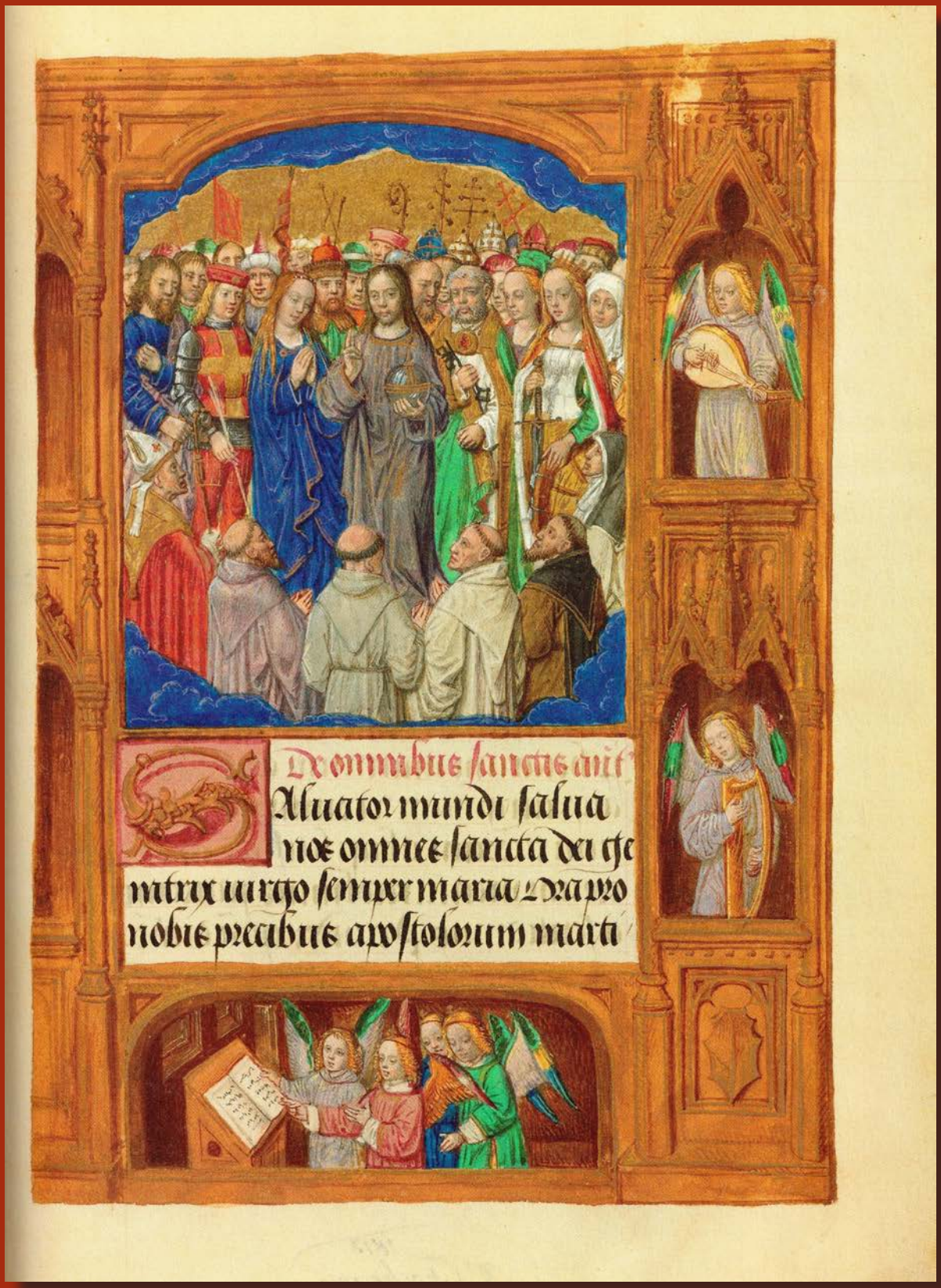

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+ Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation
4:00 PM Public

Sunday Masses
8:00 AM Public
10:00 AM Public & Livestream
11:45 AM Public
5:00 PM Public

Weekday Masses
7:30 AM Public
12:05 PM Public & Livestream

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:15 to 11:45 AM
Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM



Monday, Nov 2	**Wis 4:7-14;Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21;Rom 5:17-21;Mt 11:25-3**
Tuesday, Nov 3	**Phil 2:5-11;Lk 14:15-2**
Wednesday, Nov 4	**Phil 2:12-18;Lk 14:25-33**
Thursday, Nov 5	**Phil 3:3-8a;Lk 15:1-10**
Friday, Nov 6	**Phil 3:17-4:1;Lk 16:1-8**
Sunday, Nov 8	**Wis 6:12-16;Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14;Mt 25:1-1**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Oct 31, 2026
4:00 PM Regan Martins

Sunday, Nov 1, 2026
8:00 AM Arlene & Wilson da Silva
10:00 AM Thomas Brinston
11:45 AM Regan Martins
5:00 PM Maria Amelia & Antonio Cunha Rodrigues

Monday, Nov 2, 2026
7:30 AM In honor of all souls
12:05 PM Joseph F. D'Angelo

Tuesday, Nov 3, 2026
7:30 AM Francesco Citino, 1st Anniversary
12:05 PM Concetta Gianni

Wednesday, Nov 4, 2026
7:30 AM Communion Service
12:05 PM Regular Mass - Fr. Joe Devine presiding

Thursday, Nov 5, 2026
7:30 AM Communion Service
12:05 PM Communion Service

Friday, Nov 6, 2026
7:30 AM In honor of St. Jude
12:05 PM Aubrey Bernard Lallman & Gregory Matthew Lallman

Saturday, Nov 7, 2026
4:00 PM Anthony Pizzoferrato, Jr.

Sunday, Nov 8, 2026
8:00 AM Querino Genca
10:00 AM Carmela Patoka
11:45 AM Deceased members of the St. Valentine Club
5:00 PM Donna Honan

Please Pray for the Sick

Thomas Molitor, Joseph Shertick, Greg Reed, Kathryn Eagers, Tommie Henry, Syl Ciraulo, Mary Ertel, Mary Joyce Castafero, Rosemarie Perkoski, Fran Rago, Susan Degennaro, Albert Tornatore, Matthew Keohane, and Deborah Godin.

The Pastor's Corner



November 1, 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

For many years I've had a favorite personal association with the Solemnity of All Saints. It goes back to 1968 when I was a freshman in high school, and I played the organ for Mass in my home parish for the first time. It was completely unplanned, and I won't bore you with the details, but my mother was less than pleased when I arrived home hours later than expected because she feared that I had been abducted by garbage collectors!

The fifth chapter of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium) speaks about the "universal call to holiness" which is the vocation of every Christian believer. Holiness is not reserved only for priests, monks, or nuns; every baptized Christian—regardless of rank, state, or walk of life—is called to the fullness of the Christian life and the perfection of charity. This vocation is rooted in our baptism; holiness is lived out through ordinary responsibilities, including married life, parenting, single life, secular work, and suffering or illness. This feast, then, celebrates all those whose lives were imbued with holiness, and it invites all of us to strive towards that same goal.

Last weekend we witnessed several examples of how we as a community of faith continue to strive towards holiness.

For example, over thirty displays were featured in our Ministry Fair held in the Franciscan Center after all the Masses. Parishioners were invited to think about how they can use their time and talents to serve others by becoming part of a particular ministry, whether it be in the area of liturgy or service to others. I hope you were able to come and see the many opportunities our parish offers.

Last Saturday morning, October 24th, twenty-five young men and women from our parish celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with Archbishop Coyne at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. They were joined by candidates from four other parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford. It was a joyful liturgy in which over 150 young people were confirmed in their Catholic faith – an significant step in their journey towards greater holiness. I congratulate all of them in the hope that they will remain part of our worshiping faith community and find their own means of serving others in the name of Jesus Christ.

The next day, Sunday, October 25th, we celebrated the profession of two members of our Secular Franciscan Fraternity at the 5:00 Mass. Robert Sperry and Lorraine Yedziniak made their profession to live the Franciscan way of life. This is a unique way of living the ideals of St. Francis of Assisi as a lay person. If you have ever considered taking the path of deepening your baptismal commitment in the way of St. Francis, here it is. I congratulate Bob and Lorraine in their desire to follow the Gospel more closely as Secular Franciscans. Here is a photo of the Fraternity taken after the Mass.



From Tuesday to Thursday of this week, the friars will be away to attend the annual Archdiocesan Clergy Convocation in Newport. The 7:30 Masses on Wednesday and Thursday, as well the 12:05 Mass on Thursday will be replaced by Communion Services. Fr. Joe Devine will be on hand to hear confessions and celebrate the 12:05 Mass on Wednesday.

Our annual Mass of Remembrance, at which we remember our fellow parishioners and loved ones who died in the past year, will be celebrated next Saturday, November 7th, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come and pray for those who passed from our midst, that they may rest in the peaceful arms of our Savior. This Mass has become a beautiful annual tribute for those whom we loved in life and continue to love in death.

Blessings on your week ahead!

Fr. Tim Shreenan, OFM

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Pastor

Events/Programs Nov 2-6

Group Spiritual Reflection- Next meeting, 11/3/2026, Every Tuesday; on Zoom, 12:30 - 1:30 PM. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/GSR-Fall26 to receive the Zoom link for Tuesday's virtual session.***Facilitators: Mary Espinosa and Elaine Wiatr***

In Quiet Prayer - Next Meeting, 11/4/2026
Every Wednesday; on Zoom, 7:30 - 8:00 AM. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/IQP-Fall26 to receive the Zoom link. ***Co-facilitators: Pat Curtis and Susan Lennon***

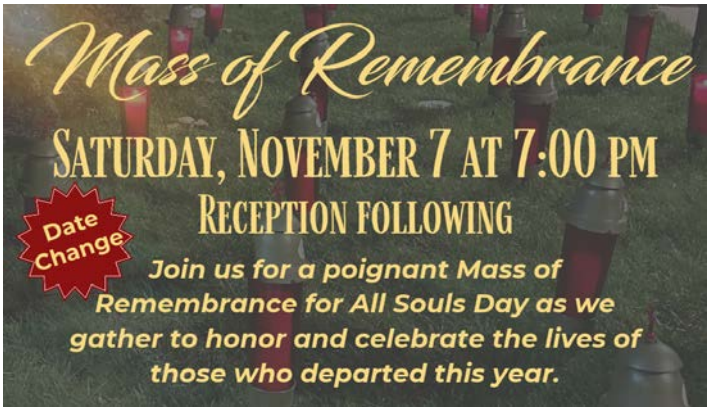
Divine Reading - Next Meeting, 11/4/2026
Each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays; in the Franciscan Center, 7:00 - 8:00 PM. Please consider joining us for "lectio divina" (divine reading). It is a prayerful reading of a bible passage in order to discern its message for each of us today. We have found that meeting in person gives the experience greater intimacy and impact. If you haven't tried it yet, please do! The process is simple and will be explained each time, and sharing is welcomed, but optional. Each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays; in the Franciscan Center, 7:00 - 8:00 PM. ***Facilitator: Sheila Denion***

The Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry
Thursday, 11/5/2026 at 10:15 AM. In the Franciscan tradition of "All are Welcome," The Emmaus Grieving Parent Ministry serves the spiritual needs of grieving parents whose children of any age have died by any cause. Please contact the church office at 860-756-4034 for more information.

Young Adult Thursdays - Next Meeting, 11/5/2026
All young adults are invited to join us at 6:30PM in the Franciscan Center as we engage in spiritual and scriptural reflection focused on the gospel for the upcoming Sunday. Contact Luke at lukebrown02@gmail.com or Justin at tomainojustin@gmail.com for more information.

Weekly Rosary on Zoom - Next Meeting, 11/5/2026
Join us from 7:00 to 7:30 PM. Join us for a **weekly Rosary devotion on Zoom every Thursday**, continuing through Advent, Christmastime, and Lent. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/Rosary-Fall26 to receive the Zoom link.***Facilitators: Jorge Garriga; Stacie Mawson, & Pat Curtis***

Committee for Social Justice
Next Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry. Please call the church office for more information, 860-756-4034.





Parish Nurses Community Sunday Offering

When you or someone you love is facing a new or ongoing illness, it can feel overwhelming. You may be dealing with many challenges and, at times, feel very alone. Please know that you are not alone, and help is available. There are organizations dedicated to supporting people and families affected by specific illnesses, and many offer valuable information, guidance, and resources that can help make the journey a little easier.

As your Parish Nurses, we would like to provide an opportunity for you to connect directly with these organizations during one of our Community Sunday gatherings. This will not be a formal presentation. Instead, a representative from a specific organization will be available for informal, one-on-one conversations. You will have the opportunity to ask questions, and learn what resources that may be available to you or someone you are caring for.

On Sunday, November 8, the Alzheimer's Association will be joining us at our Community Sunday gathering. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to connect, ask questions, and find resource support. We look forward to seeing you there and hope this resource will be helpful to you and your family.

Open Hearts:

Please join us for one or both meetings. All are welcome. For more information Please go to https://spsact.org/contact-form-for-open-hearts-ministry/ and a ministry member will reach out to you.

Open Hearts Meeting: 11/08/2026 after the 5:00 PM Mass.

Friends and Family Ministry: Next Meeting: 11/15/2026 at 3:30 PM.

Djembe Drumming Circle

November 9, 2026 in the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry, from 6:30 to 7:30PM.

Did you know that drumming is good for the spirit as well as the heart and mind! Anyone can learn to drum - no musical experience is needed. All women and men are invited to join. If you have a drum, please bring it with you. First time drummers are asked to arrive at 6:15 pm. Call the parish office at 860-756-4034 if you need a drum.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

November Meetings: Monday, 11/9/2026 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Thursday, 11/19/2026 at 10:30 am in person at the Franciscan Center

The Prayer Shawl Ministry shares God's love, one stitch and one prayer at a time. We warmly invite you to join us in this prayerful and meaningful ministry. No experience is necessary.

Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSACT-PS26 to register and receive the Zoom meeting link. For more info, contact Janet Bristow at janet1291947@gmail.com or you may also call the parish office at 860-756-4034, x.113 and leave your contact information. Pat Curtis will get back to you with information.

Sister Parish Committee Meeting Information

The Sister Parish welcomes parishioners to attend our monthly meetings, no obligation! Join us the 2nd Tuesday of each month. **Our next meeting is 11/10/2026 at 12:45PM.** We'll be discussing how we continue to support our partners at St. Genevieve. And how we plan for sustaining our support for another 20 years. Any questions, please contact Patti Wawzyniecki, at patti.wawzy20@gmail.com.



From the Franciscan Center



Dear SPSA Family,

Father Tim has already written to you about giving money to people who approach us before or after our Sunday Masses. I want to add my voice—not to discourage compassion—but to help us direct it in ways that truly help and do not unintentionally cause harm.

Breakfast is served at the House of Bread on Sundays by one of our teams. At the Franciscan Center the friars and others serve lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., and every day at 4:00 p.m., dinner is available here through the sandwich window. No one in our neighborhood needs to go without daily nourishment.

We have also been encouraged by local nonprofits and the police to speak out about giving cash in the parking lot. We all know that addiction is powerful and that fentanyl is devastating. We have had people overdose on our property, including one person just two weeks ago. Thankfully, Narcan was administered and he recovered.

What many people may not know is how little money is needed to purchase something that endangers a life. We are told that fentanyl can be obtained for as little as $1.50. Increasingly, it may be mixed with xylazine, a veterinary sedative used for horses, that can cost about $3. Narcan can reverse the effects of fentanyl, but it does not reverse the potentially lethal effects of xylazine. Xylazine can also cause severe wounds.

A few dollars, given from a generous heart, can therefore become part of something that may imperil a person's life. That is not something any of us wants.

Some of you at the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses last Sunday saw a person, who often spends time in our parking lot, walk through the church, looking carefully into the pews. We suspect that he may have been looking for someone, who, on a previous Sunday, may have given him money. We do not judge him. Rather, it was a painful reminder of how addiction can drive someone to desperation—and why giving cash can create a bond that is not healthy for either the giver or the recipient.

Please do not give money in the parking lot. If you would like to help someone who is hungry, please direct them to the food that is available here every day, or support the ministries that provide it. In that way, we can respond with both compassion and wisdom.

Peace,
Mike Johnson, OFM



10/25/2026 Weekly Offering: $17,413.56

Anointing Mass And Luncheon

Saturday, November 14 at 11:00 AM.



Parishioners wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are invited to an Anointing Mass to be held in the church on Saturday, November 14 at 11:00 AM. Parishioners as well as their family members and caregivers are invited.

There will be a luncheon held after the Mass in the Franciscan Center next door. If you plan to attend the luncheon please call our parish office at (860) 756-4034 by the end of Monday, November 9 to let us know your contact information, the names of those who will be accompanying you and any dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc. you or they may have. (You do not need to call the office to register for the luncheon if you are only coming to the Mass.)

We encourage anyone coping with chronic illness or disease (heart, cancer, respiratory ailments, diabetes, etc.), those with the disease of alcoholism or other addictions, those suffering from any mental health issues, anyone facing surgery or those experiencing aging with its limitations, fears and isolation or any others who are seriously ill to join us together with family members and caregivers that day.







Clare Gallery: *Founding Mothers*

Thursday, November 12, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM: Virtual Artists Panel Discussion. Two exhibition receptions will occur on Sunday, December 13, in conjunction with the Parish's Community Sundays, the first at 9:00 AM and the second at 11:00 AM.

Founding Mothers is the Gallery's fourth and final exhibition focused on "voices left out at the founding of our country." When we started this journey to celebrate our country's 250th Anniversary, we wished to create special exhibitions that connected our Gallery's mission to our country's diversity of voices. It seems fitting to end with the women who helped found this country through their tireless work, strength, ingenuity, command, and commitment for freedom for all.

This exhibition includes 13 poster designs, a bibliography for further study, and an interactive component through which the audience is invited to participate by writing reflective thoughts that will be added to the exhibition throughout its duration. Our audience's responses will become part of the collective voice as we end our year together.

During the fall of 2025, the Gallery Committee targeted specific revolutionary women to highlight based on their particular stories and how their actions shaped the battle for our new country.

Next, the Gallery partnered with 12 students from the course "Elements of Graphic Design" at Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts (under the mentorship of Associate Professor Nancy Wynn). The team of students researched, collaborated, and designed 13 posters celebrating what the Gallery Committee deemed to be the "founding women of our nation." Their stories were diverse in class, race, and how they served, but their commonality was courage and strength to stand for what they believed to be the promise of a better future.

Additionally, the audience is encouraged to engage with the exhibition "to share their voices" by writing answers to prompts such as: Which women did you admire and why? Are there any women's stories that make connections to your life? Where do you see unexpected displays of power and courage? If you were to write one of the women a note, what would you say to her now?

Furthermore, ***a virtual panel discussion is on November 12, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.*** Panelists include students from the course; historian Erin Bartram, museum educator at The Mark Twain House & Museum and founder and editor of Contingent Magazine; and Associate Professor Nancy Wynn, MFA, from Merrimack College. The public is welcome, but registration for the virtual artist talk is required to receive the Zoom link. Please go to https://tinyurl.com/SPSA-FM-250 to register.

Lastly, ***two exhibition receptions will occur on Sunday, December 13***, in conjunction with the Parish's Community Sundays, the first at 9:00 AM and the second at 11:00 AM. All are welcome.

St. Francis Builds 2027: Join Fr. Mike in Oaxaca!

January 9–16, 2027 | Oaxaca, Mexico



Join Fr. Mike and fellow members of our Hartford community for a week of service, friendship, and putting our faith into action! We will work alongside Friends of Pimpollo to help build a school in an under-resourced community in Oaxaca, Mexico. Young adults are especially encouraged to join us! Whether this is your first service trip or you have volunteered before, you have something to offer. No construction experience is necessary—just a willingness to help, learn, and work alongside others. We warmly welcome volunteers from diverse language communities. ¡Se habla español! The trip is open to adults 18 and older. The cost is $850 plus airfare, with scholarships available for young adults and skilled workers. Interested? Speak with Fr. Mike, email stfrancisbuilds@gmail.org, or text 301-578-6150. Help build a school—and discover what else we can build together.

41st Annual House of Bread Hunger Banquet

November 18, 2026

The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry
St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church
285 Church Street
Hartford, CT 06103
Complimentary parking across the street

New this year: Come for Breakfast or Lunch!
$50 per person

7:30 to 9:00AM: Breakfast or 11:30AM to 1:30PM: Lunch

For more information and to purchase tickets, please go to https://tinyurl.com/2027-Hunger-Banquet



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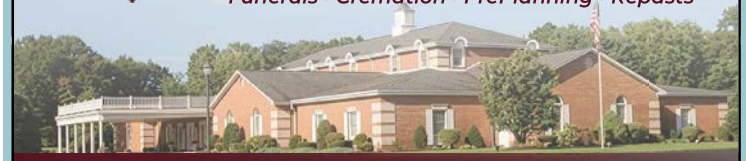
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