

The Mary Garden at St. Brigid's Church

The Mary Garden is one of the more unique civic gardening projects maintained by the Lexington Field & Garden Club. A **Mary Garden** is a small garden for contemplation that features a statue or shrine of the Virgin Mary and flowers, shrubs, and trees associated with her stories and legends. The practice began in the monasteries and convents of the Middle Ages, and was brought to St. Joseph's Church in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, in 1932.

The Mary Garden at St. Brigid's includes Vinca minor, Daffodils, Astilbe, Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Irises, Heuchera, Daylilies, and Hosta, as well as a bench for rest and contemplation.

This serene garden was tended for many years by LFGC's Wednesday Workshop group. It is currently maintained by steward Regina Sutton.

You can visit the Mary Garden from the small parking lot behind the First Parish Church, adjacent to the Old Burying Ground.



Photo courtesy of Regina Sutton