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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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Parish Cemetery of Saint
Mary's, Needham
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ESTATE
MANAGEMENT
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Superintendent .

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The Cemetery Office is located at the parish
rectory on 270 Elliot St, Newton Upper Falls and is
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Mass Schedule

Sunday:

Novus Ordo

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

Traditional Latin

11:00/(11:15) 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.

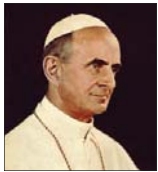
(Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and
January 1st, as announced)

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

DOM PROSPER GUARANGER, O.S.B. AND THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The spiritual joy of this Gaudete Sunday converges with the joy of the Immaculate Conception on this Sunday within its Octave. Dom Prosper Guéranger, O.S.B., is one of the great figures of the Catholic Restoration in France during the 19th Century. He is considered to be the founder of what became the Liturgical Renewal Movement, a Movement which reached its apogee at the time the Second Vatican Council convened. His theological scholarship played an important rôle in the two solemn definitions of Pope Pius IX, the Immaculate Conception (1854) and Papal Infallibility (1870).

As a young monk at the age of 18, he received a special grace of inspiration for grasping the mystery of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception. He writes of it:

It was then when the merciful and compassionate Queen, Mother of God, came to my assistance in a way which was as triumphant as it was unexpected. On December 8th, 1823, while I was doing my meditation with the Community, and I approached my argument—the mystery of the day—with my rational viewpoints as usual, suddenly I was led to believe in Mary Immaculate in her conception. Speculation and effort were united effortlessly in this mystery.

I felt a sweet joy in my consent, without rapture, with a gentle peace and sincere conviction. Mary deigned to transform me with her blessed hands without anxiety, without vehemence: one nature disappeared to leave room for another. I did not say anything to anyone, especially because I did not imagine the significance that this revelation would have



FRONT COVER: The "Holy House" of Nazareth, now located in Loreto, Italy. The cottage was wonderfully transported out of the Holy Land as the Crusader' Kingdom collapsed at the end of the 13th Century.

for me. I was undoubtedly overwhelmed; but today I am still overwhelmed when understanding the scope of the favor that the Holy Virgin deigned to grant me that day.

It is so crucial for us to have a clear idea of what the Church means by her dogma and doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. There are three important points.

- ♦ **Mary, by a singular privilege of God, was conceived without any stain of Original Sin, therefore *Immaculate*.**
- ♦ **Mary also never committed any personal sin over the course of her life. She was not only conceived without sin, but she also lived without sin.**
- ♦ **Mary was free of all concupiscence. She had the *donum integritatis*—the "gift of integrity". She did not have the inclinations to lust and anger and vainglorious pride with which everyone else (under the law of sin as we are) has to contend.**



"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)



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 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th, 2020: \$6,155.00 + OTHER OFFERINGS: \$310.00 = \$6,465.00



CHRISTMAS MASSES COLLECTION: FOR THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

“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

SCHEDULE OF MASSES for CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY (December 24th-25th)

CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 2020:

4:00 PM (Novus Ordo)

12 Midnight (Traditional Latin)

CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25th, 2020:

7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)

11:00 AM (Traditional Latin)

11:15 AM Latin Mass in Lower Church

THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON DECEMBER 24th until the CHRISTMAS EVE MASS at 4 PM.



ROMAN STATIONAL CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN THE ADVENT OF THE LORD: ST. PETER'S BASILICA

“Today’s stational church is the burial place of the Prince of the Apostles, St. Peter...The Introit [“Gaudete”] fulfills its purpose perfectly, i.e., it sets the tone for the Mass and for the day: ‘Rejoice in the Lord; again I say, rejoice. For the Lord is near!’ With these words the Church greets us as we enter. Again, it is a double-coming that we joyfully await—Christ’s coming in the flesh and His coming in glory, both of which are fulfilled at Mass. In response to these glad tidings, we sing Psalm 84, the ‘Psalm of Redemption’ (used three times today—at the Introit, Offertory, Communion—the three processions.)

—Dr. Pius Parsch, The Church’s Year of Grace, Volume I, “First Sunday of Advent” (A.D. 1957)

Calendar of Masses

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

<p>SUNDAY December 13th</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT OF THE LORD</p> <p>GAUDETE SUNDAY</p> <p><i>St. Lucy's Day</i></p>	<p>4:00 PM (Vigil)</p> <p>7:30 AM</p> <p>9:00 AM</p> <p>11:00 AM (11:15 AM)</p>	<p>Fr. James Skehan, S.J.</p> <p>Pro Populo</p> <p>Patrick Eugene Dougherty</p> <p>Rev. Robert D. Smith</p> <p>Angelo Nicoloso</p> <p>Marie Hong Tran</p> <p>Norman Hobbib</p> <p>Shannon Marie Demont</p> <p>Dorothy Gerhard</p> <p>Carl & Helen DePrima</p> <p>Patricia Durrell</p> <p>Roberta Burke Shea</p> <p>Arcidi Family</p>	<p>75th Birthday Int.</p> <p>19th Anniversary</p> <p>Birthday Intention</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Health of the Sick</p> <p>Health of the Sick</p> <p>Health of the Sick</p> <p>Special Intention</p>	<p>Jane & Bob Brearley</p> <p>Michael Dougherty</p> <p>Lisa Monahan</p> <p>Mary Tran</p> <p>Marc Gendreau</p> <p>Anthony & Victoria Angelucci</p> <p>Anthony & Victoria Angelucci</p> <p>Rod & Martha Phillips</p> <p>Laura Harvey</p> <p>Laura Harvey</p> <p>Laura Harvey</p>
	<p>5:30 PM</p>	<p>Carl & Helen DePrima</p>	<p>Health of the Sick</p>	<p>Rod & Martha Phillips</p>
<p>MONDAY December 14th</p> <p><i>St. John of the Cross/ Advent feria</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM</p> <p>12:30 PM</p>	<p>Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes</p> <p>Pedro Sole</p>	<p>Memorial</p> <p>Memorial</p>	<p>Angelica Avcikurt</p>
<p>TUESDAY December 15th</p> <p><i>Advent feria (Octave Day of the Immaculate Conception)</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM</p>	<p>William Clough</p>	<p>Memorial</p>	<p>Joanne Meegan</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY December 16th</p> <p>EMBER WEDNESDAY OF ADVENT</p>	<p>12:30 PM</p>	<p>Joe, Peter, Evelyn & Michael Conneely</p>	<p>Memorial</p>	<p>Joseph Conneely</p>
<p>THURSDAY December 17th</p> <p><i>Greater Feria of Advent</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM</p> <p>5:30 PM</p>	<p>Bernard, Marie & Thomas Hunt & Family</p> <p>Sheri DiVicino</p>	<p>Memorial</p> <p>Memorial</p>	<p>Michelle Hunt Podolski</p> <p>Mary Anne Kent</p>
<p>FRIDAY December 18th</p> <p>EMBER FRIDAY OF ADVENT</p>	<p>7:30 AM <i>Health of the Sick</i></p> <p>12:30 PM</p>	<p>Janet Wade</p> <p>John Maguire</p>	<p>Memorial</p> <p>Memorial</p>	<p>Sotell Family</p> <p>Reynolds Family</p>

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

SATURDAY 9:00 AM
December 19th
EMBER SATURDAY
OF ADVENT

All Souls
Marie Hong Tran
Intention of the Donor
Mary Rose Belmonte
All Souls
Chris & Pamela Hurley
Paul Quinlan

Memorial
Memorial

Camille Arcidi
Mary Tran

Mass of the Angels
Memorial
Special Intention
Special Intention

Belmonte Family
Laura Harvey
Laura Harvey
Laura Harvey

4:00 PM

Marie Geraci

4th Anniversary

Leo Geraci & Family



THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2020: "FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER: That our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer."



(PHOTOS: (1) Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015.



(2) Jeanette Pappin with her children Clement and Marie-Thérèse (ages 7 & 8), Thanksgiving, 2020.
(3) Fr. Salako's audience with Pope Francis, 2019.)



**"THE END OF ALL HUMAN ENDEAVOR IS TO BE HAPPY AT HOME."
—G.K. CHESTERTON**



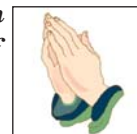
HEALTH OF THE SICK

"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:

Ida Goffredo, Cara Gavin, Deb Andrew, Anne-Marie O'Neill, Laura Langston, Eliza Miller, Suze Jean Pierre, George Cupak, Bethie Jean Michel, Richard Lempitski, Jerome Rusnack, Hannah Strom, Erika da Silva, William Leavey, Ophelia Tobio, Tanguy du Halgouët, Margie Bibbo, Maria & John Centofanti, Teresa Lee, Catherine Kwash, Alexander Louis Post, Bob Quinn, Sunny McCloskey, Shirley Bibbo, 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



**IDA GOFFREDO—cancer diagnosis
ANNE-MARIE O'NEILL—new-born, cardiac ICU
LAURA LANGSTON—cancer diagnosis
SUZE JEAN PIERRE—cancer diagnosis**

LATIN MASS PROPERS: GAUDETE SUNDAY IN ADVENT

INTROIT: *Philippians 4. 4-6; Psalm 84. 2* REJOICE in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. *Ps. 84. 2.* Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *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. — Rejoice ...

COLLECT: INCLINE Thine ear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to our petitions: and, by the grace of Thy visitation, enlighten the darkness of our minds: Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

EPISTLE: From Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Philippians, 4. 4-7 BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always: again, I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men. The Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL: *Psalm 79. 2-3, 2* THOU, O Lord, That sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might and come. *V.* Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: that leadest Joseph like a sheep. ALLELUIA Alleluia, alleluia. Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, and come to save us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. John I. 19-28 **AT THAT TIME** the Jews sent from Jerusalem Priests and Levites to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed, and did not deny; and he confessed: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the Prophet? And he answered: No. They said therefore unto him: Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself? He said: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the Prophet Isaias. And they that were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him: Why then dost thou baptize, if thou be not Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John answered them, saying: I baptize with water: but there hath stood one in the midst of you, whom you know not. The same is He that shall come after me, who is preferred before me: the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to loose. These things were done in Bethania, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

OFFERTORY: *Psalm 84. 2-3* LORD, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people.

SECRET: MAY the Sacrifice of our devotion, we beseech Thee, O Lord, be continually offered up to Thee: may it both complete the institution of the holy Mysteries, and wondrously accomplish in us Thy salvation. Through our Lord ...

COMMUNION: *Isaias 35. 4* SAY: Ye fainthearted, take courage and fear not: behold our God will come, and will save us.

POSTCOMMUNION: WE implore, O Lord, Thy mercy: that these divine helps may expiate our sins, and prepare us for the approaching Feast. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...



Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

4:00 PM (*Vigil*), 7:30 & 9:00 AM

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

Prelude: O Come, Divine Messiah
(French Melody, Venez, Divin Messie)

Introit: Philippians 4:4-5

Gaudete in Domino Semper

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Offertory

En Clara Vox Redarguit
(Chant)

1. Lo, a clear voice exhorts, penetrating everything darksome: Let dreams be banished afar: Jesus shines forth from heaven.
2. Let the slothful soul now rise, no longer remaining prostrate on the ground: a new star now shines forth to take away everything harmful.
3. Behold, the Lamb is sent to us, to pay our debt gratuitously: together, let us all with tears pray for pardon.
4. That, when for the second time He comes resplendent and girdles the world with fear, He may not punish us according to our deserts, but may He then lovingly protect us.
5. To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Laud, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally.

Communion: Isaiah 35:4

Dicite

*Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and He will save us.*

Communion

Ave Maria
(Charles Gounod, Published in 1853)

Recessional: Recessional Hymn:

Magnificat (Chant, VIII)

Postlude:

Gaudete
(Anonymous: Published: Piae Cantiones, 1582)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

11:00 AM (5:30 P.M.)

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

Prelude: O Come, Divine Messiah
(French Melody, Venez, Divin Messie)

Asperges (11:00 Mass)

Introit: Philippians 4:4-6; Ps. 84:2 *Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: accertisti captivitatem Iacob. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.*

Gaudete in Domino semper ...

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And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Laud, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally.

Communion: Isaiah 35:4 *Dicite: Pusillanimes confortamini, et nolite timere: ecce Deus noster veniet, et salvabit nos.*

Communion

Ave Maria
(Charles Gounod, Published in 1853)

Recessional: Magnificat (Chant, VIII)

Angelus (Chant)

Postlude: Gaudete

(Anonymous: Published: Piae Cantiones, 1582)

CATECHESIS: ON-GOING INSTRUCTION IN THE FULLNESS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

2020 Jubilee 2021 YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST ON ACCOUNT OF THE PANDEMIC CARDINAL SEAN HAS EXTENDED THE JUBILEE YEAR TO JUNE 2022



MIRACLES OF LOURDES AND THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(Msgr. Robert Hugh Benson, an Anglican convert to Catholicism, made a pilgrimage to Lourdes on its 50th Jubilee Year, 1908. Here he describes watching the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament moving along the lines of very sick people and the miracles which occurred on that day.)

A sudden cry had broken out and it ran through the whole space; waxing in volume as it ran, till the heads beneath my window shook with it also; hands clapped, voices shouted: “Un miracle! Un miracle!”

I was on my feet, staring and crying out. Them, quietly the shaking ceased, and the shouting died to a murmur; and the ombrellino moved on, and again the voice of the priest thrilled thin and clear, with

a touch of triumphant thankfulness: “Vous êtes la Resurrection and la Vie” (You are the Resurrection and the Life). And again, with entreaty once more—since there were two thousand sick untouched by that Power, and time pressed—that infinitely moving plea” “Seigneur, celui qui vous aime est malade!” And: “Seigneur, faites que je marche! Seigneur, faites que j’entende!” (Lord, he whom You love is sick...Lord, grant that I may walk! Lord, grant that I may hear!)

And then the finger of God flashed down, and again and again; and each time a sick and broken body sprang from its bed of pain and stood upright; and the crowd smiled and roared and sobbed. Five times I saw that swirl and rush; the last when the Te Deum pealed out from the church steps as Jesus in His Sacrament came home again. And there were two that I did not see. There were seven in all that afternoon.

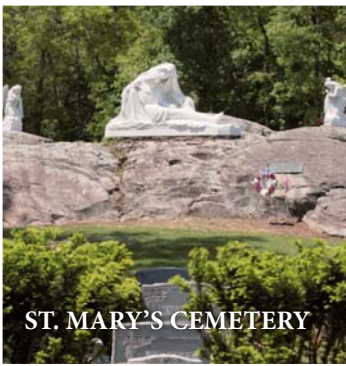


THE CHURCH PROTECTS THE REVEALED MESSAGE

“THE MOST OBVIOUS ANSWER, THEN TO THE QUESTION, WHY WE YIELD TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH IN THE QUESTIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS OF

FAITH, IS THAT SOME AUTHORITY THERE MUST BE IF THERE IS A REVELATION GIVEN, AND OTHER AUTHORITY THERE IS NONE BUT SHE. A REVELATION IS NOT GIVEN, IF THERE BE NO AUTHORITY TO DECIDE WHAT IT IS THAT IS GIVEN. IN THE WORDS OF ST. PETER TO HER DIVINE MASTER AND LORD, ‘TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?’ NOR MUST IT BE FORGOTTEN THAT SCRIPTURE EXPRESSLY CALLS THE CHURCH ‘THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF TRUTH’...THE ABSOLUTE NEED OF A SPIRITUAL SUPREMACY IS AT PRESENT THE STRONGEST OF ARGUMENTS IN FAVOUR OF ITS SUPPLY. SURELY, EITHER AN OBJECTIVE REVELATION HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN, OR IT HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH THE MEANS OF IMPRESSING ITS OBJECTIVENESS ON THE WORLD.”—ST. JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN (+1890)

RAISED TO THE ALTARS, OCTOBER 13TH, 2019



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. St. Mary's Cemetery | 1 Wellesley Avenue, Needham, MA 02494

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"Jesus Wept." John 11:35


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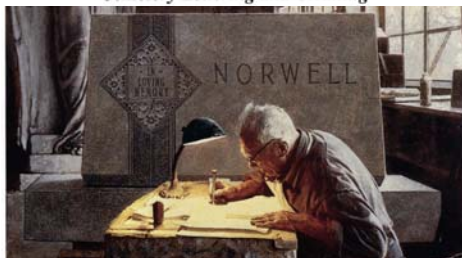
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