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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

Parish Staff

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NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.maryimmaculateoflourdes.org

To contact the parish by internet, please access this new website.

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Saint Mary's,
Needham
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ESTATE
MANAGEMENT
INC.**

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rectory on 270 Elliot St, Newton Upper Falls and is
open Monday-Friday, 8 AM—5 PM.

Telephone: 781-235-1841

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 Mass : Mon-Wed-Fri: 12:30
PM; Thu: 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)
Newton/Needham, Massachusetts
Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman
Catholic Parish
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**THE POPE'S
UNIVERSAL
INTENTION FOR THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER,
2017: "THE ELDERLY: That
the elderly, sustained by families
and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom
and experience to spreading the Faith and forming the
new generations." (PHOTO: Pope Francis bestows a kiss on
the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and
Jeannette Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015.)**

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the resurrection of :

**Paul Eldridge, aged 78
Jessica Lynn Bosselman, aged 32**



FRONT COVER

The "Gospel side" of the High Altar of our sanctuary with a view of the paintings on the reredos. This photo is from a series Paul Eldridge took earlier this year. This Sunday we are mourning the passing of our parishioner Paul Eldridge, who died this past Tuesday, December 12th. May he rest in peace.

Pastor's Note

OUR SCRIPTURE VERSE COMPANIONS

What is a vademecum (Latin = “go-with-me”)? It is something to be kept constantly with us, as in, for example, a guidebook. In the spiritual life a vademecum is a good spiritual book which serves as a companion to our souls. The Holy Scriptures themselves should be our first and best vademecum in life. Having particular passages or verses close to us, especially when we learn them by heart, creates our own personal vademecum out of the larger trove of Sacred Scripture. These Scripture verses become our companions on the way.

I would like to suggest some particular verses of Scripture to memorize as building blocks for our vademecum.

1. The *Benedictus*, the Canticle of St. Zachary (Luke 1:68-79).
2. Our Lady's *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55).
3. The *Nunc Dimittis*, the Canticle of St. Simeon as he holds the Christ Child in his arms (Luke 2:29-32).

These three Gospel Canticle are prayed each day in the Church's liturgy of the Divine Office: the *Benedictus* at Morning Prayer (Lauds), the *Magnificat* at Evening Prayer (Vespers), and the *Nunc Dimittis* at Night Prayer (Compline). Each of these Gospel Canticles is a Hymn of Praise and Thanksgiving for the Redemption of Christ.

Another important set of verses worth committing to memory is the Beatitudes as we find them in St. Matthew's Gospel (Matt. 5:3-13). They are the words with which Christ begins His Sermon on the Mount, and that place is known in Galilee to this day as the Mount of Beatitudes. Even translations into modern-day English still capture the cadence of Christ's words (He would have been speaking in Aramaic). They are beautiful poetry and instill in our hearts the highest ideals of the Gospel. *(Fr. Higgins)*

2017-2018 PARISH SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANYTIDE

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Holy Night—Christmas Eve,

Sunday, December 24th:

4:00 PM—Family Mass with Children's Pageant

8:00 PM: Chaldean-rite Mass

12 Midnight—Traditional Latin Mass

Christmas Day, Monday, December

25th: Masses at 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30

AM (Traditional Latin Mass)

N.B. NO 5:30 PM MASS

Sunday, December 31st

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

Octave Day of Christmas, Monday,

January 1st, Mary the Mother of

God: Masses at 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30

AM (Traditional Latin Mass).

The Epiphany of the Lord, Saturday,

January 6th: Traditional Latin Mass

at 9 AM.

Sunday, January 7th:

Mass of the Epiphany, 4:00 PM

(Sat), 7:30 & 9 AM, 5:30 PM

Mass of the Holy Family, 10:30 AM

Open House at the Rectory from

8:30 AM-2:30 PM

Candlemas Day, Friday, February

2nd: Blessing of Candles and

Procession, Mass of the Purification,

7:30 PM (Traditional Latin)

Candlemas is the last Feast of the

Christmas Cycle

SCRIPTURE STUDY

THE COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL: DECEMBER 17th, 2017 GAUDETE SUNDAY

For this week's meditation on the Collects of the Roman Missal, we consider the Collect for Gaudete Sunday (MR '62). Below is the translation of this Collect from the Angelus Press edition of the *Daily Roman Missal*:

"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, etc. Amen."

The authors of the Old Testament, although deeply conscious that God is invisible, nevertheless repeatedly anthropomorphize Him. Today's Collect reflects that kind of language when it implores God to "*incline [His] ear to our petitions.*" Divine nature, strictly speaking, does not have ears.

As we pray this Collect, however, it is thrilling to consider that this kind of language is *no longer mere metaphor* striving to describe divine condescension. In fact, the Son of God takes on flesh, and therefore *has human ears* with which He heard the cries and tears of men, and continues to do so as High Priest in the heavenly liturgy.

In today's Collect, we beseech our incarnate High Priest that He would "*enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of [His] visitation.*" This line reflects the *Benedictus*, Zechariah's Canticle in Luke 1:68-79, which is recited or sung every morning in the Divine Office. Consider the first and final lines of this Canticle in vv. 68, 77-79: "*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people....to give knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God, when the day shall dawn upon us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*" (RSV, emphasis mine)

According to Zechariah, the coming of Christ brings light to those in darkness (cf. Is. 9:2). What does this image, so often mentioned and sung about during the Christmas cycle, really mean?

One of the effects of Original Sin is the darkening of our intellect, and so, we often fall into sin through the *darkness of erroneous moral reasoning* in addition to disordered desires (cf. Rom. 1:21-25; 1 Pet. 1:14; Eph. 2:3; Jam. 1:14-15; *Catechism of the Catholic Church* nos. 405, 407, 1707). Thus, we are asking Christ that, by His becoming man, He may *illumine our minds with the truth of His Gospel* (cf. 2 Tim. 1:10; *Catechism* no. 2037).

By his perfect life, the Incarnate Son of God shows us what it means to be truly human (cf. Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes* no. 22; *Catechism* nos. 359, 459). Not only this, but by becoming man, He enables us to be "*partakers of the divine nature,*" giving us the grace to become more and more like Him (cf. 2 Pet. 1:4; *Catechism* no. 460). The *light* of Christ's "*visitation*" (i.e., his Incarnation) is the *splendor of His Sacred Humanity* and its implications for us as His disciples. St. John treats this subject in exactly the same way in his Gospel and First Epistle. The most direct instance is Jesus' own words: "*I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life*" (cf. Jn. 8:12, RSV).

The liturgy proposes this truth to us in several places in the Christmas cycle, so do look out for it in the days and weeks ahead (or even just leaf through your Missal). Quite fittingly, Pope St. Leo the Great expounds upon this truth in a Christmas homily, an excerpt of which is found in *Catechism* no. 1691:

"Christian, recognize your dignity and, now that you share in God's own nature, do not return to your former base condition by sinning. Remember who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Never forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of the Kingdom of God." (Emphasis mine)

(David Allen)

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



STEWARDSHIP



SUNDAY OFFERTORY FOR DECEMBER 10th, 2017, \$10,616.00 + DECEMBER 8th IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OFFERTORY, \$3,075.00 + \$1,505.00 (OTHER OFFERINGS) = \$15,196.00

SUNDAY OFFERTORY FOR DECEMBER 3rd, 2017, \$7,606.00 + \$2,232.00 (OTHER OFFERINGS) = \$9,838.00

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GAUDETE
SUNDAY Bake Sale
today,
December 17th:

Please patronize our Parish Fundraiser Bake Sale in the front vestibule of the Church this Sunday. Many thanks to all those who donated a baked-good item for the Sale.

CHALDEAN MISSION



"He who sings prays twice"—Saint Augustine

The Chaldean-rite Catholic Mission in Boston is pleased to announce its Christmas recital "My Heart is Your Manger, O Lord", an evening of worshiping and meditating on the meanings of Christmas through the performances of multiple choirs in different languages from the Chaldean, Maronite, Orthodox, Melkite and Latin Rite churches. It is a great blessing to come together as one body in Christ to worship the Lord and pray for peace to our world.

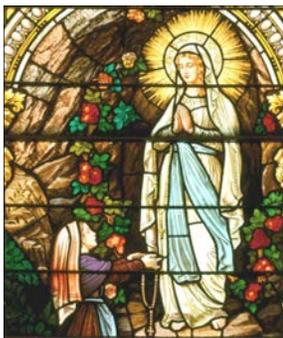
Date: Friday, December 22nd

Time: Promptly at 7:30 P.M.

Place: Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

Address: 280 Elliot Street, Newton, MA 02464

After the recital, the Chaldean Mission invites you for coffee and sweets at the rectory next door to the Church. Have a blessed Christmas!



HEALTH OF THE SICK

“In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice.”—Padre Pio

Pio

For all those on our parish prayer list, especially for:

Gloria Pazasis, Melissa Bachman, Jarlath Whalen, Barbara Carco, Richard Anzivino, Mary Rogers, Kathy Quinn, Ellen Balkus, Lena Strom, Kay Mullen, Barbara Nyhen, Maureen Nyhen, Christina Kwash, Nick & Janet Pino, Mary Duhaime, Mary Downey, Bro. Michael Downey, O.P. .

“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



**BOB KWASH (father and father-in-law of parishioners Dan & Christina Kwash), cancer diagnosis
IDA GOFFREDO, serious surgery & recovery
MELISSA BACHMAN (28 yrs. old—dire cancer diagnosis)**



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Christmas Flower Donation envelopes are available to you as you come into church and at the table under the Grotto. Your gifts in the Flower envelopes help defray the extra costs of our Christmas Flower decorations. If you would like your donation to be a memorial gift, there are spaces for the names of loved ones on the envelopes. Christmas Flower envelopes may be placed in the basket at Offertory time or dropped off at the parish office in the rectory. The Flower Offering Envelopes with the Memorial names will be placed upon the altar at all of our parish Masses through Candlemas Day, February 2nd.



Religious Education

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th:

Classes meet in the Lower Church Hall. Grades K-5, 8:30 –10 AM, includes Sunday Mass. Pre-Confirmation: 10:15-11:30 AM (10DEC17).

The Latin Mass Children’s Catechism Class meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Lower Rectory Conference Room.

New students are always welcome

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



The Children of the parish are invited to participate in the Children’s Nativity at our Christmas Eve Family Mass, 4 PM, December 24th. Parents, please let Jean Johnson know if any of your children will be participating.

(Children in the Pageant should be in the Lower Church Hall at 3:30 PM on Christmas Eve.)



*SPECIAL INTENTION: For all the expectant mothers of our parish family.
“St. Gerard Majella, pray for us”*

Prayer for Motherhood:

*O good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and Wonderworker of our day, I call upon thee and seek thy aid. Thou who on this earth didst always fulfil God’s designs, help me to do the Holy Will of God.
Beseech the Master of Life, from Whom all paternity proceedeth, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life and heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory in the world to come. Amen.*

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LATIN MASS PROPERS: GAUDETE SUNDAY OF 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. *℟.* 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. *℟.* Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: that ledest 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 (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 & 9:00 AM,
5:30 PM

Third Sunday of the Advent of the Lord (also known as Gaudete Sunday)

Prelude: Of the Father's Love Begotten
(medieval plainchant)

Entrance Antiphon: Philippians 4:4-5
(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 6)

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

Ordinary Prayers: English Chant

(Kyrie from *Missa Adventus*, Parish Hymnal, No. 152,
Creed, Sanctus-Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Offertory:

Gaudete

(Anonymous: Published: Piae Cantiones, 1582)

Communion Antiphon: Isaiah 35:4
(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 6)

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

Communion Meditation:

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came
(Missalette, No. 24)

Recessional Hymn:

Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying
(*Extra Sheet*)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal) 10:30 AM

Third Sunday of the Advent of the Lord (Gaudete Sunday)

Prelude: Rejoice in the Lord
(John Sheppard, composed c.1550)

The Asperges: the Sprinkling of Holy Water

Processional Hymn: Gaudete
(Anonymous: Published: Piae Cantiones, 1582)
(*Extra Sheet*)

Introit: **Philippians 4. 4-6, Psalm 84. 2 GAUDÉTE** in
*Dómino semper: iterum dico, gaudéte. Modéstia vestra nota sit
ómnibus homínibus: Dóminus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis:
sed in omni oratióne petitiónes vestrae innotéscant apud Deum.
Psalm. Benedixísti, Dómine, terram tuam: avertísti captivitátem
Jacob. V̇. Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat in
princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculórum. Ṙ. Amen.
— Gaudéte ...*

Ordinary Prayers: Missa O Quam Gloriosum

(Tomás Luis de Victoria)
(Kyrie, Credo, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei)

Gradual: **Psalm 79. 2-3, 2 QUI sedes, Dómine, super**
*Chérubim, éxcita poténtiam tuam et veni. V̇. Qui regis Israel,
inténde: qui dedúcis velut ovem Joseph. Alleluia: Alleluia,
allelúia. V̇. Excita, Dómine, poténtiam tuam, et veni, ut salvos
fácias nos. Alleluia.*

Offertory: **Psalm 84. 2-3 BENEDIXÍSTI, Dómine, terram**
*tuam: avertísti captivitátem Jacob: remisísti iniquitátem plebis
tuæ.*

Communion: **Isaias 35. 4 DÍCITE:** *pusillánimes
confortámini, et nolíte timére: ecce Deus noster véniet, et salvábit
nos.*

Communion Meditation:

Conditor Alme Siderum

(Tomás Luis de Victoria)

Alma Redemptoris Mater

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina)

Recessional Hymn:

Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying
(*Extra Sheet*)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

Calendar of Masses

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

<p>SUNDAY December 17th (THIRD SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT OF OUR LORD)</p> <p>GAUDETE SUNDAY</p>	<p>4:00 PM (Sat) 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Jack Albertson</p> <p>Pro Populo Maureen McDermott Concetta & Dominic DiNezio Ceili Kineen Shannon Sullivan Mike Botsolis Sharon Juhasz Eliana Maria DiMascio Catherine Dinon Sang-woo Lee Special Intention Rusnack/Drohan/ Bambrick/Booth Family Special Intention Nicholas & Danby Choy Julia Rose Donohue Joaquin Bacardi Jr.</p>	<p>Memorial</p> <p>Special Intention Memorial</p> <p>Memorial Special Intention Memorial Birthday Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention</p> <p>Liv. & Deceased Memorial Birthday Intention Special Intention Memorial</p>	<p>DeMatteo Family</p> <p>Sotell Family Maria Centofanti</p> <p>Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Anthony & Victoria Angelucci MacKenzie Family Chris Juhasz Maria Centofanti Maria Centofanti Haley Lee Haley Lee</p> <p>Rusnack Family Rusnack Family Choy Family Kelly & Jill Donohue Karen Bacardi</p>
	<p>5:30 PM</p>			
<p>MONDAY December 18th <i>Greater Feria of Advent (Expectation of the Virgin Mary)</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM 12:30 PM</p>	<p>Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Susan Byers Paxson</p>	<p>Memorial</p> <p>Health of the Sick</p>	<p>Mary McCarthy</p>
<p>TUESDAY December 19th <i>Greater Feria of Advent</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM</p>	<p>Jim & Sunny McCloskey</p>	<p>Special Intention</p>	<p>Sheila Brady</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY December 20th <i>Ember Wednesday</i></p>	<p>12:30 PM</p>	<p>Pauline Nasif</p>	<p>Birthday Memorial</p>	
<p>THURSDAY December 21st <i>St. Peter Canisius/ St. Thomas Apostle</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Maureen O'Hara Peggie Dada</p>	<p>Memorial</p> <p>Memorial</p>	<p>Joan Concannon Kay Mullen</p>
<p>FRIDAY December 22nd <i>Ember Friday</i></p>	<p>7:30 AM <i>Health of the Sick</i> 12:30 PM</p>	<p>Alice Drew Dr. Anthony Caruso</p>	<p>Special Intention</p> <p>Special Intention</p>	<p>Sheila Brady Hobbib Family</p>
<p>SATURDAY December 23rd <i>Ember Saturday</i></p>	<p>9:00 AM 4:00 PM</p>	<p>All Souls Dr. Anthony Caruso Carmelina Villante Marie Geraci</p>	<p>Memorial Special Intention Special Intention</p> <p>Memorial</p>	<p>Hobbib Family Maria Centofanti Leo Geraci & Family</p>

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“He has risen.”
Matt 28:6

“Be a Servant”
Matthew 20:26

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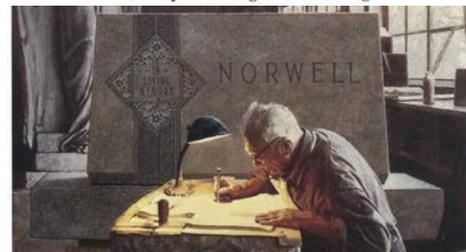
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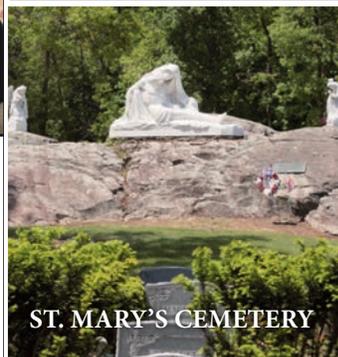
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