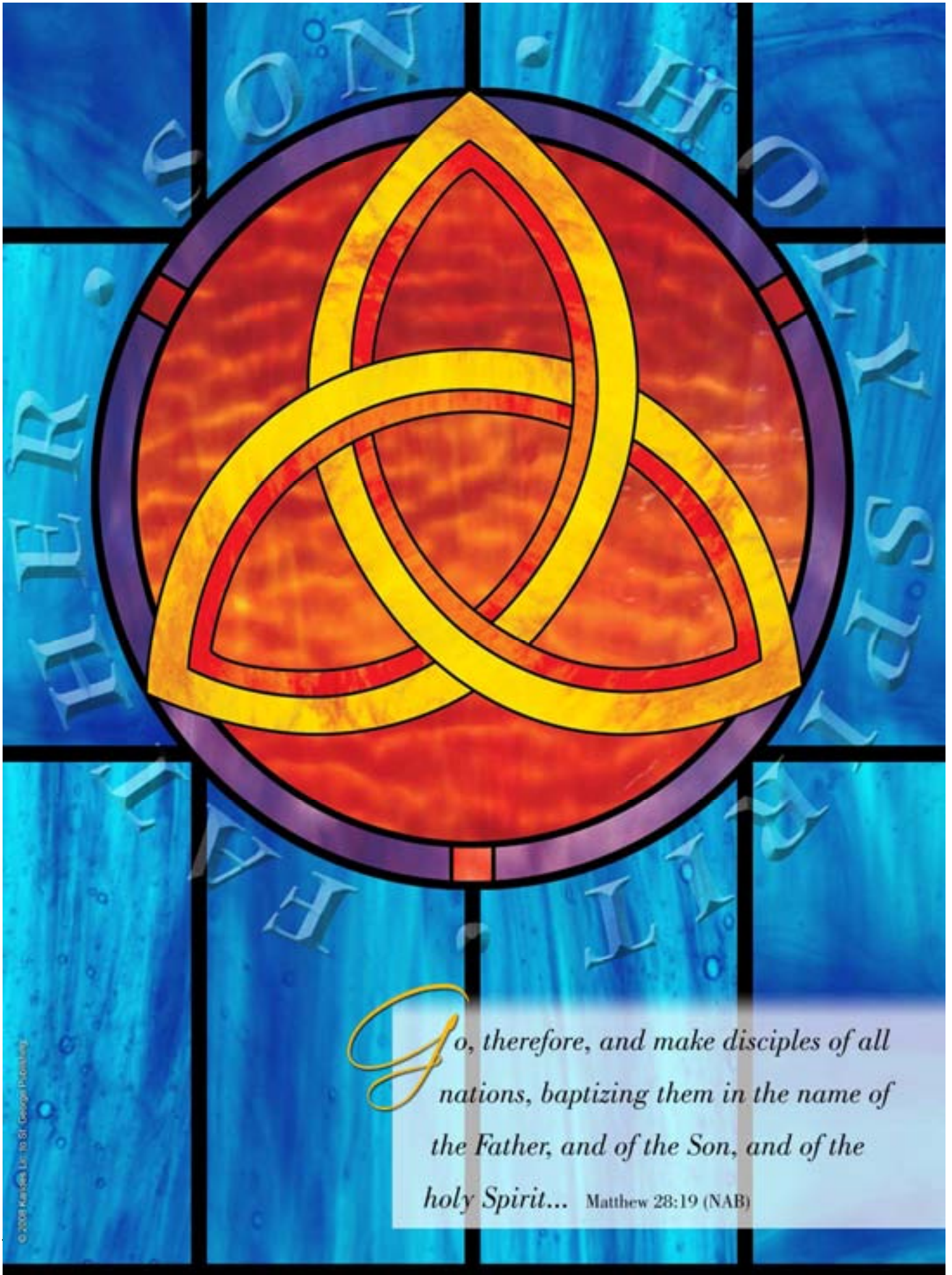


St. Gerard Majella Church



Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit... Matthew 28:19 (NAB)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 30th

4:00PM Bill & Jennie Lepere (Memorial)

Sunday, May 31st

8:30AM For the People of the Parish

10:30AM Olga Mary Gesiak (22nd Anniversary)

Monday, June 1st

9:00AM Joseph & Judith Botti (Memorial)

Tuesday, June 2nd

9:00AM Kim O'Connor, Ann Leonard & Mary Weafer (Memorial)

Saturday, June 6th

4:00PM Michael Lee (30th Anniversary)

Sunday, June 7th

8:30AM For the People of the Parish

10:30AM Edward Gorny (1st Anniversary)

6:00PM Carlo Calisi (6th Anniversary)

Your prayers are requested John B. Lindsay, James Joseph and Mary F. Clougher who were buried from St. Gerard's last week.

Collection May 23rd & 24th

Attendance - 808

Offertory - \$4,518

Seminary Collection—\$1,840

Offertory July 1st to date: \$368,676

Budget July 1st to date: \$371,739

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WELCOME

If you are a visitor to Saint Gerard Majella Parish, we want you to know how welcome you are -whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or from another parish here in the Archdiocese. Thank you for praying with us. Thank you also for your generosity, which helps us to celebrate our liturgies in a fitting and beautiful way, and to offer spiritual support to people in the Canton area. Enjoy your visit!

Prayer Corner for the living

Please keep the following in your prayers:

John Mariani, Emily Lewis, Tom Lordon, Carol Bradley, Bernice Panicci, William Benoit, Ray Fisher, Baby Joseph, Ed Hartman, Salli Govatsos, Baby Madeline Smith, Ava Alpert, Sr. Catherine Gilmore, John W., Thomas Rose, Kathy, Michael, Kay Smith, PAF, Luci Colee, Deborah Rizzotti, Mary Feeney.



Prayers For Our Service Members

Please remember our military in your prayers. To add a name call the Parish Office 781-828-3420.

Homebound Ministry

Deacon Dan has been in the process of expanding our homebound ministry program through which he and others bring Holy Eucharist to many of our fellow parishioners who are unable to leave their home and attend Mass. Within this very important ministry, we as a parish community are able to extend ourselves in a real and important way to many of our fellow parishioners who are permanently disabled or physically unable to make the trip from their home to church. We would like to expand this program to other parishioners who may be temporarily disabled due to a recent medical procedure or who may simply be unable to find transportation from home to church. If you are aware of any person who is unable to make their way to church for whatever reason, please contact the parish office and we will make sure they are included on our homebound list.

Senior Bingo

Our next Senior Bingo evening will be held on Sunday, May 31st from 4-6PM. We love new faces! Come for a night of free Bingo with lots of prizes, laughs and refreshments. If you need transportation please call Judie at 781-828-4061.

Religious Education

Registrations for 2015-2016 have been mailed out. Please return your registration forms and check by **Monday, June 8th**. If you are a returning family and have a child going into first grade in the fall, please add their name to the form and send in a copy of their baptismal certificate (if they were not baptized at St. Gerard's).

First grade registration for new families will be by appointment only. Please contact Donna Andersen at the Rectory (781-828-3240).



Pancake Breakfast

St. Gerard Majella Parish Pancake Breakfast Sunday, June 14th after the 10:30AM Mass. All are welcome! Please sign up at the back of Church or downstairs at coffee hour. No charge to attend only donations if you like. To help please call Kevin Donovan at 781-821-0905.

Operation Lazarus

April donations to our fund to feed and clothe the homeless, were generously made by the following families:

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Our sincerest thanks to these families! There are return stamped envelopes available at the right parking lot exit for anyone who would like to contribute to this ministry. **Thank you!**

OUTREACH YARD SALE

Our Youth Ministry Program, in conjunction with parishioner June Martin, is running a yard sale with the proceeds to go towards this year's summer Outreach trips. **WE NEED YOUR DONATED ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION.** The yard sale will be held at 1818 Washington Street on Saturday/Sunday, June 6/7, (weather permitting) from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Parking is available on Old Coach Road. Donations are now being accepted at the church hall until June 4th and at the Martin residence on Friday & Saturday, June 5th/6th. Please contact Katie Kelleher @ 781-254-8904 for more details and information regarding your drop offs. Thank you.

KIDS CAMP 2015

Get ready for a blast from the past and a look into the future as we celebrate 25 years of camp!! This summer's fun week is scheduled for July 13th—July 17th. Mark your calendars for **REGISTRATION** in the Church Hall:

Returning families: Sunday, June 7th, 7PM

New families: Monday, June 8th, 7PM

Our Kick-off Kids Camp Mass is on Sunday, July 12th at 10:30AM. Camp t-shirts will be distributed before Mass. Returning families should watch your mailbox for registration info. New families will receive their registration forms on Registration night. Counselor sign-up forms will be mailed soon to past counselors and will be available online as well. New counselors may go online for a form. Go to www.saintgerard.org for all forms and up-to-date info or call 781-828-3420 and ask for the Kids Camp hotline. Families may also email questions to:

stgerard.kidscamp@gmail.com

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN !!

Kids Camp 25th Anniversary Gala

In celebration of 25 years of success, St. Gerard's is holding an ADULT event with food, music and memories. The event will be at the Irish Cultural Center, Saturday, July 18th. Save the date and watch for more details to follow.

Food Pantry

Our monthly collection of non-perishable item (beef stew, baked beans, mac & cheese, jelly, cereal, pasta, soup, Jell-O, canned fruits and vegetables) for the Canton Food Pantry will be taken up the weekend of June 6th & 7th. Donations may be left in the baskets at the doors of the church. As always your generosity is appreciated.


Trips

American West September 18-24 \$1999/ppdo Tour includes air, 6 nights/6 breakfasts/4 dinners visits to Mt Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Devil's Tower, Black Hills of South Dakota, Badlands National Park, Ta Tanka and Custer State Park. After a stay in Rapid City, it's on to Deadwood, the tiny goldrush town and explore the saloons, casinos and areas that were once frequented by Wild Bill Hickock and Calamity Jane. Call Janet Walrod, 781-575-1491.

“Lighten Up: A Yard Sale for the Soul,” a *Spirituality for Everyday Living mini-retreat* led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out* will be held on Wednesday, June 10 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00AM-12:30PM. Cost \$20. Pre-registration required.

“Soul Sisters,” a women's retreat led by internationally known speaker and author, Edwina Gateley will be held August 10-15, 2015 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA. Register by July 1st to save.

For more information, contact Peggy Patenaude at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net



MCFL March for Life, Sunday, June 28th Boston Common: Rally 1PM, March 2:30PM. Massachusetts Citizens for Life has sponsored the Walk to Aid Mothers and Children for almost 30 years. This year we will still raise funds for beneficiary groups but we have expanded the focus to a March for Life. **More than 1.2 million babies in Massachusetts** alone have died through abortion since 1973. We must give witness! Rally speakers include legislators, post-abortive women, clergy, youth, and many others, all led by the music of Lift Ministries. Please come and March to raise public awareness! More information, posters, and sponsor sheets: [617-242-4199](tel:617-242-4199), www.masscitizensforlife.org/march.

Invitation to a Centenary Mass at St. Theresa of Avila Church

The Daughters of St. Paul will celebrate their 100th Anniversary of Foundation with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 14th at 3:00PM in St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre Street, West Roxbury, Mass. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Cardinal Sean O'Malley will be the main celebrant. All are invited to attend the Mass and reception. Please RSVP to 617-522-8911 or email to fspscentenary@gmail.com. The Sisters are known by many for their annual Christmas concerts at their Jamaica Plain residence, for their Pauline Books & Media Center on Route 1 in Dedham, as well as for their many Catholic books, CD's and DVD's.

Celebration of Servant of God Patrick Peyton's Anniversary of Death to be held on Saturday, June 6. Each year Holy Cross Family Ministries' offices around the world celebrate an Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving for the life of its founder, Servant of God Patrick Peyton. This year **The Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., Bishop of the Diocese of Fall River,** will be joining the activities. The event being held on the **Vigil of The Feast of Corpus Christi** begins at 4PM with Rosary at the Grotto at Stonehill College, followed by a Eucharistic Procession to Father Peyton's grave and a continued Procession to St. Joseph Chapel for Mass. A reception at The Father Peyton Center concludes the day. All parking will be at the Father Peyton Center. Shuttles are available starting at 3PM. In the event of rain, all activities will be held at St. Joseph Chapel at 500 Washington St., North Easton, MA 02356. For more information or to RSVP, call the Father Peyton Center, Rosemary Chaves at 508-238-4095 x2041 or logon to www.FamilyRosary.org/Events.

Join LIFT Ministries on Friday, June 5th @ 7PM for an inspiring night of worship at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston with guest speaker Chris Padgett. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

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Vatican News

Mother and son: Pope Francis shares personal, intimate devotion to Mary

By Cindy Wooden Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- From Easter to Pentecost -- and especially during the Marian month of May -- Catholics recite the "Regina Coeli" prayer "with the emotion of children who are happy because their mother is happy" that Jesus has risen from the dead, Pope Francis said.

Although his devotion to the Mother of God is profound, it is simple in many ways: Mary is a mother to every believer; Jesus would not leave his followers orphans.

While his connection to Mary clearly is a matter of heart and mind, it is also physical. Whenever Pope Francis passes a statue or icon of Mary, he kisses it or allows his hand to rest tenderly upon it.

Honoring the Mother of God, of course, is a solid part of Catholic tradition and a mainstay in the devotion and teaching of the popes. St. John Paul II's motto, "Totus Tuus" ("All yours"), and the large M on his coat of arms were just the most graphic elements of a devotion that led to a whole body of teaching about Mary, her role in Catholics' faith life and the importance of praying the rosary.

Pope Francis would not have an argument with any of St. John Paul's Marian piety or discourse.

But there are differences.

"The sense of Pope Francis' devotion to Mary is a little more personal, more intimate" than St. John Paul's was, said Redemptorist Father Sabatino Majorano, a professor at Rome's Alphonsianum Institute. Pope Francis expresses "that feeling that exists between a son and his mother, where I think Pope John Paul's was more that of a subject and his queen."

The difference, he believes, comes from their roots: Pope Francis' Latin roots -- not just in Argentina, but also from his Italian family -- and St. John Paul's Slavic, Polish culture.

Retired Pope Benedict XVI spoke and wrote less about Mary than his predecessor and successor, but one now-solid Marian custom began in his pontificate: Whether or not it is a Marian feast day, a statue of Mary is placed prominently near the altar at papal liturgies.

Pope Francis' habit of touching images of Mary is a typical Latin American gesture, one Father Majorano said he saw repeated thousands of times at Brazil's Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida, which is staffed by his brother Redemptorists. "The tactile experience is part of praying. It's a spirituality that takes flesh, becomes concrete; it is not just an idea or a theory."

At Mass and other formal liturgical services, Pope Francis uses incense to bless the Marian images. He notices the images and often comments on them.

In Caserta, Italy, last July, Pope Francis celebrated the feast of St. Anne, Mary's mother. A locally loved statue of St. Anne holding the hand of her little girl, Mary, was placed to the side of the altar.

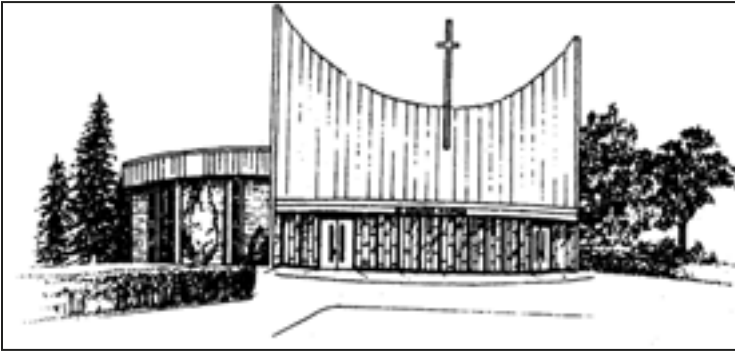
In his homily, the pope said, "When I was using the incense, I noticed something very beautiful: The statue of St. Anne does not have a crown, but her daughter Mary is crowned. St. Anne is the woman who prepared her daughter to become queen, to become queen of heaven and earth. This woman did a great job."

Visiting Naples in March, Pope Francis told priests, nuns and seminarians that one way to make sure Jesus is the center of their lives is to ask "his mother to take you to him. A priest, a brother, a nun who does not love Mary, who does not pray to her -- I would even say one who does not recite the rosary -- well, if you don't love the mother, the mother will not give you the Son."



- (In April). Immaculata High School in Somerville, N.J., announced that Patricia Jannuzzi, a Catholic school teacher (at the school),... was suspended for comments defending traditional marriage on her Facebook page.
- According to My Central Jersey, Jannuzzi's Facebook post concluded, "We need healthy families with a mother and a father for the sake of the children and humanity!" Jannuzzi's post drew national outrage, spurred on by social media and celebrities with alumni ties to the school. Actress Susan Sarandon, whose nephew attended the school, claimed that such teachers make school "even more difficult" for students, while reality television actor and Immaculata alumnus Greg Bennett declared Jannuzzi a "nightmare dumpster human."
- (In suspending Jannuzzi), Immaculata principal Jean Kline reportedly stated in a letter to the school community that Jannuzzi's words, "were completely inconsistent with our policy and position as a Catholic Christian community."
- Several weeks later, the school reinstated Jannuzzi due to her "otherwise good reputation as an educator over her 30 years at Immaculata" as long "as she monitors her tone and choice of words when addressing matters of faith in public." *Cardinal Newman Society*

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Contact the Parish Office one month in advance.

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SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office if anyone is ill in the hospital or at home.

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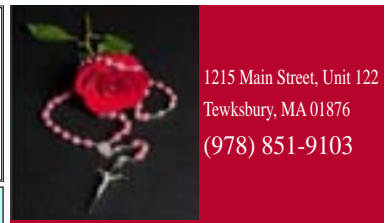
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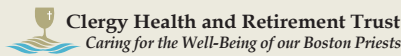


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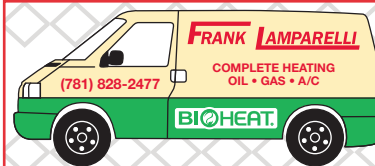


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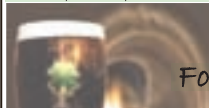
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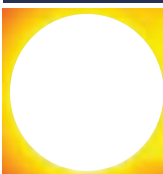
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