

*“O Come, let us adore Him”*



*“Venite, adoremus Dominum”*

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## Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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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)

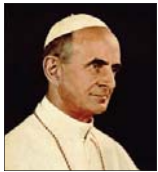


# ABOUT OUR PARISH

## 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 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)  
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Catholic Parish

**Immaculate Conception  
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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*

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM FATHER SALAKO IN ROME AND IN AFRICA

I am happy to share with you these words of greeting from Father Salako along with pictures of him in Rome and in Africa:

*Good Morning, Fr. Higgins:*

*Greetings from Rome. I went to Rome for a meeting. On the 19th of December I went to [St. Peter's] Basilica for you and for our parishioners. I have prayed before an empty Christmas Crib—without the Newborn, hoping that He will soon be with us. I went to pray also before the graves of Pope Benedict XVI and Pope John Paul II. I have prayed a lot for the Church and for Pope Francis....Through their intercessions, may God keep His Church in the right way. I'm on my way back to Benin for Christmas. Pray for me, as I do for you. Thanks for your help. I have received \$54,931 dollars [from Mary Immaculate of Lourdes] for the Mission. May God bless all of our benefactors. We are grateful!*

*Fr. Desiré Salako, S.M.A.*



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)**



## BLESSING OF EPIPHANY WATER

Vigil of Epiphany,  
Friday, January 5th, at 1:30 PM  
(Directly after the 12:30 PM Mass)  
*The Twelfth Day of Christmas*

You are invited to bring empty containers to fill with the Epiphany Water for use in your homes.



## THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Saturday, JANUARY 6th  
Mass at 9:00 AM  
(Traditional Latin)



*Mary Immaculate of Lourdes*  
PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION,  
CHRISTMAS VACATION:  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 2023

## STEWARDSHIP



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?”*

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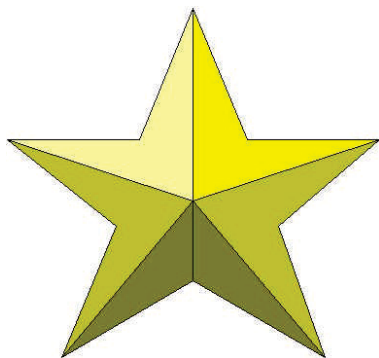
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*“Glorify the Lord generously, and do not stint the first fruits of your hands. With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe with gladness. Give to the Most High as He has given, and as generously as your hand has found. For the LORD is the One who repays, and He will repay you sevenfold.”—Sirach 35*

## Calendar of Masses

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>December 31st</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> <i>(Vigil)</i>	+Joseph Pollander	Memorial	Kurt & Ann Pollander
<i>SUNDAY within the OCTAVE of CHRISTMAS/ The HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY, and JOSEPH</i>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	Pro Populo		
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	+Brian Slifka (2/4)	Memorial	Slifka Family
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	For the Preservation of the Free Exercise of the Latin Mass in the Life of the Church		
		+Benedict XVI	Year's Mind	Laura Harvey
		+Alexis Manuel Barboza Cisneros (4/12)	Memorial	Susana Barboza Herrera
		Christina Kwash	Special Intention	Kwash Family
		The Holy Family	In Thanksgiving	Choy Family
		Mary, Mother of God		Choy Family
		+Ruth Johnson	Memorial	Proia Family
		+Maria Brestovanska	Memorial	Izakovic Family
		+Lorraine Dunlea	Memorial	Tobin Family
		+John Dunlea, Jr.	Memorial	Tobin Family
		+John Dunlea, III	Memorial	Tobin Family
		+William Kevin Tobin	Memorial	Tobin Family
		+Barbara Tobin	Memorial	Tobin Family
		Maria T. Djevalikian	Health of the Sick	DiDuca Family
		+Christopher Restonile	Memorial	DiDuca Family
		+All Souls	Memorial	Laura Harvey
		+John & Maria Centofanti (4/10)	Memorial &	Centofanti Family
		Intention of the Donor	Health of the Sick	Stephanie Whiting
		+All Souls	Memorial	Nick Pino
		+Pino Family (Exten.)	Memorial	Nick Pino
		+Michael William Vo	Memorial	Duong Family
		Joanne Laubacher	Health of the Sick	Duong Family
		Isabella DiDuca	Special Intention	Luke Laubacher/Audrey Stein.
		Erik Pasciuto	Birthday Intention	Diduca Family
		Stella & Noah Steinkr.	Christmas Int.	Joanne Laubacher
		+Murano/Sheehan Fam.	Christmas Int.	Joanne Laubacher
		+Laubacher/McDowell	Christmas Mem.	Joanne Laubacher
		Donna Angelucci	Christmas Mem.	Joanne Laubacher
		Special Intention	Special Intention	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
		+Carmela Gianfrancesco Angelucci, Lombardi,	Memorial	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
		Hood, Gianfrancesco F.	Special Family Int.	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
		Popes/Priests/Bishops	Special Intention	MPA
		Divine Will/Peace on Earth	Special Intention	MPA
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	Bishops & Priests	Special Intention	Donor





SUNDAY December 31st <i>(Continued)</i>	11:00 AM	Ida Papalia Bernadette Horan Intention of the Donor Karin Booth (Family) Rusnack/Drohan Fam. Bishops & Priests Triumph of Imm. Heart	Health of the Sick Christmas Int.	Stephen Miller Horan Family Rusnack Family Rusnack Family Rusnack Family Rusnack Family Rusnack Family
	5:30 PM	Antoinette Jones	Health of the Sick	Cooper Allard-Jones
MONDAY January 1st OCTAVE DAY of CHRISTMAS	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		
	9:00 AM	PARISH HOLY DAY INTENTIONS		
	11:00 AM			
TUESDAY January 2nd NINTH DAY of CHRISTMAS	7:30 AM	Paula Murray		Janet Driscoll
				
WEDNESDAY January 3rd TENTH DAY of CHRISTMAS	12:30 PM	Holy Name of Jesus		Choy Family
THURSDAY January 4th ELEVENTH DAY of CHRISTMAS	7:30 AM	Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
	5:30 PM	Mary McCarthy	Memorial	Mary McCarthy
FRIDAY January 5th TWELFTH DAY of CHRISTMAS, VIGIL of EPIPHANY <b>First Friday</b>	7:30 AM <i>Health of the Sick</i>	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	Priests of the Parish (2/9)	Special Intention	Seven Sisters Apostolate
SATURDAY January 6th THE EPIPHANY of OUR LORD <b>First Saturday</b>	9:00 AM	All Souls Eric Procopio & Sarah Carden (1/3) Rev. Christopher Roberts Walter Krawczyk Intention of the Donor Lisa Brusard Julie. Eliza & Stella Miller Miller/Ramsdell Family Corcoran/Mazzarella Fam. Marc & Alondra Mother Mary Francesca Curtin Alexa Dorna Michael Bickle Charles J. Higgins (Sr.) Popes/Priests/Bishops <i>(Divine Will/Bishops &amp; Pr.)</i>	Memorial Special Intention Memorial Memorial Memorial Special Intention Living & Deceased Living & Deceased Special Intention Special Intention Birthday Intention Health of the Sick Special Intention 42nd Anniv. Mem. Special Intention	MTT Mike & Annie Procopio Juhasz Family Rosemary Krawczyk Stephanie Whiting Botsolis Family Stephen Miller Stephen Miller Colbe Mazzarella Mario Jabra Doug & Nic Lisa Von Wendt Marcy Dorna Marcy Dorna MPA
				
		<i>Fresco of St. Francis of Assisi before the live Nativity scene at Greccio, Midnight Mass, 1223 A.D.</i>		

December 31st, 2023 A.D.

Sunday after Christmas

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

## Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)

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

**Sunday after Christmas**

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Prelude:** The First Noel (Traditional Carol)

**Introit:** Luke 2:16

**Venerunt pastores**

*The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger*  
(TODAY'S MISSAL, pg. 4)

**(7:30 AM & 9:00 AM)**

**Ordinary Prayers: Mass II, Kyrie Fons Bonitatis**

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

*Parish Book of Chant, no. 34ff./pp. 63-66*

**Credo I (English)**

**Offertory:** Luke 2:16

**Venerunt pastores**

*The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger*  
(TODAY'S MISSAL, pg. 4)

**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 3:38**

**Deus noster**

*Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among us.*

(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 102)

**Communion Meditation:**

Sing The Holy Family's Praises

(composed by Franz Josef Haydn)

**Recessional Hymn:**

Once In Royal David's City

(Worship II Hymnal, No. 220)

**Postlude:** Instrumental

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Traditional Latin)

**Sunday after Christmas**

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

**Prelude:** The First Noel (Traditional Carol)

**Choir Hymn** (11:00 Mass): O Beata Infantia (Chant)

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

**Introit: Wisdom 18:14, 15; Ps. 92:1** *Dum medium*

*siléntium tenérent omnia, et nox in suo curso medium iter habéret, omnipotens sermo tuus, Domine, de caelis a regalibus sédibus venit. (Psalm) Dominus regnavit, decorum indutus est: indutus est Dominus fortitudinem, et praecinxit se. Gloria Patri.*

**(11AM)**

**Ordinary Prayers: Mass II, Kyrie Fons Bonitatis**

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

*Parish Book of Chant, no. 34ff./pp. 63-66*

**Credo IV:** *Parish Book of Chant, no. 117/pg. 120*

**Gradual:** 44:3,2 *Speciosus forma prae filiis hominum: diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis. V. Eructavit cor meum verbum bonum, dico ego opera mei Regi: lingua mea calamus scribae, velociter scribentis. Alleluia: Ps. 92:1 Alleluia, alleluia. Dominus regnavit, decorum induit: induit Dominus fortitudinem, et praecinxit se virtute. Alleluia.*

**Offertory: (11AM) Psalm 92:1, 2** *Deus firmavit orbem terrae, qui non commovébitur: parata sedes tua, Deus, ex tunc, a saeculo tu es.*

**Communion: Matthew 2:20** *Tolle puerum, et matrem ejus, et vadam in terram Israel: defuncti sunt enim qui quaerébant animam pueri.*

**Communion Meditation:**

Jesu, Redemptor Omnium

(Chant)

**Recessional Hymn:**

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

(Worship II Hymnal, No.105)

*Angelus*

**Postlude:** Instrumental



Christmas & Epiphany at  
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes  
2023-2024

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)



“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)

SCRIPTURE  
READINGS for the  
SUNDAY after  
CHRISTMAS (YEAR B)

(TODAY'S MISSAL, pp. (39-42))

Lesson (First Reading):

**The Book of Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3**  
(*“I will make your reward very great.”*)

Epistle (Second Reading):

**Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19**  
(*“By faith Abraham obeyed...”*)

Gospel Lesson: The Holy Family in the  
Temple

**Luke 2:22-40**

(1962 Missal: Sunday after Christmas,  
vv. 33-40)



*“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the One who made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered Isaac...”*



“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: SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

**INTROIT:** *Wisdom 18: 14-15* While all things were in quiet silence, and the night was in the midst of her course, Thy almighty Word, O Lord, came down from heaven from Thy royal throne. *Psalm 92: 1* The Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded Himself. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

**COLLECT** Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure: that we may deserve to abound in good works in the name of Thy beloved Son: Who with Thee liveth.

**EPISTLE:** *Galatians 4: 1-7* Brethren, as long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all: but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed by the father: so we also, when we were children, were serving under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that He might redeem them who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God hath sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying: Abba, Father. Therefore now he is not a servant, but a son: and if a son, an heir also through God.

**GRADUAL:** *Psalm 44: 3, 2* Thou art beautiful above the sons of men: grace is poured abroad in Thy lips. *V.* My heart hath uttered a good word, I speak my words to the king: my tongue is the pen of a scrivener, that writeth swiftly. **ALLELUIA** *Psalm 92: 1* Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* the Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded Himself with might. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** *Luke 2: 33-40* At that time Joseph and Mary the Mother of Jesus were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother: Behold, this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel: and for a sign which shall be contradicted: and thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed. And there was one Anna a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was far advanced in years, and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity. And she was a widow until fourscore and four years: who departed not from the temple, by fastings and prayers serving night and day. Now she, at the same hour, coming in, confessed to the Lord: and spoke of Him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel. And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee to their city Nazareth. And the Child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom: and the grace of God was in Him.

**OFFERTORY:** *Psalm 92: 1-2* God hath established the world, which shall not be moved: Thy throne, O God, is prepared from of old, Thou art from everlasting.

**SECRET** Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the gifts now offered in the sight of Thy Majesty may obtain for us both the grace of tender devotion, and the reward of a blessed eternity. Through our Lord.

### Preface of the Nativity

**COMMUNION:** *Matthew 2: 20* Take the Child and His mother and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead who sought the life of the Child.

**POSTCOMMUNION** By the virtue of this mystery, O Lord, may our vices be purged away and our just desires fulfilled. Through our Lord.





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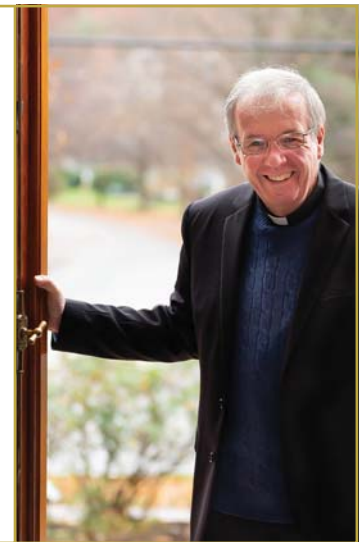


Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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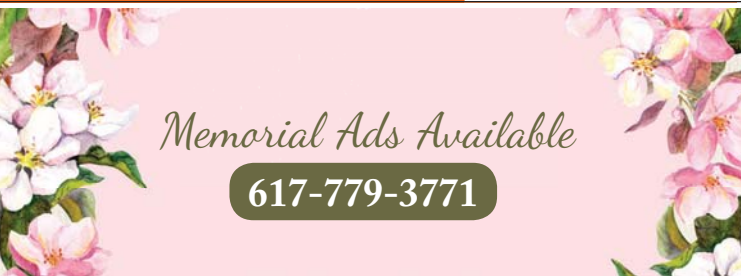
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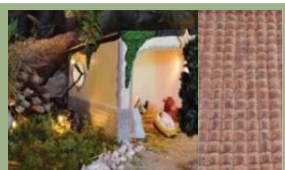
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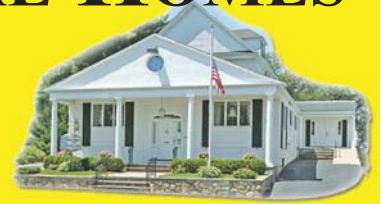
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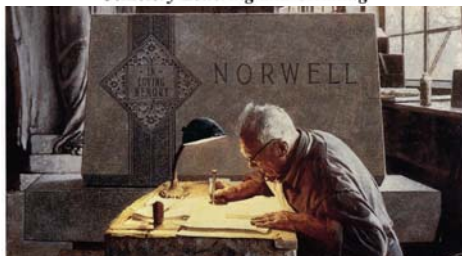
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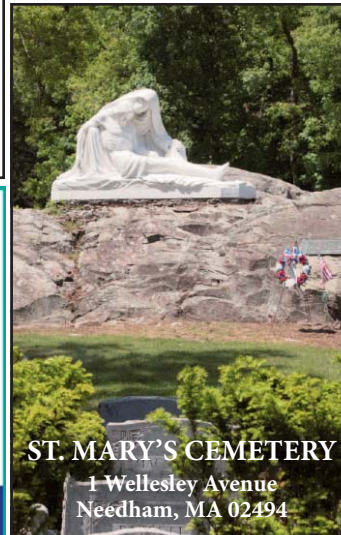
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