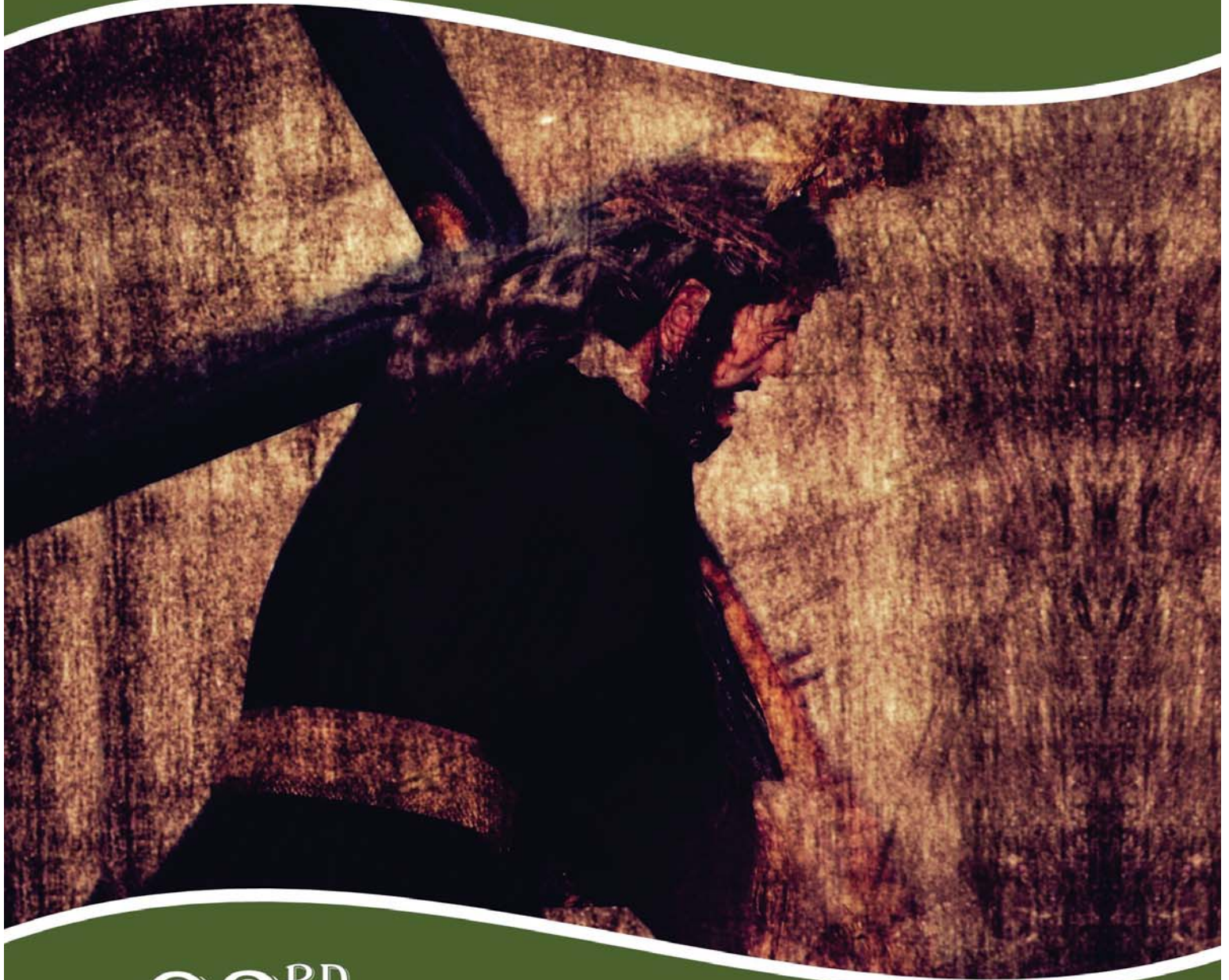


Welcome to
Good Shepherd Parish
September 7, 2025



23RD

SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and
come after me cannot be my disciple."
Luke 14:27

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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Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 PM St. Ann
Sunday, 8:30 AM St. Zepherin
Sunday, 10:30 AM St. Ann
Sunday, 5:30 PM St. Zepherin

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, SEPTEMBER 6

4:00 PM

GEORGE & MARY GENNARO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:30 AM

PEOPLE OF

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

5:30 PM

LIVING PAVONE FAMILY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 AM

VARKEY VATTAPPARA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 AM

A SPECIAL INTENTION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 AM

**MILLIE CHOINSKI &
RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00 AM

SALLY FAHY

Parish Calendar

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10 AM—2 PM

NURSE JEAN

PARISH CENTER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

10 AM

BIBLE STUDY WITH PHEME

PARISH CENTER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7—11 AM

MY BROTHER'S TABLE

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

ST. ANN'S HALL

10 AM—2 PM

NURSE JEAN

PARISH CENTER

1 PM Walk With Her!

7—8 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

ST. ZEPHERIN

Four Loves (Part Five) . . .

“A relationship, I think, is like a shark. You know? It has to constantly move forward, or it dies. And I think what we got on our hands is a dead shark.” This is how Woody Allen’s character broke up with Diane Keaton in the film *Annie Hall*. I always wanted to try this line, but all the girls I ever dated always broke up with me before I got the chance to. (Curses! Foiled again!)

But I do like the analogy. It reminds us that love ripens over the seasons of our life, and as we mature, as our personality develops, our love for the people in our life deepens—or at least, it should. It has to move forward or else it dies like a dawdling shark. The four loves we’ve been looking at don’t exist independently; they constantly intertwine, converse with each other, and inform each other as we relate to those we love.

At least the three forms of love that originate in the human heart—natural affection (*storge*); friendship love (*philia*); and romantic love (*eros*) commingle as we grow. *Agape* is of a different stripe altogether: this is supernatural love, a gift from God, poured into our hearts by sheer grace through the waters of baptism, and which needs to be carefully and attentively groomed throughout our life. *Agape* is much like an expensive orchid that a friend has given us as a present: it needs meticulous care from us to continue to blossom, and we provide this nurturing attention out of an appreciation for the flower’s own beauty but also in appreciation for our friend.

Agape can purify these other varieties of love, and elevate them to the rich and rugged love that gives of itself without measure. But the flipside is always a real possibility, too, and a danger that we need to be on guard against. These “lower” forms of love (for lack of a better term) can entangle us so tightly that we never develop that love for God—a love that first comes from God—which perfects our human loves.

If the lower loves don’t stretch upward and wrap around the higher forms, we stagnate. The relationship won’t have grown, perhaps because our knowledge of the one we love hasn’t penetrated past the initial stages of the relationship. We might be keeping our heart in harness to maintain a holding pattern. And if the relationship won’t grow, it simply will shrivel.

St. John tells us that perfect love casts out all fear; but when our love is less than perfect, when it’s less than *agape*, it can actually foster fear. We can become afraid of losing the loved-one’s good favor, and this fear leads us to give in to the shallow and sentimental temptation to indulge their every whim. Our love then quickly deteriorates into something that’s more about ourselves than the one we love.

For example, our natural affection is “need-love” (to borrow the term C.S. Lewis uses for it). *Storge* simultaneously is a love that prompts us to cater to the needs of those for whom we have this affection; but it also attaches us to them because they fulfill some need that we have. In some ways, even taking care of the loved-one’s needs turns into a need of our own. We all need to be needed, but sometimes this can reach an extreme if it doesn’t intertwine with a higher kind of love.

An over-indulgent mother can spoil her child because she needs to feel the gratification of making the little one happy. My own mother had this tendency of trying to shield us from the consequences of our mistakes by fixing the problems herself. This had disastrous results for one of my brothers in particular, who’s never grown up, even now at 68. Our need to be needed, our attachment to *storge*, can lead us to *react* to situations rather than *respond* to them: that is, to rush into “fix-it” mode when what might be called for is to take the long view with a more level-headed approach; to recognize that current, temporary adversity can be the breeding ground for strengths that are more durable, such as character, a sense of responsibility, and the development of virtue.

There are some parents who need to keep their children as children forever because it makes them feel vital. This isn’t a deliberate effort to stunt the offspring’s personal growth; it’s simply surrendering wholesale to *storge* without taking into consideration the further-reaching effects. Some fifteen years ago, a friend of mine—the mother of two young sons—once commented that she wasn’t raising boys, she was raising men. That outlook changed the choices she made in her parenting style, and steeled her for making the hard decisions, to “hold their feet to the fire,” so to speak—to practice what we used to call “tough love.” This is the outlook of someone who has tempered *storge* with *agape*. It allows room for the beloved to grow, to fully flower into a well-rounded person—to achieve his/her highest good. And it’s necessary if the loved-one is ever to achieve any degree of autonomy or self-sufficiency. By allowing him/her room to grow, (s)he also matures, and we can learn to develop a friendship with him or her, and so add *philia* to *storge* and *agape*.



~ Fr. Ren



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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



September 11 at St. Zepherin

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Monday—Thursday

9 AM—3 PM

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READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C

23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

MONDAY Sept 8 *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

TUESDAY Sept 9 *Saint Peter Claver, Priest*
Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY Sept 10 Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY Sept 11 Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

FRIDAY Sept 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

SATURDAY Sept 13 *Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5+6-7/Lk 6:43-49

24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

PARISH NURSE

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OUR COMMUNITY



Thursday, September 4
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1 PM walk! meet on the plaza
Monday, September 8
10 AM - 2 PM
Thursday, September 11
10 AM - 2 PM
1 PM walk! meet on the plaza
Monday, September 15
10 AM - 2 PM
Thursday, September 18
10 AM - 2 PM
1 PM walk! meet on the plaza

- Blood Pressure checks
- Prescription medication review
- Monthly medical presentations
- Referrals
- Remembrance ministry
- Walk with her!



Monday, September 1
LABOR DAY
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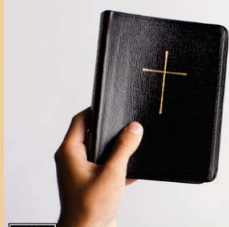
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Mrs. Mikayla Dalton, O.P.
(fraternity president) at
mikayla.v.dalton@gmail.com.

Remembrance Ministry

COFFEE HOUR



September 21, 2025
Sunday 3 PM
at the Parish Office
with Nurse Jean

All are welcome, regardless of type of loss or duration. We will discuss plans for the upcoming Mass of Remembrance.

Questions? Contact Nurse Jean
jgifford@goodshepherdwayland.org

Register Now WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to this exciting Conference, "I Thirst for the Salvation of Souls", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster, MA on Saturday, September 27th. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders, **Noelle Mering, Dr. Madeline Colon-Usovicz, Tim Francis, and Adam Janke**. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

TIPS FROM THE

Stethoscope

Welcome back to work or school.
Continue to harvest those bountiful gardens.

Kids, be safe.

Continue to take time out of your day for you.

If overwhelmed, please seek help.
As Always, be kind to yourself.

If I can help, please call, email or stop by the Parish Center.

Be well,
Nurse Jean

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GLORIA

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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

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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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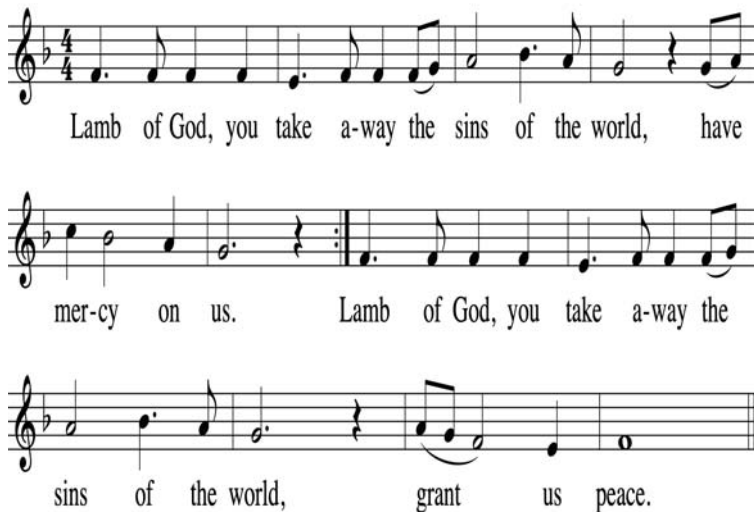
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AMEN



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LAMB OF GOD



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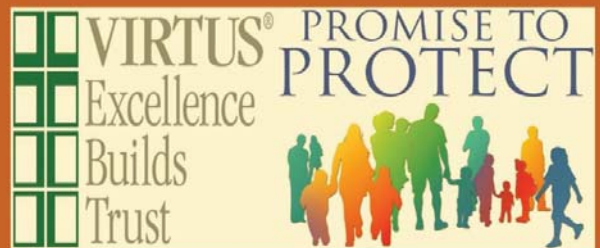
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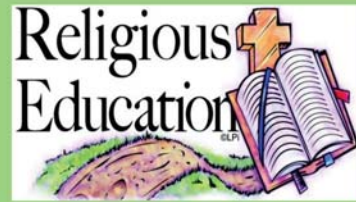
STRATEGIC PLAN

Today's first reading points to absurdity in strategic planning given the limitations of human knowledge and the distortions created by desire: "...deliberations of mortals are timid, ... the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns ... what is within our grasp we find with difficulty..." (Wisd. 9:13-18). A similar lesson could be learned from British deliberations about those American rebels. It would just take a show of force by British regulars to put that bunch, "incapable of any sort of order or discipline," back in line (cf. R. Atkinson, *The British are Coming*, pp. 20-27). Even Britain's most famous historian, Edward Gibbon, author of *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, consistently voted for the crown's policies in Parliament.

Only God can see the whole picture and inspire providential human actions. Paul appeals to God's providence to transform his situation, an old man in prison, and that of a fugitive slave belonging to Philemon, head of a house church. Paul converted the slave. So, he uses the "perhaps, God's providence is at work" to transform expectations for a runaway slave. No harsh punishment. Instead, Philemon should receive Onesimus as though he were "...my own heart...beloved especially to me, but even more so to you," (Phlm 10-17). God's strategic plan: to override harsh punishment with love.

Jesus presents the crowds with requirements for discipleship guaranteed to cut recruiting numbers, complete break with family ties, care for one's own life, giving up all possessions. What could make that a "trusted financial advisor's plan"? Two examples of situations which human wisdom should handle follow. The man who doesn't provide for what it will take to build that watch tower to protect his vineyard would become a local laughingstock. As a carpenter, Jesus might have one in mind! The wars between "kings" in the region were kept in check by Roman power, so Jesus imagines an earlier situation. So how did the colonists beat Britain? Renouncing family ties, possessions, even one's life for a greater good.

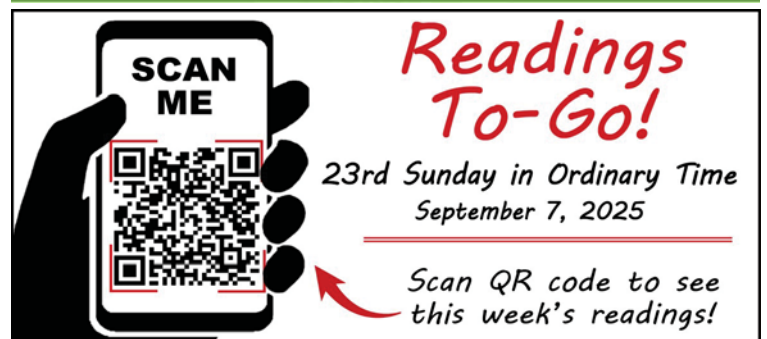
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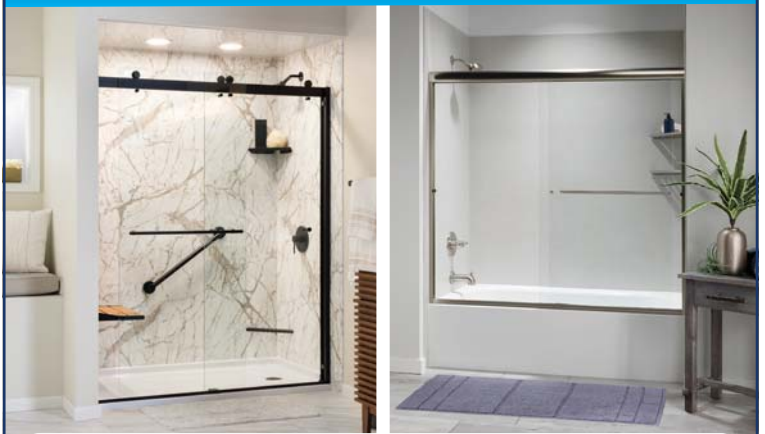
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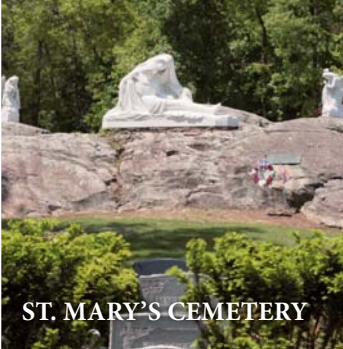




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