**29AUG21 S.M.A COLLECTION FOR FATHER SALAKO’S MISSIONS**  
**=\$39,547.00**



*“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*

## LATIN MASS PROPERS: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**INTROIT:** Psalm 118: 137, 124. Thou art just, O Lord, and Thy judgment is right; deal with Thy servant according to Thy mercy. *Psalm 118: 1* Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord. V. Glory be to the Father...

**COLLECT:** Grant, O Lord, unto Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil, and with pure minds follow Thee, the only God. Through our Lord.

**EPISTLE:** Ephesians 4:1-6 Brethren: I, a prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation in which you are called. With all humility and mildness, with patience, supporting one another in charity, careful to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. One body and one spirit, as you are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all, who is blessed for ever and ever. Amen.

**GRADUAL:** Psalm 32: 12, 6 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: the people whom He hath chosen for His inheritance. V. By the word of the Lord the heavens were established; and all the power of them by the spirit of His mouth. **ALLELUIA:** Alleluia, alleluia. V. O Lord, hear my prayer; and let my cry come to Thee. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 22:34-46 **At** that time, the Pharisees came to Jesus, and one of them, a doctor of the Law, asked Him, tempting Him: which is the great commandment of the Law? Jesus said to him: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul and with thy whole mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like to this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments dependeth the whole Law and the prophets. And the Pharisees being gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying: what think you of Christ, whose son is He? They say to Him: David's. He saith to them: How then doth David, in spirit, call Him Lord, saying: the Lord said to my Lord: Sit on my right hand until I make Thy enemies Thy footstool? If David then call Him Lord, how is He his son? And no man was able to answer Him a word; neither durst any man, from that day forth, ask Him any more questions.

**OFFERTORY:** Daniel 9: 9, 10, 18, 19 I, Daniel, prayed to my God, saying: Hear, O Lord, the prayers of Thy servant; show Thy face upon Thy sanctuary, and favourably look down upon this people, upon whom Thy name is invoked, O God.

**SECRET** We humbly implore Thy majesty, O Lord, that the holy mysteries we are celebrating, may free us both from past sins and future transgressions. Through our Lord.

### Preface of the Holy Trinity

**COMMUNION:** Psalm 75: 12-13 Vow ye, and pray to the Lord your God, all you that round about Him bring presents: to Him that is terrible, even to Him who taketh away the spirit of princes; to the terrible with all the kings of the earth.

**POSTCOMMUNION** By the grace of Thy sacraments, O almighty God, may our passions be subdued and our eternal salvation assured. Through our Lord.