

August 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



TAKE UP HIS CROSS.

— MATTHEW 16:24 —

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WHEN THE ROAD CHANGES

We make plans.
We imagine how life should unfold.

Then something changes.

A door closes.
A plan falls apart.
The road gets harder.

Jesus never promised an easy path.

*He simply said, "Follow me."
Even when the road isn't the one we planned.*



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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep our Military and First Responders in your prayers as they protect and serve our communities.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Welcome and May God Bless you and your family!

SMA - Abigail M. Insalaco, Cameron C. Crehan,
Delainey M. Kowalski, Winona L. George,
Woodrow J. George, Dahlia G. Fuller

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our Family!

SMC - David & Karla Schuck

THOSE IN POOR HEALTH

Sister Ann Helene

Allen Aduddle

Judy Augustyne

Christopher Chojnacki

Dolores Feyl

Max Fuller

Tricia Hrycko

Richard Jezuit

Theresa Lisowski

Suzanne Mendola

Douglas Moore

Shirley Salerno

Jerry Sowinski

Lisa Spahn

Michelle Tobolski

Doris Wisniewski

Jackie Wolfram

Joseph Zaklikowski

Gregory Zygmunt

Names will be on this list for two months.

Add Someone: 716-668-8370 x 330 or

<https://tinyurl.com/bdclsicklist>

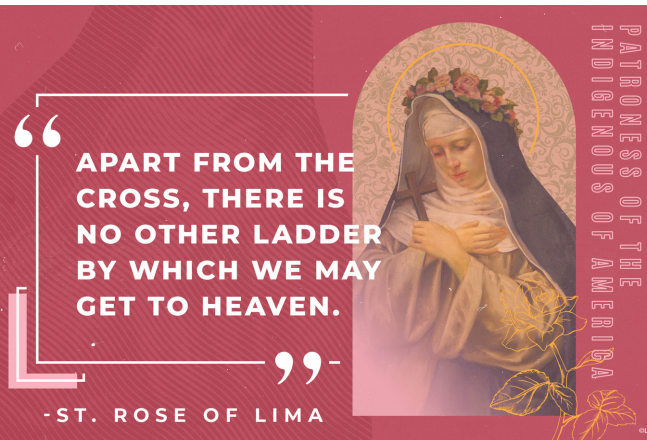
DEARLY DEPARTED

SMC - Michael J. Gabrielli

SANCTUARY LAMP | AUG 30 - SEPT 5

SPA

Diane Kopp | Husband, Tim



“APART FROM THE
CROSS, THERE IS
NO OTHER LADDER
BY WHICH WE MAY
GET TO HEAVEN.”

- ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Welcome!

Whether you come every week, are returning after some time away, or are visiting from another faith tradition, **we're grateful you're here.**

At the St. Philip, St. Mary Hill, and St. Martha campuses, you'll find a Breaking Bread missal/hymnal in the pew. The first 30 pages contain the prayers, responses, and posture guidance for Mass; the Scripture readings are listed by date.

At the Our Lady of Pompeii Campus, the prayers, readings, and music are displayed on the screens.

If it's been a while, welcome home.

Take this time to rest in His Presence, listen to His Word, and be renewed in spirit.

May this celebration of Word and Eucharist draw us closer to Christ and to one another. **We invite you to join us in the many opportunities to grow in faith and community.**

ABBREVIATIONS

SMA - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Hill Campus

OLP - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

SMC - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish St. Martha Campus

SJC - St. Mary of the Assumption Parish St. James Church

SPA - St. Philip the Apostle Parish



Saturday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

- 4:00 pm OLP - Leonard Casper | Thomas & Barbara Kromer
- 4:30 pm SPA - Gary Lennert | Warner & Linda Doyle
- 5:00 pm SMC - Donald Nugent | Wife and Family
- 7:00 pm SMA - Angelo Mineo | Love: Maureen, Melanie, Melissa

Sunday, August 30

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am SMC - Patricia Burns | OLBS Staff
- 9:00 am SPA - Joseph Salhab | Laurette Irwin
- 9:30 am OLP - Betty Kiscunas | Kathie Mazurkiewicz
- 10:00 am SMC - Marie Stroka | Donna & Bob Doyle
- SMA - James Vetter | Marie Sturm
- 11:00 am SPA - Jane Sawicki | John & Barb Parkinson
- 11:30 am OLP - Mae Nestico | Holy Rosary Society
- Noon SMA - Bernice Smith | Susan Green

Monday, August 31

- 8:15 am SMC - Edwin & Olivia Stuckel | Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Thaddeus Zygmunt | SPA Veteran's Committee
- 12 Noon SMA - John Dykeman | Family

Tuesday, September 1

- 8:15 am SMC - Carl & Irene Mazurek | Kathy, Wendy, & Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Patricia Miodonski | Family
- 12 Noon SMA - Victor & Frances Tobolski, Heavenly 75th Anniversary | Kenneth & Michelle

Wednesday, September 2

- 8:15 am SMC - Sally & Carmen Cammarano | Sister Theresa
- 9:00 am SPA - Patty Eisenhower | Eileen & Bill Bryan
- 12 Noon SMA - Ralph V. & Rosemary K. White | Charles & Diane

Thursday, September 3

- 8:15 am SMC - William Petz | Friend of the Family
- 9:00 am SPA - Isabelle & Alfred Feldt | Family
- 12 Noon SMA - Robert Guenther | Warda Family

Friday, September 4

- 8:15 am SMC - Harry Piniarski | Ed & Lucy Piniarski
- 12 Noon SMA - Marianne Gable | Family
- SPA - All Fathers; Parishioners of the BDCL Family of Parishes

Saturday, September 5

- 4:00 pm OLP - Jack & Marilyn Hesslink | Loving Daughters
- 4:30 pm SPA - In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received | Tierney Family
- 5:00 pm SMC - Paul & Barbara Phalen | Kensy Family
- 7:00 pm SMA - Ted Loecher | Virginia Loecher

Sunday, September 6

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am SMA - Frederick & Alice Lewandowski | Love, Paul & Rose
- 8:30 am SMC - Bob Albrecht | Family
- 9:00 am SPA - John & Joan Wierzbicki | Estate
- 9:30 am OLP - Kim Nuwer | OLP Bereavement Committee
- 10:00 am SMA - Mary Ann Helinski | Family
- 10:30 am SMC - Members of the SMC Altar & Rosary Guild
- 11:00 am SPA - James Nowak | Yves & Laila Desjardins
- 11:30 am OLP - Irene & Stanley Jasiczek, Jr. | Daughter Patricia

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Looking for a way to grow in faith and connect with other women?
Join us as we explore two inspiring Catholic books through prayerful discussion and fellowship.

Mondays at 6:30 pm

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus | 129 Laverack Ave. Lancaster

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis | October 26, November 23, December 21

Fearless: A Catholic Woman's Guide to Spiritual Warfare by Sonja Corbitt

January 11, February 8, March 8, April 5, May 3

Interested in joining?

Email Sister Joyce at sisterjoyce@stmarysonthehill.org or
return a registration form from the QR Code or BDCLFamily.org by 9/14



UPCOMING EVENTS

SPA CHICKEN DINNER DRIVE THRU

9/8 | Noon - 6 pm
St. Philip the Apostle | Parking Lot

Stop by for the next Chiavetta's drive-thru.
No reservations. Cash or Credit Accepted.
A portion of the sales support our Church.
½ Chicken | \$17
½ Rack Ribs | \$20 or Full Rack Ribs | \$31
Includes: 2 sides, roll & butter

SPA PRAYER SHAWL COMMITTEE

9/8 | 1 pm
St. Philip the Apostle | Parish Center

All those who knit or crochet are invited to
this meeting.

BDCL NATL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

9/12 | 12 pm
St. Philip the Apostle | Parking Lot, Parish Center

Join us for a solemn memorial service
honoring the children lost to abortion.
Guest speaker: Sarah Lindstrom, Director of
St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center
Bring your rosary!

OFFICES CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

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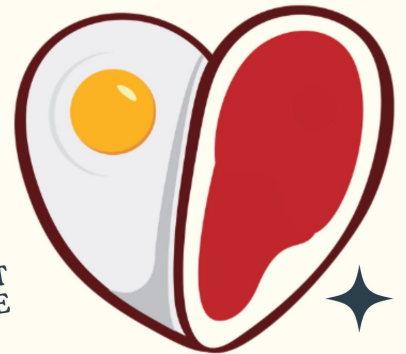
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JOIN US FOR THIS PARISHIONER FAVORITE EVENT!

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Sept.
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\$2.50 - Fruit filled turnovers

Basket Raffle during breakfast. Winners need not be present.

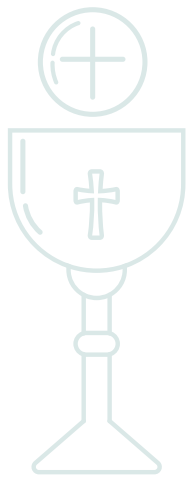


Come Worship *with us*



*Wherever you are, whatever time it is, there's a Mass for you in our Family of Parishes.
Feel free to keep this page to help you remember our Mass Schedules.*

MASS SCHEDULE *as of 9/5/2026*



Monday	8:15 am SMC 8:30 am OLP 9 am SPA Noon SMA
Tuesday	8:15 am SMC 8:30 am OLP 9 am SPA Noon SMA
Wednesday	8:15 am SMC 9 am SPA Noon SMA
Thursday	8:15 am SMC 8:30 am OLP 9 am SPA Noon SMA
Friday	8:15 am SMC 8:30 am OLP Noon SMA Noon SPA
Saturday	4 pm OLP 4:30 pm SPA 5 pm SMC 7 pm SMA
Sunday	8 am SMA 8:30 am SMC 9 am SPA 9:30 am OLP 10 am SMA 10:30 am SMC 11 am SPA 11:30 am OLP



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SMA: First Fridays 12:30 – 2:30pm
OLP: First Fridays Noon – 5 pm
SMC: Mon.–Fri. 9 am – 3pm (Chapel)
 First Fridays 9 pm – 10pm (Church)
SPA: Last Tues. (May–Oct) 6:30 – 7:30pm



CONFESSION

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Campus Key

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Our Lady of Pompeii
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Assumption Parish
St. Martha Campus

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Apostle Parish

GROWING TOGETHER

A Weekly Faith Challenge

Life rarely unfolds the way we planned.

A diagnosis.
A disappointment.
A door closes.
A prayer seems to go unanswered.

We start wondering if we've somehow taken a wrong turn.

Peter knew that feeling.

When Jesus told His disciples that He would suffer and die, Peter couldn't accept it. That wasn't how the story was supposed to go.

But Jesus wasn't losing His mission. He was fulfilling it.



This week's challenge:

Sometimes faith isn't about God changing our path.

It's about trusting that He can still accomplish something beautiful through the one we're already walking.

Jesus never promised His followers an easy road.

He promised to walk it with us.



Msgr. Richard Siepka
Our Pastor

FAITH IN ACTION

EVERY MINISTRY MATTERS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. At Mass, we come forward to receive Christ Himself in the Eucharist and are then called to carry His presence with us into the world.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priest and deacon in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass when additional ministers are needed.

Why is it important?

This ministry is rooted in deep reverence for the Blessed Sacrament and service to others. **At Mass, Extraordinary Ministers help the faithful receive the Eucharist** with dignity and reverence.

Who can serve?

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are practicing Catholics who have *received the Sacraments of Confirmation* and are willing to serve with reverence, humility, and care. *Training and preparation are provided for those entering the ministry.*

Interested in serving?

If you feel called to serve Christ and your community through this important ministry, contact your Parish Rectory to learn more about becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

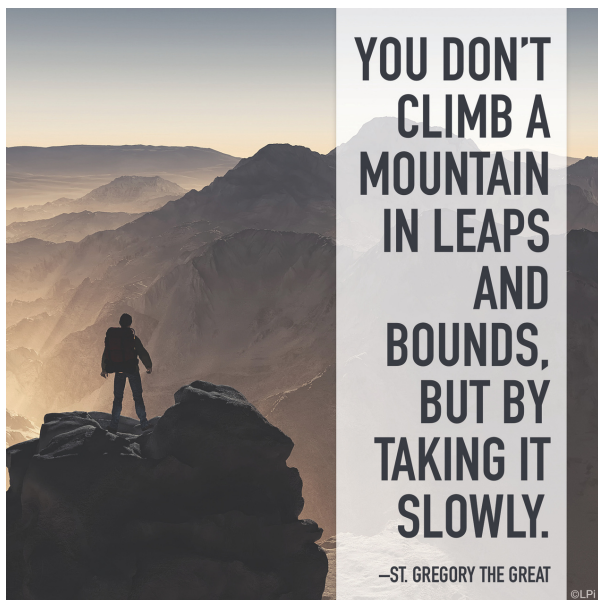


Stay connected and grow throughout the week!

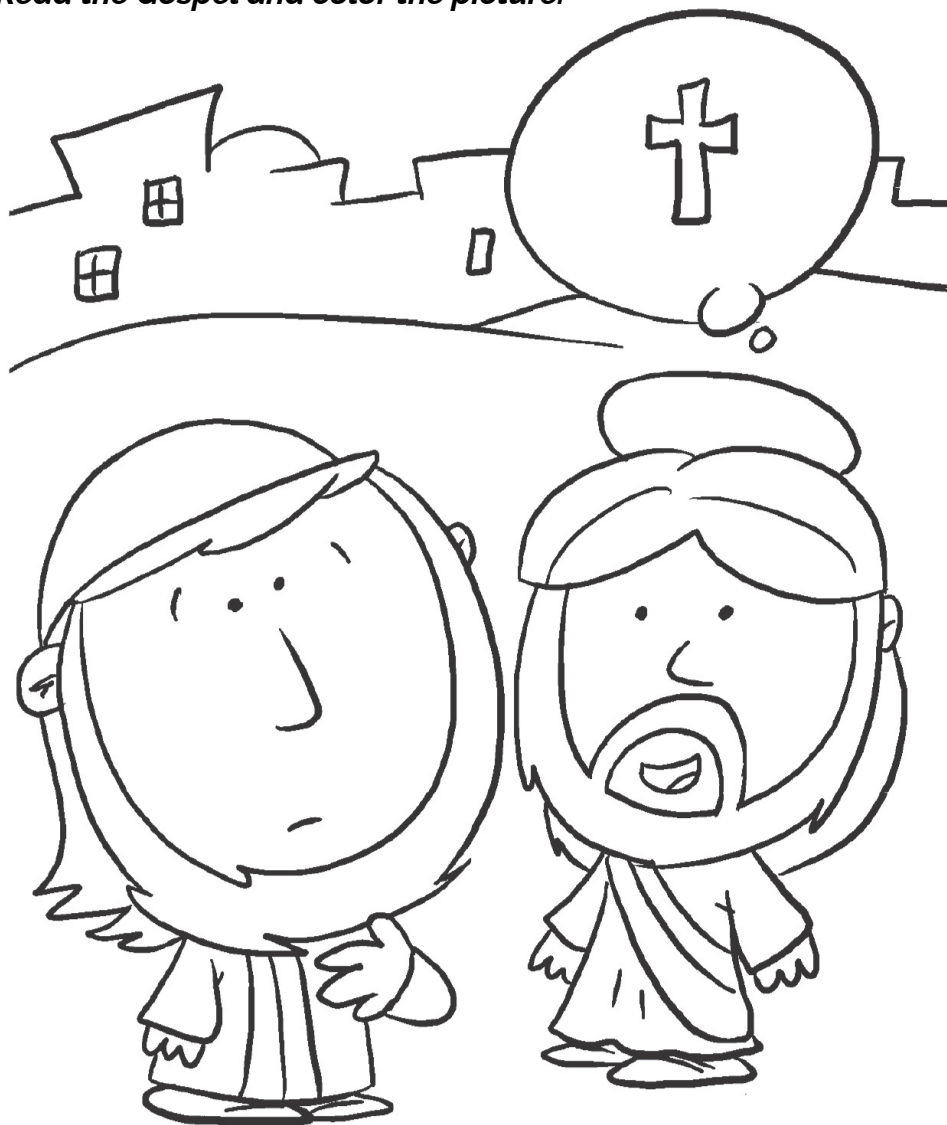


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Weekly Email



Read the Gospel and color the picture.



Prayer for Vocations

Dear God, Give us the courage and strength to answer when You call! Give us clarity and trust to hear Your soft invitations. Give us the love to respond, and the bravery to take the steps that will bring us ever closer to You. Amen.

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VOCATIONS REFLECTION

For Jeremiah, God's Word was *"like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in."*

Why fight the call to ministry?

Embrace it!

Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

FAITH BUILDERS

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY

Jer 20:7-9
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27

MONDAY

1 Cor 2:1-5
Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102
Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY

1 Cor 2:10b-16
Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14
Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY

1 Cor 3:1-9
Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21
Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY

1 Cor 3:18-23
Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY

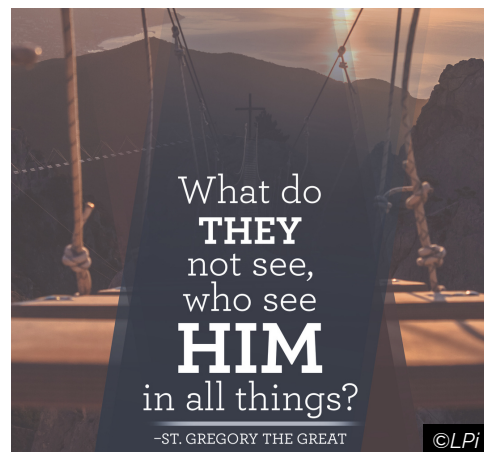
1 Cor 4:1-5
Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40
Lk 5:33-39

SATURDAY

1 Cor 4:6b-15
Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21
Lk 6:1-5

NEXT SUNDAY

Ez 33:7-9
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

September 13 - Seminarian & Diaconate Formation

This Diocesan collection helps support the education and formation of future priests and deacons, including the costs of seminary preparation. Your generosity helps prepare those answering God's call to serve our Diocese and the Church.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK OF 8/16

St. Mary of the Assumption



Hill Campus

Regular: \$2,933

Loose: \$1,238

CPL: \$3,728.28

Assumption: \$333

Retired Priest's Medical: \$20



Our Lady of Pompeii Campus

Regular: \$3,779

Loose: \$653

Assumption: \$412

Retired Priest's Medical: \$40



St. Martha Campus

Regular: \$5,802

Loose: \$567.12

Online: \$0

Building & Grounds: \$45

Assumption: \$801

Ascension: \$10

Easter: \$5

Retired Priest's Medical: \$140

Catholic Communications: \$7



St. Philip the Apostle

Regular: \$5,851.05

Loose: \$768

Online: \$1,532.50

Assumption: \$1,064

Catholic University: \$617

Retired Priests Medical: \$36

Outreach Emergency Needs: \$70

Peter's Pence: \$20



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FAMILY COUNCIL UPDATES

The BDCL Family Council continues working to strengthen collaboration across our Family and guide our transition as two parishes with five worship sites.

Here are a few highlights from the August meeting:

Family Life & Ministry

Planning is underway for Advent, spiritual programs, Pre-Cana, youth and young adult ministry, and an updated Family Ministry list. A Family Unity Mass & Ministry Fair at St. Martha is also being planned for the Fall.

Business & Finance

Work continues to consolidate parish records and develop Family and worship-site budgets. The first joint Finance Council meeting was held, and our Family exceeded its Catholic Charities goal by more than \$55,000!

Facilities & Schools

Security reviews were completed at our worship sites. Carousel UPK has moved into the former OLBS school building, while enrollment at St. Mary's Elementary is projected to increase by 10-15%.

St. Martha Transition

Communication surrounding the merger with St. Mary's continues, including information about offertory, facilities, and other upcoming changes.

Mass Schedule

The Council unanimously approved the new Sunday Mass schedule beginning September 6 and supported weekday 8:30 am Masses at OLP on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday while maintaining the 8:15 am weekday Mass at St. Martha.

Together, these efforts continue moving us toward a more connected and unified Family of Parishes.

DEVOTIONS

ADORATION *(Holidays & Holy Days Subject to Change)*

St. Mary of the Assumption

Hill Campus First Fridays 12:30 – 2:30pm

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus First Fridays Noon – 5 pm

St. Martha Campus Mon.–Fri. 9 am – 3pm (Chapel)
First Fridays 9 pm – 10pm (Church)

St. Philip the Apostle

Last Tues. (May–Oct) 6:30 – 7:30pm

CONFESSION *All are welcome. No appointment.*

St. Mary of the Assumption

Hill Campus Sat. 6 – 6:30pm

Our Lady of Pompeii Campus Sat. 3 – 3:30pm

St. Martha Campus Sat. 4 – 4:30 pm

St. Philip the Apostle Sat. 3:30 – 4pm

SACRAMENTAL

BAPTISMS

Please contact your Rectory. A class is required every three years.

WEDDINGS

Preparations begin at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please contact your Rectory.

HOLY COMMUNION

Homebound or Sick Parishioners

Please contact your Parish Rectory.

Low Gluten Hosts

Please see an Usher before Mass for direction.

CARE IN TIMES OF ILLNESS

During Office Hours: Please contact your Rectory.

After Office Hours:

St. Martha Campus: 716-684-6342 x 202

St. Mary of the Assumption Hill Campus & Our Lady of Pompeii Campus, St. Philip the Apostle:

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Bulletin submissions due by Friday at Noon, one week before the published Sunday. Submit to your Rectory.



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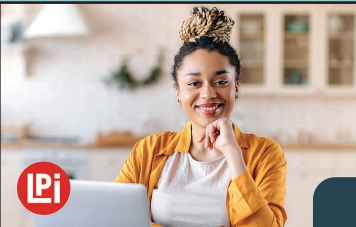
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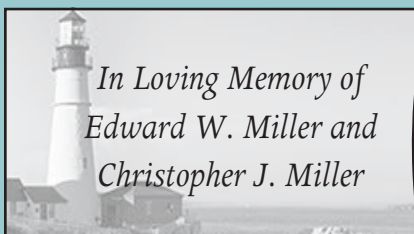


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