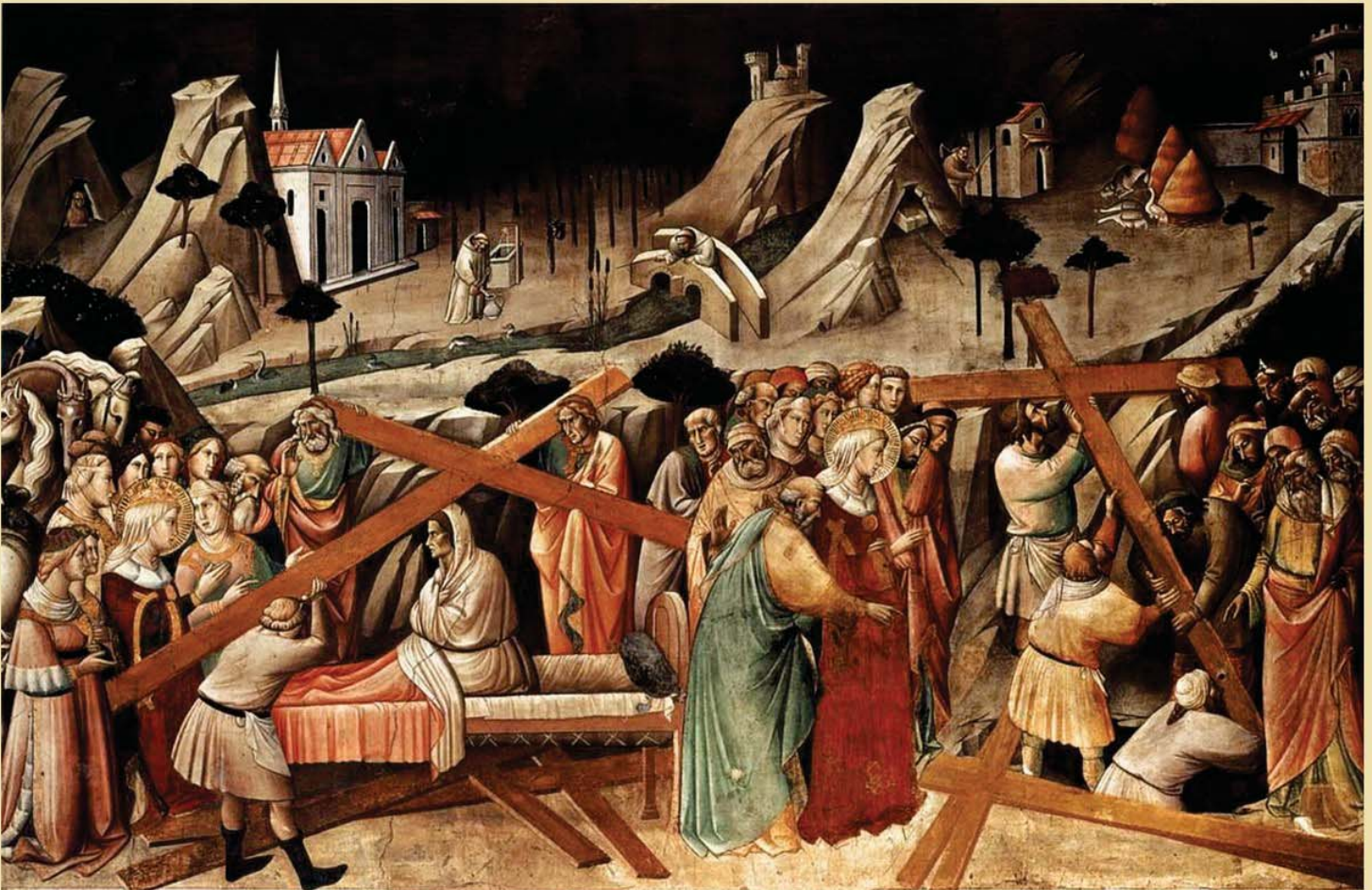


Welcome to
Good Shepherd Parish
September 14, 2025



*Legend of the True Cross by Agnolo Gaddi (from the frescoes in the Basilica of Santo Croce)
Depiction of St. Helena finding the true cross*

The Feast of the Exaltation of The Holy Cross

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world might be saved through him.” *John 3: 15-17*

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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ST. ZEPHERIN CHURCH, 99 MAIN ST, WAYLAND, MA

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 13
4:00 PM

CHERYL KANE &
RICHARD KANE, JR.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
8:30 AM

PEOPLE OF
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

10:30 AM
GABRIELLA & EMMANUEL
ENRIQUEZ (LIVING)

5:30 PM

MARY C. CONNELLY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 AM

ANNE WHITE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:00 AM

MILLIE CHOINSKI &
RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 AM

REV. JOSEPH HENNESSEY (LIVING)

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
PARISH APPRECIATION PICNIC
AFTER 10:30 AM MASS
AT ST. ANN
DIAPER DRIVE WEEK
SEPTEMBER 15—21
DROP OFF DIAPERS AT CHURCHES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
10 AM—2 PM
NURSE JEAN
PARISH CENTER
7—9 PM
OPEN CHOIR REHEARSAL &
DESSERT SOCIAL
ST. ZEPHERIN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
10 AM
BIBLE STUDY WITH PHEME
PARISH CENTER
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
10 AM—2 PM
NURSE JEAN
PARISH CENTER
1 PM Walk With Her!

Four Loves (Conclusion) . . .

My favorite poet is John Donne. A seventeenth-century British cavalier, his earliest poems were all love sonnets: verses designed to seduce his lady fair. Later in life he had a religious awakening and wound up becoming a cleric with the Anglican Church. His poetry shifted gears from the erotic to holy sonnets, but the truly striking thing is that these holy sonnets express the same amorous, rapturous passion as his love poems. “Batter My Heart, Three-Person’d God,” to take just one example, burns with desire for the Trinity.

And so, it often is. Our compulsion for romance can be a false swipe for our hunger for God. Certainly, St. Augustine discovered this, as he explains in his classic autobiography *The Confessions*. But despite what we might see on the Hallmark Channel, *eros* can never fill us completely. However, it can lead us to that purest love, *agape*, or in Latin *caritas*: the love of God. Pope Benedict XVI, in his first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (“God is Love”), offers a brilliant reflection on how *caritas* can preserve authentic *eros* and keep it from spoiling into mutual exploitation:

there is a certain relationship between love and the Divine: love promises infinity, eternity—a reality far greater and totally other than our everyday existence. Yet we have also seen that the way to attain this goal is not simply by submitting to instinct. Purification and growth in maturity are called for; and these also pass through the path of renunciation. Far from rejecting or “poisoning” *eros*, they heal it and restore its true grandeur.

... True, *eros* tends to rise “in ecstasy” towards the Divine, to lead us beyond ourselves; yet for this very reason it calls for a path of ascent, renunciation, purification and healing.

When it doesn’t ascend by this path, it can prove to be mere disappointment. We take each other for granted; or we become bored and fickle, and move on. But serial repetition of romance is not the same thing as the upward progress to all-consuming love. The late Holy Father took the title of his encyclical from a line from the New Testament: In the first letter of St. John, we’re told God is love. But the rest of the line is potent: “God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God.” To abide means to remain. And to remain means persevere. There’s a constancy to love, the fierce commitment to persist, to endure, to continue despite conflict, despite frustration, despite disappointment, despite tedium. Another verse from Scripture sums it up

nicely: “Stern as death is love,” we read in the Song of Songs, “Deep waters cannot quench love, nor floods sweep it away.” A neat summation—neat, but demanding.

Love like this survives the wildfire of passion, even though it can be found within that passion. But like silver remains after a flame burns away the dross, *agape* abides even when removed from the heat of *eros*. God is love. But we must be careful not to make the mistake that the opposite holds true. Just because God is love doesn’t mean that love is God. And I think it’s perilously easy to get lost in those weeds. As Christians we readily succumb to the error that if God is love, then any sentimental gesture of *storge* or *eros* is an accurate reflection of Christian love. And in the wider world beyond Christianity, we toss ourselves headlong into the idolatry of making a god out of *eros*.

But *agape* is the love that we only experience when we have an encounter with God’s love for us. Only once we’ve been touched by the overwhelming love God has for us do we begin to understand what love in all its grandeur is. When we’ve had this experience, it becomes nearly impossible to refrain from sharing it with others. It’s the summit of the human adventure, and once tasting it, we want everyone to know it. This is what’s really meant by a religious conversion. It’s not necessarily a change in belief or a going-over to another denomination with a different set of teachings. It’s the startling and joyous recognition that God is real and that He loves us perfectly with all four loves—with instinctive affection, with friendship, with a desire for us, and with the love that surrenders the Lover in a total and unrestricted gift of Self.

Little wonder that in the same New-Testament letter that tells us that God is love we also find these words: “In this is love: not that we have loved God but that He loved us, and gave His only son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

~ Fr. Ren



National Diaper Need AWARENESS WEEK

*** 09.15.25–09.21.25

Our parish is partnering with
A Place to Turn
in Natick
for their annual diaper drive.
You may bring diapers to both church
locations through the
weekend of Sept. 21st.
Thank You!



"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 25 at St. Ann

COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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Monday—Thursday

9 AM—3 PM

Friday 9 AM—12 PM

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C

24TH SUNDAY	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
ORDINARY TIME Sept 14	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
MONDAY	Our Lady of Sorrows
Sept 15	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
TUESDAY	Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Sept 16	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
WEDNESDAY	Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Sept 17	1 Tm 3:14-16/Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
THURSDAY	1 Tm 4:12-16/Psalm 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50
Sept 18	
FRIDAY	Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Sept 19	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
SATURDAY	Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
Sept 20	1 Tm 6:13-16/Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
25TH SUNDAY	
ORDINARY TIME Sept 21	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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Thursday, September 4
10 AM - 2 PM
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

Monday, September 1
LABOR DAY
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Monthly meetings normally take place on the 3rd Sunday of the month in St. Ann's Hall and are open to visitors at any time.

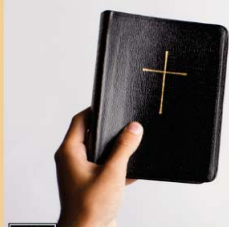
The next meeting is scheduled for September 21st and will be located at the Parish Center.

It is helpful if you do notify the group in advance if you will be attending.
Direct inquiries to:

Visit boston3op.com for information or email

Mrs. Mikayla Dalton, O.P.
(fraternity president) at
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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

jgifford@goodshepherdwayland.org

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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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AMEN



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LAMB OF GOD



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Monday, September 15
7:00pm in the Parish Center

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singing and praying together.

Do Not Forget the Works of the Lord!

(Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38)

(Psalm 78)


Francesca LaRosa



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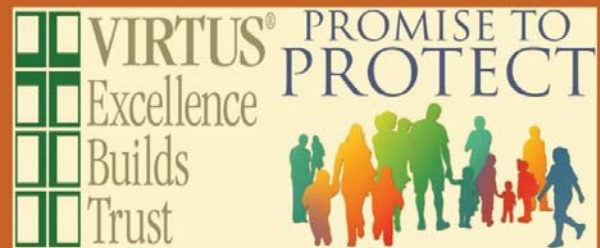
1. Hearken, my people, to my teaching;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable,
I will utter mysteries from of old.
2. While he slew them they sought him
And inquired after God again,
Remembering that God was their rock
And the Most High God, their redeemer.
3. But they flattered him with their mouths
And lied to him with their tongues.
Though their hearts were not steadfast toward him,
Nor were they faithful to his covenant.
4. But he, being merciful, forgave their sin
And destroyed them not;
Often he turned back his anger
And let none of his wrath be roused.



Readings To-Go!

The Exaltation of the Cross
September 14, 2025

Scan QR code to see
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Deacon Colm will be offering a VIRTUS training
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Date: September 27, 2025

Place: St. Zepherin Parish Center

Time: 9 AM - 12 NOON

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BATTLE STANDARD

Our Good Friday ritual has the faithful venerate the wood of the cross on which the Savior died. That reminds us of the cross as an instrument for execution. Why does the Church celebrate a Feast of the “Exaltation of the Holy Cross” on Sept. 14th? Notre Dame alums might remember the 19th cent. painting of the cross being carried up into heaven in the Lady Chapel of the Basilica. Or perhaps seeing mosaics in the apse of 5th and 6th cent. churches in Rome that have a cross enthroned or standing about that central Christ figure. Initially, a feast celebrating the finding of “wood of the cross” by emperor Constantine’s mother (ca. 324), this 4th century Jerusalem festival was adopted by the Roman church in the 7th century.

Clearly this image is not an instrument of torture but a sign of victory. Legend said that a victorious emperor Constantine was inspired by a vision to use the Christian symbol on his battle standards. After that crucial change, Christianity was no longer a persecuted sect but promoted from the throne. As the battle standard for crusaders seeking to retake the holy places from Muslim rulers, the cross was no invincible shield. Other early Christians would not have viewed the cross as the “battle flag” for conquerors. After all the real triumph had been won by the martyrs and faithful believers who persisted despite official bans.

Historians estimate that by the early 4th century approximately 40% of the population belonged to some Christ-believing group. Admittedly that includes many who would be labeled “heretics” by later orthodoxy. Even those marginalized believers produced martyrs. So, the cross did not need the “battle standard” of government power. It triumphed over powers of evil in the hearts of people inspired by the gospel of a Son of God who died for humanity (Phil 2:6-11).

For the historically curious, Pope Leo I (d. 461) seems to have been the first pope to receive a relic of the true cross.

Pheme Perkins, Ph.D.
Joseph Professor
Of Catholic Spirituality
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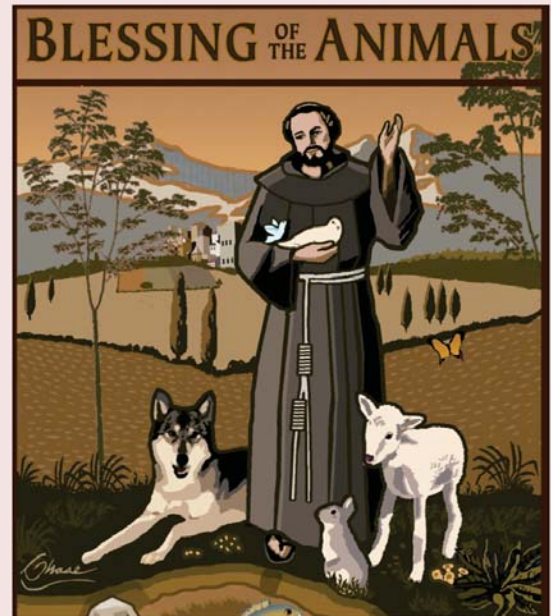
Tom Coan, Child Safety Program Coordinator, will be available after each Mass on the weekend of September 13/14 to help you complete your 2026 Child Safety's documents.

Please be sure to have your ID with you as Tom will need it to witness & sign your form.

You can also visit goodshepherdwayland.org website, under the "Get Involved" tab, to print out the CORI form and other Child Safety Program documents. Fill them out and bring them in person to the Parish Office.

Please email Tom at tcoan@goodshepherdwayland.org if you have any questions or call the parish office at 508-650-3545.

Good Shepherd Parish is very grateful for your dedicated ministry service to our parish community.



Sunday, 12 Noon, Oct. 5th
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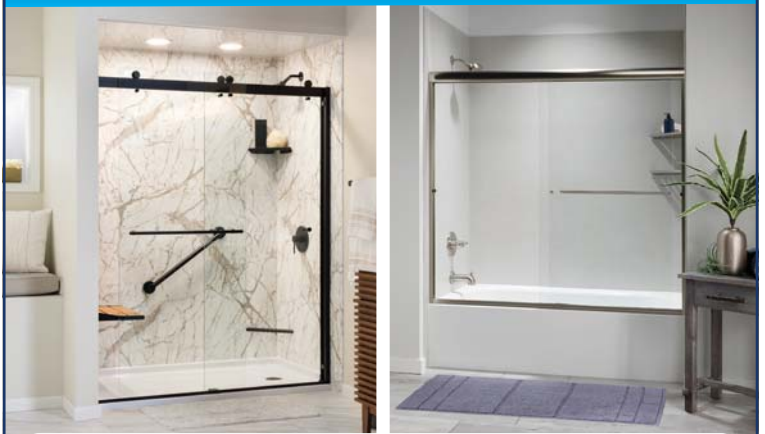
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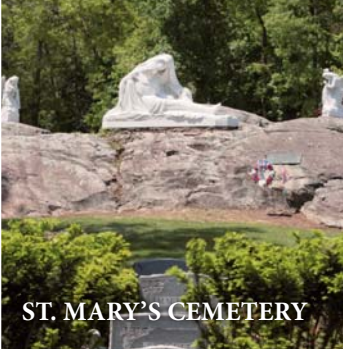


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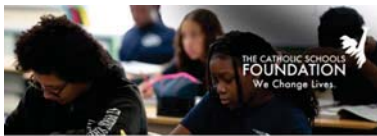
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