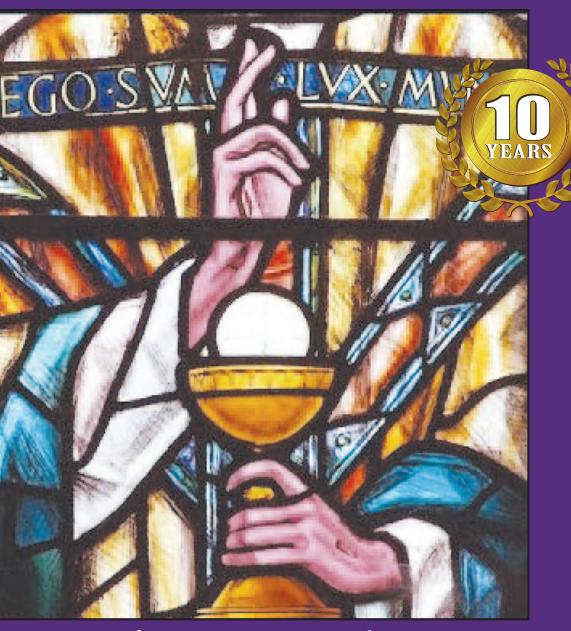
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Diocese of Worcester • October 26, 2023

In Memory of Leo and Rita Tougas



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October 26, 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Welcome to our tenth annual gala celebration of the diocesan priesthood in the Diocese of Worcester. On behalf of our committee, allow me to express our gratitude as we gather for another Celebrate Priesthood-Taste of the Diocese.

Ten years ago, our dream was to recognize the gift of the priesthood in our lives and the priests who have served us over the years. We also needed to find a way for people to show their appreciation through financial support of the Priests' Retirement Fund so that we could continue to care for elderly, retired and frail priests with dignity.

Over the past nine years, many individuals, organizations, parishes and businesses have responded to this invitation. Nearly \$1.5 million has been raised to assist in the care of our retired priests. And, as importantly, we have established an annual tradition to thank our priests and to thank God for the gift of the priesthood in our lives.

Our priests are always there for us, in good times and in challenging times. By their example, they inspire us with a message of the love that God extends to each of us through His Son, Jesus Christ. By their actions, their words and their commitment to the vocation of the priesthood, our priests have responded to a call to bring God's saving grace into our lives so that we may strive to live the life of holiness to which we are all called.

Proceeds from this evening's event will benefit the Priests' Retirement Fund, along with the Ash Wednesday Collection and bequests and gifts which designated this fund. On behalf of all those who worked so diligently to bring this night to fruition, I thank all of you for your generosity and willingness to help us raise these needed funds.

Allow me to express my thanks to our food and beverage providers for their donations, as well as our sponsors who are all listed in this program and the many advertisers and donors. I also wish to add my gratitude to those who made donations in memory of deceased priests or in honor of priests who still serve our parishioners. And, of course, we thank Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School for providing this wonderful venue.

May we frequently and fervently raise our voices in prayerful gratitude to Almighty God for the gift of the priesthood.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ, + Robert J. Mc Manus

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D.

Bishop of Worcester

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Celebrate Priesthood!

Thursday, October 26, 2023

A Gala to recognize diocesan priests and support the Priests' Retirement Fund.



PROGRAM

Introduction 5:30 pm - Gymnasium

Raymond Delisle, Chancellor

Invocation

Reverend Peter P. Bui (ord. 2023), St. John Paull II Parish, Southbridge

Welcome

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus (ord. 1978), Bishop of Worcester

Taste of the Diocese

See separate table map for food and beverage providers.

Raffle Drawing – 7:00 p.m.
Gift Cards – Restaurants – Sports Tickets & More!
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

Raffle Tickets available by the Registration desk.

Benediction 7:20 p.m. in the Gymnasium

Reverend Monsignor John E. Doran (ord. 1966)

Reflection followed by priests' gathering for the Salve Regina Most Reverend Robert J. McManus

Gift bags available compliments of Atlas Distributors, Ken's Steak House, Polar Corporation, Trappist Preserves, Table Talk Pies and Worcester Railers.



PHOTO COURTESY OF FATHER JAMES A. HOUSTON

Father James A. Houston (middle)pastor of St. Rose of Lima in Northborough at the time and currently a retired diocesan priest, and Father Timothy M. Brewer (right), pastor of St. Mary Parish in Holden, are greeted by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square in 2019.

Retired priest reflects on ministry

BY BILL DOYLE | CFP CORRESPONDENT

ORCESTER - Father James A. Houston served as a priest for 55 years, the final 31 as pastor at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Northborough.

"I did love it," he said. "I had a really great job."

Asked what he loved about being a priest, he replied, "Everything."

He didn't retire until July 1, 2021, when he was nearly 80 years old, well past the usual retirement age of 75, when fatigue became a factor.

To celebrate his 82nd birthday on Sept. 25, he went to dinner at Oli's Italian Eatery in West Boylston with two secretaries from St. Rose of Lima.

"We naturally talked about church because that's what church people do," he said.

In retirement, he fills in for other priests in the Worcester diocese, presid-

ing over Masses, funerals and baptisms. Because he's not their pastor and doesn't know them, he sits down with families to learn as

much as he can about the deceased before officiating funerals, and he's traveled as far as St. Aloysius Parish in Gilbertville to say Mass.

Father Houston is one of the 46 retired priests in the diocese and for the 10th year "Celebrate Priesthood! – Taste of the Diocese" will raise money for their care. Parishes and restaurants donate food for tasting. This year's event will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School gymnasium. To purchase tickets at \$100 each or to make a donation, visit worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood, call 508-929-4366 or mail to Celebrate Priesthood, 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609.

Father Houston said he's seen people at the celebration that he met when he first came to Worcester. "And they're still here, thanking God for their priests and making donations," he said.

Father Houston regularly attended Celebrate Priesthood! galas while he was pastor at St. Rose of Lima and he plans to return this year. All priests are invited to attend at no charge.

"I want to thank the people who put this on, for their time, their talent and their contributions," he said. "It seems to be growing each year, thank God, because we want them to see what priesthood is all about. Priesthood is all about more than you can imagine, as you listen to some of these men, young and old, and their love of ministry and stepping into peoples' lives and offering their own life."

"What a great thing to be able to see both sides of it," said Michael P. Gillespie, director of the Office of Stewardship and Development that plans the annual gala. "He's always been very supportive and always very affirming of the retired priests and here he is now retired."

Father Houston is one of five priests who live at the St. Paul Cathedral rectory, but he's the only one who is retired. He moved there after spending the first year of his retirement at St. Joseph Church in Worcester.

Father Houston said he doesn't have a lot of money left over after paying his bills.

"It's a huge struggle," he said. He remembers that his original salary in 1968 as an associate pastor in the diocese was \$250 a month.

"Even my pastor at that time called it, 'My monthly insult,'" he said.

Of course, men become priests because they hear the call of God and to serve the people, not to become wealthy. Father Houston has no regrets, but said he and other retired priests need financial help.

GREW UP IN NEW JERSEY

Father Houston grew up in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and attended Boston College for a year. His roommate, Bob Feen, was from Worcester and Father Houston visited the city often. Father Houston transferred from Boston College to Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut, and he met Bishop Bernard Flanagan, then the Bishop of Norwich, Connecticut. Bishop Flanagan 'Priesthood is all about more than you can imagine, as you listen to some of these men, young and old, and **their love of ministry** and stepping into peoples' lives and offering their own life.'

Father James A. Houston
Retired priest

later became Bishop of Worcester and he arranged for Father Houston to serve in the diocese after he was one of 32 priests ordained in 1968 in Newark.

Prior to becoming pastor at St. Rose of Lima, he served as an associate pastor at several parishes in the diocese and also served as chaplain and later as full-time campus minister at Fitchburg State College. In addition, he volunteered as chaplain for 29 years at Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay.

"I love the sea," he said.

Father Houston feels fortunate that Bishop McManus allowed him to remain as pastor at St. Rose of Lima for so long. He strongly believed in allowing parishioners to help run the parish.

"It's their parish," he said.

Bishop McManus attended the celebration of Father Houston's 50th anniversary as a priest.

"It was standing room only," Bishop McManus said. "The people really were very thankful for his ministry."

Bishop McManus appreciated that Father Houston grew close to his parishioners and employed a full-time salaried youth minister.

"He made the people feel very much a part of the parish," Bishop McManus said. "After all those years, he was baptizing children of people who grew up in the parish."

In 1999, Father Houston oversaw a \$2.5 million extensive remodeling of the church. For a year during the renovations, he said Masses at Algonquin Regional High School.

"That was great," he said. "I baptized a lot of kids there and they called themselves, 'the St. Algonquin class."

In 2019, Father Houston and Father Timothy M. Brewer, pastor at St. Mary Parish in Holden, met Pope Francis during his Wednesday audience on the top steps of St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. They shook his hand and exchanged a few words as Pope Francis made his way through a long line of people.

"It was beautiful," he said. "It was a spiritual moment of peace with the leader of the Catholic Church asking you to pray for him."



Senior priests share their gifts throughout the diocese

BY TANYA CONNOR | THE CATHOLIC FREE PRESS

Continuing to celebrate Mass is important to the diocese's two newest senior priests. And the longest-serving senior priest is still in the ministry after 18 years.

The diocese's five men in this type of work live in rectories and help meet sacramental and pastoral needs at those parishes.

I'm still in ministry," said

Father Michael J. Roy, who became senior priest at St. Anne Parish in Southborough July 1 this year, shortly before his 76th birthday. "I wanted to be part of a faith community where I could continue to celebrate the Eucharist."

"I enjoy saying Mass; I get into it emotionally and spiritually," said Father Thomas H. Hultquist, who became senior priest at St. George Parish in Worcester July 1 and celebrated his 75th birthday Oct. 2. He told The Catholic Free Press, "I like to give the body and blood of Jesus Christ some time, [so] people recognize who he is."

These two priests said they wanted to do more for their parishes before stepping down as pastors, but they are settling into being senior priests elsewhere. Father Roy was pastor of St. Roch's in

Oxford for 12 years and was also appointed pastor of St. Ann's in Oxford in July 2022. Father Hultquist was pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Lancaster for nine years.

Father Paul T. O'Connell, 88, who has been a senior priest the longest, said he asked for that transition after serving as pastor of St. Mary Parish in

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Priests continue to share in ministry, sacraments

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Shrewsbury for 13 years.

"When I saw the diocesan policy on senior priests, which had been made years ago, I thought that I would like to do that," he said. He knew administrative duties often left pastors with less time for pastoral ministry, and St. Mary's was preparing for a major project.

"I don't want to spend the last five years of my ministry building buildings," decided Father O'Connell, who was approaching the traditional retirement age of 75, so he inquired about being a senior priest.

Father Edward J. Moran, then pastor of St. Anne Parish in Shrewbury, did not have an associate pastor.

"He was in need of some help," Father O'Connell said. "I asked [to be a senior priest there] and he was delighted." So, in 2005 Father O'Connell moved to St. Anne's.

"It was like being a curate all over again ... with the exception of youth," he said. "When I first came, I was doing baptisms, weddings and funerals."

He said he still baptizes and officiates funerals if asked. and celebrates some Masses at St. Anne's, at other parishes as needed and for religious sisters in Marlborough. He visits the sick and shut-ins, and once a week works in the diocesan Tribunal, where he is associate judicial vicar. He's also a member of the diocesan Presbyteral Council, the environmental stewardship committee, and chaplain for the Shrewsbury Knights of Colombus.



TANYA CONNOR | CFP

Above, Father Thomas H. Hultquist celebrates Mass at St. George, Worcester, Oct. 4. Right, Father Paul T. O'Connell baptizes Alexander Paul Smith at St. Anne Parish, Shrewsbury, Sept. 23.

"It's all pastoral," Father O'Connell maintained. "I do all these things at my own pace. That's the beauty of being a senior priest – you can say, 'No."

Father Kenneth R. Cardinale, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Leominster, said he served as a seminarian at St. Mary's when Father O'Connell was pastor there. He marveled that, years later, Father O'Connell is still engaged in parish life and concerned about what's happening in the world.

"He's like a triple senior priest," said Father Walter J. Riley, pastor of St. Anne's in Shrewsbury. "He's going to be 89 in November. ... He's been able to last this long, which is wonderful. He just stays busy. That's what keeps him going. He's such a total asset to St. Anne's, really the entire town. ... Everyone knows and loves him.

"He's a bundle of experience ... We work as a team."

Father Roy works with Father Albert Irudayasamy,



PHOTO BY ANDREA BUITRAGO-ERKOC

pastor of St. Anne's in Southborough, who lived with him at St. Roch's when pursuing an academic degree. That experience, and the fact that St. Anne's rectory is accessible, motivated Father Roy, who has mobility problems, to ask Father Irudayasamy about being a senior priest there.

"From the get-go he was very open and welcoming," Father Roy said.

"I'm really glad, and our parishioners are so happy to have him," Father Irudayasamy said. Father Roy celebrates two of the weekend Masses.

With him there, "people asked whether they could have Mass on Friday," the pastor's day off. Father Roy obliged, and also celebrates the Thursday Masses and monthly healing Masses, hears confessions, does counseling and is part of parish

council meetings.

Father Roy said he also has more time to read, pray and "be reflective."

St. George's pastor, Father Edward D. Niccolls, said having a senior priest in the past worked fine for him and the parish.

"I'm very pleased being here ... not having to worry" about an administrative "headache," Father Hultquist said. The bishop knew of his health concerns and "made the right decision for me."

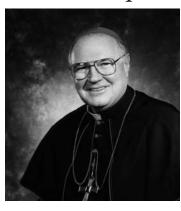
Father Hultquist described himself as "somewhat retired but able to help out sacramentally," with Masses, confessions, and baptisms if needed.

"He has a young spirit," commented Michael Garceau, organist at St. George's. "He's got really good enthusiasm. He makes me want to be there."

- Reprint, from the Catholic Free Press

May God bless our retired bishop and priests

Retired Bishop



Most Reverend Daniel P. Reilly, Bishop Emeritus, Shrewsbury

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"The end for which God has instituted the priesthood has been to appoint on earth public persons to watch over the honor of his divine majesty, and to procure the salvation of souls."

- St. Alphonsus Liguori



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Thank you for attending our 10th Anniversary Gala event

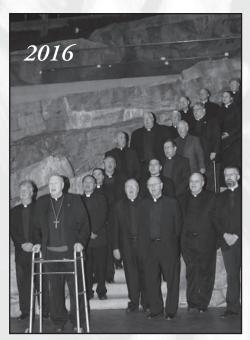
We are happy to have you all here as parishioners, friends, collegues and vendors support our retired priests. Many of you attended the first gala 10 years ago in Mechanics Hall. Then for several years we gathered in the atrium of St. Vincent Hospital and now at Saint Paul Jr./Sr. High School. We keep coming back to show our priests how much we care about them. Celebrate Priesthood!



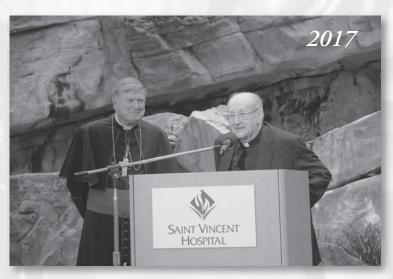
Bishop McManus, Father Paul T. O'Connell and Msgr. Francis J. Scollen pull raffle tickets in Mechanics Hall, the site of the first Celebrate Priesthood!



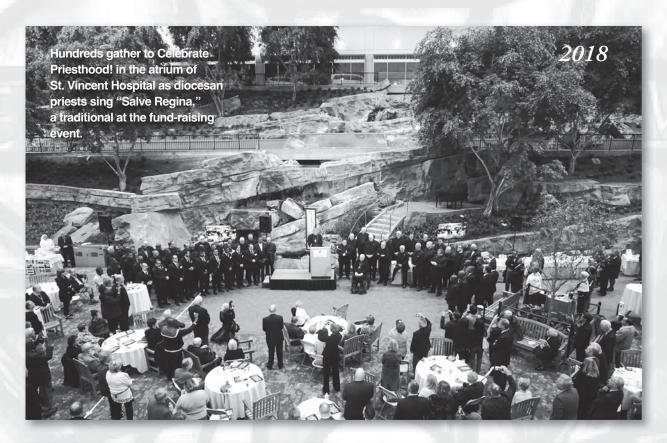
Father H. Edward Chalmers greets Msgr. Richard E. Collette as priests line up to sing in Mechanics Hall.



Bishop Reilly stands in front of diocesan priests while singing in St. Vincent Hospital's atrium.



Bishop McManus stands by the podium in St. Vincent Hospital's atrium as Msgr. Richard E. Collette talks about the book he wrote and sold to benefit the retired priests funded through your generosity to Celebrate Priesthood!

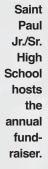




St. Vincent Hospital's atrium is filled for Celebrate Priesthood! People sample foods prepared by various restaurants and parish groups and visit with each other.



Like almost everything else the year the pandemic hit, Celebrate Priesthood! was held virtually - from the Cenacle in St. Paul Cathedral.







Homemade Italian cookies from the bakers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto are always a hit at Celebrate Priesthood!

SANCTIFYING THE WORLD: THE GIFT OF THE PRIESTHOOD

Join with Bishop McManus and priests of the Diocese of Worcester as they reflect on the gift of the priesthood in this year's presentation.

Online at worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood Produced by Communications Ministry-Diocese of Worcester



Most Reverend Robert J. McManus



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Father Richard F. Trainor

THE ONGOING NEED IN THE Priests' retirement fund

Have you ever faced the need to care for an elderly family member? You know first-hand how costs can add up when dealing with medical bills, assistance in living and many other issues, even before facing skilled nursing home care!

In the Diocese of Worcester, the customary retirement age for diocesan clergy is 75 years of age. On average, there are 50 retired priests in our diocese who are cared for by our Diocese following many decades of service to our parishes and other diocesan ministries.

For many years the cost of care for retired priests exceeded available resources by hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. We are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel thanks to this ongoing fundraiser, the newly established *Ash Wednesday Collection*, proceeds from the annual *Partners in Charity* appeal, and earnings from the *Forward in Faith* endowment established more than 20 years ago. We are also seeing progress in reducing expenses without sacrificing quality of care thanks to the work of a dedicated committee. Lastly, we look forward to the impact that additional resources will make from earnings generated by the endowment being established by the *Legacy of Hope* capital campaign.

Many people have wondered how this initiative relates to the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection which has been taken up in the month of December for more than three decades. That national collection is used exclusively to assist vowed religious communities (sisters, brothers and religious order priests) who face crippling retirement costs for the elderly and frail members of their communities. Canonically they operate their finances separately from the dioceses in which they served or are still serving.

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Join us in Celebrating the Gift of Priesthood throughout the year!

The gift of the priesthood is more than a personal vocation to which each priest is called. It is a gift to the community of faith. We are never without the sacramental graces conferred on each of us, thanks to the presence of a priest.

We invite you to consider ways in which you can show gratitude for the priests who have made a difference in your life as we face the financial challenge of caring for our retired priests.

You are invited to make a gift to the Priests' Retirement Fund *at any time during the year* to honor a priest who helped you or your family. Visit worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood.

Consider making a Legacy Gift to the Retired Priests' Fund in your estate planning so that you make a long-term difference in the care of our retired priests. Visit worcesterdiocese.plannedgiving.org for more information.

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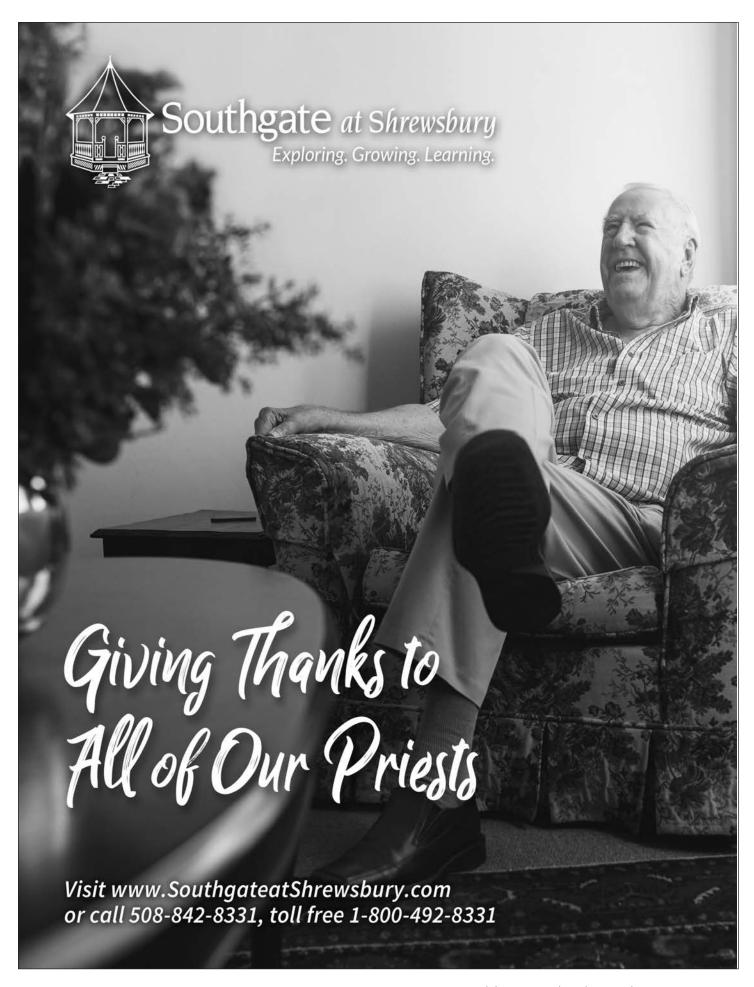
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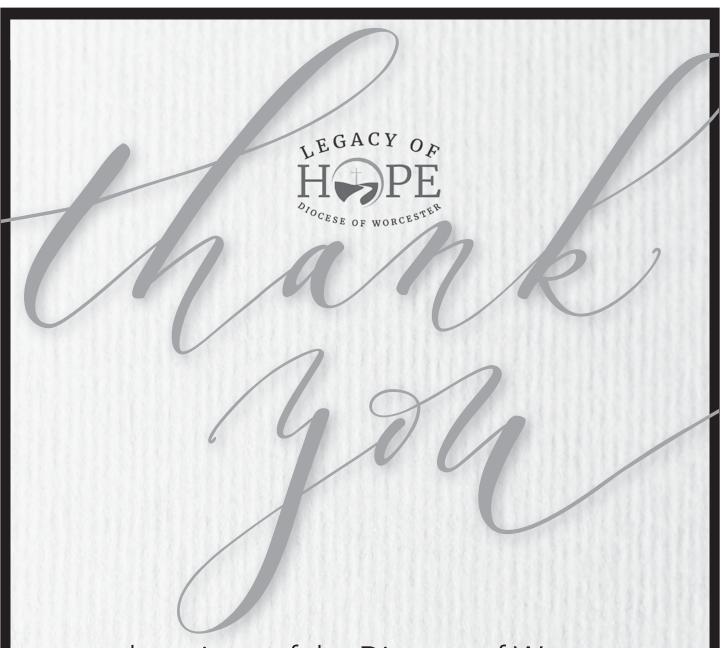
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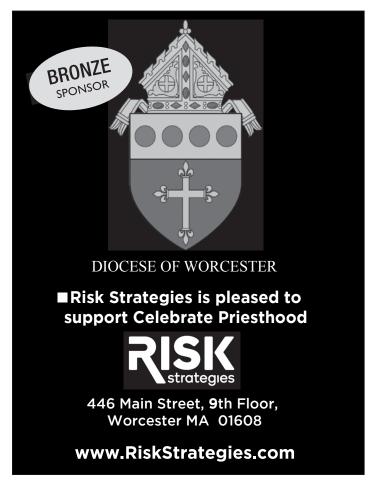
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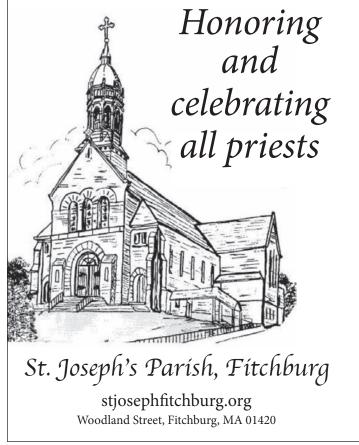
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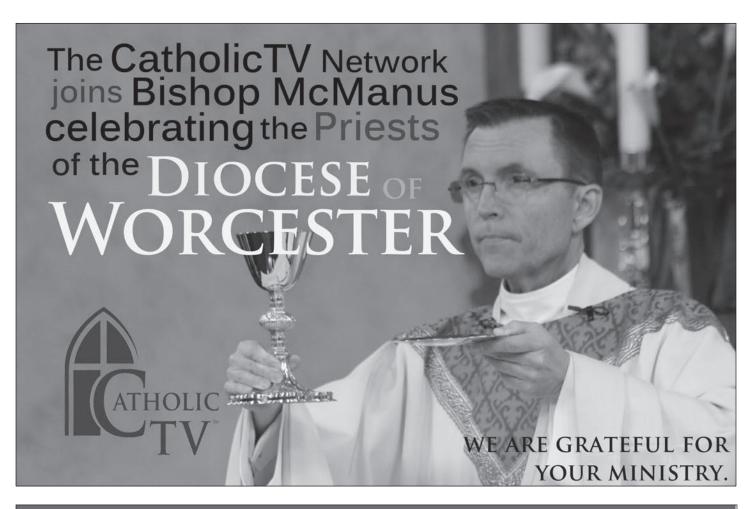
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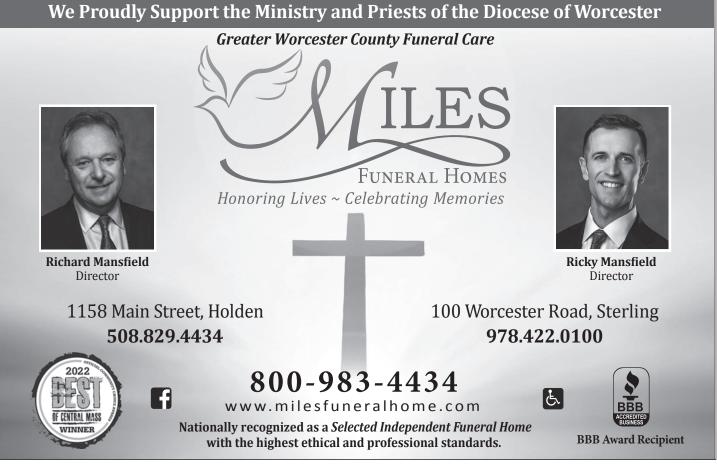


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Thank you to the Priests of the Worcester Diocese for years of service and dedication to the faithful

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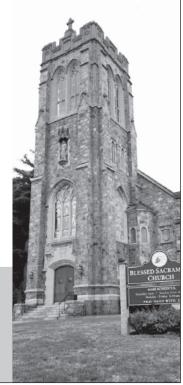
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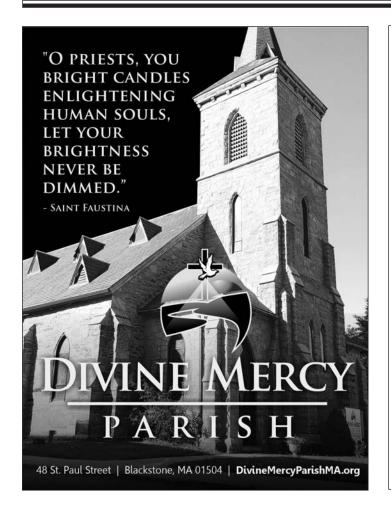
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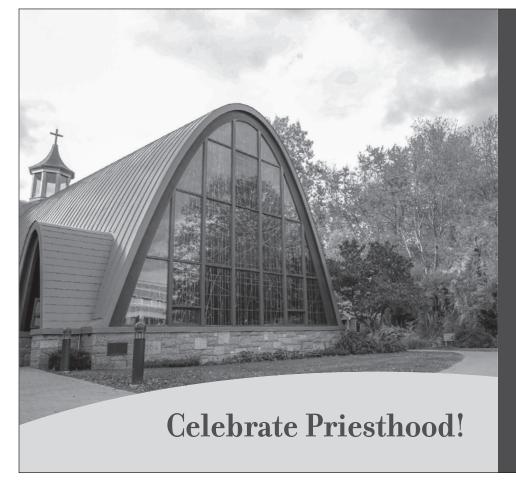
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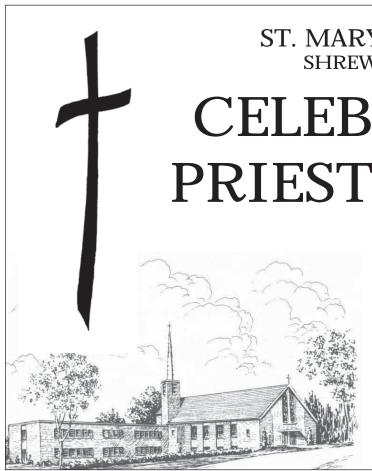
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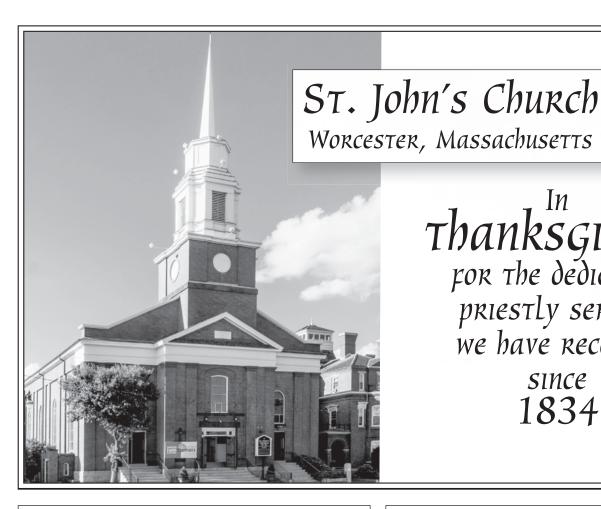
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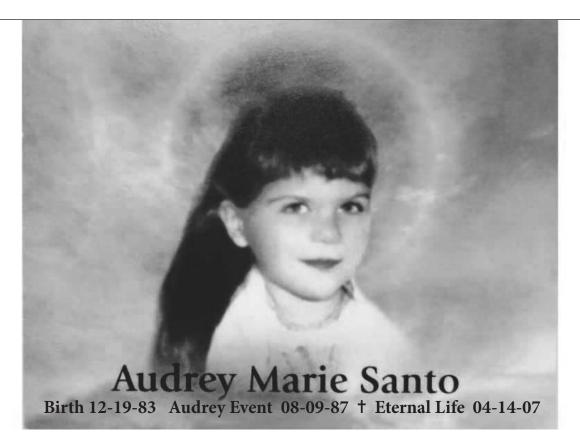
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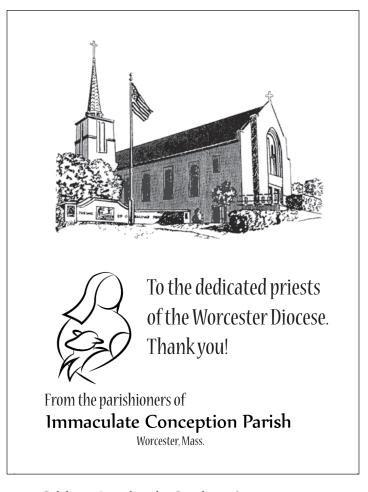
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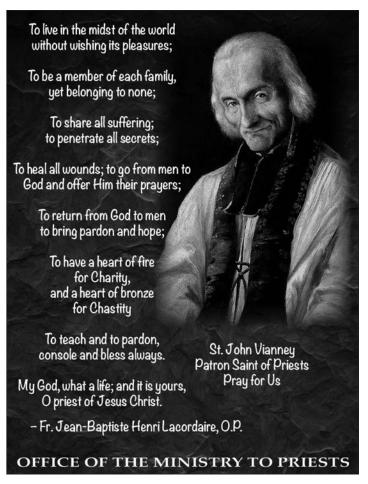
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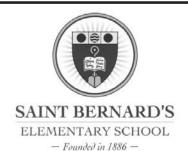
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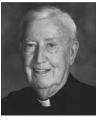
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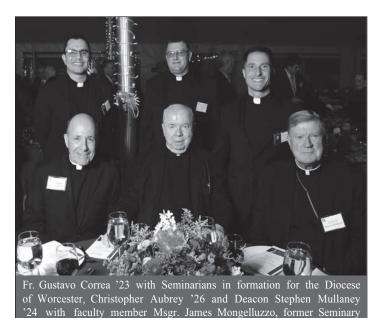
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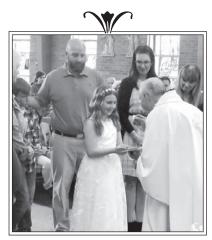
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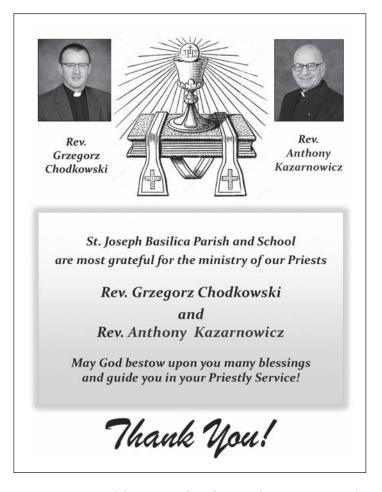
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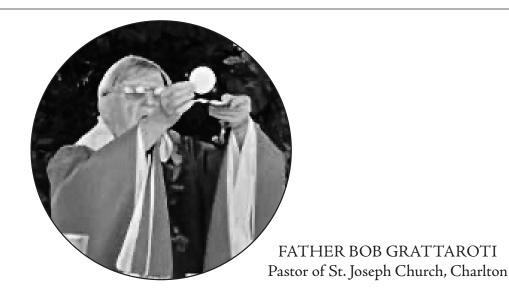
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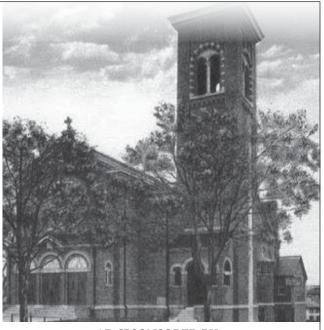
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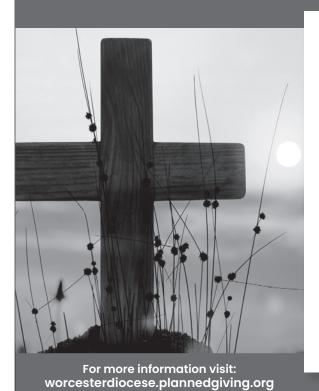
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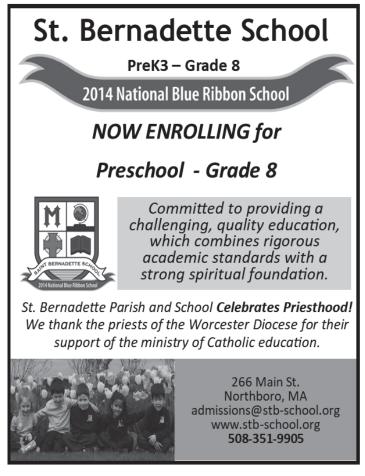


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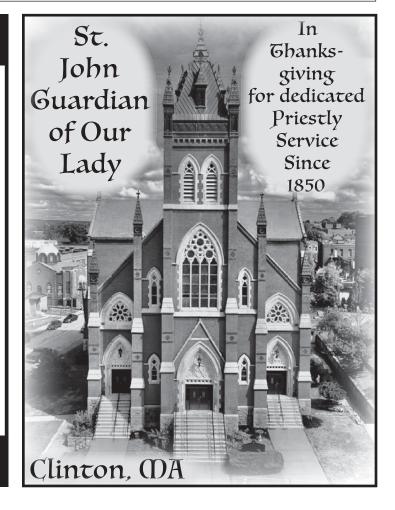
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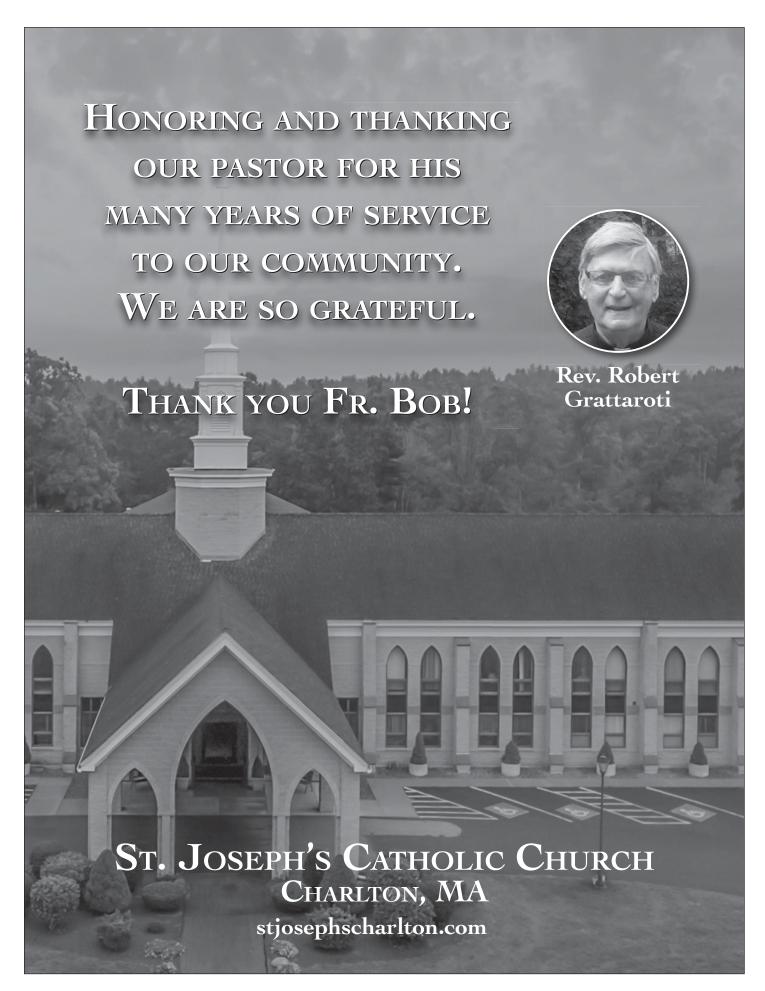
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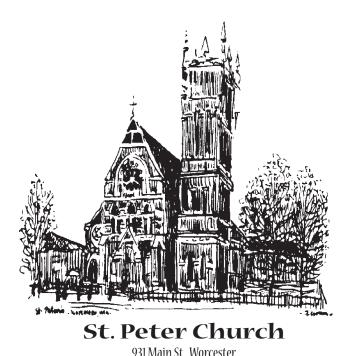
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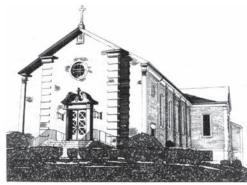
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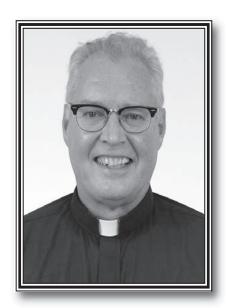
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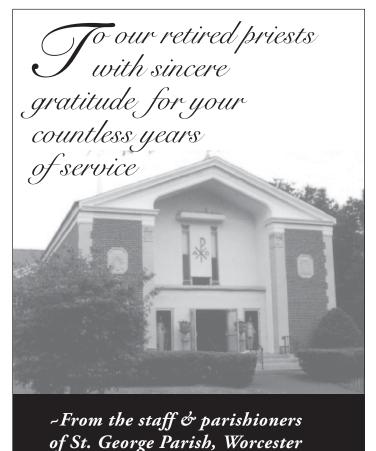






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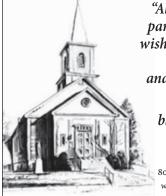
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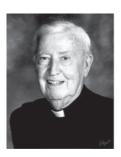
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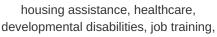
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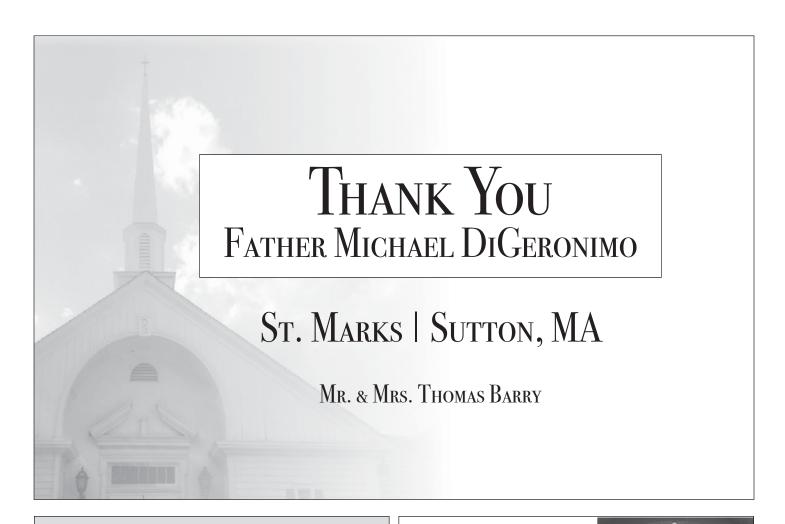
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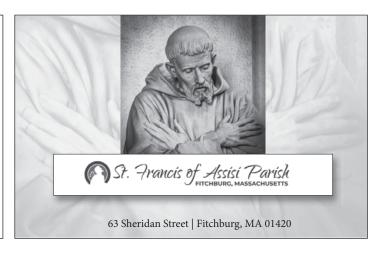
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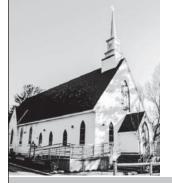


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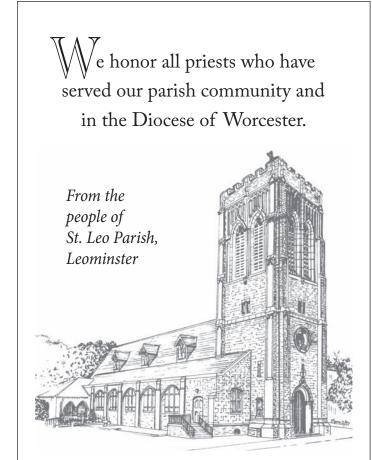
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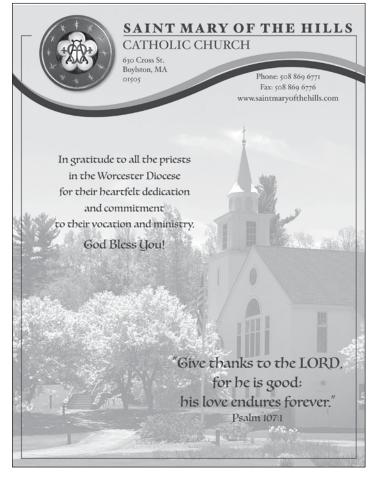
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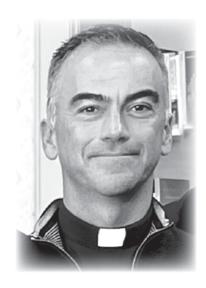
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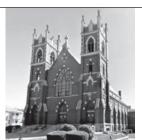
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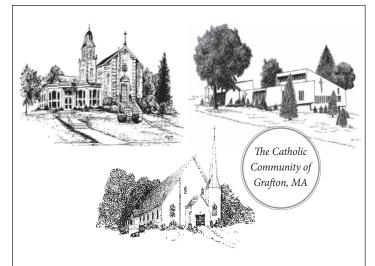
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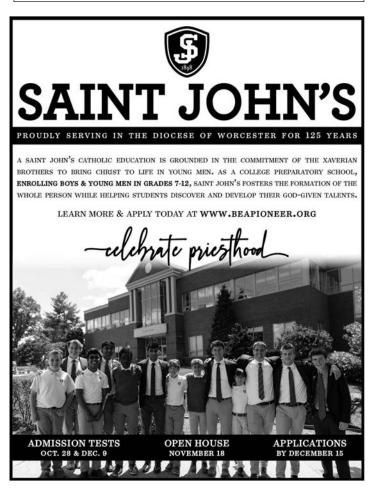
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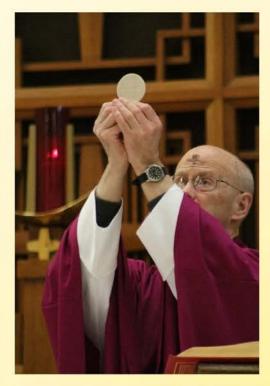
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