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## Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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Parish Cemetery of  
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ESTATE  
MANAGEMENT  
INC.**

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### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday:

*Novus Ordo*

Saturday 4:00 PM (*Anticipated Sunday Mass*),  
7:30 & 9:00 AM

*Traditional Latin*

11:00 AM & 5:30 PM

#### Weekdays:

*Novus Ordo*

Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 7:30 AM

*Traditional Latin*

Mon-Wed-Fri 12:30 PM; Thu 5:30 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM

#### Holy Days

(Mass Timetables, as announced close before  
the occurring Feast)

*December 8th, The Immaculate Conception of  
Our Lady (Patronal Feast of the USA)*

*December 24th/25th, Christmas*

*January 1st, Octave Day of Christmas-Mary  
the Mother of God*

*Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter)*

*August 15th, The Assumption of Our Lady  
November 1st, All Saints*

# 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 as a major part its parish mission, under the auspices of the 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 1963-1978)  
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 Served 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)

+ DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY+

## Christmas & Epiphany at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes 2025-2026

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

#### CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 2025:

4:00 PM (Novus Ordo)

7:00 PM (Chaldean-Rite)

12 Midnight (Traditional Latin)

**MIDNIGHT MASS**

#### CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th, 2025:

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

11:00 AM (Traditional Latin)

NO 5:30 PM Mass on *Christmas Day*

#### OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS THURSDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2026:

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

11:00 AM (Traditional Latin)

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4th, 2026 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

*(Sunday observance)*

4:00 PM (Sat.), 7:30 & 9:00 AM

(Novus Ordo)

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

#### THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD TUESDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2026:

7:30 PM

(Traditional Latin)



Christmas  
Flower  
Offering  
Envelopes  
are  
available to  
you at the  
entrance

tables to the church. Your generosity makes it possible for us to decorate our sanctuary with such beautiful poinsettia plants for the Christmas Season. The names of those memorialized or honored in our Christmas Flower envelopes will be remembered at all of our parish Masses throughout the Forty Days of Christmas, from Christmas Eve to Candlemas Day.



+Angelo Christopher  
Edward Nicoloro

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

EUCARISTIC  
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)



“But note what is taking place here this morning. While We close the

Ecumenical Council, We are honoring Mary Most Holy, the Mother of Christ, and consequently, as We declared on another occasion, the Mother of God and our Spiritual Mother. We are honoring Mary Most Holy,

the Immaculate One, therefore innocent, stupendous, perfect. She is the Woman, the true Woman who is both ideal and real, the creature in whom the image of God is reflected with absolute clarity, without any disturbance, as happens in every other human creature.

Is it not perhaps in directing our gaze on this Woman who is our humble sister and at the same time our heavenly Mother and Queen, the spotless and sacred Mirror of infinite Beauty, that we can terminate the spiritual ascent of the Council and

Our final greeting? Is it not here that our post-conciliar work can begin? Does not the beauty of Mary Immaculate become for us an inspiring model, a comforting hope?”

—Pope Paul VI, Closing Mass of the Second Vatican Council, December 8th, 1965 A.D.



## The Four Sundays of Advent The Forty-days of Christmas



“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)

## 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?”*

OFFERTORY for the TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST/33rd SUNDAY of the YEAR, NOVEMBER 16th, A.D. 2025, \$7,702.00 + OTHER OFFERINGS, \$1,064.00: = **\$8,766.00**



ON-LINE GIVING for NOVEMBER, 2025 = **\$13,930.00**

*“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*

## Calendar of Masses

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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14th	Saturday 4:00 PM (Anticipated Sunday Mass)	+Ludmila & Jan Dostal	Memorial	Lida Reed
GAUDETE SUNDAY of ADVENT Commemorations: Octave of the Immaculate Conception	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		
	9:00 AM	+Mary Clancy	Memorial	O'Shaughnessey Family
	11:00 AM	For the Preservation of the Free Exercise of the Latin Mass in the Life of the Church Giovanni & Maria Centofanti In Thanksgiving Nicoloro Family +Angelo C. E. Nicoloro Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace on Earth All Seminarians +Alex. M. Barboza (2/12) "All Those In Need" (14) +All Souls (16/50) +John J. Nicoloro (11/30) Eliza. Wysocka (8/10) Theresa Marie Casey Mr./Mrs. Belmonte +Mr. Olden Aubrey Landon/Family +Jarrod Paquette Henry & Jamy +Matthew Sweeney (1/3) Sarikos/Allin/Buta (1/7) Catherine Dinon +David Rainey +Dorothy M. Gerhard Shannon Marie Demont +A, Dora Gianfrancesco	Special Intention Memorial Special Intention Mass of the Angels Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Memorial Memorial Healing Health of the Sick Special Intention Memorial Special Intention Memorial Special Intention Memorial Special Intention Memorial Living & Deceased Birthday Intention Memorial Memorial Special Intention Memorial	Susan DiMascio Stephen Choi Nicoloro Family Nicoloro Family MPA MPA Donor Susanna Barboza MPA Barbara Opielowski Nicoloro Family Sister Friend Their Children Gabriella Belmonte Gabrielle Belmonte Dolores Burke Izakovic Family Maria Pia Maria Pia Kathy Blake Rosary Group Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Her Nieces & Nephews



PHOTOS right: Interior of the Holy House of Loreto, Italy, which is venerated as the cottage of the Holy Family, originally in Nazareth and miraculously carried by Angels to Christendom, 1291-1294 A.D.

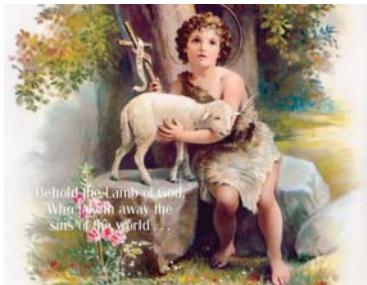


December 14th, 2025 A.D.

## Gaudete Sunday

## Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

SUNDAY	11:00 AM	Bishops & Priests	Courage/Fidelity/ Perseverance	Donor
December 14th		Eamon Gaffey (3/4) +All Souls (3/10)	Health of the Sick Memorial	Susana Barboza Susana Barboza
GAUDETE SUNDAY	5:30 PM	Fr. Sean Connor	Health of the Sick	Belmonte Family
MONDAY	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes		
December 15th	12:30 PM	+Maria Centofanti	Memorial	Laura Harvey
OCTAVE DAY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY				
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	+Cynthia Hildebrand (1/5)	Memorial	Camille Arcidi
December 16th				
Advent Feria				
WEDNESDAY	12:30 PM	+Mary Maila	50th Anniv. Mem.	Julianne Maila
December 17th				
EMBER				
WEDNESDAY				
THURSDAY	7:30 AM	Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
December 18th				
Expectation of the Virgin Mary	5:30 PM	Catherine Dinon	Birthday Intention	Maureen Nyhen
FRIDAY	7:30 AM	+Rev. Robert D. Smith	24th Anniv. Mem.	
December 19th	Health of the Sick			
EMBER FRIDAY	12:30 PM	+Carolyn Ward	Memorial	Hobbib Family
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	Our Lady: Co-Redemptrix & Mediatrix of All Graces		
December 20th		All Souls (6/10)	Memorial	Michael Kent Maria
EMBER SATURDAY		Eric Procopio & Sarah Carden	Special Intention	Mike & Annie Procopio MPA
(Vigil of St. Thomas, Apostle)		Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace	Special Intention	
		On Earth	Special Intention	MPA
		Elizabeth Schnur (2/9)	Special Intention	Schnur Family
		+Carmine A. Molisse	28th Anniv. Mem.	Tyler C. Molisse
	4:00 PM			
	(Anticipated Sunday Mass)			
	+Brian Yates		Memorial	Alicia Kerr



**“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)

Saturday 4:00 PM (*Anticipated Sunday Mass*),  
7:30 & 9:00 AM

### Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent)

#### Prelude (9:00AM) Gaudete

(Anonymous: Published: Piae Cantiones, 1582)

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary.*

*Rejoice! At this time of grace and longed-for blessing,*

*Love faithfully offers a song of praise. Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*God is made human in this wonderful birth: The world is cleansed through the rule of Christ. Rejoice! Rejoice! The gate of heaven now opens which to us was closed, Sending forth transforming light through which holiness is found. Rejoice! Rejoice! Therefore we meet in pure songs of joy; We bless the Lord, King of our Salvation. Rejoice! Rejoice!*

#### Introit: Philippians 4:4-5

#### Gaudete in Domino

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

(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 4)

**(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 Of the Father's Love Begotten

(medieval plainchant)

*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: Isaiah 35:4

#### Dicite pusillanimes

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

(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 99)

#### Communion Meditation (9:00 AM)

Magnificat, **H, 80**

(Marc-Antoine Carpentier, first published in 1698)

## Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Usus Antiquior)

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

### Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent)

#### Prelude (11:00 AM) Gaudete

(Anonymous: Published: Piae Cantiones, 1582)

**Choir Hymn** (11:00 Mass) *Corde Natus Ex Parentis*  
(Chant)

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

**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 eum.*

*Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Iacob. Glória Patri ...*

**(11:00 AM)**

### Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII, Adventus

Kyrie, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

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

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

**Gradual :Psalm 79:2,3,2** *Qui sedes, Domine, super Cherubim, excita potentiam tuam, et veni. Qui regis Israel, intende: qui deducis velut ovem, Ioseph. **Alleluia:** Alleluia, alleluia. Excita, Domine, potentiam tuam, et veni ut salvos facias nos. Alleluia.*

**Offertory: (11AM) Psalm 84:2,3** *Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Iacob: remisisti iniquitatem plebis tuae.*

**Communion:** *Dicite: pusillanimes confortamini, et nolite timere: ecce Deus noster veniet, et salvabit nos.*

#### Communion Meditation (11:00AM)

Magnificat, **H, 80**

(Marc-Antoine Carpentier, first published in 1698)



Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)

Saturday, 4:00 PM (*Anticipated Sunday Mass*),  
7:30 & 9:00 AM

**Gaudete Sunday**  
(Third Sunday of Advent)

**Recessional Hymn**

O Come, Divine Messiah

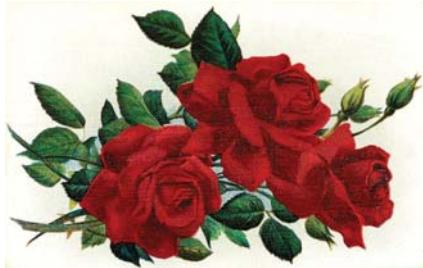
(Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Hymnal, **No.14**)

**Postlude (9:00AM)**

Juste Et Pie Vivamus

(Samuel Webbe, composed in 1786)

*Let us live just and godly lives, while we wait for the blessed hope and coming  
of the Lord.*



Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Usus Antiquior)

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

**Gaudete Sunday**  
(Third Sunday of Advent)

**Recessional Hymn**

O Come, Divine Messiah

(Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Hymnal, **No.14**)

*Angelus*

**Postlude (11:00AM)**

Juste Et Pie Vivamus

(Samuel Webbe, composed in 1786)



**“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)**



**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* (A.D. 1957)



## LATIN MASS PROPSERS: GAUDETE SUNDAY

**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.

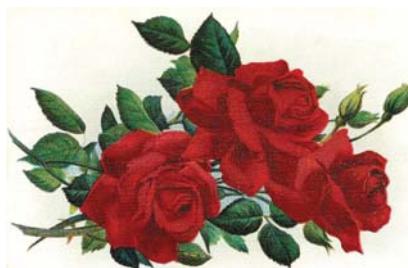
**GOSPEL:** Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. John 1. 19-28 **AT THAT TIME** the Jews sent from Jerusalem Priests and Levites to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed, and did not deny; and he confessed: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Art thou Elias? And 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 ...





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Saturday, November 1st: 10:30 - 11:30 am Tours, \*Show at 11:30 am  
Tuesday, December 9th: 6:00 - 6:30pm Tours, \*\*Show at 6:30 pm

\* Dia De Los Muertos Show \*\*Noche Buena Navidad Show



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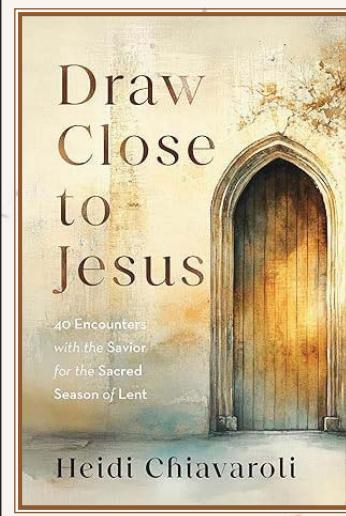
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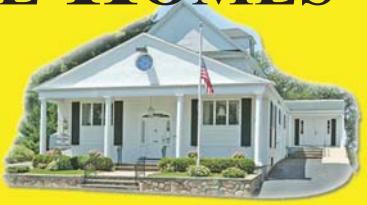
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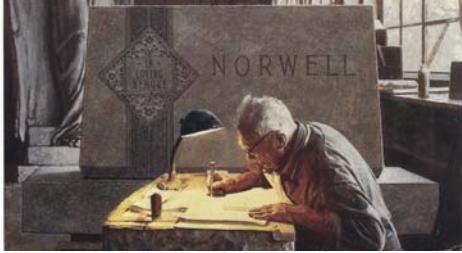
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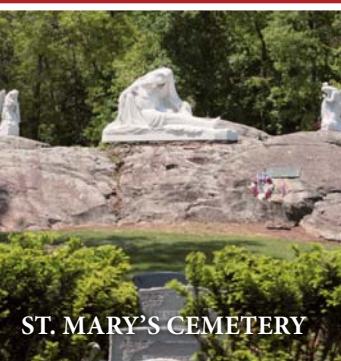
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