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## Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

### Parish Staff

PASTOR: FATHER CHARLES JEREMIAH HIGGINS  
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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: MRS. BOBBIE HOFFMANN

### Telephones

Parish Office: 617-244-0558 / FAX 617-965-4815

NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS:

[www.maryimmaculateoflourdes.org](http://www.maryimmaculateoflourdes.org)

To contact the parish by internet, please access this new website.

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/miolnewton](http://www.facebook.com/miolnewton)



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

Mr. Ron Goguen, Superintendent .

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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 AM—5 PM.

Telephone: 781-235-1841

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

## 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**

**Anointing of the Sick** (for those who are gravely ill or  
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.

**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL OUT A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM.**

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



**THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2019: "THE FUTURE OF THE VERY YOUNG: That every country**

determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority."

(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. (below) Clement Pappin, summer of 2019, aged 6)

## 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*

**FRONT COVER. The Lady Altar and the Baptistery of the Church, adorned for the Immaculate Conception Feast, December 8th, 2019. (PHOTO by Rod Phillips)**



**"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)**

*CHRISTMAS and EPIPHANYTIDE*

2018-2019

*Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church*

*Tuesday, December 24th: Christmas Eve*

*4:00 PM, Family Mass (1970 Roman Missal)*

*7:00 PM Chaldean-rite Christmas Mass*

*12 o'clock Midnight Mass (1962 Roman Missal)*

*Wednesday, December 25th: Christmas Day*

*7:30 AM, "Shepherds' Mass" (1970 Roman Missal)*

*9:00 AM, Mass of Christmas Day (1970 Roman Missal)*

*10:30 AM, Mass of Christmas Day (1962 Roman Missal)*

*Sunday, December 29th:*

*Feast of the Holy Family (4 PM Sat., 7:30 & 9 AM, 5:30 PM)*

*Sunday within the Octave of Christmas (10:30 AM)*

*Wednesday, January 1st: Octave Day of Christmas*

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

*7:30 & 9:00 AM (1970 Roman Missal)*

*10:30 AM (1962 Roman Missal)*

*Sunday, January 5th:*

*Epiphany of Our Lord (4 PM Sat., 7:30 & 9 AM, 5:30 PM)*

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus (10:30 AM)*

*Blessing of the Epiphany Water, 1:30 PM*

*Monday, January 6th: The Epiphany of Our Lord*

*7:30 AM (1970 Roman Missal)*

*12:30 PM (1962 Roman Missal)*

*7:30 PM (1962 Roman Missal)*



*David Allen*

*EMBER SATURDAY IN  
ADVENTIDE*

*(Missale Romanum 1962)*

For this week's meditation on the Collects of the Roman Missal, we consider the final Collect for Saturday in Embertide of Advent in the MR'62. Below is the translation of this Collect in the Angelus Press edition of the *Daily Roman Catholic Missal*:

*"O God, Who didst deaden the flames of fire for the three young men: mercifully grant that the flame of vice may not consume us Thy servants. Through our Lord, etc. Amen."*

This beautiful composition refers to the attempted martyrdom of Hanani'ah, Mish'a-el, and Azari'ah in the Book of Daniel. These three men, taken from among the Judean exiles, were chosen to serve the Babylonian king in his court. They were subsequently were thrown into a burning furnace for refusing to bow down to an idol of the king. Miraculously, they were not harmed in the slightest way, because an angel protected them as they sang praise to God (cf. Dan. 3). This is a fascinating story, well worth reading for its own sake. The Latin Church has selected two canticles from this chapter of the book of Daniel for regular use in Lauds/ Morning Prayer.

The liturgical prayers for the commemoration of martyrs routinely speak of God's protection for them, as well as their victory. In the mind of the Church, the torment and peril of sin itself and the harassment of demonic temptation are *worse* than the physical, mental, and emotional tortures inflicted by the martyrs' persecutors. Thus, God has indeed protected the martyrs, by enabling them to persevere, and to resist caving in and losing His friendship, which would be far worse than whatever suffering they endured for His sake.

On Ember Days- traditionally days of abstinence and fasting- the Church bids the faithful to deaden the passions and vices, so as to become freer in mind and body for doing God's will. In a real sense, any

penitential discipline lawfully undertaken is a *microcosm of martyrdom*, because we are "de-toxing" from sin and its effects and flexing our charity muscles. We are choosing to cleave to God in the face of pressure to serve the idols of our sins (we may find this teaching in the sermons of several of the Church Fathers, such as Augustine, Peter Chrysologus, and others). Thus, as we may de-tox and do other things for our bodily health from time to time, so should we do it from time to time spiritually.

In our prayer above, we should also point out that it is *God* who deadens the flames for the three young men. While we are responsible for doing whatever is in our power to resist temptation and to grow in virtue, we should be keenly aware that this ability itself is due only to God's prior and sustaining grace, that is, His divine friendship with which we cooperate. If we want to snuff the flames of vice, we can fan the flames of grace. We can do this best through the simple disciplines of daily prayer and spiritual/Scripture reading, an integral confession and regular worthy reception of Holy Communion. Advent is prime time for rejuvenating all of these things.

*(Continued on page 6...)*



**"THE REFLECTION OF SKY AND MOUNTAINS IN THE LAKE IS A PROOF THAT THE SKY AND MOUNTAINS ARE AROUND IT, BUT THE TWILIGHT OR THE MIST, OR THE SUDDEN STORM HURRIES AWAY THE BEAUTIFUL IMAGE, WHICH LEAVES BEHIND IT NO**

**MEMORIAL OF WHAT IT WAS...WHO CAN DENY THE EXISTENCE OF CONSCIENCE? WHO DOES NOT FEEL THE FORCE OF ITS INJUNCTIONS? BUT HOW...EASILY WE CAN BE TALKED OUT OF THE CLEAREST VIEWS OF DUTY! HOW DOES THIS OR THAT MORAL PRECEPT CRUMBLE INTO NOTHING WHEN WE RUDELY HANDLE IT! HOW DOES THE FEAR OF SIN PASS FROM US, AS QUICKLY AS THE GLOW OF MODESTY DIES AWAY FROM THE COUNTENANCE! AND THEN WE SAY 'IT IS ALL SUPERSTITION'."**

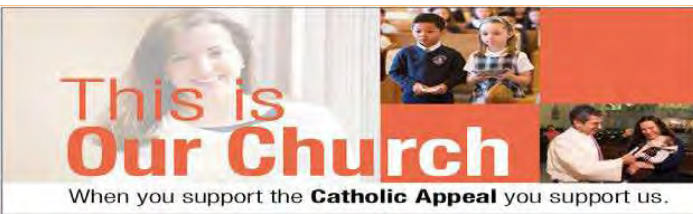
**—SAINT JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN (+1890)**

*RAISED TO THE ALTARS, OCTOBER 13TH, 2019*

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While the Church no longer require us to do penance or engage in abstinence during these Ember Days, we might think about some very easy and practical way to offer up penance or make some kind of sacrifice during the four times these three days (Wednesday-Friday-Saturday) occur over the course of the liturgical year. (N.B. we *are* still required to engage in the normal *Friday* abstinence or an alternative penance, as usual).

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



**2019 Catholic Appeal – “This is Our Church”**  
The 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal is coming to a close. If you have not made a gift as yet and you wish to be part of the 2019 Catholic Appeal, it’s not too late. Please donate online at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org) Thank you!

Our Parish Number: 294



**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 8 DECEMBER 2019**  
*(by Mass):*

4:00—\$390.00  
7:30—\$993.00  
9:00—\$858.00  
10:30—\$4,975.00  
5:30—\$216.00 =



**\$7,432.00 + \$3,080.00 (OTHER OFFERINGS) =**  
**\$10,512.00**

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY FOR 1 DECEMBER 2019**  
*(by Mass):*

4:00—\$645.00  
7:30—\$1,046.00  
9:00—\$981.00  
10:30—\$3,176.00  
5:30—\$211.00 =



**\$6,059.00 + \$1,625.00 (OTHER OFFERINGS) =**  
**\$7,684.00**

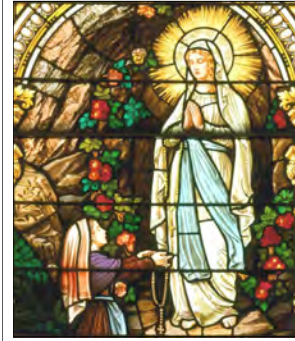
**ADVENT BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER:**  
**\$1,056.00**

# PARISH FELLOWSHIP



Some PHOTOS of the Pancake Breakfast on, Sunday, December 8th. Many thanks to Jean Johnson, Patti Strom and

Margie Bibbo for organizing it. (PHOTOS by Rod Phillips)



## 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:*

William Leavey, Greg Moran, Ophelia Tobio, Kevin Mulhern, Tanguy du Halgouët, Margie Bibbo, John Centofanti, Teresa Lee, Catherine Kwash, Alexander Louis Post, Bob Quinn, Sunny McCloskey, Shirley Bibbo, Katharine Allen, 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*

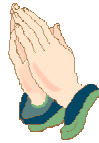


PHOTO (Left) Marie Thérèse Pappin with her mother Jeannette —father Gladden and little brother Clement in the phone booth behind them. She is now able to walk with crutches and is awaiting more surgery in January to correct her condition.

**“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)**



## LATIN MASS PROPERS: RORATE SUNDAY (4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

**INTROIT:** *Isaiah 45: 8* Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour. *Psalm 18: 2* The heavens show forth the glory of God: and the firmament declareth the work of His hands. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

**COLLECT** Stir up Thy power and come, we pray Thee, O Lord, and with great might succour us; that our deliverance, which our sins impede, may be hastened by the help of Thy grace and the forgiveness of Thy mercy. Who livest and reignest God.

**EPISTLE:** *1 Corinthians 4: 1-5* Brethren, let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ and the dispensers of the mysteries of God. Here now it is required among the dispensers that a man be found faithful. But to me it is a very small thing to be judged by you or by man's day: but neither do I judge my own self. For I am not conscious to myself of anything: yet am I not hereby justified, but He that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore, judge not before the time, until the Lord come; who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise from God.

**GRADUAL:** *Psalm 144: 18, 21* The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him: to all that call upon Him in truth. *V.* My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy name. **ALLELUIA** Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive the sins of Thy people Israel. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** *Luke 3: 1-6* Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of Iturea and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilina, under the high-priests Annas and Caiphas: the word of the Lord was made unto John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins, as it was written in the book of the sayings of *Isaias the prophet:* A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make straight His paths: every valley shall be filled: and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways plain: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**OFFERTORY:** *Luke 1: 28, 42* Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

**SECRET** Look down favourably upon these sacrifices, O Lord, we beseech Thee: that they may be profitable to our devotion and salvation. Through our Lord.

### Preface of Advent

**COMMUNION:** *Isaias 7: 14* Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son: and His name shall be called Emmanuel.

**POSTCOMMUNION** Having received Thy gifts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that with the frequentation of the mystery, the work of our salvation may increase. 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, 5:30 PM

### Rorate Sunday

(The Fourth Sunday of Advent)

**Prelude:** Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming  
(Michael Praetorius)

**Entrance Antiphon: Isaiah 45:8**

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 7)

*Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain  
down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a  
Savior.*

**Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus**

Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei  
Parish Book of Chant, no.107ff./pp. 107~108

**Credo I** (Laminated long-sheet sheet in pews)

**Offertory Antiphon: Isaiah 45:8**

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 7)

*Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain  
down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a  
Savior.*

**Communion: Isaiah 7:14**

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 7)

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and His  
name will be called Emmanuel.

**Communion Meditation:**

The Angel Gabriel  
(Basque Carol)

**Recessional Hymn:**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
(Worship II Hymnal, No.195)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

### Rorate Sunday

(The Fourth Sunday of Advent)

**Prelude:** Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming  
(Michael Praetorius)

*Asperges me* (Parish Book of Chant, pg. 34)

**Processional:** Veni, Veni Emmanuel

Parish Book of Chant, no.230/pg. 234~236

**Introit: Isaiah 45:8; Psalm 18:2** *Rorate, coeli, desuper, et  
nubes pluant iustum: aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.*

(Psalm) *Coeli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum eius  
annuntiat firmamentum. Glória Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto,  
sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula  
saeculorum.*

**Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus**

Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei  
Parish Book of Chant, no.107ff./pp. 107~108

**Credo I:** Parish Book of Chant, no. 117/pg. 110

**Gradual: Ps. 144:18,21** *Prope est Dominus omnibus  
invocantibus eum: omnibus qui invocant eum in veritate. Laudem  
Domini loquetur os meum et benedicat omnis caro nomen sanctum  
eius. Alleluia: Alleluia, alleluia. Veni, Domine, et noli tardare:  
relaxa facinora plebis tuae Israel. Alleluia.*

**Offertory: Luke 1:28,42** *Ave Maria, gratia plena:  
Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus  
ventris tui.*

**Communion: Isaiah 7:4** *Ecce Virgo concipiet et pariet  
filium: et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.*

**Communion Meditation:** Alma Redemptoris Mater  
(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Published 1587)

**Recessional Hymn:**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
(Worship II Hymnal, No.195)

**Postlude:**

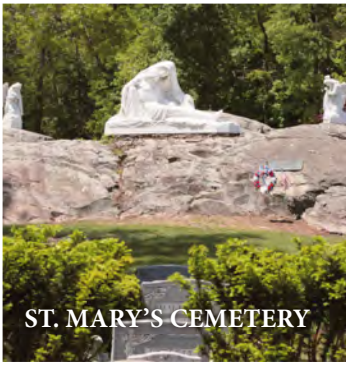
The Angel Gabriel  
(Basque Carol)

*Angelus* (Chant)

## Calendar of Masses

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

SUNDAY December 22nd	4:00 PM (Vigil) 7:30 AM 9:00 AM	Eileen Egan  Pro Populo Mr./Mrs. William Kisil, Mr./Mrs. William Slifka, Stephen Slifka, Rita O'Loughlin	Memorial	Leo Geraci
RORATE SUNDAY				
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:30 AM	Marlan & Katharine Allen Frs. Salako & Maccalli Kyle J. McGuire Ladies' Sodality of the Immaculate Conception Louis & Rita Post, Bro. John Post, William Grant	Memorial Special Intention Special Intention Memorial  Living & Deceased  Memorial Birthday Memorial 8th Anniversary 14th Anniversary 56th Anniversary Year's Mind Special Intention Memorial	Slifka Family David & Ellen Allen David & Ellen Allen Matthew Teehan Sodality of I.C. & St. Rose of Lima  Post Family Laura Harvey Rusnack Family Rusnack Family Rusnack Family Rusnack Family Maureen Nyhen Joan Concannon
				
				
	5:30 PM	Gertrude McGinty		
MONDAY December 23rd	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
<i>Greater Advent Feria</i>				
	12:30 PM	Barbara Nyhen	Memorial	Maureen Nyhen
TUESDAY December 24th		<b>NO 7:30 AM MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE</b>		
<i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	4:00 PM	PARISH INTENTIONS	<i>4 PM Commemoration</i>	
	7:00 PM	<b>CHALDEAN-RITE MASS</b>	<i>Mr./Mrs. William Kisil, Mr./Mrs. William Slifka, Stephen Slifka, Rita O'Loughlin</i>	
	12:00			
	MIDNIGHT	PARISH INTENTIONS		
WEDNESDAY December 25th	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	<i>10:30 Commemoration:</i>	
<i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>	9:00 AM	PARISH INTENTIONS	<i>Louis &amp; Rita Post, Bro. John Post, William Grant</i>	
	10:30 AM	PARISH INTENTIONS		
THURSDAY December 26th	7:30 AM	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
<i>ST. STEPHEN</i>				
	5:30 PM	Carolyn Ward	Memorial	Hobbib Family
FRIDAY December 27th	7:30 AM	Gertrude McGinty	Memorial	Joan Concannon
<i>ST. JOHN</i>	<i>Health of the Sick</i>			
	12:30 PM	Katherine T. Mullen	Year's Mind	Kathy, Mary & Beth Mullen
SATURDAY December 28th	9:00 AM	All Souls (4) Harvey/Crapo/ Kitselman Baldwin Families	Memorial	Donor  Laura Harvey
<i>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</i>				
	4:00 PM	Andrew Forga	Memorial	Antoinette Paoletti



St Mary's Cemetery in Needham, founded in the 1870's, is the parish cemetery of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. The Cemetery is a reverent resting place for those awaiting reunion with the Risen Lord. The decision to pre-plan and purchase interment rights is a responsible and thoughtful gesture, sparing loved ones the stress of making difficult decisions during a time of grief and loss.

For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at **781-235-1841**.  
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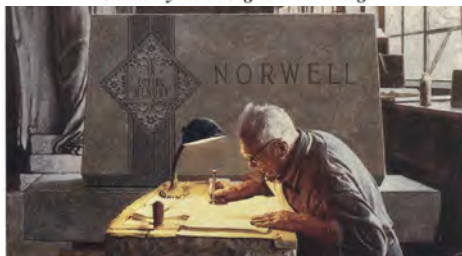
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