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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

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open Monday-Friday, 8 AM—5 PM.

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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 Low Mass: Mon., Wed. &
Fri., 12:30 PM; Thurs., 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

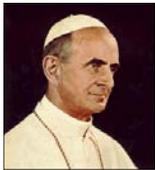
Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or
facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for
the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

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.



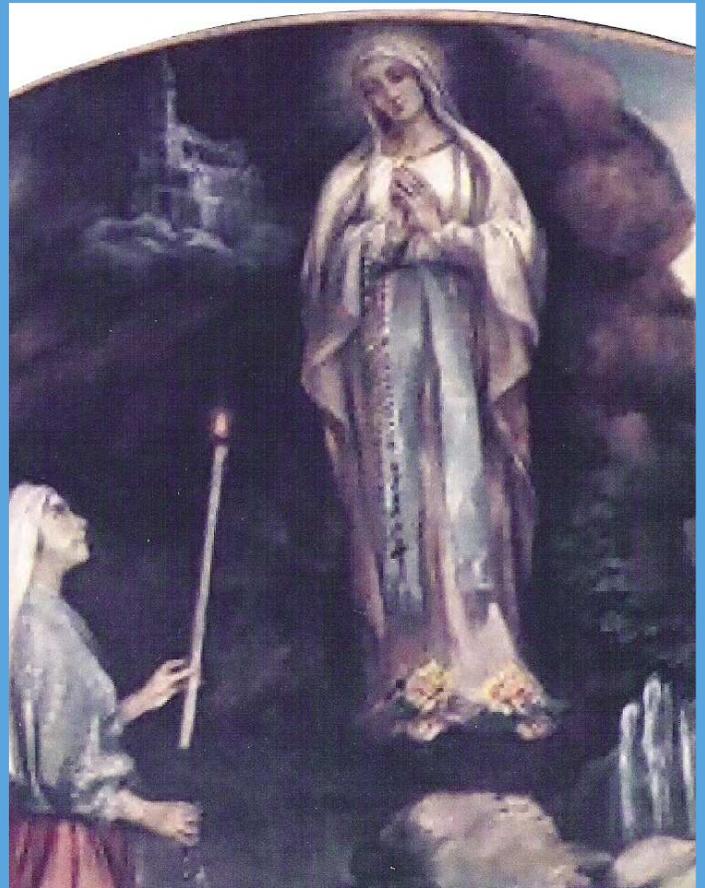
Parish Mission Statement

“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.”

(Blessed Pope Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
(Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910)
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Iraqi/Arab Catholic Community:
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FRONT COVER

The Apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes to St. Bernadette Soubirous, 1858. This is a close-up of the Gonippo Raggi painting on the high altar reredos of the parish church. When Bernadette asked the young lady, "Would you be so kind as to tell me your name?", Our Lady replied (lifting her eyes to heaven): "I am the Immaculate Conception." (March 25th, 1858)

DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY

Pastor's Note

A NOTE ON SAINT BARBARA'S DAY



As we move on in our Advent observance I want to make note of the flourish of St. Barbara's Day (December 4th) which coincides with the Second Sunday of Advent this year. St. Barbara is a Virgin-Martyr from the early 4th century A.D. And one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers of medieval

Catholic devotion. According to the legend of her *Life*, she was confined in a tower by her jealously protective father on account of her great beauty. Once, when her father returned from a journey he found that a third window had been constructed in her tower. Barbara confessed to her father that she had become a Christian and that this third window was in honor of the Trinity.

Enraged, her father put her to the torture in an effort to compel her to renounce Christianity and finally killed her by cutting off her head. Immediately, a lightning strike smote her father dead, as a sign of divine vengeance. In Christian iconography St. Barbara is portrayed with a Chalice and Host beside a tower having three windows, or with a sword. She is invoked in Catholic devotion for preservation from sudden death:

*Saint Barbara, thou noble bride,
To thee my body I confide
As well in life as at life's end.*

*Come, aid me when I breathe my last
That I may, ere here all is past,
Receive the Blessed Sacrament!*

In certain parts of Europe, particularly in the German-speaking countries, there is the

touching custom of the "Barbara branch" (*Der Barbarazweig*). On St. Barbara's Day, December 4th, a twig from a cherry tree branch is brought into the house and placed in water in a warm room. It should blossom on Christmas Eve. Although the cherry-tree is most traditional other branches such as lilac or forsythia and the like may also be used.



The Barbara branch custom is suggestive of the Biblical prophecy of Isaiah regarding the human origins of Jesus Christ: "A bud shall spring forth from the root of Jesse and the flower from its root." Jesse was the father of David the King who inaugurated the Royal line of which Christ was born in the flesh. In His day, however, that Royal House was like a dead tree stump—apparently vanquished, but not in reality. In the fullness of time, Our Lord Jesus Christ, the "King of Kings" was to be born of this line. As the Angel will announce to the Shepherds on Christmas Eve: "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David [Bethlehem], a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)



The St. Barbara's branch dovetails beautifully with St. John the Baptist's role as the Herald of the Lord, appearing as our Advent preacher in this Sunday's Gospel. Let us continue to make our hearts ready for the Coming of the Lord.

(Fr. Higgins)

SCRIPTURE STUDY

THE COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

For this week's meditation on Collects of the Roman Missal, we consider the principal Collect for The feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, which is identical in both forms of the Mass (MR 1962 and MR 1970). The English translation supplied here (and for all subsequent translations of Collects of the MR 1970 in this year-long bulletin series) is the official ICEL translation of the third typical edition of the Roman Missal (2010). "O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for Your Son, grant, we pray, that, as You preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which You foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to Your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen."

Analyzed according to its five-part structure, the Collect looks like this: 1) O God (address), 2) Who prepared a worthy dwelling for Your Son via Mary's Immaculate Conception (ascription of God), 3) grant, we pray, that we may be cleansed and admitted to your presence (central petition), 4a) as You preserved Mary from sin by Jesus' death which You foresaw (first motive for the petition) 4b) through Mary's intercession (second motive for the petition), 5) through our Lord, etc. (concluding doxological formula)

Simplified into a syllogism, the Collect looks like this: A) If God prepared a worthy dwelling for Christ via Mary's Immaculate Conception, which itself depends upon Christ's Death, B) And if Mary intercedes for us, C) Then God will cleanse us and admit us into His presence.

The granting of the central petition rests both upon God's action and Mary's intercession. The Collect highlights God's initiative in bringing mankind into His presence. By sending His Son to be incarnate and die for us, He has made it possible for us to go to heaven. God's initiative in preparing Mary to carry His Son in her womb was the first step towards realizing the Incarnation.

The mystery of faith we know as the Immaculate Conception is summarized as follows. God, *who exists outside of time*, applied the merits of Christ's Passion to Mary from the first moment of her conception, so that being Immaculate, she might be worthy to become the Mother of God (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* nos. 490-493). Thus, the granting of the petition of the Collect rests on a solid and hopeful foundation, namely, that God Himself actively and miraculously draws near to man with His grace in and through Mary. Furthermore, while Mary's experience of salvation is entirely unique, both her salvation and ours depend upon the *same* font of grace: Christ's death on the cross, which alone bridges the separation between God and man caused by Original Sin.

The second factor influencing the granting of the petition is Mary's intercession. Her motherly care for the baptized is integral in their sharing in the victory of heaven (cf. CCC no. 2676). Her very constitution in the fullness of God's grace from the first moment of her existence is united to the priestly sacrifice of her Son's Passion. Consequently, her desire for our salvation is strongly bound up with Jesus' own steadfast love for sinners, such that her intercession partakes more powerfully in the mediation of Christ's priesthood than that of any other saint (cf. Bl. Paul VI, *Marialis Cultus*, no. 20). We see this borne out poetically in the Sequence hymn *Stabat Mater*, which meditates on Our Lady's co-passion with Christ (her compassion) at the foot of His Cross. May we each experience the power and consolation of her loving and saving intercession during this Advent season.

(David Allen)

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



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEEKLY FRIDAY AM BIBLE STUDY:

Led by David Allen, Friday morning at 8:20 AM (after the 7:30 AM Parish Mass.) Lower Rectory Conference Room.

This is an open group and all are invited to attend at any time.

CURRENT STUDY: "MORNING & EVENING PRAYER:

Meditations & Catechesis on the Psalms & Canticles"—Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI



Religious Education

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES TODAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2016:

Grades K-5, Sunday morning, 8:30-10 AM
(includes Children's Liturgy of the Word and 9 AM parish Mass)

Grades 6-8 (Pre-Confirmation), 10:15-11:30 AM
Penance Service today at 8:30 AM

Classes meet in the Lower Church Hall

New students are always welcome

*Jean Johnson, Director
Patti Strom, Latin Mass Children's Catechism*



Latin Mass Children's Catechism will meet at 9:30 AM in the Lower Rectory Conference Room.



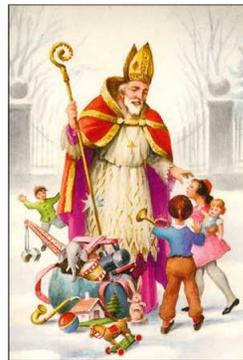
CHRISTMAS "GIVING TREE" PROJECT FOR 2016:

Thank you to all those who committed to buying a Christmas gift for Julie's Family Learning Program and The Second Step. Please remember to bring your gift to the church no later than SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th.

(Also, please attach the ornament to your gift.) There will be baskets for the gifts at the main entrance to the church. Thank you for your generous help in this project.

ADVENT CALENDARS on sale in the front vestibule, along with other Advent-related religious items. Proceeds will go to the support of our parish.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP



TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th , **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment in the Lower Church Hall after the 7:30 & 9 AM Masses today.



WE INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR DOWNSTAIRS EACH SUNDAY AFTER THE 10:30 LATIN MASS.

STEWARDSHIP



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I. Jason Pascucci & Molly Bloomer



Congratulations to
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph &
Bronwen (Mitchell) Almeda
who celebrated their Nuptial
Mass at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes on October
22nd, 2016. The groom is the son of
parishioners **Mark & Susan Almeda.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thursday, December 8th, A.D. 2016:
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY,
Patronal Feast of the United States of
America and a Holy Day of
Obligation

We will have four Masses on Thursday of this
week for the Holy Day.

7:30 AM: (1970 Missal)

12:30 PM: Latin Low Mass (1962 Missal)

5:30 PM: (1970 Missal)

7:30 PM: Latin High Mass (1962 Missal)

*The collection taken up at the Holy Day Mass is for the
support of our parish of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes.*

Don't Forget

BAPTISMS



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr.
and Mrs. Roberto & Rut Delania
(Terrero) Custodio on the
christening of their daughter
MARGARITA DAISY
CUSTODIO at Mary Immaculate
of Lourdes Church on Saturday, November 26th,
A.D. 2016. Her godparents are Donald & Mary
Kinler. Margarita is their **FIRST-BORN.**

Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

4:00 PM Sat. Vigil, 7:30 & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude: 9 AM

Magnificat
(Lorenzo Perosi)

Entrance Antiphon: Is. 30:19,30

(Saint Meinrad, page 5)

"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."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus
(Kyrie, Credo*, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei)

Offertory Hymn:

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
(Worship II Hymnal, No.60)

Communion Antiphon: Bar. 5:5, 4:36

(Saint Meinrad, page 5)

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

9:00 AM

O Salutaris
(Jose Alexandrino De Sousa)

Post Communion Hymn:

Alma Redemptoris Mater
(Gregorian Chant)

9:00 AM**

Alma Redemptoris Mater
(Natale Monferrato, d.1685)

Recessional Hymn:

O Come, Divine Messiah
(Parish Hymnal, No.14)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

Second Sunday of Advent

Processional Hymn:

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
(Worship II Hymnal, No.163)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Is. 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."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus
(Kyrie, Credo I, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

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 Verse: 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."

Offertory Hymn: **Magnificat
(Lorenzo Perosi)

Communion Verse: Ps. 84:7,8

"Jerusalem, surge, et sta in excelso, et vide iucunditatem, quae veniet tibi a Deo tuo."

Communion Hymn:

Anima Christi
(L.Dobici)

**Panis Angelicus
(Józef Kocięda)

Recessional Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah
(Parish Hymnal No.14)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

LATIN MASS PROPERS: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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?

INTROIT: Psalm 30: 30 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 79: 2 Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son; that through His coming we may attain to serve Thee with purified minds. Who with Thee liveth and reigneth.

EPISTLE: 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 honour 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. V. Gather ye together His saints to Him, who have set His covenant before sacrifices. **ALLELUIA: Psalm 121: 1** Alleluia, alleluia. V. I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 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 offerings of our humility: and where we have no merits to plead for us, do Thou help us with Thine aid. Through our Lord.

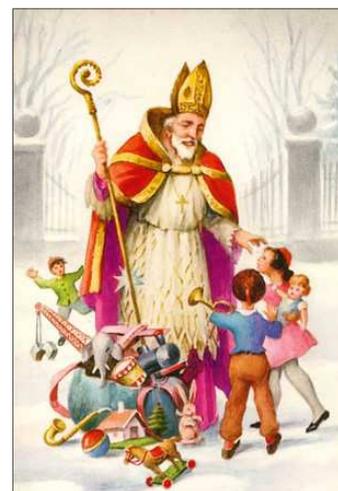
Preface of Advent

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 this spiritual nourishment, we suppliantly entreat Thee, O Lord, that through our participation in this Mystery Thou wouldst teach us to despise earthly things and to love heavenly ones. Through our Lord.

Calendar of Masses

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

SUNDAY December 4th SECOND SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT OF OUR LORD	4:00 PM <i>(Sat)</i>	Paul Crowley	40th Anniversary	Crowley Family
	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		
	9:00 AM	Kevin Ellesine	Birthday Intention	Kingsley Family
	10:30 AM	Jean & George Ward	Memorial	Cindy Fagrey
		John Drohan Sr.	5th Anniversary	Rusnack Family
		Arline Covalli		Susan Goeller
		Raimondi Family	Special Intention	
		William P. Monahan	Memorial	C. Joseph Doyle
		Wilfrid Villarubia	Memorial	C. Joseph Doyle
		Fr. Joseph Sergott, O.P.	Health of the Sick	Deborah Andrews
		Celia Patignano	Health of the Sick	Deborah Andrews
		Shane Cook Family	Special Intention	Daniel Draper
		Barbara Nyhen	Special Intention	Maureen Nyhen
		Heloise du Halgouet	Special Intention	Kwash Family
	5:30 PM	Richard Forbes	Memorial	Clara Forbes
MONDAY December 5th <i>Feria of Advent</i>	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	Jerry Higgins	37th Anniversary	
TUESDAY December 6th <i>St. Nicholas</i>	7:30 AM	For the Happiness of All Children at Christmastime		
WEDNESDAY December 7th <i>St. Ambrose</i>	12:30 PM	Margaret Yong	Special Intention	
THURSDAY December 8th IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		
	12:30 PM	Lita O'Laoghaire	Special Intention	
	5:30 PM	Kitty Ward	Memorial	Sean Ward
	7:30 PM	Sodality of the Immaculate Conception and St. Rose of Lima (Living & Deceased)		Ladies' Sodality
FRIDAY December 9th <i>St. Juan Diego</i>	7:30 AM	Intention of the Donor		
	<i>Health of the Sick</i>			
	12:30 PM	Intention of the Donor		Antoinette Paoletti
SATURDAY December 10th <i>Holy House of Loreto</i>	9:00 AM	All Souls	Memorial	
		In Honor of all Guardian Angels	Special Intention	Susan Goeller
		Gilbert Family	Special Intention	Daniel Draper
		Monte Ferris Sr.		
	4:00 PM	Stanislaw Schroter	Month's Mind	Schroter Family



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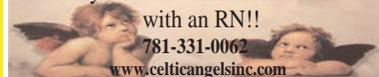
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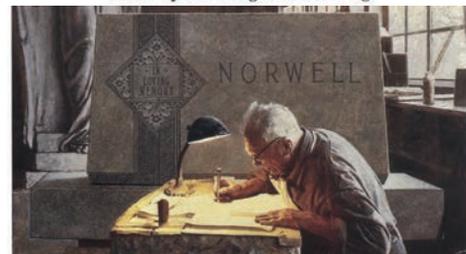
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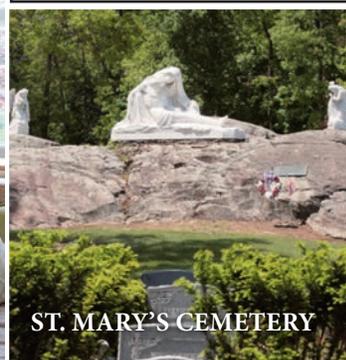
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