

Welcome to Good Shepherd Parish

August 30, 2026



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross,
and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."*

Matthew 16:24-25

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 Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

4:00 PM

**THE PEOPLE OF
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:30 AM

ANN KELLEY

10:30 AM

THERESA BINH LE

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 AM

**MILLIE CHOINSKI &
RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

9:00 AM

**GRETTA ROZARIO
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

9:00 AM

**FRANCIS DENNIS MAHONEY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

9:00 AM

**SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THOSE
WITH ADDICTIONS**

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,

CALL 508-650-3545 EXT. 14)

Weekday Masses

Mondays

9:00 AM St. Ann

NO TUESDAY MASS DURING SUMMER

Wednesday—Friday

9:00 AM St. Zepherin

Parish Calendar

TUESDAYS OF

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

NO 9:00 AM DAILY MASS

IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY:

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

& MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH



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

A friend of mine once remarked that we never read Scripture: we pray it. That struck me, and I carried it close to my heart for a while. Until one morning when I saw my mother sitting at the breakfast counter, drinking her coffee, eating her bowl of Raisin Bran, and flipping through the pages of her Bible, in an attitude identical to how my father used to read the Boston Globe while drinking his morning coffee with a slice of Sara Lee pound cake. Then I thought, Maybe it's not as straight-forward as always praying Scripture. Maybe sometimes we do fall into simply reading it. Our approach means a lot as to what we get out of it.

So how do we transition from casually reading the Bible to seriously praying with the Word of God? The Desert Fathers, those hermits who withdrew from the urban centers of Europe in the first few centuries of the Christian era to a life of seclusion in the desert, began a practice of memorizing passages of Scripture and meditating long and deeply on them. Growing out of this tradition St. Benedict of Nursia incorporated into his Rule of Benedictine spirituality divine reading—or in Latin, *Lectio Divina*.

Lectio Divina has since become the single most cherished system of Catholic meditation on the Bible. A twelfth-century Carthusian monk developed a four-step structure to *Lectio Divina*, appropriately named after him: Guigo's Ladder. The four "rungs" of his ladder, in ascending order, are *lectio* (reading), *meditatio* (meditation), *oratio* (prayer), and *contemplatio* (contemplation).

First, choose a passage of Scripture to focus on. It need not be long, even just half a dozen verses or so, or maybe a single miracle of Jesus's or one of the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. You may want to work through an entire book of the Bible, and so decide to start with a few verses from the beginning of that book, and each day progress through the text, taking a handful of verses at a time, until you've prayed through the entire book. Or you may decide to let a less linear process guide you: maybe praying something from one of the gospels one evening, then a passage from one of Paul's letters the next, then a psalm the following evening, etc. *Lectio Divina* isn't Bible study; one can be freer in choosing the texts to pray with than if you were hunkering down with PHEME to learn about the Bible.

Start with a few moments of silence to calm yourself, slow down your pace, and clear your mind. (This is why I dedicated so many columns early on in this series to advocating the benefits of silence.) Prepare yourself to meet the Lord in His Sacred Word. Ask the Holy Spirit to be present with you and reveal to you what He wants you to receive from this time of prayer.

Lectio: Begin by reading the chosen Scripture passage. Read it slowly, carefully, and lovingly. Read it aloud if possible—language is always meant to be heard and sounded in the mouth; it helps reveal to us the full effect of the text. Again, don't get caught up in trying to understand it intellectually; read it to hear what God is saying to you. Read the passage two or three times, pausing for two or three moments between each reading to let yourself digest the text. Read it in a disposition of active listening. You are listening for the word or phrase that God wants to speak to you today.

Meditatio: When that particular word or phrase stands out for you, pause and stay with it a while. Read it over again, slowly. Savor it . . . consider what it is about that locution that caught your attention . . . what is God saying here? . . . what was He saying to the original audience? . . . what is He saying to you? . . . How does it connect with

what's going on in your life now, either the things that are going on around you in life or in your interior life? . . . What sort of images is it bringing to your mind? . . . What is God revealing to you in this phrase, about Himself, about yourself, about your relationship with Him, about the relationship He'd like to have with you? Let it resonate at deeper and deeper levels. Delight in the Word, as you would a letter from a loved one you haven't heard from in a long while.

Oratio: After you've allowed the Word to speak to you, it's time for you to respond. Take what's arisen in your heart and your consciousness from your meditation on the text and speak to God in reply. Perhaps your meditation has presented a challenge to you, nudging you to take a different direction in a certain situation or a particular relationship, or tapping you to change a habit . . . respond with your difficulties to this challenge: speak to God about your concerns and reflect a bit on what it might look like if you changed that habit or took that different direction. *Oratio* might also simply inspire you to respond to God's word with gratitude, praise, repentance, petition, or simply some expression of love.

Contemplatio: Contemplation is the posture of quiet repose. Here, we simply rest in God's presence in loving silence. This is not emptying the mind, as, say, in Buddhist meditation, but filling your mind with God's presence. You are just being with God, like an infant in mother's arms. The repose of contemplation is a gift from God and cannot be forced; but we can properly dispose ourselves to receive that gift. Remaining quiet and still, gently brushing aside distractions as they come, like one would brush a lock of hair away from the face, breathing deeply from the diaphragm, and keeping oneself open for God's mysterious arrival.

Finally, make a resolution to hold on to whatever fruit you received from this time in prayer. If you've realized a change that should be made in your life, make a specific decision about what concrete action you'll take to start to make that change. If you've received consolation and peace from a promise God makes in the Scripture passage, think about how you'll continue to stay with that peace when "the bullets start flying" around your head when you re-join the outside world. If you've recognized a blessing to be grateful for, think about how you'll remind yourself to renew that gratitude when the world tries to tell you that you should be angry. Then take a last deep, plentiful breath and exit the prayer to return to life outside your sanctuary, hopefully refreshed and re-charged by God's grace.

Dedicate twenty minutes to *Lectio Divina*. If you can't commit to this every evening, then choose one night a week for it. With this kind of prayer it's far better to take more time at one sitting on less frequent occasions than to do it more often but with shorter spurts.

One last word: Don't be frustrated if you don't gain anything from every visit to *Lectio Divina*. Remember, prayer is a gift, and we can't demand a gift; we can only receive it joyfully and gratefully when it comes. The most mature kind of prayer finds its purest beauty in the fact that we're giving our time to God, not in what we get from that time spent with Him. If nothing else comes from the twenty minutes, at least you've had a third of an hour of peace and real leisure—and that alone is a precious treat these days. Your heart will have been alleviated, your mind illuminated by God's Word, and your soul elevated to the God who loves you and asks only for your love in return.

~Fr. Ren

Lectio Divina

Lectio

- "Read"
- Read several times, be attentive to detail
- Note verses or phrases that stand out to you
- Work to understand meaning and background

Meditatio

- "Meditate"
- Think about reading and connect to your life
- Imagine being present to hear the passage or witness the story

Contemplatio

- "Contemplate"
- Quiet expression of love between you & God
- Note what God is trying to teach you through the passage & time of prayer

Oratio

- "Pray"
- Dialogue with God in prayer about passage
- Thank God for His Word
- Ask Him to lead you to deeper understanding

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WELCOME

TO GOOD
SHEPHERD PARISH

Hello, my name is Kim Bowler.

A little about me: I am very blessed in that I was raised into a large Catholic family where the seeds of faith were planted and first began to bloom. I consider my Catholic upbringing to be my greatest gift!

I have a background in special education and have worked in the field for a number of years. I also have worked in youth and young adult ministry where I've been able to share my faith in various parishes in the Archdiocese.

I enjoy hiking, running, cooking, and painting in my free time. I'm very excited to be able to share my gifts with the community of believers here at Good Shepherd Parish.

**Pastoral Associate &
Associate Coordinator
of Faith Formation**



*Kim
Bowler*

Start off the school year with a prayer!
Our parish is praying for all of our students,
families and teachers.

PRAYER TO BEGIN A SCHOOL YEAR

Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge
to guide your people in all their ways.
At the beginning of this new school year
we implore your mercy:
bless our students, teachers, and staff,
that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love
as we learn from you and each other
how to follow your Son Jesus.
Expand the horizons of our minds,
that we may grow in wisdom,
understanding, and knowledge;
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways;
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.
Glory and praise to you, Lord God,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

R/. Amen

Prayer taken from the Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers,
Revised Edition (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2007), USCCB 300.



THE TABERNACLE
CANDLES
BURN
IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
THERESA BINH LE

(AUGUST 28 -
SEPTEMBER 3)

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
JOHN 8:12



**MY BROTHER'S
TABLE**
AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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of St. Ann and St. Zepherin

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Next date:
**September 3,
2026**

First Thursdays
of each month!
1:00 - 3:00 PM

Where:
St. Zepherin Parish Center

All are welcome!
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to knit for others. You may
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Contact:
Joanne Berry
(508 524-8630)
or
Regina Kennedy
(508 358-7684)



Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of
Angela (Mancini) Pizzi
Whose funeral Mass was recently celebrated at our parish



"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her"

The Requiem Prayer

Coffee & Donuts!

After 8:30 AM Mass!
Presented by our
Hospitality Committee
St. Zepherin Parish Center



FINAL SUMMER
DATE:
AUGUST 30TH

Good Shepherd Parish
Thank you for joining us this
summer!

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Deacon Colm will be offering a VIRTUS training
for all of our volunteers who
have not yet been able to take the course.

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Place: St. Zepherin Parish Center
Time: 9 AM - 12 NOON

You MUST Register online first:
<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

Also, it is time to complete the 2027 CORI forms - please check emails and the
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 SEPTEMBER 20TH AT ST. ANN**

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Oct. 3/4	HOLY FATHER & MISSIONARY EFFORTS (RCAB Collection)
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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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 OF OUR PARISH MISSION!**

SAVE THE DATE!

*Parish
 Picnic*



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Beginning after the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Ann
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Let's celebrate our community
 with a Parish Picnic!

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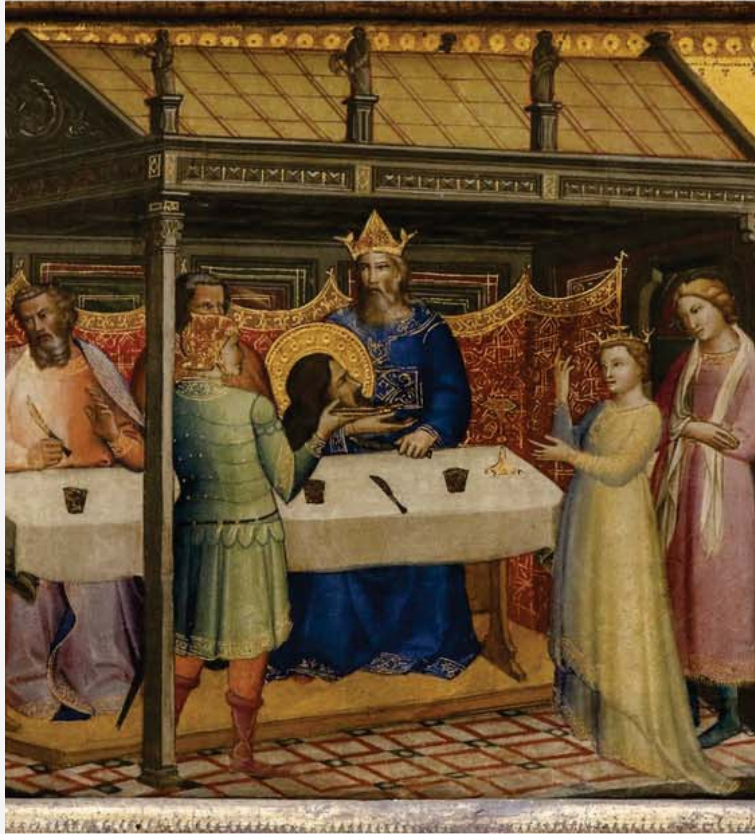
**St Zepherin
 Church**
*is open for
 weekday prayer*

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

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Aug 30	<i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
MONDAY Aug 31	1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
TUESDAY Sep 1	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
WEDNESDAY Sep 2	1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
THURSDAY Sep 3	<i>Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i> 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
FRIDAY Sep 4	1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
SATURDAY Sep 5	<i>Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin</i> 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
SUNDAY Sep 6	<i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST August 29th



Photograph by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.

"John preached the freedom of heavenly peace, yet was thrown into irons by ungodly men; he was locked away in the darkness of prison, though he came bearing witness to the Light of life and deserved to be called a bright and shining lamp by that Light itself, which is Christ. John was baptized in his own blood, though he had been privileged to baptize the Redeemer of the world, to hear the voice of the Father above him, and to see the grace of the Holy Spirit descending upon him."

– Saint Bede the Venerable

GOD'S AI

"For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?" Words from the Old Testament that St. Paul quoted in last Sunday's reading from Romans 11:33-36. It seems unlikely that even if an AI chat bot were consulting its training data from Scripture and centuries of human commentary on the Bible it would be God's counselor. Today's readings provide dramatic examples of God's servants facing the dilemma of suffering. Jeremiah counseled accommodation with Babylonian rule. God would not bail Judah out of disaster with heavenly powers. For sticking to that message, the prophet had been imprisoned. Why continue when he sees all too clearly what is coming? He even lashes out at God. But God's word is so embedded in his body, "like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones," (Jer 20:7-9) that he cannot quit.

Last week Jesus singled Peter out as the foundation rock on which the Church is to be built, but that "rock" still thinks like humans do. If Jesus is God's messiah, the one to save God's people, then he should end the story of misery and conflict. Get rid of scheming, wicked counselors who put prophets like John, the Baptist to death. Jesus immediately tells his disciples that is not God's plan (Matt 16:21-27).

Like Jeremiah, Peter protests, and Jesus snaps back, "Get behind me, Satan! ...You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do!" Remember, Jesus once used that phrase "get behind me, Satan" when he was tested by Satan (Matt 4:9). He followed with the words of Deut 6:13, "you shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him alone." Now Jesus tells his disciples a hard truth about this world run by the way those human beings think – and even more dangerous, their emerging AI assistants! To worship and serve God alone will require sacrificial love, not power. But life does not end here. There is a future in glory.

Pheme Perkins, PH.D.
Joseph Professor Emerita
of Catholic Spirituality
Boston College



Glory to God

Through-composed

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. 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.

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.

Strength for the Journey

Michael John Poirer

I will be, I will be, I will be strength for the jour-ney. I will be, I will be, I will be strength for the jour-ney.

1. There is a road meant for you to travel.
Narrow and steep is the shepherd's way;
and as you say "yes", letting me guide you,
I will be strength for the journey.

2. There is a cross meant for you to carry.
There is a cross meant for you alone;
and as you bow down in humble surrender,
I will be strength for the journey.

3. How many times have you doubted my word?
How many times must I call your name?
As you say "yes", letting me love you,
I will be strength for the journey.

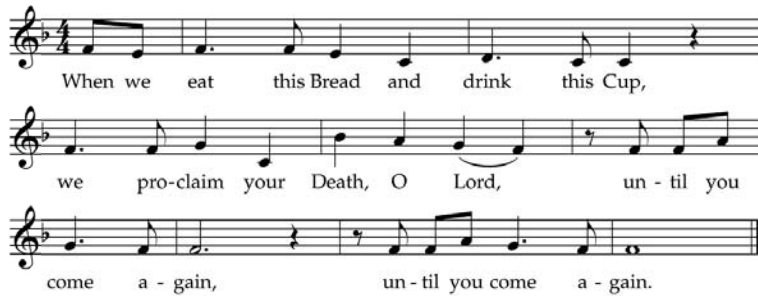
HOLY HOLY HOLY

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



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LAMB OF GOD

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As a faith community, we're here to share in each others' experiences and to lift each other in prayer. Whatever you're facing – whether it's a cause for joy, a challenge weighing you down, or a particular intention you're holding close to your heart – we want to join you in prayer.

Readings
To-Go!22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2026Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!

“ Give yourself fully to God.
He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that
you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness. ”
– Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

1910–1997
FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 5

Raised in a deeply Catholic family in Albania, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu joined the Sisters of Loreto in 1928 and took the name Teresa. The community sent her to Kolkata, India, where she taught children for two decades. In 1946 Teresa heard God's call to quench the thirst of Jesus by caring for the poorest of the poor. She left the Sisters of Loreto to rescue the sick and destitute in the slums of Kolkata – one at a time. Many volunteers soon joined her and she formed them into her religious order, the Missionaries of Charity. Teresa's manifest goodness and her unique media savvy attracted global attention, drawing many people to God. Many regard her as the greatest Catholic evangelist of the 20th century. She was beatified in 2003 and canonized in 2016.



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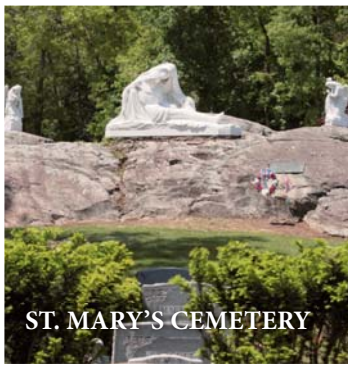
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For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at **781-235-1841**.
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