

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you;
if you trust in God, you too shall live. Sirach 15:15



Walpole Catholic

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February 15, 2026

Blessed Sacrament Parish



Saint Mary Parish



Blessed Sacrament School



Saint Francis Cemetery



From the Desk of Rev. Jean Pierre Aubin, Pastor

Meeting with Archbishop Henning

Last Thursday, on January 26, 2026, Archbishop Richard Henning met with many of his priests, (I'm told 90 % of the presbyterate) at the Newton Plaza Hotel to talk about a variety of topics, including the issue of why Catholics should refrain from eating meat, not just during Lent, but on ALL FRIDAYS.

The USCCB has asked all Catholics across the country to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays. Here, in the Archdiocese of Boston, and specifically in the great Collaborative of Walpole, as your priest and fellow Christian, I'm asking you to return to one of the oldest traditions of the Catholic Church. "In recognition of Friday as the day of the crucifixion, Canon Law calls for abstinence from eating meat on all Fridays of the year (see Canon 1251). The bishops of the United States have determined that outside of the Fridays during Lent, Catholics may choose to substitute another penance that is particularly meaningful to them, although they continue to recommend abstinence on all Fridays for Catholics."

When we were growing up back in the 1960s (for those of you who are my age), it was mandatory for Catholics to refrain from meat on all Fridays. As you know, many people have sadly abandoned this oldest Catholic tradition.

Everything around us has changed, but St. Paul teaches us that " Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) We have changed but God hasn't changed and never will. So, according to the church's tradition, abstinence of meat on all Fridays is required for "all Catholics age fourteen and older and has no upper limit."

This is the message that the bishops of the United States, in particular, Archbishop Henning, are calling for. Here in our Collaborative, as your priest, I'm asking you not to eat meat on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent and on ALL FRIDAYS. Feel free to eat fish on Wednesdays because fish, according to my little research, doesn't belong to the flesh meat category.

So, the big question is why abstinence on all Fridays?

I have done a little research on this topic and this is what I found.

"Abstinence is a form of asceticism, the practice of self-denial to grow in holiness. Our Lord asked his disciples to deny themselves and take up his cross (Mt 16, 24). Abstinence is a sober way to pray simplicity and austerity, to deny the cravings of our bodies to honor Jesus who practiced the ultimate form of self-denial when He gave up His body for us on the cross."

How would I know that everyone in our Collaborative practices the discipline of self-denial. I TRUST YOU. And more importantly, I know that you love Our Blessed Lord wholeheartedly and you will always strive to do what is pleasing to Him. Our Lord Jesus sacrificed His flesh for us on Good Friday, so the abstinence of meat on all Fridays is like a drop of water in the ocean as opposed to what He endured for us during His passion, death and resurrection.

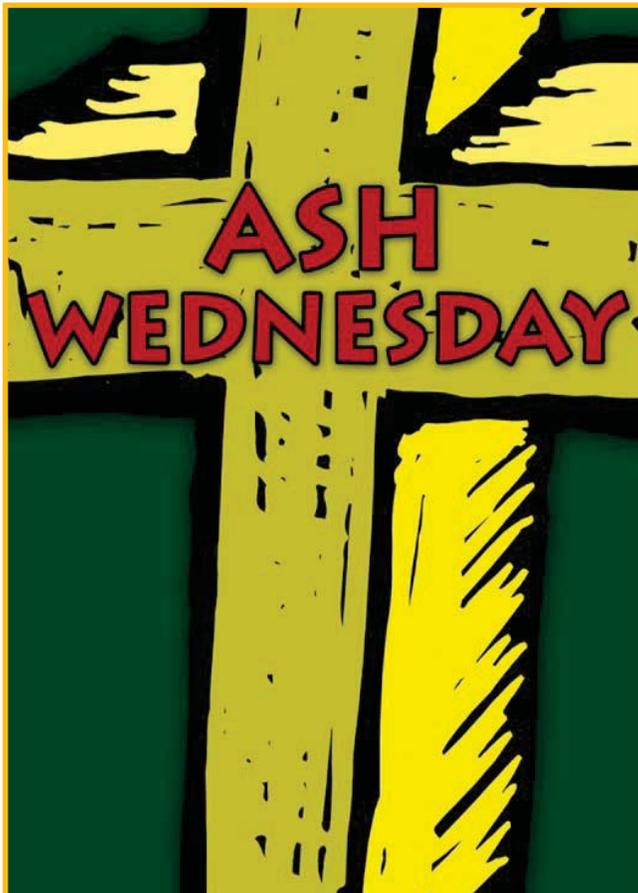
Lastly, I would like to seize another to thank you so much for your generosity, support, prayers and encouragement to our Collaborative.

Happy Ash Wednesday to all. It is my hope and prayer that this Lenten season will continue to draw you closer each day to Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother Mary.

I remain yours in the Lord,



Fr Jean Pierre Aubin, your friend



Wednesday, February 18

- 5:45am Mass w/Distribution of Ashes – St. Mary
- 9am Mass w/Distribution of Ashes – St. Mary
- 4pm Liturgy of the Word Service w/Distribution of Ashes – Blessed Sacrament
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- 6:30pm Mass w/Distribution of Ashes – Blessed Sacrament*
*live-streamed

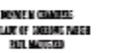
Offertory collection will go to Catholic Charities.

A Priest will be available to distribute ashes from 11am-3pm at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Office (10 Diamond St) and the Rectory at St. Mary's (176 Washington St) on Ash Wednesday. Drop in- no appointment necessary.



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL END OF THE YEAR REPORT

Last year, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and private donors, we were able to provide more than \$94,000 in temporary financial assistance to our neighbors. Most of this support helped with housing, utilities, and heat, with over 88% staying right here in Walpole.

Our volunteers also completed 97 home visits, including 18 visits with individuals experiencing homelessness, and supported more than 100 children. We are currently a group of 13 volunteers and 2 associate members and are always happy to welcome new members.

If you'd like to get involved, email st-vdp@walpolecatholic.org or call 508-476-6003. Donations can be mailed to SVdP, 10 Diamond Street, Walpole, MA 02081, or made via Venmo at @SaintVincent-DePaul-1.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you know of someone who is homebound or unable to attend Mass and who would appreciate the Eucharist being brought to them? If you would like to arrange a home visit or nursing home visit for a member of our Walpole Catholic Community, please contact the Parish Office at 508/668-4700 x119. Such visits can include regular weekly visits to receive the Eucharist or with parish priest for the Sacrament of Healing.

If you are interested in serving as a pastoral visitor, please reach out to Deacon Rey Spadoni at rey.spadoni@walpolecatholic.org

LENT



Walpole Council Knights of Columbus

Friday Lenten Fish Dinner Specials

Back by popular demand the Walpole Knights of Columbus will be serving

 Friday Lenten Fish Specials at the Council Hall on the below listed 
2 Fridays from 6:30pm til 9:30pm.

The price is only \$22.00 per person which will include:
a full baked fish dinner, chowder, dessert & coffee



Friday: Feb. 27th
Friday: March 27th



All Tickets Must Be Prepaid

(Please make checks out to: Walpole Knights of Columbus Council 1319)

Please contact the following member for tickets:
Fred Corcoran 508-942-7724

Council Hall - 137 Stone Street • Walpole, MA

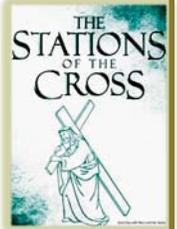
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at St. Mary & Blessed Sacrament Churches
February 20-March 27
Fridays at:

3pm Blessed Sacrament Church
7pm St. Mary Church

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross or Via Crucis, commemorate Jesus's passion and death on the cross. There are 14 stations that each depict a moment on his journey to Calvary, usually through sacred art, prayers, and reflections. The practice began as pious pilgrims traced his path through Jerusalem on the Via Dolorosa.

Please join us as we hold Stations of the Cross on Fridays at both churches.



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

You can help beautify our churches for Easter by making a donation in the memory of or in honor of a loved one. There are donation envelopes available at the entrances of both churches for Easter flowers.

Please remember to neatly print the name(s) of your loved one(s). If you prefer, you can type up the names and put your list in the envelope. Envelopes can be returned in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Offices.

The deadline is April 1 to have your intention included in the April 19 bulletin.



LENT

Prayer + Fasting + Almsgiving

LENT

Lent is upon us! In just a few days, we will embark on a 40-day journey of conversion to the cross. Have you made your Lenten resolutions yet? Check out the USCCB website for reflection materials, a calendar, and all the facts you need to know about Lent. www.usccb.org/lent

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Penance is an experience of the gift of God's boundless mercy.

Please experience this mercy by coming to our Wednesday evening Reconciliation times.

Wednesday evenings - February 25-March 25
(7-8pm)

St. Mary and Blessed Sacrament Churches





ANNUAL BABY SHOWER



On the weekend of February 28/ March 1 St. Mary and Blessed Sacrament parishes will hold our collaborative Annual Baby Shower for the unborn. Your donations help benefit Pregnancy Help, the pro-life agency of the Archdiocese of Boston, which provides compassionate and practical life affirming alternatives to women in need.

Suggested gifts include clothes for newborns, onesies, sleep & plays, outfits (size newborn & 0-3 months), pacifiers, washcloths, bibs, socks, blankets and diaper bags. Diapers and baby wipes are also appreciated.

Gift cards to CVS, Walgreens, Carters, Kohls and cash donations are also accepted. Please make checks payable to the "Fund for the Unborn". Our baby showers help provide new mothers with a generous layette to welcome baby.

YOUTH BAKING MINISTRY- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thanks to all who have generously shared their time, talents, and baking supplies to support the Youth Baking Ministry benefiting the Pine Street Inn. Your contributions truly make a difference.

To keep this wonderful ministry going, we are seeking 1-2 adult volunteers to assist at our monthly baking sessions and help ensure a safe, fun, and productive experience for our youth.

Baking sessions take place on the 3rd Saturday of each month (September-April) at 9am-1pm. **The next date will be Saturday, February 21.** You can sign up online at: <https://walpolecatholic.net/community-service> Contact Christina Riccobono with questions at 203-570-1421 or christinariccobono@yahoo.com

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please consider joining the Knights of Columbus Walpole Council. If you would like to join or have questions, please contact Mat Dorment at mdorment@comcast.net or (617) 312-3809.



THE WCC 2025 ANNUAL REPORT IS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE

(www.walpolecatholic.net/2025-annual-report)

NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Fr. Heni is leading a new Bible Study every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, unless in conflict with a funeral or other church activity. We will meet in the Blessed Sacrament Community Room right after daily mass (around 10am).



We will begin with the Gospel of Matthew, Chapters 1-5. This will be a focus on how the spiritual aspect can transform our lives and our relationships with our Lord God. We hope you will join us in this faithful journey.

MASS & HEALING SERVICE, STOUGHTON

A Healing Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Carlos Suarez at Immaculate Conception Church, 122 Canton Street, Stoughton, on Saturday morning March 14, at 10:00 a.m.

The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick as well as individual prayer for healing. All are welcome!



Walpole Council Knights of Columbus

Saint Patrick's Day Dinner



Friday, March 13, 2026

Cocktails, Meet & Greet 6:00 PM

Dinner 7:00 PM

Complete Corned Beef Dinner

Dessert & Coffee

Cash Bar

Entertainment



Ticket price is only \$22 per person

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Fred Corcoran 508-942-7724

Council Hall - 137 Stone Street - Walpole, Mass.

There will be a special dispensation to allow for eating meat on a Friday at this dinner.

ADORATION CHAPEL

AT BLESSED SACRAMENT



Monday through Friday 7AM - 10PM
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on Monday nights and First Fridays

"The daily adoration or visit to the Blessed Sacrament is the practice which is the fountainhead of all devotional works."
- St. Pope Pius X

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

The Wednesday Morning Prayer Group has resumed in person at Blessed Sacrament Community Room on Wednesdays at 9:30am. All are welcome! Contact Peg at 508-668-5455 if interested.



ONLINE GIVING

Please consider continuing your support for our parish through **online giving**. Scan the QR code or visit our website to contribute securely and conveniently.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1

Offering

	BLESSED SACRAMENT	ST. MARY
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$7,844	\$6,978
In Pew/Mail in	\$6,012	\$6,443
Online	\$1,832	\$535
Weekly Goal	\$10,433	\$6,749
Difference	-\$2,589	\$229
% Difference	-25%	3%
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE (7/2025-6/2026)		
Offertory Total	\$312,271	\$220,240
Cumulative Goal	\$323,423	\$209,219
Difference	-\$11,152	\$11,021
% Difference	-4%	5%

EMMAUS RETREAT



Please join us for our next Emmaus Retreat that will take place on Friday, March 13th to Sunday, March 15th, 2025, at LaSalette Retreat Center in Attleboro, MA.

Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. We want to invite you to join us on our next Emmaus weekend. You will be welcomed by a loving community, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and celebrate the sacraments.

For more information or to apply online, email us at emmausretreats@gmail.com or visit our website: www.emmausretreats.com.

2025 OFFERTORY STATEMENTS

Available upon request



For St. Mary Parish

By Phone: (508) 668-4794 (x115)

By Email: STMParishOffice@walpolecatholic.org

For Blessed Sacrament Parish

By Phone: (508) 668-4700 (x122)

By Email: BusinessOffice@walpolecatholic.org

CLOTHING FOR THE HOMELESS

Please help us by donating clothing, especially gently-used t-shirts, sweatpants, and socks so that we can continue their mission. We are also collecting new or gently-used, clean blankets & sheets. Boxes are at both churches. God Bless.

COLLABORATIVE OFFICE HOURS

Blessed Sacrament Parish Office
(10 Diamond St)

Monday-Friday 9am-1pm

St. Mary Parish Office (205 Washington St.)

Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READING 1.....SIRACH 15:15-20

If you choose you can keep the commandments,
they will save you; if you trust in God, you too
shall live; he has set before you fire and water
to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.
Before man are life and death, good and evil,
whichever he chooses shall be given him.
Immense is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is mighty in power, and all-seeing.
The eyes of God are on those who fear him;
he understands man's every deed.
No one does he command to act unjustly,
to none does he give license to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (1b) **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they who observe his decrees,
who seek him with all their heart.

R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

You have commanded that your precepts
be diligently kept.

Oh, that I might be firm in the ways
of keeping your statutes!

R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

Be good to your servant, that I may live
and keep your words.

Open my eyes, that I may consider
the wonders of your law.

R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes,
that I may exactly observe them.

Give me discernment, that I may observe your law
and keep it with all my heart.

R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

READING 2.....1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

Brothers and sisters:

We speak a wisdom to those who are mature,
not a wisdom of this age,
nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away.
Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,

which God predetermined before the ages for our glory,
and which none of the rulers of this age knew;
for, if they had known it,
they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
But as it is written:
*What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared for those who love him,
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.*

For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of
God.

ALLELUIA

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL.....MAT 5:20-22A, 27-28, 33-34A, 37

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
*You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judg-
ment.*

But I say to you,
whoever is angry with his brother
will be liable to judgment.

"You have heard that it was said,
You shall not commit adultery.

But I say to you,
everyone who looks at a woman with lust
has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,

*Do not take a false oath,
but make good to the Lord all that you vow.*

But I say to you, do not swear at all.

Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'
Anything more is from the evil one."



**PRAYER TO
SAINT MICHAEL
THE ARCHANGEL**

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and
snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen..



**SANCTUARY CANDLES AT
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Remember a friend or loved one with a sanctuary candle lit in his/her name. Your Candle Intention can be in the Chapel or the Main Church for a \$15 donation. The candle will burn from Sunday to Sunday for the week requested. All intentions will be noted in our bulletin. Call our Parish House at 508-668-4700 to request one.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 14

4am BSP Brenda Silvi
4pm STM David & Kate Ceccarelli

Sunday, February 15

9am STM Bill Wang & Mary Ellen Knoth
9:30am BSP Marie Piriano
11am BSP George Keady
11:30am STM Mark Cotter, Mary Penza, John & Priscilla Nardi

Monday, February 16

5:45am STM Dad and the Dognazzi family

ASH WEDNESDAY- February 18

Thursday, February 19

9am BSP Edward & Sally Hartin

Saturday, February 21

4am BSP Kevin Mackey
4pm STM Kerry Corriveau

Sunday, February 22

9am STM Papa Dwight
11am BSP Michael & Louisa Defazio
11:30am STM Thomas Ellard



Sanctuary Lamp in the Main Church
is Lit for Carlo Caccia

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are asked to pray for all the sick, grieving, and suffering. Through our parish prayer lines, we also remember all our shut-ins, our unemployed, our sick, our grieving, and our own parish dead. If you wish to add a name, contact Louise at Lffahey@gmail.com for St. Mary or Claire at blessedsacramentprayers@gmail.com for Blessed Sacrament.



Our Mission Statement

We, the faith community of the Walpole Catholic Collaborative, welcome all people with our open hearts and joyful spirits. Rooted in the love of Christ and His Church, we seek to live a Catholic-centered life, nourished by the sacraments and guided by the Gospel. Through worship, service, and discipleship, we strive to grow in faith and share God's grace with the world.





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COLLABORATIVE MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil

4pm Blessed Sacrament & St. Mary

Sunday

7:30am St. Mary
8am Blessed Sacrament
9am St. Mary
9:30am Blessed Sacrament
11am Blessed Sacrament
11:30am St. Mary

Daily Mass

Monday-Wednesday 9am St. Mary
Wednesday-Friday 5:45am St. Mary
Thursday -Saturday 9am Blessed Sacrament

Confession Times

First Wed. of the month 7-8pm Blessed Sacrament
Wed-Fri, 5:15am; 6:15am St. Mary
Mon. & Wed. 9:30am St. Mary
Sat. 9:30am Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 2:45-3:50pm at both churches
-Or by arrangement with priest

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508-668-4700

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BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

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SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Facing Illness or Surgery? Benefit from the Lord's healing, comfort and strength. Contact the Parish Offices.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low gluten hosts are available at both Churches. Please contact a sacristan or priest before Mass.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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Brett Ober	James King	
A.J. Servello	Jack Sousa	

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for their selfless service to us & our country. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

To add or remove a name, call Kerry Pitman at 508-668-4974 x125 or kerry.pitman@walpolecatholic.org

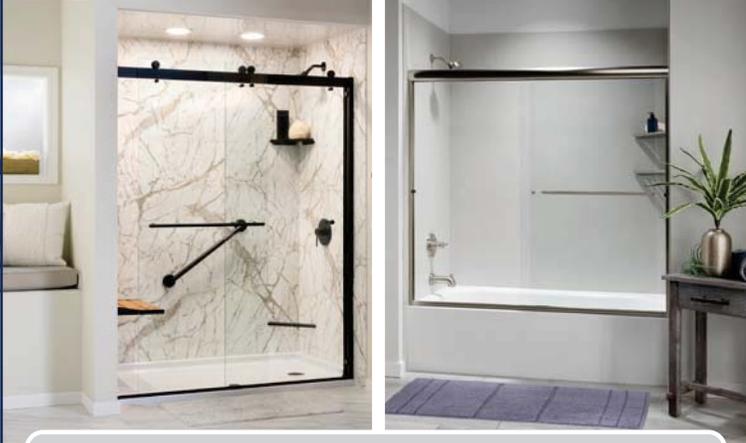


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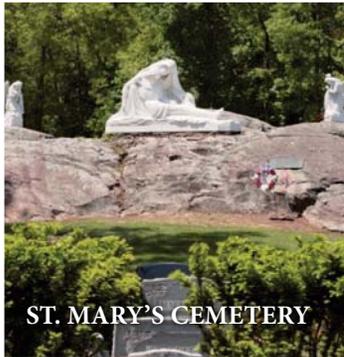


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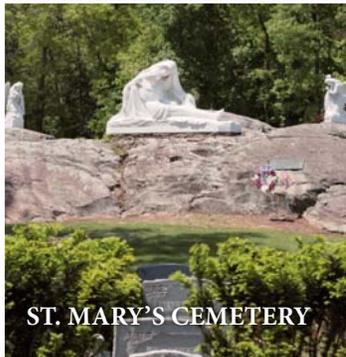
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