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## Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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Parish Cemetery of Saint  
Mary's, Needham  
GUARDIAN  
ESTATE  
MANAGEMENT  
INC.

Mr. Ron Goguen,  
Superintendent .

Guardian Staff on-site for service hours Mon.-Fri.,  
9 AM—3 PM, April through November.

The Cemetery Office is located at the parish  
rectory on 270 Elliot St, Newton Upper Falls and is  
open Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Telephone: [781-235-1841](tel:781-235-1841)

[saintmaryscemetery.org](http://saintmaryscemetery.org)

### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday:

*Novus Ordo*

4:00 P. M. (*Saturday Vigil*), 7:30 & 9:00 A. M.

*Traditional Latin*

11:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

#### Weekdays:

*Novus Ordo*

Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 7:30 A. M.

*Traditional Latin*

Mon-Wed-Fri 12:30 PM; Thu 5:30 P. M.

Sat 9:00 A. M.

#### Holy Days

*Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter);  
Assumption of Our Lady (August 15th); All  
Saints Day (November 1st); December 8th  
(Immaculate Conception of Our Lady)*

If falling on Mon-Fri—

*Novus Ordo*, 7:30 A. M. & 5:30 P. M.

*Traditional Latin*, 12:30 & 7:30 P. M.

If falling on Saturday—

*Novus Ordo*, 7:30 A.M.

*Traditional Latin*, 9:00 & 11:00 A. M.

(Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and  
January 1st, as announced)

March 23rd, 2025 A.D.

The Third Sunday in Lent

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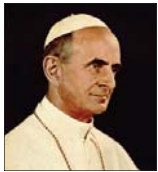
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

# 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  
Feast Day: May 29th**

**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 Sermed Ashkouri

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** The Sacrament of Baptism for infants and children under 7 years of age is scheduled upon request. Please contact the Parish Office (617-244-0558) to request a date.

**PENANCE:** Confessions regularly heard —  
SUNDAY, 10:00-11:00 A.M., 5:00-5:30 P. M.  
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, before and  
after the 12:30 P. M. Mass.  
THURSDAY, before and after the 5:30 P.M.  
Mass.

SATURDAY, 8:00-9:00 A. M./ 3:30-4:00 P. M.

**MATRIMONY:** Engaged couples should make arrangements with the parish church so as to allow for adequate sacramental preparation (six months), including a Pre-Cana program.

### Pastoral Care of the Sick

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK, also known as  
EXTREME UNCTION**

**Communion of the Sick for the Homebound**

Please contact Father Higgins at the Parish  
Office (617-244-0558)

**+ MARCH IS THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH+**

**2025 CATHOLIC APPEAL**

*Please support this year's Catholic Appeal for the sustaining of our Archdiocesan Central Administration and for the Ministries Archbishop Henning considers integral to the mission of our local Church of Boston.*

Our Parish Assessment for this Year's Appeal is:  
**\$40,800.00**

Our Parish Number is: 294

**BOSTONCATHOLIC.ORG**

2024 Catholic Appeal:  
Assessment: \$41,800.00  
Total Gifts & Payments: \$37,519.00 (90%)  
Billback to Parish: \$4,276.00

Last Friday we began our Conferences with the account of St. Augustine of Canterbury's Mission from Pope Gregory I to the Isle of once-Roman Britain, which had been overrun by seafaring invading tribes of Angles, Saxons and Jutes. We recalled the encounter of Augustine with King Ethelbert in the wood, and how the Anglo-Saxon King's permission to preach this Christian religion in his realm gave the Holy Ghost the opening for a prodigious conversion among the peoples. The year Augustine began to preach was 597. In less than a century, by the 680s A.D., the whole of England had become Christian.

Let us sketch out some important features about this conversion of Anglo-Saxon England. First, we cite the condition laid down by King Ethelbert to Augustine: they could preach freely and convert whom they might, but the King would have no man be constrained to become a Christian. Even after his own conversion, King Ethelbert did not change his stance. While eager to win others to the Faith, he would not allow for forced conversion.

In his commentary on this aspect of Ethelbert's conversion, the English Jesuit Fr. Herbert Thurston writes approvingly: *"The use of force has always been a real enemy to the progress of the Faith—even when it appears for the*

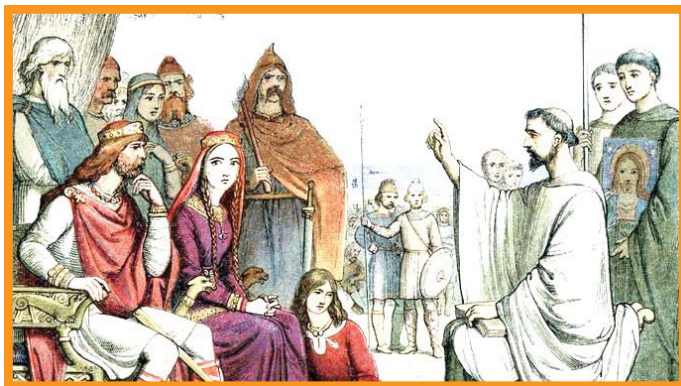
**Pastor's Note**



*Fr. Higgins*

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION, 2025**

*(Stations of the Cross, Friday nights during Lent, 7:30-8:30 PM)*



**CONFERENCE II:  
ENGLAND: "ISLAND OF SAINTS"**  
*(Conference given on March 14th)*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



**Weekly Holy Hours:**  
**Fridays, 6:30-7:30 AM**  
**11:30 AM-12:30 PM**  
**Saturdays, 8:00-9:00 AM**



**"GRATITUDE IS THE THING THAT BRINGS US THE MOST GRACE...I HAVE LEARNT THIS FROM EXPERIENCE; TRY IT AND YOU WILL SEE. I AM CONTENT WITH WHATEVER GOD GIVES ME, AND I SHOW HIM THIS IN A THOUSAND LITTLE WAYS."**—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)

moment to have been successful—for it is opposed to the spirit of Our Lord and to the essence of Christianity. The evangelization of the world will be brought about by prayer, by teaching, and by example, but never by force of arms, by persecution or by compulsion of any kind.” (Butler’s *Lives of the Saints*, Thurston edition.)

We note then that in the beginning of English Catholicism there is laid the foundation for a great emphasis on what we would call the individual conscience of the believer.

Second, we cite the sound prudential judgment of Pope Gregory in directing Augustine of Canterbury’s missionary endeavors. Augustine was very reliant on his communication with Gregory, frequently writing to him, even in minor matters, so tender was his conscience. I will give two examples of Gregory’s judgment applied to the mission field in England: 1) Pagan temples were not to be destroyed. Instead, they were to be purified and consecrated for Christian worship; and 2) As far as possible, people’s local customs around festivals were to be retained by substituting Catholic religious festivals in their place. “He who would climb to a lofty height,” Gregory wrote, “Must go by steps, not leaps.”

Here we note another feature of the beginning of English Catholicism: it reflects the Roman mind of classical learning of Pope Gregory the Great. It is temperate, proportionate, and has great respect for the life of the intellect. An outstanding example of the legacy of Pope Gregory, dubbed the “Apostle of England”, is  
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**“IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERENELY BEAR THE TRIAL OF BEING DISPLEASED 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 SUNDAY, MARCH 9th, A.D. 2025, \$9,063.00 + OTHER OFFERINGS, \$8,544.00 + \$25,000.00 (ANGEL DONOR GIFT):  
= \$42,607.00**



**ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES:  
= \$2,388.00**

*“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)

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	+Thomas McManus	Memorial	Nancy Sacco & Family
<b>March 23rd</b>	(Anticipated	+Francesco & +Florence		
<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN</b>	<b>Sunday Mass)</b>	Sacco		
<b>LENT</b>				
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	Pro Populo		
<i>Commemorations:</i>				
<i>Suffrage of Our Lady &amp;</i>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mary Goguen	Birthday Intention	Goguen Family
<i>All the Saints, For the</i>				
<i>Living and the Dead</i>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	For the Preservation of		
		the Free Exercise of		
		the Latin Mass in the		
		Life of the Church		
		Pino Family (Extended)	Living & Deceased	Nick Pino
		All Seminarians	Special Intention	Donor
		Pope/Priests/Bishops	Special Intention	MPA
		Divine Will/Peace on	Special Intention	
		Earth		MPA
		+Alex. M. Barboza (1/12)	Memorial	Susanna Barboza
		+Rudolf Brestovansky	3rd Anniv. Mem.	Katarina & Family
		+Genevieve Schmidt	Month's Mind	Steinkrauss Family
		Holy Family	In Thanksgiving	Choy Family
		+Paul/+Betsy Eldridge	Memorial	Rod & Martha Phillips
		+James & +Maryann		
		Gorney	Memorial	Bill & Lisa Purtell
		+Charlene Gorney	Memorial	Bill & Lisa Purtell
		Maria Doria	Health of the Sick	Geraldine Jean Pierre
		+Kevin Weeks	Memorial	Kasper Family
		+A Dora Gianfrancesco	2nd Anniv. Mem.	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
		+Miyoko Hazelrigg	Memorial	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
		Margaret M. Hood	Special Intention	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
		Jacqueline Alexandre	Special Intention	Judy Bousquet
		Antoinette Steinkrauss		
		(6/7)	Birthday Intention	Regina McGrath
		Elizabeth (5/5)	Health of the Sick	Sister
		+Paul Joseph Duseau	Memorial	Kwash Family
		+All Souls (1/4)	Healing	Susanna Barboza
		Eliana Bustamente (5/6)	Memorial	Susanna Barboza
		Gina & Baby (4/10)	Special Intention	Donor
		Alex & Arwen Dorna	Special Intention	
		(4/10)		Donor
		Pope Francis & His	Special Intention	
		Successor (3/9)		Donor
		The Wakefield Family	Special Intention	Kathy Blake
		(3/10)		



*FRONT COVER: Stained glass window inside Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church. The Surtitled Scripture verse is Luke 5:3: "And going into one of the ships that was Simon's, He declared him to draw back a little from the land. And sitting, He taught the multitudes out of the ship." The woman looking on is Our Lady.*

**In Memoriam**  
**Flowers on the Lady Altar: In Loving Memory of**  
**+Betty Whitney**

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>March 23rd</b>	11:00 AM	Bishops & Priests	Courage/Fidelity/ Perseverance	Donor
<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	5:30 PM	John & Elisa Schnur (6/9) Prayer Inten. of All (1/5) Fr. Stephen LeBlanc	Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention	Donor Maria Pia Deb Andrew
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>March 24th</b>	7:30 AM	+Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
<i>St. Gabriel Archangel</i>	12:30 PM	Patrick Goguen	Birthday Intention	Goguen Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>March 25th</b>	7:30 AM	Lynn Bryant	Birthday Intention	Goguen Family
<i>THE ANNUNCIATION (LADYDAY)</i>				
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>March 26th</b>	12:30 PM	+Betty Whitney	3rd Anniv. Mem.	
<i>Lenten Feria</i>				
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>March 27th</b>	7:30 AM	+Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
<i>Lenten Feria/ St. John Damascene</i>	5:30 PM	+Michael & +Jean Dicicco	Memorial	David DeVito
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>March 28th</b>	7:30 AM	+Janice Walsh	Month's Mind	
<i>Health of the Sick Lenten Feria/ San Juan Capistrano</i>	12:30 PM	+Giorgio Marchione	Memorial	David DeVito
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>March 29th</b>	9:00 AM	+All Souls (10/12) Eric Procopio & Sara Carden	Memorial Special Intention	Maria Mike & Annie Procopio
<i>Lenten Feria</i>		Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/ Peace on Earth Sona Saju (6/10) Laura Harvey (4/5) Sarikos/Wright Fam. (3/7) +Maria Ter. Djevalikian	Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention	MPA MPA Saju Cyriac Donor Donor
	4:00 PM <i>(Anticipated Sunday Mass)</i>	+Joanna Angelucci	Anniv. Memorial	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci

# Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)  
4:00 PM (Saturday), 7:30 & 9:00 AM

## The Third Sunday in Lent

**Prelude (9:00 AM)** Domine, Quando Veneris  
(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, composed in 1587)

*O Lord, when Thou comest to judge the world, where shall I hide myself from the face of Thy wrath? For I have sinned exceedingly in my life.*

*I dread my sins, I blush before Thee: When Thou comest to judge, do not condemn me. 1. For I have sinned exceedingly in my life. 2. According to Thy great mercy, have mercy on me, O God.*

**Introit: Psalm 24(25):15-16**  
**Oculi mei**

*My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.*

(TODAY'S MISSAL, pg. 6)

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

**Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII**

Kyrie, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:  
Parish Book of Chant, no. 107ff./pp. 107-108.

**Credo I (English)**

**Offertory** Our Lady of Sorrows  
(Traditional, Mainz composed in 1628)

*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: John 4:13-14**  
**Qui biberit**

*For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.*

(TODAY'S MISSAL, pg. 116)

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

Stabat Mater

(Jean de Castro, first published 1588 in Novae cantiones sacrae)

**Recessional Hymn:**

O Joseph, Mighty Patron (Extra photocopy sheet)

**Postlude (9:00 AM)**

Parce Domine I. (chant)

*Spare, O Lord, spare Thy people, lest Thou be angry with us forever....*

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Usus Antiquior)  
11:00 AM (5:30 P.M.)

## The Third Sunday in Lent

**Prelude (11:00 AM)** Domine, Quando Veneris  
(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, composed in 1587)

Choir Hymn: Gaude Joseph (11:00 Mass)

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

**Introit: Psalm 24. 15-16, 1-2** *Oculi mei semper ad Dominum, quia ipse evellet de laqueo pedes meos: respice in me, et miserere mei, quoniam unicus et pauper sum ego. Ps. ibid. 1, 2. Ad te, Domine, levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam. Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Oculi mei semper ad Dominum.*

**(11:00 AM)**

**Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII**

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 9:20,4** *Exsúrge, Dómine, non præváleat homo: judicéntur gentes in conspéctu tuo. In converténdo inimicum meum retrórsus, infirmabúntur, et peribúnt a fácie tua.*

**Tract: Psalm 122:1~3** *Ad te levávi óculos meos, qui hábitas in caelis. Ecce, sicut óculi servórum in má nibus dominórum suórum. Et sicut óculi ancillæ in má nibus dóm inæ suæ: ita óculi nostri ad Dóminum, Deum nostrum, donec misereátur nostri. Miserére nobis, Dómine, miserére nobis.*

**Offertory: (11:00 AM) Psalm 18. 9, 10, 11, 12** *Justitia Domini recta, latificantes corda, et judicia ejus dulciora super mei et favum: nam et servus tuus custodit ea.*

**Communion: Psalm 83. 4-5** *Passer invenit sibi domum, et turtur nidum, ubi reponat pullos suos: altaria tua, Domine virtutum, Rex meus, et Deus meus: beati qui habitant in domo tua, in saeculum saeculi laudabunt te.*

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

Stabat Mater

(Jean de Castro, first published 1588 in Novae cantiones sacrae)

**Recessional Hymn:**

O Joseph, Mighty Patron (Extra photocopy sheet)

Angelus

**Postlude (as at 9:00 AM)**





John Henry Cardinal Newman (+1890), who has now been raised to the altars as a Catholic Saint, and whose religious writings are of immense value to us in our present cultural climate.

The figure of St. Bede the Venerable (+735) in many respects epitomizes the best characteristics of early English Catholicism. It is Bede who has preserved for us the record of the conversion of his nation in his work, the *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*. He was born before Augustine's mission was yet a century old and the christianization of the English was still a fresh, on-going event. As a seven-year-old child, Bede was entrusted by his relatives to one of the new monasteries.



He writes: "From that time I have spent my whole life in that monastery, devoting all my efforts to the study of the Scriptures, and amid the observance of

monastic discipline and the daily charge of singing in the church it has ever been my delight to learn or teach or write ... From the time of my ordination [in my thirtieth year] up till my present fifty-ninth year I have endeavored, for my own use and that of the brethren, to make brief notes upon the Holy Scriptures either out of the works of the venerable fathers or in conformity with their meaning and interpretation ... And I pray Thee, loving Jesus, that as Thou hast graciously given me to drink in with delight the words of Thy knowledge, so Thou wouldst mercifully grant me to attain one day to Thee, the Fountain of all wisdom, and to appear forever before Thy face."



# SCRIPTURE READINGS for the THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

*Today's Missal, pages 75-77*

**Lesson (First Reading):**

**Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15**

*"I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob."*

**Epistle (Second Reading):**

**I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

*These things have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.*

**Gospel Lesson: Warnings on Judgment**

**Luke 13:1-9**

*"Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will perish as they did!"*



**"I REJOICE TO BE LITTLE, BECAUSE ONLY CHILDREN AND THOSE WHO ARE LIKE THEM WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE HEAVENLY BANQUET"—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)**

## LATIN MASS PROPERS: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**INTROIT:** Psalm 24: 15-16 My eyes are ever towards the Lord: for He shall pluck my feet out of the snare: look Thou upon me, and have mercy on me; for I am alone and poor. Ps. To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed. *V.* Glory be.

**COLLECT:** We beseech Thee, almighty God, regard the desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defence. Through our Lord.

**EPISTLE:** Ephesians 5:1-9 Brethren: Be ye followers of God, as most dear children: and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us and hath delivered Himself for us, an oblation and a sacrifice to God for an odour of sweetness. But fornication, and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not so much as be named among you, as becometh saints: or obscenity, or foolish talking, or scurrility, which is to no purpose: but rather giving of thanks. For know you this, and understand, that no fornicator, or unclean or covetous person, which is a serving of idols, hath inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the anger of God upon the children of unbelief. Be ye not therefore partakers with them. For you were heretofore darkness: but now light in the Lord. Walk then as children of the light: for the fruit of the light is in all goodness, and justice, and truth.

**GRADUAL:** Psalm 9: 20, 4 Arise, O Lord, let no man be strengthened; let the nations be judged in Thy sight. *V.* When my enemy shall be turned back, they shall be weakened and perish before Thy face. **TRACT:** Psalm 122: 1-3 To Thee have I lifted up my eyes, who dwellest in heaven. *V.* Behold as the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters. *V.* And as the eyes of the handmaid are on the hands of her mistress: so are our eyes unto the Lord our God, until He have mercy on us. *V.* Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 11:14-28 *At* that time Jesus was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb. And when He had cast out the devil, the dumb spoke, and the multitudes were in admiration at it. But some of them said: He casteth out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of devils. And others, tempting, asked of Him a sign from heaven. But He, seeing their thoughts, said to them: Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation, and house upon house shall fall. And if Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because you say that through Beelzebub I cast out devils. Now if I cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore, they shall be your judges. But if I by the finger of God cast out devils: doubtless the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his court, those things are in peace which he possesseth. But if a stronger than he come upon him and overcome him, he will take away all his armour wherein he trusted, and will distribute his spoils. He that is not with Me is against Me: and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through places without water, seeking rest: and not finding, he saith: I will return into my house whence I came out. And when he is come, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then he goeth and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and entering in they dwell there. And the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. And it came to pass, as He spoke these things, a certain woman from the crowd, lifting up her voice, said to Him: Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the paps that gave Thee suck. But He said: Yea, rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God, and keep it.

**OFFERTORY:** Psalm 18: 9, 10, 11, 12 The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts, and His judgments are sweeter than honey and the honeycomb: for Thy servant keepeth them.

**SECRET:** May this offering, we beseech Thee, O Lord, cleanse away our sins, sanctifying Thy servants in both soul and body for the celebration of this sacrifice. Through our Lord.

### PREFACE FOR LENT

**COMMUNION:** Psalm 5: 2-4 Understand my cry: hearken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God: for to Thee will I pray, O Lord.

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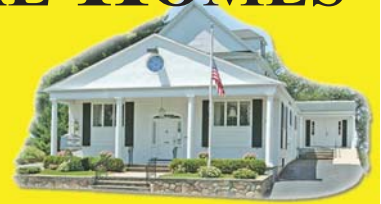
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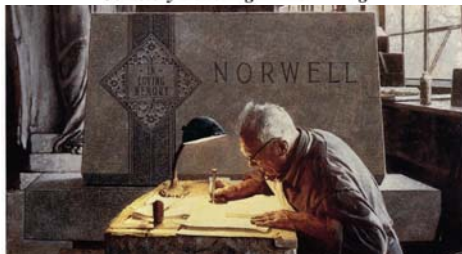


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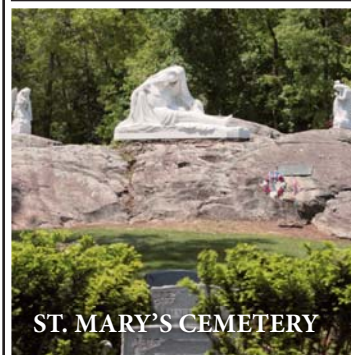
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