

Welcome to Good Shepherd Parish July 5, 2026

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Our nation continues to hunger for freedom, unity, healing and hope. The answer to that hunger is not found in greater division or louder arguments.

It is found in a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ. The One who sets us free.

~ Sarah Houde, Vice President, National Eucharistic Congress



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NATION
UNDER GOD*

Parish Office: (508) 650—3545

99 Main Street, Wayland, MA

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH VISION STATEMENT

Good Shepherd Parish strives to be a vibrant, welcoming community where every person can experience the Father's love. Through the Gospel proclamation, prayer, and joyous sacramental celebration, Good Shepherd Parish will inspire parishioners to discern and live out their vocations and to actively evangelize the world. As we bear witness to the Risen Christ, Our Lord and Savior, we aspire to serve our parish community. We will seek to welcome home the new, the lost, and the disheartened by using the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit..

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Roman Catholic community of Good Shepherd Parish, strive to be a living sign of Christ's love in and for the world. In response to our Baptismal call, nourished by the Eucharist and guided by the values of the Second Vatican Council, we seek to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by welcoming, supporting and guiding all through prayer, sacramental celebration, service and education.

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9 AM—3 PM
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ST. ANN CHURCH, 134 COCHITUATE RD, WAYLAND, MA



ST. ZEPHERIN CHURCH, 99 MAIN ST, WAYLAND, MA

Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 PM St. Ann
Sunday, 8:30 AM St. Zepherin
Sunday, 10:30 AM St. Ann

Confession

Saturday, 3:00 –3:45 PM
St. Ann
(or by appointment)

Weekday Masses

Monday—Tuesday
9:00 AM St. Ann
Wednesday—Friday
9:00 AM St. Zepherin

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 4
4:00 PM
NANCY MORAN (LIVING)

SUNDAY, JULY 5
8:30 AM
PEOPLE OF
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
10:30 AM
OUR NATION

MONDAY, JULY 6
9:00 AM
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
MEMORIAL SOCIETY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8
9:00 AM
MILLIE CHOINSKI
RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES

FRIDAY, JULY 10
9:00 AM
NANCY DUNNE

Parish Calendar

FRIDAY, JULY 3 &
MONDAY, JULY 6
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

DAILY MASS WILL BE HELD
AT THE USUAL TIME OF
9:00 AM



TUESDAYS OF JULY & AUGUST
NO 9:00 AM DALY MASS

The Honored Ambassador Before God (Part III) . . .

The 4th of July in my family was always spent at the beach on the South Shore where my father and many of his sisters had summer cottages. There were three holidays that you weren't excused from: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and July 4th. It was something I perpetually dreaded. We'd sit out on the seawall, watching bonfires and fireworks, late into the night, long after it was entertaining (which for me lasted about thirty seconds). Then, after that finally fizzled out, the kids from the cottage behind us would emerge, already blotto and fortifying their drunk with further libations, talking at full volume, and inevitably getting into a brawl with the kids from the cottage four doors down. It was impossible to ever get any sleep that night, let alone any peace and quiet.

Silence is at a premium, these days more than ever. Even our gas pumps shout in our ear now as they blare out advertisements for some sports drink or another. But silence is absolutely essential for serious prayer. There's a rising concern over kids spending too much time on their phones and how that's impacting their socialization skills—which in turn negatively impacts their emotional/psychological wellbeing. But it also obstructs something we all need, regardless of age: the mental space to encounter beauty, to ask ourselves "the big questions," to reflect on our selves in the quiet of our interiority. And to commune with God in prayer.

Elijah's experience on Mount Horeb that I mentioned in the first installment of this series speaks to the point. Exhausted from running away from Queen Jezebel, who had sworn to kill him, he collapses beneath a broom tree and begs for death. God summons him to the mountain and promises that He'll be passing by. Elijah is burned out: he's been on the lam, afraid for his life, bearing the entire load of being the last prophet of the Lord in the land—and so having the stress of that responsibility weighing heavy on him; and now he's demoralized with fatigue and just wants to sink into nothingness. How easy it would have been for him—with frazzled nerves and having been absorbed in a frenetic pace of life on the run—to go chasing after the earthquake, the fire, or the rushing wind, thinking to find God there.

But he had the wisdom to realize that God wasn't in the noise or the spectacle or the sensation of being juddered by the seismic tremors . . . not until the still, small voice wafted by him did he recognize God's presence. And he responded by covering his face with his cloak.

The episode brings forward two dimensions of silence: aural silence and silence of the eyes. Both are important to recalibrate the heart and imagination for the transition into prayer. "Not as man sees does God see," the Lord told the

prophet Samuel, "for man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." In other words, appearances can be deceiving, as the old saying goes.

Robert Cardinal Sarah, in his book *The Power of Silence*, puts it this way: "The silence of the eyes consists of being able to close one's eyes in order to contemplate God who is in us [...] The tyranny of the image forces man to renounce the silence of the eyes." Picture-in-picture television options, banners running on the bottom of the TV screen advertising the next show in the line-up, the constant rotation of images on webpages . . . all of this erodes our powers of concentration and our attention span. When we can't escape the tyranny of the image, we won't be able to pierce the surface of our sensory faculties in order to plumb the depths of our being. Nor can we stand in awe of the entirely Otherness of God when the mind's eye is saturated with a collage of images conditioned by the affairs of this world. Elijah had the right idea: presented with the delicate gossamer of God's subtle approach, one needs to shut out all the rudeness of the senses so as not to squelch the fragile note hanging in the air.

The problem is: Noise can be addictive, as can eye candy. And on the flip side of that coin, silence can be terrifying. It can feel like an absence, a blank space that needs to be filled. It's vital to human flourishing that we learn to re-think this mania for the manic. We need to treat silence, not as an absence, but as an oasis . . . a fertile spot for repose and refreshment—not a gap to be stuffed.

The German philosopher Josef Pieper observed, in his most famous work, that "Leisure is only possible when we are at one with ourselves. We tend to overwork as a means of self-escape, as a way of trying to justify our existence." And this was in 1948! How much more apropos is this insight here in the 21st century. This self-escape is why silence can be so unbearable for us; and it's by far and away the single biggest impediment to prayer. One can't bring oneself before God without first confronting one's own self; God is truth, and if one is not truthful about oneself than an honest conversation with God will be impossible.

So silence is the natural habitat of prayer. We need to become comfortable with it, as one would have to learn to be at home in a new house. But much like finding one's way around a new house, when you discover new things needing repair that you missed on the initial walkthrough with the home inspector, once we begin settling in to silence, we come to realize just how many layers of noise we've crowded our minds with. These need to be sifted through, unpacked, and come to terms with so that the honored ambassador has a proper place for his arrival . . .

~ Fr. Ren

Prayer Requests



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH PRAYER LINE:

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OR CALL THE NEW LINE TO LEAVE A MESSAGE :
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Coffee & Donuts!

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Presented by our Hospitality Committee
St. Zepherin Parish Center



Upcoming dates:
JUNE 28TH
JULY 12TH
JULY 26TH
AUGUST 9TH
AUGUST 30TH

Good Shepherd Parish
All are Welcome!



Readings To-Go!
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5, 2026

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!

MY BROTHER'S TABLE

AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

Please contact Laurie Hojlo at happyhojlos@verizon.net on how to volunteer at our food pantry



Welcome

Our Hospitality Committee kindly requests your assistance by signing up to be a Host family for one of our upcoming coffee & donuts events.

A member of the committee will serve alongside!

(508) 650 - 3545

For now, please call the office but we will try to get a sign-up form included in our next email newsletter!

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

(ADJUSTMENTS WHILE FR. FLEMING IS AWAY)

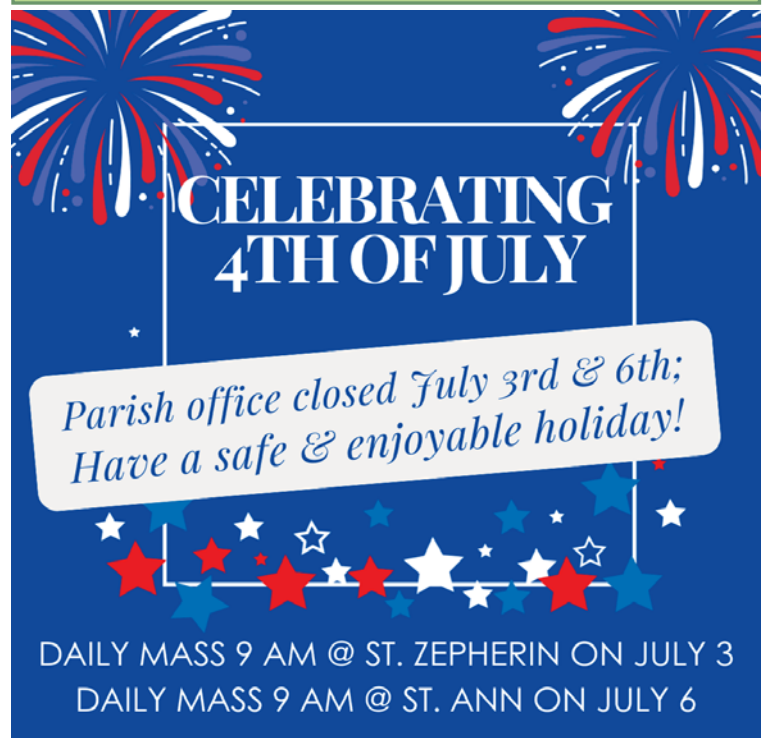
MONDAY 9 AM @ ST. ANN



**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY
9 AM @ ST. ZEPHERIN**



**NO DAILY MASS ON TUESDAYS
THROUGH THE MONTHS OF JULY & AUGUST**



CELEBRATING 4TH OF JULY

Parish office closed July 3rd & 6th; Have a safe & enjoyable holiday!

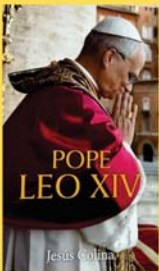
DAILY MASS 9 AM @ ST. ZEPHERIN ON JULY 3
DAILY MASS 9 AM @ ST. ANN ON JULY 6



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located at St. Ann Church
across from the confessional

Please feel free to come
visit our bookshelves and
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Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
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Saturdays from 10 AM - MASS time



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LIFELONG AND ONGOING

PLEASE STAY TUNED
FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND FOR
UPCOMING EVENTS IN ACADEMIC YEAR
2026—2027



Monthly meetings normally
take place on the 3rd Sunday of
the month in St. Ann's Hall
and are open
to visitors at any time.
Next meeting: JULY 19, 2026

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BLESS,
PREACH**



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if you will be attending.
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Visit boston3op.com for
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Mrs. Mikayla Dalton, O.P.
(fraternity president) at
mikayla.v.dalton@gmail.com.



St Zepherin
Church
is open for
weekday prayer

Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday
9:00 AM - 12 noon

Welcome to Our Parish

We are always pleased to welcome new members
to our Good Shepherd Parish family.
If you would like to become a registered member,
please fill out the information below and drop in
the offertory box.
Should you have questions, please call the office
at 508-650-3545.

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

We will contact you shortly to complete your
registration or you may visit our website for an
online registration form:
www.GoodShepherdWayland.org.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY July 5	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
MONDAY July 6	Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
TUESDAY July 7	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
WEDNESDAY July 8	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
THURSDAY July 9	Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
FRIDAY July 10	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14, 17/Mt 10:16-23
SATURDAY July 11	Saint Benedict, Abbot Is 6:1-8/Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
SUNDAY July 12	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Pilot Bulletins

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With enough people, we could split into rotating teams and you could focus on one church instead of having to do both!

For more information please call or visit our Parish Office:

(508) 650-3545; parish@goodshepherdwayland.org;

99 Main St., Wayland, MA

THE TABERNACLE CANDLES



CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN HONOR THE MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE.
508-650-3545

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Parish event coming up?

Please submit bulletin announcements to kholmstrom@goodshepherdwayland.org

by Fridays at noon **two weeks prior** to when you would like it advertised!

If you are creating the content, please check with Kat first on bulletin sizing for legibility.

PLEASE RESERVE THE TIME/SPACE ON THE CALENDAR WITH VINA FIRST

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH CALENDAR YR2026: HOLY DAY OR SPECIAL/SECOND COLLECTIONS

Jun. 20/21	PROMOTING THE GOSPEL (RCAB collection)
July 4/5	MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL (to benefit LaSalette Missionary, Attleboro)
Sept. 19/20	CLERGY HEALTH & RETIREMENT TRUST (RCAB Collection)
Oct. 3/4	HOLY FATHER & MISSIONARY EFFORTS (RCAB Collection)
Oct.17/18	WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (Propagation of Faith)
Nov. 21/22	RETIREMENT FUND FOR WOMEN RELIGIOUS (RCAB collection)
Tue. Dec. 8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY (GSP collection)
Dec. 24/25	CHRISTMAS COLLECTION (RCAB - only one collection at Christmas Masses)

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"he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?" Matthew 26: 40

HOLY HOUR

"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship."

-Ven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen



JULY 9TH AT ST. ZEPHERIN
COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Every 2nd Thursday at St Zepherin ~ 7:00-8:00 PM
 Every 4th Thursday at St Ann ~ 7:00-8:00 PM

ROYAL RIDE

Zechariah’s picture of a savior king entering Jerusalem “riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass” (Zech 9:9-10) is embedded in Christian celebrations of Palm Sunday. It fails to shock us. But that is not how the ruler of a great nation enters its capital. On Thursday, Oct. 26, 1775, King George III left St. James’ Palace to open Parliament in his great state coach unlike any in the empire. “Twenty-four feet long, thirteen feet tall, and weighing four tons, it was drawn – at glacial pace – by eight Royal Hanoverian Cream horses ... allegorical panels on the doors evoked imperial grandeur,” (R. Atkinson, *The British Are Coming*, pp. 164-65). Nothing of the sort in Zechariah. No military equipment of horse, chariot, or warrior’s bow, for Israel’s king to show off on parade.

To realize a global peace, “from sea to sea, and from the [Euphrates] River to the ends of the earth,” military budgets are cut to \$0! And the rulers of the world will no longer be flashing gold while their people suffer. At the time, Yehud (Israel) was a small province in the vast Persian (Iran) empire. When Jesus played out this scene as he entered Jerusalem (Matt 21:5-9; Jn 12:14-15), Rome’s military dictated peace terms. Peace through “shock and awe” or the drone attacks that send Israeli friends into Tel Aviv subways ... not exactly.

Jesus enacted Zechariah’s prophecy as part of his message about the Kingdom of God. The crowd welcomed him as that “humble savior”. Pilate sarcastically tacked the charge “king of the Jews” on the cross. Today’s gospel (Matt 11:25-30) indicates that God’s strategy had changed from sending prophets to go head-to-head with the powerful. Instead, it is the people who are the “humble ones”, those who do the work and need rest to whom Jesus speaks. King George never understood why those colonists didn’t quit. Not “noble words” but a determined “we the people” carried the day. Often marching bare foot!

Pheme Perkins, PH.D.
 Joseph Professor Emerita
 of Catholic Spirituality
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SATURDAY, July 25th | St. John's Seminary 127 Lake St, Boston | 9:30 AM-5:00 PM

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 will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy
 you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al - might-y
 Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On-ly Be - got - ten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a -
 way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right
 hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo-ry!
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the
 high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. A - men.

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 YouTube channel:
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Psalm 145: I Will Praise Your Name Forever

I will praise your name for ev - er, my king and my God.

1. I will extol you, O my God and King,
 and I will bless your name forever and ever.
 Every day will I bless you,
 and I will praise your name forever and ever.

2. The LORD is gracious and merciful,
 slow to anger and of great kindness.
 The LORD is good to all
 and compassionate toward all his works.

3. Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
 and let your faithful ones bless you.
 Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom
 and speak of your might.

4. The LORD is faithful in all his words
 and holy in all his works.
 The LORD lifts up all who are falling
 and raises up all who are bowed down.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION B

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a -
gain, un-til you come a - gain.

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AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men.
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world, grant us peace.

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Irving Berlin

**God Bless America,
Land that I love.**

**Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.**

**From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam**

God bless America, My home sweet home.



PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

God, source of all freedom,
this day is bright with the memory
of those who declared that life and liberty
are your gift to every human being.
Help us to continue a good work begun
long ago.

Make our vision clear and our will strong:
that only in human solidarity will
we find liberty,
and justice only in the honor
that belongs to every life on earth.
Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:
to understand the ways of others,
to offer friendship,
and to find safety only in the
common good of all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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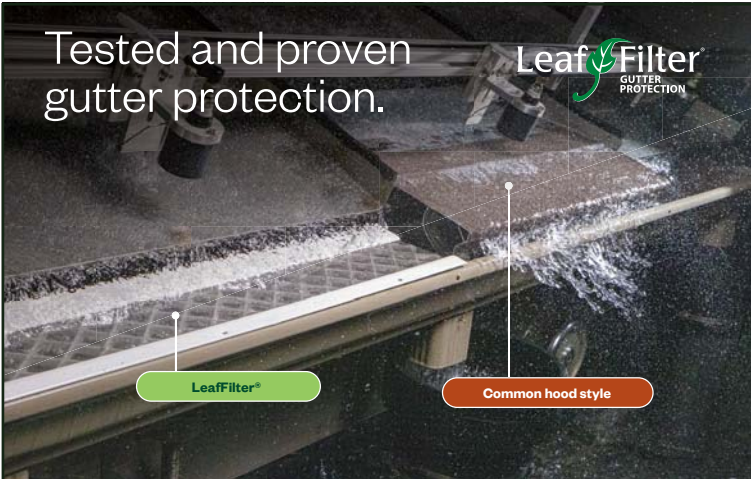


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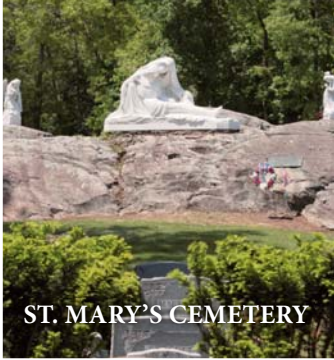
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