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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

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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 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)

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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
Barbara Pacione, aged 78**



FRONT COVER

Madonna and Child: one of the stained glass window on the Oak St. side of the church. (PHOTO by Paul Eldridge, +2017)

Pastor's Note

“REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS”

Rejoice in the Lord always! (Philippians 4:4)
The Apostle Paul says. Many people doubt that this is possible, but it is.

Fr. Narciso Irala, S.J., in his book *Achieving Peace of Heart*, offers a series of practical counsels on how not to let our experience of sorrow and sad feelings get the better of us.

Live in the Present: *The Present is a fount of joy. There are delights which crave to be yours. They are external creation (esthetic pleasure) and moral beauty. So give them entrance by attending to the present. You should not think about the sorry past which has already slipped from your hands. Leave it to the mercy of God. And think not on the agony of an uncertain future. Leave this to His Providence. The present is a pleasant path which runs between two chasms, the past and the future. Whoever by sadness or scruple falls into the past, or slips by worry into the future, ceases advancing towards his happiness.*

Live a conscious life. *“Age quod agis” (“Do what you’re doing”). If you work on a conscious level, fear, worry and sadness will find no place to torment you. Thus will you lessen and even suppress the influence of a sad and uncontrolled subconscious. “We stand in need of happy people,” writes Marden, “who look away from the sinful, bitter and perverse world and turn towards God’s world to admire its beauty and perfection.”*

Practice voluntary concentration on other matters. *“These concentrations may be indifferent in relation to those which the unconscious tries to impose on you. If sadness or worry is besieging you, concentrate on some study or occupation that pleases you. Even better, concentrate on something directly opposed. For instance, against fear or disturbance concentrate on living images of peace, control and energy. In this war you must take the offensive in order to rout the*

enemy even from his lair in the unconscious. Cultivate the habit of joy. Your mental make-up is a labyrinthine wood. Your thoughts and acts are men who are tracing a path through it. When one has passed, the easier it is for the next. So then, if you would win the heights of joy, you must send joyful thoughts through to open up the trail. Repeat them and reinforce them with acts of satisfaction and optimism until you have enlarged the trail and made it firm through habit. Then almost without noticing it, you will find you are always happy.
Practice will-acts. *Will the contrary feeling: that is, be animated, tranquil, kind, happy.*
Use suggestion. *Think with feeling about images of peace, control and joy. Repeat to yourself: “Everything I do can be a step taken nearer to God,” “Every day I am increasing in sanctifying grace,” “Every day I am happier”.*
Moderate your desires and aspirations. *Keep them within reasonable limits. Seek not for body or soul or anything else a greater security, health or prosperity than God wishes it to have in this world. Thus scruples or worry will lessen or disappear.*

Overcome negative and depressive feelings. *Do this by introducing other feelings which are positive, sublime and ennobling, such as love of an ideal, of God, of souls, or Heaven. Overcome petty, low, and disordered self-love with true love of yourself and your spiritual and eternal good. Before this sublime reality all fears, sadness and phobias fall to earth.*

Happiness in this life is not divorced from sacrifice. Our satisfaction increases in the measure that we make those who surround us happy, that we seek the greater glory of God, and in proportion to what we sacrifice to this end.

(Rev. Narciso Irala, S.J.: Achieving Peace of Heart, post-Vatican II revised edition, translation by Lewis Delmage, S.J., Roman Catholic Books, pp. 227-229)

(Fr. Higgins)

SCRIPTURE STUDY

THE COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN
MISSAL: DECEMBER 24th, 2017

ADVENT IV PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

For this week's meditation on the Collects of the Roman Missal, we consider the Prayer over the Offerings for Advent IV in the 1970 edition of the *Missale Romanum*. Below is the official ICEL translation of this Collect in the third typical edition of the *Roman Missal* (2010):

"May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as He filled with His power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

This beautiful Collect serves as a kind of "preview" of the *Epiclesis*, or the solemn "calling down" of the Holy Spirit upon the bread and wine to transform them into the Body and Blood of Christ at the words of consecration. In the Roman Canon, this action is implied in the prayer "*Quam oblationem*," immediately preceding the Institution Narrative (cf. Walsh, *In Memory of Me*, pp. 89-94). The *Epiclesis* is explicit in the other Eucharistic Prayers of the MR '70.

This Collect is wonderfully appropriate for our mediation today, now that we are on the very brink of Christmas, because it leads us to see the inherent link between every celebration of the Mass and the Mystery of the Incarnation. Consider the following excerpts from the teachings of St. John of Damascus and St. Ambrose respectively, quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* nos. 1106 and 1375:

St. John of Damascus: "*You ask how the bread becomes the Body of Christ, and the wine . . . the Blood of Christ. I shall tell you: the Holy Spirit comes upon them and accomplishes what surpasses every word and thought. . . . Let it be enough for you to understand that it is by the Holy Spirit, just as it was of the Holy Virgin and by the Holy Spirit that the Lord, through and in Himself, took flesh.*" (Emphasis mine)

St. Ambrose: "*Be convinced that this is not what nature has formed, but what the blessing has consecrated. The power of the blessing prevails over that of nature, because by the blessing nature itself is changed. . . . Could not Christ's word, which can make from nothing what did not exist, change*

existing things into what they were not before? It is no less a feat to give things their original nature than to change their nature."

Thus, Creation, the Annunciation, the Nativity, and the Mass are all distinct but united dimensions of the *one* Mystery of our salvation in Christ, present to us eucharistically.

We believe that a miracle takes place at the heart of every Mass: the *miracle* of transubstantiation. While many people consider miracles to be only rare moments of divine intervention (e.g., bodily healing), Catholics expect the greatest of miracles every time they go to Mass: bread and wine becoming the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. What a treasure! How sad for those who don't know about it, don't care for it, or obstinately refuse and discount it!

When we speak with lapsed Catholics or non-Catholics, we should always strive to be clear about the Catholic faith, and also prudent and sensitive in our presentation, so as to lead them closer to Christ, not further away. We certainly cannot read their hearts, and we may or may not fully understand the complexity of their situation, or even know half of whatever their "issues" are with Christ and His Church. We *can* admit, however, in a general sense, that the core pastoral problem (whether or not *they* are conscious of it) is their relation to Jesus in the Eucharist. Even as we acknowledge this, we are quick to drop to our knees, deeply conscious of our dependence upon regular self-examination, confession of sins, and God's forgiveness to approach the altar worthily (cf. 1 Cor. 11:28).

The Incarnation in Nazareth and the Birth in Bethlehem all took place for the lapsed as well as the practicing, so that we all might have the opportunity to be reconciled with God and have a place at Christ's heavenly, Holy Table (cf. Eph. 2:4-7; Walsh, *In Memory of Me*, pp. 138-139). Let us pray ever more heartily at this beautiful time of year for those who absent themselves entirely or partially from this great Feast. May they be reconciled to Christ, and so, experience the miracle of Christmas at its Source.

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

(David Allen)

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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

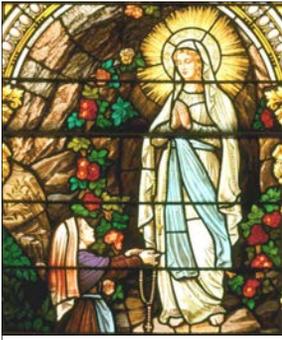
Mass of the Holy Family, 10:30 AM

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



HEALTH OF THE SICK

“In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice.”—Padre 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 24th:

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

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.*

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

I. Michael Steinkrauss & Audrey Lauerbach

I. Samuel Snyder & Cierra Nugent

LATIN MASS PROPERS: THE VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

INTROIT: Exodus 16. 6-7, Psalm 23. 1 This day you shall know that the Lord will come, and save us: and in the morning you shall see His glory. *Psalm.* The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof: the world and all they that dwell therein. *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. — This day ...

COLLECT: O God, Who dost gladden us by the yearly expectation of our redemption, grant that we, who now joyfully receive Thine only-begotten Son as our redeemer, may also without fear behold Him coming as our Judge, even the same Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son: Who livest and reignest ...

EPISTLE: From Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Romans, I. 1-6 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle, separated unto the Gospel of God, which He had promised before by His prophets in the holy Scriptures concerning His Son, who was made to Him of the seed of David according to the flesh: who was predestined the Son of God in power according to the spirit of sanctification by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus from the dead: by whom we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith in all nations for His Name, among whom are you also the called of Jesus Christ our Lord.

GRADUAL: Exodus 16. 6-7, Psalm 79. 2-3 This day you shall know that the Lord will come and save us: and in the morning you shall see His glory. (*Ps.* 79. 2, 3) Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, Thou that sittest upon the Cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses. **ALLELUIA** Alleluia, alleluia. Tomorrow shall the iniquity of the earth be abolished: and the Savior of the world shall reign over us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew I. 18-21 When Mary the mother of Jesus was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Whereupon Joseph her husband, being a just man and not willing publicly to expose her, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in his sleep, saying: Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His Name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 23. 7 Lift up your gates, O ye princes: and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates, and the King of glory shall enter in.

SECRET: Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that as we anticipate the adorable birthday of Thy Son, so we may joyfully receive His eternal gifts: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost ...

COMMUNION: Isaias 40. 5 The glory of the Lord shall be revealed: and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

POSTCOMMUNION: We beseech Thee, O Lord, grant us fresh courage, as we celebrate the birthday of Thine only-begotten Son: whose heavenly Mystery is our food and drink. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son ...



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

Fourth Sunday of the Advent of the Lord (also known as Rorate Sunday)

Prelude: Rorate Caeli

(English Chant)

Entrance Antiphon: Isaiah 45:8

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 7)

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

Ordinary Prayers: English Chant

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

Offertory:

Come, LORD, And Tarry Not

Communion Antiphon: Isaiah 7:14

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 7)

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son; and His name will be called Emmanuel.

Communion Meditation:

See How the Virgin Waits (Missalette, No. 35)

Recessional Hymn:

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
(*Extra Sheet*)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

The Vigil of Christmas

The Asperges: the Sprinkling of Holy Water

Processional Hymn: Rorate Caeli
(*Extra Sheet*)

Introit: Exodus 16. 6, 7, Psalm 23. 1 *Hodie scietis, quia veniet Dominus, et salvabit nos: et mane videbitis gloriam ejus. Ps. 23.1. Domini est terra et plenitudo ejus: orbis terrarum, et universi qui habitant in eo. V̇. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Ṙ. Amen. — Hodie ...*

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus

(Kyrie, Credo I, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei)

Gradual: Exodus 16, 6-7, Psalm 79. 2-3 *Hodie scietis, quia veniet Dominus, et salvabit nos: et mane videbitis gloriam ejus. V̇. Qui regis Israel, intende: qui deducis, velut ovem, Joseph: qui sedes super Cherubim, appare coram Ephraim, Benjamin, et Manasse. Alleluia: Allelúia, allelúia. V̇. Crastina die delebitur iniquitas terra: et regnabit super nos Salvator mundi. Alleluia.*

Offertory: Psalm 23. 7 *Tollite portas, principes, vestras: et elevamini, porta aeternales, et introibit Rex gloria.*

Communion: Isaías 40. 5 *Revelabitur gloria Domini: et videbit omnis caro salutare Dei nostri.*

Communion Meditation:

Alma Redemptoris Mater
(William Byrd, published: Gradualia I, 1605)

Recessional Hymn:

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
(*Extra Sheet*)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

Calendar of Masses

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

<p>SUNDAY December 24th (FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT OF OUR LORD & THE VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS)</p>	<p>4:00 PM (Sat) 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Marie Geraci Pro Populo Mr. & Mrs. William Slifka, William Kisil, Steve Slifka Ernest Nasif Antoinette Steinkrauss Louis & Rita Post Bro. John Post Matthieu de Halgouët Sang-woo Lee Special Intention Kevin Donohue Special Intention Luke Gabriel Kasper Susan Goeller</p>	<p>Memorial Memorial Birthday Memorial Birthday Intention Memorial Special Intention Special Intention Memorial Special Intention Special Intention</p>	<p>Leo Geraci & Family Slifka Family Kwash Family Post Family Chris Juhasz Haley Lee Haley Lee Donohue Family Dorothy Fresolo Kwash Family Maria Centofanti</p>
<p>RORATE SUNDAY</p>				
<p>CHRISTMAS EVE</p>	<p>4:00 PM 12 :00 MIDNIGHT</p>	<p>Parish Special Intention Parish Special Intention</p>		
<p>MONDAY December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY</p>	<p>7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Pro Populo Parish Special Intention Parish Special Intention</p>		
<p>TUESDAY December 26th ST. STEPHEN'S DAY</p>	<p>7:30 AM</p>	<p>Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish</p>	<p>Memorial</p>	
<p>WEDNESDAY December 27th ST. JOHN'S DAY</p>	<p>12:30 PM</p>	<p>Paul Eldridge</p>	<p>Memorial</p>	<p>Kwash Family</p>
<p>THURSDAY December 28th HOLY INNOCENTS</p>	<p>7:30 AM 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Grace C. Reynolds James Ferrucci</p>	<p>Memorial Memorial</p>	<p>DeMatteo Family Mary McCarthy</p>
<p>FRIDAY December 29th St. Thomas Beckett</p>	<p>7:30 AM Health of the Sick 12:30 PM</p>	<p>Michael Danziger Mary McCarthy</p>	<p>Memorial Year's Mind</p>	<p>Kingsley Family Mary McCarthy</p>
<p>SATURDAY December 30th Sixth Day of Christmas</p>	<p>9:00 AM 4:00 PM</p>	<p>All Souls Andrew DeMatteo Dana Marie Le Pichon Mary F. O'Malley</p>	<p>Memorial Birthday Intention Memorial Memorial</p>	<p>DeMatteo Family Kwash Family Jane & Bob Brearly Bill Brearly</p>



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“He has risen.”
Matt 28:6

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Matthew 20:26

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Father Anthony Cusack grappled with his vocation as a young man. After hearing God’s call to the priesthood, he embraced a life of service to every person placed before him in ministry.

Recognizing the growing needs of ethnic communities, Father Anthony broadened his pastoral skills by learning to celebrate Mass in both Spanish and Vietnamese. This enabled him to accept his first assignment at St. Ambrose and St. Mark Parishes in 2015.

Today, Father Anthony ministers in the heart of Dorchester. He engages the community in three very different languages. When summarizing his responsibilities, he describes personifying Christ: “The duty of the priest is, I think, to be Jesus to every single person he meets.”

To help ensure priests like Father Anthony receive essential care as they live out their vocation, please support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust through the special collection this Christmas.

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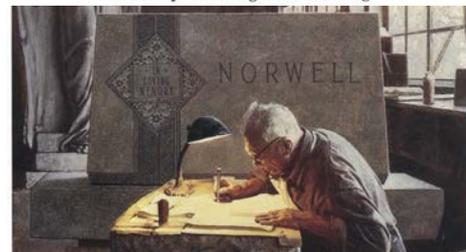
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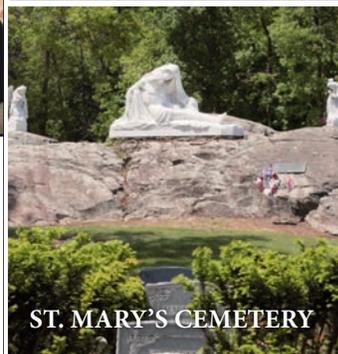
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