## Saint Michael Parish Hudson, Massachusetts



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 6, 2025

#### The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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#### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**OPENING HYMN:** (all) "To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King" ...... ICH GLAUB AN GOTT

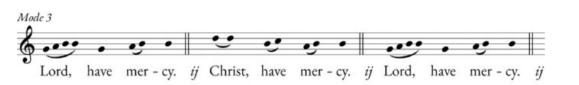


Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.

#### PENITENITAL ACT

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (*striking breast three times*) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.





GLORIA (all)



#### COLLECT

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

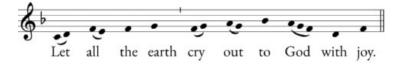
#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING .....

Thus says the LORD: Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her; exult, exult with her, all you who were mourning over her! Oh, that you may suck fully of the milk of her comfort, that you may nurse with delight at her abundant breasts! For thus says the LORD: Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort. When you see this, your heart shall rejoice and your bodies flourish like the grass; the LORD's power shall be known to his servants.

..... Isaiah 66: 10-14c

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!" Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam. He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me. Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

Brothers and sisters: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God. From now on,

let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town."

The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

> The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### HOMILY

#### 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,

*(bow)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

*(rise)* 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.

#### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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Text: The Psalter, 1912. Melody: ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS), 6.6.8.6 (S.M.); Aaron Williams.

#### ORATE FRATRES

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

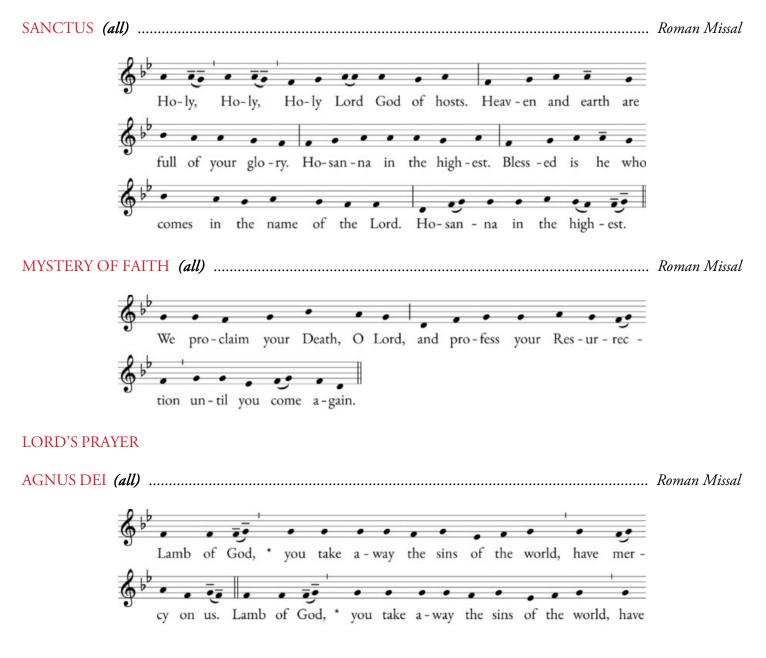
May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life

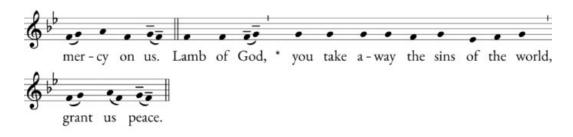
#### PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit. Priest: Lift up your hearts. All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

All: We lift them up to the Lord. Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right and just.

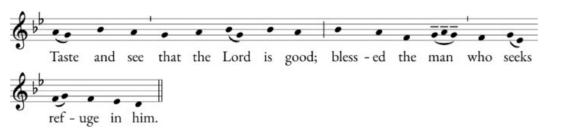




#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.



COMMUNION HYMN: (all) "The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns" ...... DUNLAP'S CREEK

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Text: Thomas Kelly. Melody: DUNLAP'S CREEK, 8.6.8.6 (C.M.); Samuel McFarland.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord.

#### CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

#### PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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### Music Ministry News July 2025

**"PICK-UP CHOIR" IN JULY** — Do you love singing hymns in four-part harmony? Several of our choir members will be meeting in the choir loft on Sunday mornings in July to sing together at the 10:00 Mass (as long as it isn't *too* hot!) There is no rehearsal, just come as you are and sing among friends. If you are planning on coming, please send an e-mail to Michael@stmikes.org so that we can have an extra packet of music ready for you!



**NEW MISSALETTES** — Starting next week, we will begin using the Source and Summit Companion Missal. These new, beautiful missalettes have been offered to us for free by our partners at Source and Summit so that we may begin to reduce the size of our parish bulletin and have a greater variety of liturgical and devotional texts at our fingertips.

In addition to all the readings and prayers of the Mass, antiphons, Responsorial Psalm and Alleluia, and Mass parts (such as the Kyrie, Glory to God, etc.) that we currently print in our bulletin, this new resource will contain an expanded collection of Devotional Prayers including prayers before and after Mass, Formulas of Catholic Doctrine, Examinations of Conscience from the Order of Penance, Common Catholic Prayers, the Stations of the

Cross, and more. The only things not contained in the Companion Missal are hymns, which we will continue to print in the bulletin. Then, starting on the First Sunday of Advent, we will begin using Source and Summit's complete 2026 Missal, which includes all the features of the Companion Missal as well as a large selection of hymns.

**FAREWELL TO MICHAEL OLBASH** — Our Director of Sacred Music for the past year, Michael Olbash, has accepted an appointment to the faculty of Donahue Academy in Ave Maria, Florida, and as the principal organist at the town's iconic parish church, which serves Ave Maria University and the surrounding communities. Michael writes, "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to have a lasting impact on the formation of young scholars in one of the nation's most important centers of Catholic education."



Speaking of our parish, he continues, "It has been a great privilege to serve the people of Saint Michael's in Hudson. In a year of considerable transition and turbulence, this resili-

ent and faithful parish has witnessed incredible growth, increased attendance and giving, and a miraculous number

of newly baptized and confirmed Catholics. I am grateful to Fr. Bert, Deacon Chuck, Deacon Jared, our parish staff, our amazing choir members, and to the many parishioners and guests who have been so welcoming and encouraging over the past year. I cannot wait to hear what the Holy Spirit has in store for this robust and beautiful community of faith."

> The search for a new Director of Sacred Music is well underway, and we hope to have new leadership in place later this summer. Michael's last day with us will be Sunday, July 27. Thank you, Michael, for sharing your talents with our parish. God bless you!



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#### Rejoicing in the Mission of God: Joy, Peace, and a New Creation

This Sunday's readings present us with a beautiful blueprint of God's vision for His people—a life marked by deep joy, courageous mission, abiding peace, and inner transformation. Whether from the prophet Isaiah, the Apostle Paul, or the words and actions of Jesus Himself, we are invited into the heart of Christian discipleship: a life fully immersed in God's grace and lived outwardly in love and service.

In the first reading from Isaiah, we hear a moving call to "rejoice with Jerusalem." This is not mere sentiment—it's a deep invitation to enter into God's abundant consolation. The city of Jerusalem is portrayed as a mother, nurturing and comforting her children. Her people, once exiled and broken, are now called to delight in her peace and to drink deeply from her abundance. This maternal image reminds us of God's tenderness—a God who draws near to the suffering and offers restoration and healing. It is

an image of joy rooted in divine closeness.

That same spirit of joy echoes in the Gospel from Luke, where Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of God. He tells them to go without possessions, relying solely on hospitality and

### A Message from Our Clergy Deacon Jared Auclair

the grace of God. When they return, they are filled with joy—not because of their power over demons, but because their names are written in heaven. In their mission, they found both purpose and a new identity. The joy of the Gospel, then, is not in success or acclaim, but in being known and loved by God. We are reminded that our mission flows from this joy.

The theme of mission also appears powerfully in Galatians, where St. Paul proclaims that he will boast in nothing but the cross of Jesus Christ. For Paul, true discipleship means embracing the sufferings and challenges that come with following Christ. Yet in doing so, he experiences the birth of a new creation—a life no longer defined by worldly standards, but transformed by grace. He bears on his body the marks of Christ, not as a burden, but as a testimony of love.

Together, these readings also speak of peace. Isaiah promises peace like a river. Jesus instructs his disciples to offer peace to every household they enter. And Paul prays that peace and mercy will rest on all who live by the new creation. This peace is not the absence of struggle, but the presence of God amid it. It is a peace that steadies the soul and flows from knowing we are part of something bigger—God's redeeming work in the world. As we reflect on these readings, let us ask: Where is God calling me to rejoice? To be sent? To be transformed? And to bring peace?

May we, like the disciples, return from our daily missions with joy, trusting that even in the smallest acts of love and courage, the Kingdom of God is near.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Stephen Paul Desco

Gracy James (living)

All Souls in Purgatory

Wyatt & Caroline Coiner (living)

Elisabeth Packer & James Luttrell (living)

St. Michael Parishioners

**Private Intention** 

No Intention

James Stronach

Paul M. Griffin

**Private Intention** 

St. Michael Parishioners

Paul Silva Jr.

Sat. July 5, 9 a.m.			
Sat. July 5, 4 p.m.			
Sun. July 6, 8 a.m.			
Sun. July 6, 10 a.m.			
Wed. July 9, 9 a.m.			
Thus. July 10, 9 a.m.			
Fri. July 11, 9 a.m.			
Sat. July 12, 9 a.m.			
Sat. July 12, 4 p.m.			

Sun. July 13, 8 a.m. Sun. July 13, 10 a.m.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass: English 4:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil) 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass: Portuguese 9:15 a.m. Chapel 11:30 a.m. Chapel (Brazilian)

Daily Mass: English Wed-Sat. | 9:00 a.m.

Daily Mass: Portuguese Mon | 7:00 p.m. Chapel (Brazilian)

#### **CONFESSION & ADORATION**

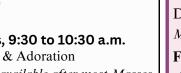
Mondays: 6 to 7:00 p.m. Confession & Adoration (Portuguese/Brazilian)

First Fridays, 6 to 7:00 p.m. Adoration Only (returning in September)

Saturdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Confession & Adoration Confession available after most Masses on request or by appointment

#### **ST. MARIA GORETTI**

Today is the feast day for St. Maria Goretti, an Italian virgin and martyr of the Catholic Church, and one of the youngest saints to be canonized. She is the patron saint of chastity, rape victims, girls, youth, and forgiveness. She died at the age of 11 after resisting an attempted assault by a neighbor, Alessandro Serenelli, and famously forgiving him before her death. She was born in Corinaldo, Italy, on October 16, 1890. She was the daughter of poor Italian tenant farmers. She was beatified in 1947 and canonized in 1950 by Pius XII. Maria is represented in art as a wavy-haired young girl in farmer's clothes or a white dress, with a bouquet of lilies in her hands. Both lilies and white garments are traditional symbols of virginity in Catholic iconography. A stature of her will be on display in the Upper Church for the weekend masses as we pray for her intercession. St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!



Francisco Pinheiro

#### Parish Office

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#### Parish Pastoral Council

PastoralCouncil@stmikes.org The Pastoral Council helps Fr. Bert with practical parish matters. Please send a message to offer ideas, talent, expertise, or feedback.

Note: This e-mail is checked weekly, and the Pastoral Council meets every 6-8 weeks. For immediate pastoral needs, contact the appropriate clergy or staff above.

#### St. Vincent de Paul (978) 618-5175,

svdp.hudsonma@gmail.com For any of our Hudson neighbors in need, the local chapter of St. Vincent de Paul is ready to help if you need assistance.

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#### A MESSAGE FROM FR. BERT

Thank you to all who attended my welcome to St. Michael's lunch event on June 22. I also thank the Social Events Committee for providing this opportunity. I appreciate that so many offered to help me in service to the parish. For starters, I ask for your



continued prayers. I'm not the best at remembering names and it was a good opportunity to match more names to faces and meet some new people as well. I look forward to being your shepherd. May God's peace be with you,



#### A MESSAGE FROM FR. TONY

Fr. Tony expresses a special thank you to the parishioners of St. Michaels for the support of his mission. He writes, **"I am so glad and grateful for this support. We have started the 3rd term in school and this money has helped us purchase paper and other learning materials for the kids. It will also be used to help us in renovate the canteen of the school for the kids."** Donations for Fr. Tony's mission are still being accepted, contact Marcy at the Parish Office for more information.

#### **COVER ARTWORK**

Our cover art this week is a Baroque style painting depicting the Blessed Mother "Our Lady Undoer of Knots." It was painted in 1700 by Johann Georg Melchior Schmidtner and it is currently being displayed at St. Peter am Perlach, Augsburg, Germany.

#### **FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Due to the **July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday** and the early deadline for the bulletin this past week, there will not be collection information from last week's **June 29<sup>th</sup> collection**.

#### Thank you for your generosity!



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Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections July 6 - Maint & Development July 13 - Society of St. Peter the Apostle (SPA) Mission Weekend *Offering envelopes will be in pews.* 



\$47,201

\$36,000

\$28,000

\$20,000

\$12.000

\$4,000

Assessment Goal: \$47,201 Current Amount Raised: \$44,439 We are nearing the end of the Catholic Appeal campaign and sadly we are falling

short of our goal by about \$3k which means the Parish will need to make up this difference in a one time payment to the Archdiocese which is not an expense anticipated for this year.

We are asking everyone to please consider using the pew envelopes and donating an amount (which can be pledged in manageable increments) to help us meet this goal so that the Parish will not have to absorb this cost. Thank you for your on-going generosity.

#### ALTAR SERVING

Jackie Johannes and Den Chuck are working on resurrecting our altar program! We are planning to launch training in August for both boys and girls, and starting up the program in September. Students between grades 3 - 12 and have completed First Holy Communion are invited to join this ministry! If someone you know is interested, please have their parents contact Den Chuck and Jackie at our email addresses: deacon\_chuck@stmikes.org, jjohannes1215@gmail.com.

#### \*\*ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS!\*\* PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Thank you all for volunteering for the various ministries at St. Michael's. Your efforts keep our corner of God's vineyard fruitful. In our activities we always need to be keeping a safe environment for all. In the wake of the abuse scandal from two decades ago, the Archdiocese of Boston now requires certain tasks and trainings for all parish volunteers: every volunteer must complete and submit CORIs annually, and every parish volunteer must also take a class called "Protecting God's Children" at least once.

To assist in these efforts, St. Michael's is offering two PGC classes this summer, right here in Hudson: Saturday, July 19th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday, August 12th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

We are asking any parish volunteer who has not already taken this class to sign up for one of them, or if neither of these dates work for you, there are other sessions being offered throughout the Archdiocese. Please note, this requirement is not restricted to those who serve the youth - it is for every volunteer, every staff member, and every member of the clergy team. These training classes must be completed prior to the fall startup of the various ministries here at St. Michael's.

Preregistration is required. To register or view the list of classes being held elsewhere, go to www.virtusonline.org, create an account, and register. If you do not have access to a computer and need assistance with the signup, please call or visit Lori or Andrea at the parish center. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. This class is a requirement for continuing in any ministry in the Archdiocese of Boston.

### A NEW GRAND KNIGHT

St. Michael's Parishioner Kevin Armstrong has begun his term serving as Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus Council #81. We thank Kevin for his leadership and willingness



to take on such an important role. May God bless him in his service!

#### BAPTISMS

Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> Fr. Bert celebrated two Baptisms. Please welcome Jason and Myiah to our Parish family! Also, let us welcome Adalyn who was baptized on June 22<sup>nd</sup> by Fr. Joseph Viveiros!





our lady of Fátima saturday

FEAST

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13 2025 HUDSON PORTUGUESE CLUB 13 PORT ST. HUDSON, MA



**5:30 pm- Mass** St. Michael Church ~ 21 Manning St.

6:30 pm- Candlelight Procession Church to Portuguese Club ~ 13 Port St.

#### \*SAVE THE DATE\*

#### **OUR FATHER'S TABLE**

On Thursday July 10th, St Michael Parish will be hosting the Our Father's Table supper which happens at New Hope Church in Marlboro. Our parish cooks, bakes, serves, cleans up, and above all, serves the guests with love and respect. If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry, or helping on July 10th, please contact parishioner Ann Hildreth at 978-562-7668. And please remember the guests and the volunteers who serve them in your prayers.

#### HERALDS OF THE GOSPEL

This is the third year the Heralds of the Gospel are coming to Hudson, scheduled for October 2nd—14th. While Brazilians and Portuguese families were already familiar with the Heralds, 2024 marked the first time that many American families welcomed them into their homes. Last year, there were approximately seven members of the Heralds who participated in the mission. Some members come from Brazil, others from Canada and Houston, Texas. Because of the enthusiasm from last year's mission, we have invited them back again this year. During their Marion mission visits, they visit homes and bring a statue of Our Lady and bless the house and each room within it. Depending on the needs of each home, they can pray therosary, also offer



confessions, and spiritual guidance. To support this mission, we are currently fundraising to cover their travel expenses, including airfare, rental cars, gas, and other transportation costs. We are currently holding a raffle for a beautiful statue in the image of Our Lady of Grace. All proceeds will go toward supporting the Heralds' mission in our community. If we raise above and beyond the costs to bring them here, the excess money will be applied to the purchase of new boilers for St. Michael Parish. Tickets are being sold at the back of the church after each Mass. As always, your support is greatly appreciated for this wonderful visit

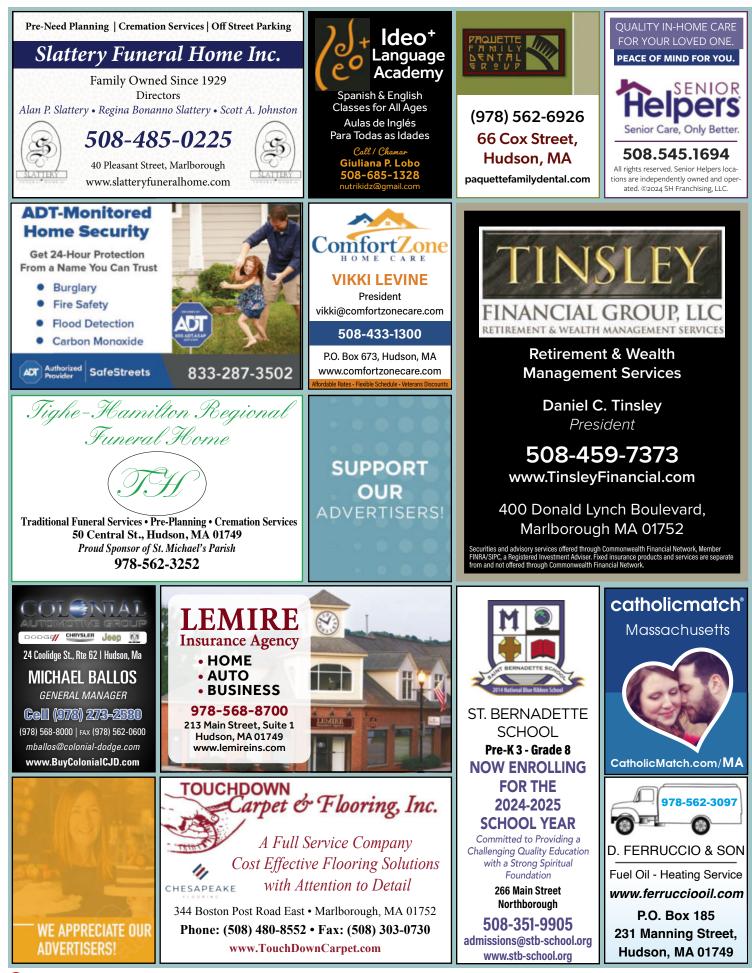




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