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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, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Telephone: 781-235-1841

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)

December 10th, 2023 A.D.

Second Sunday of Advent

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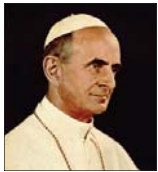
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

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 within its parish mission. The *Missale Romanum* of 1962 is 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, EITHER ON-LINE OR BY USING THE PAPER REGISTRATION FORM IN THE PAMPHLET RACK IN THE FRONT VESTIBULE OF THE MAIN CHURCH.



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

**Immaculate Conception
Chaldean-Rite Mission**
at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church:
Mass offered according to the
Chaldean-Rite on designated Sundays at
1:30 P.M.
Deacon Sermed Ashkouri

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)

Pastor's Note



Fr. Higgins

THE HOLY HOUSE OF LORETO

December 10th is the day appointed for the Feast of the Translation of the Holy House of Loreto, the House “translated from Palestine by the ministry of angels—in which was born the Blessed Virgin Mary, and in which the Word was made flesh.” (Benedict XV, 1916) The Collect prayer for this Mass offers us a solid theological thought for Advent reflection: *O God, Who in Thy mercy didst hallow the house of the Blessed Virgin Mary by the mystery of the Word made flesh, and didst wonderfully place it in the midst of Christendom: grant that we may shun the dwellings of sinners, and become worthy to dwell in Thy holy house. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

ROMAN STATIONAL CHURCH SECOND SUNDAY IN THE ADVENT OF THE LORD: CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS-AT-JERUSALEM

“In Palestine Christians gather today in Jerusalem for the celebration of holy Mass. In Rome they proceed to the stational church ‘Holy Cross at Jerusalem’ which serves to give the atmosphere of the Holy City...Already now the Church sings of the [heavenly] Jerusalem. For during Advent we await the Savior who will appear on the Last Day to take all into the ‘new Jerusalem coming down from heaven’...On Epiphany, the climax to the current season, the Church will cry out: Arise, shine, O Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee...Today we must prepare for the great King’s visit to the city [of our soul]. The whole coming week must be devoted to it. The Church prays: Awaken our hearts to prepare the way for Your Only-Begotten Son that we may serve Him with purified hearts.”

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



MARY IMMACULATE OF LOURDES: PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

(Recent Enrollments)

- +Florino & Lourdes Rebelo
(Requested by Lourdes R. DeSerpa)
- +Catherine Marie Blake
(Requested by Catherine E. Dinon)
- +Clara T. Stapleton
(Requested by Laura Harvey)
- +Erin G. Sullivan
(Requested by the Kasper Family)
- +Karthik Baskaran
(Requested by Dick Fell)
- +Alexis Barboza
(Requested by Susana Barboza)
- +Timothy Andrew Grillo Feeney
(Requested by Joseph A. Feeney)

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



Weekly Holy Hours:

Fridays, 6:30-7:30 AM

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Saturdays, 8:00-9:00 AM



“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)

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH
CHRISTMAS
GIVING-TREE
PROJECT FOR
2023:

*For the benefit of St. Francis
House and Julie's Family
Learning Center*

**Three Sundays: November 26th,
December 3rd and December
10th**

Please join us in buying requested
gift-donations from the tags on our
parish "Giving-Tree", which will be set
up on Sunday, November 26th.

*St. Francis House aims to provide
comprehensive care for the homeless,
including meals, clothing, showers and
medical care. St. Francis House also
offers mental health counseling,
substance-use recovery support, case
management services, permanent
housing, and workforce development.*

*Julie's Learning Center provides single
mothers with an education program to
finish their High School degree and
thus earn them a space in the job
market. The Giving Tree will supply
the mothers with items they need for
their families.*



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 NOVEMBER 26th,
2023, \$7,384.00 + OTHER OFFERINGS,
\$2,077.00:
= \$9,461.00**



**ON-LINE GIVING FOR THE MONTH OF
NOVEMBER, 2023:
= \$10,920.00**


*"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*

**Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION,
CLASSES IN SESSION:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 2023**

Calendar of Masses

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

<p>SUNDAY 4:00 PM</p> <p>December 10th (<i>Vigil</i>)</p> <p><i>Stational Church:</i> <i>Church of the Holy</i> <i>Cross-at-Jerusalem</i></p> <p>7:30 AM</p> <p>The SECOND SUNDAY of the ADVENT of the LORD</p> <p>9:00 AM</p> <p>11:00 AM</p> <p>(Traditional Octave of the Immaculate Conception; Translation of the Holy House of Loreto—Our Lady of Loreto)</p>	<p>Ludmila Dostalova</p> <p>Pro Populo</p> <p>Joan Gilmore</p> <p>For the Preservation of the Free Exercise of the Latin Mass in the Life of the Church</p> <p>Alexis Manuel Barboza Cisneros (1/12)</p> <p>Nicoloro Family</p> <p>Angelo Nicoloro</p> <p>Julie McCarthy</p> <p>Joanne Ballard</p> <p>Linda Ballard</p> <p>Maria T. Djevalikian</p> <p>Christopher Restonile</p> <p>Maria Centofanti +John & Maria Centofanti (1/10)</p> <p>Intention of the Donor</p> <p>All Souls</p> <p>Pino Family (Extended)</p> <p>Society of St. Tarcisius (Parish Altar servers)</p> <p>Thelma & Jerry Clancy</p> <p>Nicoloro Family</p> <p>Luke Kasper</p> <p>Laura Casey</p> <p>Rachel Dye</p> <p>Joanna M. Angelucci</p> <p>Maria Angelucci</p> <p>All Souls</p> <p>Clara Polizzi (1/2)</p> <p>David Swan</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Private Intention</p> <p>Private Intention</p> <p>Don. I. Dentremon, Jr.</p> <p>John K. Kelley</p> <p>Popes/Priests/Bishops</p> <p>Divine Will/Peace on Earth</p> <p>Bishops & Priests</p> <p>Lisa Brusard</p>	<p>Memorial</p> <p>Pro Populo</p> <p>Birthday Intention</p> <p>For the Preservation of the Free Exercise of the Latin Mass in the Life of the Church</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Birthday Rememb.</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Health of the Sick</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Health of the Sick</p> <p>Deceased/Living</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Health of the Sick</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Birthday Intention</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Birthday Memorial</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Memorial</p>	<p>Lida Reed</p> <p>Susan Carroll</p>  <p>Susana Barboza Herrera</p> <p>Nicoloro Family</p> <p>Nicoloro Family</p> <p>McCarthy Family</p> <p>Stephen Miller</p> <p>Stephen Miller</p> <p>DiDuca Family</p> <p>DiDuca Family</p> <p>Maureen Nyhen</p> <p>Centofanti Family</p> <p>Stephanie Whiting</p> <p>Nick Pino</p> <p>Nick Pino</p> <p>Clancy Family</p> <p>Clancy Family</p> <p>Kasper Family</p> <p>Kasper Family</p> <p>Bill & Lisa Purtell</p> <p>Bill & Lisa Purtell</p> <p>Anthony & Victoria Angelucci</p> <p>Anthony & Victoria Angelucci</p> <p>Jonathan Duong</p> <p>Colbe Mazzarella</p> <p>Donor</p> <p>Donor</p> <p>Donor</p> <p>Donor</p> <p>Colleen Kelley</p> <p>Colleen Kelley</p> <p>MPA</p> <p>MPA</p> <p>Donor</p> <p>Botsolis Family</p>
 	<p>5:30 PM</p>		

MONDAY December 11th <i>Pope St. Damasus</i>	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	Amanda	Special Intention	Barbara
TUESDAY December 12th <i>OUR LADY of GUADALUPE</i>	7:30 AM	Our Lady of Guadalupe	In Thanksgiving	Lily
	12:30 PM	Nancy Wright	Month's Mind	David & Karen Wright
WEDNESDAY December 13th <i>St. Lucy</i>	7:30 AM	Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
	5:30 PM	Rev. Robert D. Smith	22nd Anniv. Mem.	
THURSDAY December 14th <i>St. John of the Cross/ Advent Feria</i>	7:30 AM			 <i>Rev. Robert D. Smith 1928-2001</i>
	12:30 PM	Mary J. Clancy	Memorial	
FRIDAY December 15th <i>(Octave Day of the Immaculate Conception)/ Advent Feria</i>	7:30 AM	Intention of the Donor		Mary Mulhern
	12:30 PM			
SATURDAY December 16th <i>Mass of Our Lady (St. Eusebius)</i>	9:00 AM	All Souls Eric Procopio & Sarah Carden Walter Krawczyk Intention of the Donor St. Michael Archangel All Souls Lisa Brusard Popes/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace on Earth Bishops & Priests	Memorial Special Intention Memorial Special Intention Memorial Memorial Special Intention Special Intention Fidelity/Protection/ Courage	MTT Mike & Annie Procopio Rosemary Krawczyk Stephanie Whiting Laura Harvey Laura Harvey Botsolis Family MPA MPA Donor
	4:00 PM:	Kelly Louise Womersly	Memorial	Michele H. Podolski



+Angelo Christopher
Edward Nicoloso

Born, December
12th, 2019
Our Lady of
Guadalupe
Born again in Baptism
in the

Octave of Christmas, 2019.
Born to Eternal Life,
June 19th, 2021

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

Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude: Maria Mater Gratiae (9:00AM)

(Pierre de la Rue, 1452~1518)

Introit: Isaiah 30:19, 30

Populus Sion

*O People of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of His voice heard in the joy of
your heart.*

(TODAY'S MISSAL, pg. 3)

(7:30 AM & 9:00 AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII, Adventus

Kyrie, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

Parish Book of Chant, no. 107ff./pp. 107-108

Credo I (English)

Offertory: Behold! Behold He Cometh

(S. Webbe)

***Mysterium Fidei (The Mystery of Faith): Mortem tuam
annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam Resurrectionem
confitemur, donec venias.***

*("We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection
until You come again.")*

Communion: Baruch 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem surge

*Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy
which comes to you from God.*

(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 101)

Communion Meditation: (9:00AM)

Alma Redemptoris Mater

(Gregor Aichinger, first published in 1617)

Recessional Hymn:

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

(Worship II Hymnal, No.163)

Postlude: Rorate Caeli Desuper

(Gregorian Chant)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Traditional Latin)

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Prelude: Maria Mater Gratiae (11:00AM)

(Pierre de la Rue, 1452~1518)

Choir Hymn (11:00 Mass): En Clara Vox Redarguit

(Chant)

Asperges Me, Parish Book of Chant, no. 22/pg. 34

Introit: Isaiah 30:30; Ps. 79:2 *Populus Sion, ecce Dominus
veniet ad salvandas gentes: et auditam faciet Dominus gloriam
vocis suae in laetitia cordis vestri. (Psalm) Qui regis Israel
intende: qui deducis, velut ovem, Ioseph. Glória Patri et Filio et
Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in
saecula saeculorum. Amen. Populus Sion ...*

(11AM)

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. 120*

Gradual: Ps. 49:2,3,5 *Ex Sion species decoris eius: Deus
manifeste veniet. Congregate illi sanctos eius, qui ordinaverunt
testamentum eius super sacrificia. Alleluia:* Ps. 121:1 *Alleluia,
alleluia. Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum
Domine ibimus. Alleluia.*

Offertory: (11AM) Ps. 84:7,8. *Deus, tu conversus
vivificabis nos, et plebs tua laetabitur in te: ostende nobis,
Domine, misericordiam tuam, et salutare tuum da nobis.*

Communion: Ps. 84:7,8 *Jerusalem, surge, et sta in excelso,
et vide iucunditatem, quae veniet tibi a Deo tuo.*

Communion Meditation: (11:00 AM)

Alma Redemptoris Mater

(Gregor Aichinger, first published in 1617)

Recessional Hymn:

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

(Worship II Hymnal, No.163)

Angelus

Postlude: (11:00 AM)

Rorate Caeli Desuper

(Gregorian Chant)

Christmas & Epiphany at
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
2023-2024

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

CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 24th, 2023:
4:00 PM (Novus Ordo)
6:30 PM (Chaldean-Rite)
12 Midnight (Traditional Latin)
MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY,
DECEMBER 25th, 2023:
7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)
11:00 AM (Traditional Latin)
NO 5:30 PM Mass on Christmas Day

OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS
MONDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2024:
7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)

11:00 AM (Traditional Latin)

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2024:
9:00 AM
(Traditional Latin)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th, 2024
THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
(Sunday observance)
4:00 PM (Sat.), 7:30 & 9:00 AM
(Novus Ordo)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
11:00 AM & 5:30 PM (Traditional Latin)

SCRIPTURE
READINGS for the
SECOND SUNDAY of
ADVENT (YEAR B)

(*TODAY'S MISSAL, pp. (21-23)*)

Lesson (First Reading):

The Prophet Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

(*"Comfort, give comfort to My people..."*)

Epistle (Second Reading):

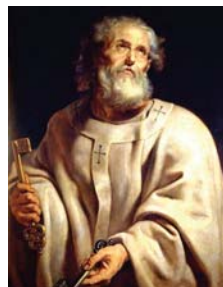
II Peter 3:8-14

(*"With the Lord one day is like a
thousand years..."*)

Gospel Lesson: The Last Judgment.

Mark 1:1-8

(*"Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make
straight His paths."*)



"Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay His promise, as some regard "delay," but He is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar, and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.... Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before Him, at peace."



"I REJOICE TO BE LITTLE, BECAUSE ONLY CHILDREN AND THOSE WHO ARE LIKE THEM WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE HEAVENLY BANQUET"—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)

LATIN MASS PROPERS: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTROIT: *Isaias 30, 30; Psalm 79. 2* People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations: and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard, in the joy of your heart. *Psalm.* Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. *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. — People of Sion, behold ...

COLLECT: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son; that through His coming we may deserve to serve Thee with purified minds. Who with Thee liveth and reigneth, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

EPISTLE: From Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Romans, 15. 4-13 Brethren, What things soever were written, were written for our learning: that, through patience and the comfort of the Scriptures, we might have hope. Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind one towards another, according to Jesus Christ; that with one mind and with one mouth you may glorify God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, as Christ also hath received you unto the honor of God. For I say that Christ Jesus was minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: but that the Gentiles are to glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: Therefore will I confess to Thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and will sing to Thy Name. And again He saith: Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people. And again: Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles, and magnify Him, all ye people. And again, *Isaias* saith: There shall be a root of Jesse; and He that shall rise up to rule the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing: that you may abound in hope, and in the power of the Holy Ghost.

GRADUAL: *Psalm 49. 2-3, 5* Out of Sion the loveliness of His beauty: God shall come manifestly. Gather ye together His saints to Him, who have set His covenant before sacrifices. **ALLELUIA** Alleluia, alleluia. *Psalm 121. 1* I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go unto the house of the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew II. 2-10 **At** that time, when John had heard in prison the works of Christ, sending two of his disciples, he said to Him: Art Thou He that art to come, or look we for another? And Jesus making answer, said to them: Go and relate to John what you have heard and seen. The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise again, the poor have the gospel preached to them: and blessed is he that shall not be scandalized in Me. And when they went their way, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: What went you out into the desert to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went you out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold they that are clothed in soft garments are in the houses of kings. But what went you out to see? A prophet? Yea I tell you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: Behold I send My angel before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way before Thee.

OFFERTORY: *Psalm 84. 7-8* Thou wilt turn, O God, and bring us to life, and Thy people shall rejoice in Thee: show us, O Lord, Thy mercy, and grant us Thy salvation.

SECRET: Be appeased, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the prayers and sacrifices of our humility: and where merits of ours to plead for us are lacking, do Thou by Thine aid assist us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

COMMUNION: *Baruch 5. 5; 4. 36* Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and behold the joy that cometh to thee from thy God.

POSTCOMMUNION: Filled with the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly entreat Thee, O Lord, that by our partaking of this Mystery, Thou wouldst teach us to despise the things of earth, and to love those of Heaven. Through our Lord ...



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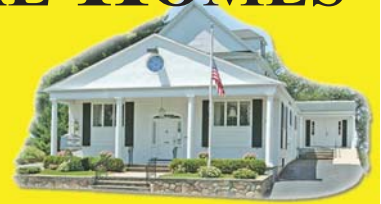
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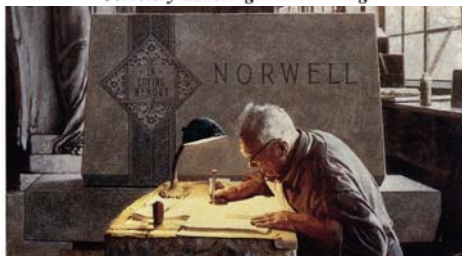
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