

Saint Francis de Sales Parish

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To receive the sacrament of anointing of the sick, please make arrangements through the parish office. Persons interested in celebrating the sacrament of baptism, confirmation, marriage or holy orders are invited to contact the parish office for information on preparation programs. The sacrament of reconciliation is available at St. Francis de Sales Church Saturday's at 9:00 a.m., at Holy Redeemer Church at 3:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 7:00 a.m. - church

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. - church

Friday 7:00 a.m. - church

Tuesday 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - church

Thursday 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - church

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. - church

Weekend Mass Schedule

St. Francis de Sales Church: Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon bilingual Spanish

Holy Redeemer: Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.

The information and activities listed in this parish bulletin are provided to enable you to become more actively involved in our community's worship, education, outreach and social events.

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A people of prayer...



COVID-19 Times

Now that we are celebrating Mass in our churches and halls, please take time to monitor yourself and take a personal inventory before you attend Mass: Do you have a fever? Are you coughing? Is your stomach upset? If you **might** be sick, stay home and don't spread the germs! Please remember that participation in Sunday Mass may be done in person or online. Bishop Malooly's announcement removing your Sunday obligation continues to be in place. You may access the online Mass by going to our homepage at www.visitstfrancis.org and clicking on the link.

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar of St. Francis de Sales this weekend are in loving memory of Jill Marie Rauch from her parents Richard and Sandra Kadera. If you would like to donate flowers please call the parish office for more information.



Tree Lighting

Our advent tree will be lit on Saturday, November 28th after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Please wear masks and practice social distancing.

Be Prepared

Take time to reflect on God's Word in preparation for the First week of Advent:

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel : Matthew 25:31-46

Daily scriptures may be read or listened to at www.usccb.org.

Thanksgiving Donations

The Joseph House is in need of donations of frozen turkeys, non-perishable grocery items and paper goods for our food pantry. The Joseph House truck will be in the parking lot of the St. Francis de Sales Church after all Masses on November 22nd to accept donations. Joseph House thanks you for your continued support. For additional information please call Dave at 410-543-8171.

Pocket Missals 2021

Our liturgical year begins next week. Pocket Missals are now available in the parish office to be purchased for \$3.00 each.

Thanksgiving

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 26th will be at 9:00 a.m. in the St. Francis de Sales Church. There will be no other Masses celebrated that day.



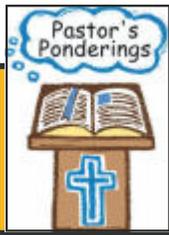
Please pray for those who have died and those who have lost a loved one. Last week in our prayer intentions we prayed for Mary Arleen White.

"Thank you for giving!"

Our church has been offering online giving for some time now and we wanted to thank all of you who have signed up and made this program such a success. We also want to thank each and every one of you who give each week in the pews for your continued giving.

Whether you give online or by the envelope, you are a necessary part of our family and we thank God for you. Your support is such a blessing to our parish and we look forward to building memories and sharing in God's work with you for years to come.

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit www.visitstfrancis.weshareonline.org. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office at 410-742-8781.



Pastor's Ponderings

Father/Padre Chris LaBarge



Reflecciones del Parroco

What does Jesus do as King?

We don't usually think of shepherds as kings, but the scriptures this Sunday describe the kingly powers of Jesus as our Good Shepherd. A good king cares for his subjects the way a shepherd cares for his sheep. Kings increase the size of their reign and accomplish their work over the whole territory through their subjects. That's why Jesus says, "Whatever you do for one of the least of mine, you do for me." For example, our Good Shepherd-King wants to distribute food to the hungry, all the way to the farthest reaches of his kingdom. How does he get it done? He gives an abundance of food to some of us and commands us to take it to those who need it. What happens if we don't fulfill the King's commands? Do the starving people think the King is benevolent? No, they can only see his goodness when we do as he tells us to do. Look at the people who are around you. Each one is an opportunity to give the King a good name. What about the people whom you like least of all? What about those who've made you feel angry or intimidated or hurt? Well, ask this: What is he/she hungry for? If the answer's not obvious, ask the Holy Spirit. Observe that person long enough to identify the emptiness or pain or fears that are buried under the surface. Then ask this: What abundance has God given to me that this "least one" is lacking and needs from Christ our King? Can I show him/her the King's benevolence despite my feelings? When we say no to opportunities to share what we have, we are behaving like one of the goats whom the Good Shepherd-King separates from the sheep on the way to heaven. And when we say yes, despite the feelings that could make us goat-like, the King's good reputation spreads, and we are all blessed. © 2018 Terry Modica, Catholic Digital Resources, www.catholicdr.com. Printed by permission.

¿Qué hace Jesús como rey?

No solemos pensar en los pastores como reyes, pero las escrituras de este domingo describen los poderes reales de Jesús, nuestro Buen Pastor. Un buen rey se preocupa por sus súbditos como un pastor cuida de sus ovejas. Los reyes aumentan el tamaño de su reinado y realizan su trabajo en todo el territorio a través de sus súbditos. Es por eso que Jesús dice: "Lo que hagas por uno de los más pequeños, lo haces por mí". Por ejemplo, nuestro Buen Pastor-Rey quiere distribuir comida a los hambrientos, hasta llegar a los confines más lejanos de su reino. ¿Cómo lo hace? Él da abundancia de comida a algunos de nosotros y nos manda llevarla a aquellos que la necesitan. ¿Qué sucede si no cumplimos con los mandamientos del Rey? ¿La gente hambrienta piensa que el Rey es benevolente? No, sólo pueden ver su bondad cuando hacemos lo que él nos dice que hagamos. Mira a las personas que están a tu alrededor. Cada uno es una oportunidad para darle un buen nombre al Rey. ¿Qué pasa con la gente que menos te gusta? ¿Qué pasa con aquellos que te han hecho sentir enojado, intimidado o herido? Bueno, pregúntate esto: ¿De qué está hambriento? Si la respuesta no es obvia, pregunta al Espíritu Santo. Observa a esa persona el tiempo suficiente para identificar el vacío, el dolor o los miedos que están enterrados bajo la superficie. Luego pregúntate esto: ¿Qué abundancia me ha dado Dios que este "pequeño" carece y necesita de Cristo nuestro Rey? ¿Puedo mostrarle la benevolencia del Rey a pesar de mis sentimientos? Cuando decimos no a las oportunidades de compartir lo que tenemos, nos comportamos como una de las cabras que el Buen Pastor-Rey separa de las ovejas en el camino al cielo. Y cuando decimos que sí, a pesar de los sentimientos que podría hacernos parecidos a las cabras, la buena reputación del Rey se extiende y todos somos bendecidos. © 2020 Terry Modica, Catholic Digital Resources, www.catholicdr.com.

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Comenzamos nuestro camino hacia el corazón de la fe católica como peregrinos, explorando la realidad de Dios, quién es, y cómo se manifiesta a nosotros en la forma más significativa posible.

Serving in Love...

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life, especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom? ©LPi



Thoughts from the Principal

Debbie Traum

What I like most about the holidays is having family traditions. I'm sure that most of us follow similar traditions for Thanksgiving each year. We watch the Lions lose the football game. This year, I'll get to watch the Steelers beat the Ravens. I hope. We eat too much turkey, mashed and sweet potatoes, green bean casserole and of course lots of gravy. We sit in our assigned spot at the table, and grandpa tells us the same old stories. We eat pie even though we are already full.

Before you pray at your Thanksgiving dinner this week, will you go around the table and say what you are thankful for this year? This year we may be gathering virtually but the sentiment is the same. This year I know that I have so much for which to be thankful.

On a personal level, both of my children are healthy and enjoying their second year of marriage. My hubby and I will celebrate 36 years of marriage this year.

As the principal of this amazing school, I am also thankful for so many things in my professional life. I made a list of some of these things to share with you.

I am thankful to God for...

- ◆ Wonderful students who make my vocation a rewarding one.
- ◆ Parents who choose a Catholic education for their children.
- ◆ A pastor and parish that support the school as part of their mission.
- ◆ Dedicated faculty and staff who believe in their students.
- ◆ A Home and School Association that supports our educational efforts financially.
- ◆ A School Board that gives selflessly for school sustainability and growth.
- ◆ This faith filled community!

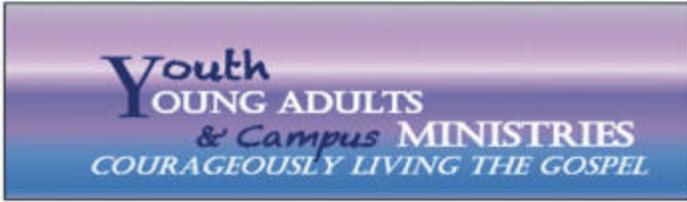
Sister Maura, former principal, taught me many years ago that we should have an attitude of gratitude not only at Thanksgiving but all year long. Amen!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Traum



Caring for One Another...



Contact Liza, lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org

YOUTH MINISTRIES Grades 7-12

Stay connected on Social Media for updates! SFDS CYM Facebook Page & Instagram. For the Appalachia Service Project stay connected at SFDS ASP Facebook Page & Instagram.

Christmas Gathering by the Fire. Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Dress for the weather, wear a mask, and bring your own chair! No personal gift exchange this year, instead bring ONE small gift item for a homeless person living at Christian Shelter. PLEASE See sign up!

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Fellowship 21 + Next activity will be on Sunday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. For more info contact Liza at lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org.

Young Women's Group- 18+ Contact Madelyn Schiaffano at madelyn.schiaff@gmail.com

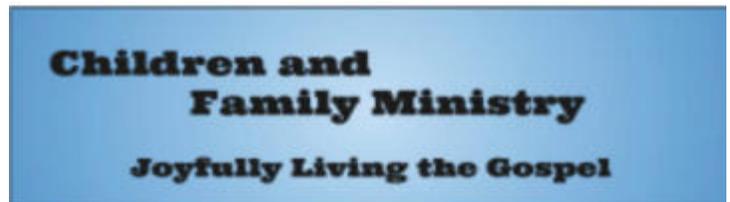
Young Parents – Do you want to connect with other young adults starting families? Contact Elaina at eiosue@live.com.

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Facebook: Salisbury University Catholic Campus Ministry
Due to COVID, Masses at Scarborough will be held for STUDENTS only! Join our weekly 'Faith Talks' every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. outside or by zoom if it rains. All college students in town are invited!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Next Class is Sunday, December 6th from 9:30 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.



Janet Hastings, jhastings@visitstfrancis.org

This weekend our students will be learning about Advent and what it means to prepare for Christ's coming this holy season. It is such a wonderful time to prepare as a family! There are many things that families can do together, such as make an Advent wreath or open an Advent calendar each day. What are some new traditions that you may start with your family this Advent?



If you would like to sign up for Religious Education classes, please go to <https://forms.gle/fGLvKquxKxGQ9Sfl9>. This is our online registration. It is never too late to join! If you are interested in teaching once a month, please email me at jhastings@visitstfrancis.org.

First Reconciliation and Eucharist

Our next sacramental preparation meetings will be on January 14th or January 16th. You will be receiving your Eucharist preparation book at that meeting. Please take time to pray together as a family during Advent. Any questions about Sacramental Preparation please contact Janet Hastings at jhastings@visitstfrancis.org or call the parish office 410-742-6443. Thank you!

Looking into preparing for sacraments in 2021-2022? Children may participate in the First Reconciliation and Communion Preparation Sessions if they are in second grade or older and are participating in their second year of a formal faith formation program. The preparation process is threefold: parish preparation, formal faith formation program (through the parish school or parish religious education program), and family participation. If you have a student in first grade please sign them up for a faith formation program so they are ready to prepare for sacraments when they are in second grade.

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Winter Collection Drive**
Youth are collecting winter items for Joseph House.

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Growing in Faith...

Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy

Please note the following policy regarding our regularly scheduled *weekday Masses and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament* during snow, freezing rain, fog or icy weather:

* If SFdS school is closed our Masses at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. are cancelled. If it is Wednesday, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place.

* If SFdS school is delayed our morning Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. are cancelled. If it is Wednesday, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 11:00 a.m.

* Starting at 6:00 a.m. any delays or closings will be announced on WBOC.

Calix Society

Are you in a 12 step program? Would you like to be able to freely discuss how your Catholic faith, Christ, and his sacraments nourish your recovery? If so, Calix Society is for you! This international group is to enhance (NOT REPLACE) 12 step groups; with an emphasis upon our journey in Christ. We will gather for Mass at 10:00 a.m. and then we will meet to share our experiences, strength, and hope. We meet the second Saturdays of the month. If interested, please call Jodie for more information at 610-772-6655.



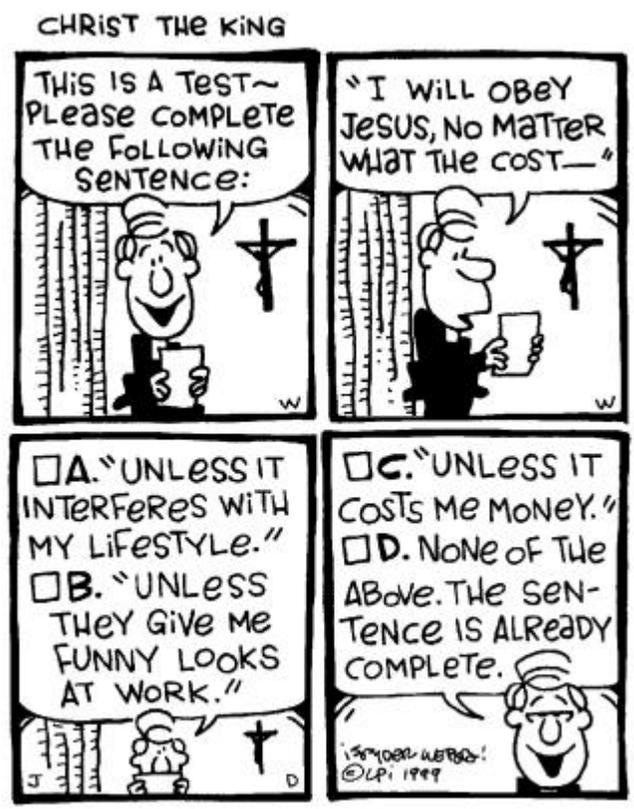
KNIGHTWATCH!

This weekend the regular Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass in St. Francis de Sales Church is also the annual *Memorial Mass* for deceased Knights of Columbus of St. Francis de Sales Council #3489, and Fourth Degree Sir Knights of Msgr. Mickle Assembly #0378, which draws its membership from *our* Council here in Salisbury and from Fr. Edmond Julien Council #11616 in Pocomoke City. In this Mass we particularly remember with fondness those of our brother Knights who have passed since our 2019 Memorial Mass, to enjoy their eternal reward in the company of our just-recently *beatified* founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, and who during their lifetime here served our Council honorably and well: Neil F. Bayne, Peter A. Bozick Sr., and Thomas H. Mooney. R.I.P. Occasions such as this bring to mind not only those presently commemorated, but also the many known to us individually, men who in their various ways shared their time, their talent, and their faith *fraternally* with us, enabling us to be better men, better Knights, better Catholics.

The Knights of Columbus, St. Francis de Sales Council #3489. We normally meet at 7:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the Columbus Club at 1501 Emerson Avenue in Salisbury. HOWEVER, as a COVID-19 VIRUS PRECAUTION there is the option to attend "virtually" (via electronic device) until further notice. Instant information on joining the Knights may be found on the Internet. Go to www.kofc.org where you may complete a membership application form at "Join Us". Thank you!

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Our Parish Celebrations

Mark your calendar and save the date for these celebrations in our community:

- November 28 Advent Tree Lightening
- February 1 - 5 Catholic Schools Week
- February 5 Bull & Oyster Roast-Sponsored by H.S.A.
- February 16 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner - Sponsored by Youth Ministry
- February 26 Parish Fish Dinner-Sponsored by A.S.P.
- March 12 Parish Fish Dinner-Sponsored by A.S.P.
- March 26 Parish Crab Cake Dinner-Sponsored by A.S.P.
- March 26 Live Stations of the Cross
- April 24 Golf Tournament



Calling all Santa's Helpers!

Our list is long and many hands are needed to help out families at Christmas, especially this year with the financial challenges of the pandemic.

Our distribution begins December 8th,
so please shop early and bring to church by December 6th
drop off all unwrapped gifts to the church vestibules

Needed the most are toys for older children, especially for girls and boys ages 7-14

Recommend: no guns or war toys, toys with limited number of battery needs

Suggestions: football, basketball, soccer ball, construction kits, Legos, tabletop games, skateboard, arts and crafts, books, jewelry boxes.

Beyond toys: hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and other small stocking stuffer gifts. . .

Ask your favorite 7-14 year old for suggestions!

**If you would like to add some extra warmth to Christmas this year,
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long underwear, hoodies, gloves, hats. . .**

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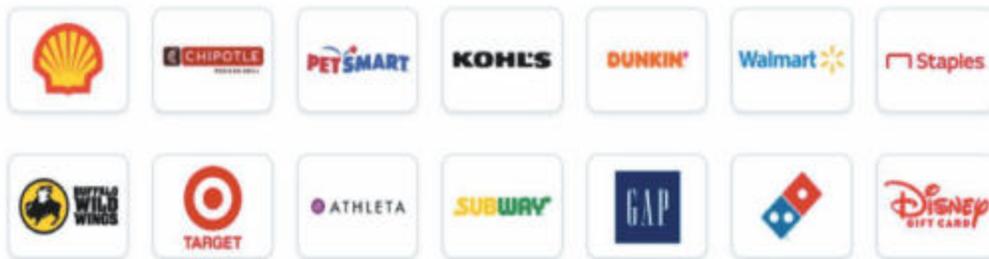


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*For more information, contact:
Susan Flanagan at 410-742-6443
sflanagan@visitsfrancis.org*

For out of town family and friends you can now have the cards shipped directly to your home. There is a small fee charged but you don't even need to come to the office.

Of course we would love to see you at the office so that is still an option.

We also hope to start selling them after masses.

Special Prayer Intentions

These are the people for whom the priests will be praying at their private Masses the week beginning November 23rd:

	Sanctuary	Candle	
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Monday	November 23	7:00 a.m.	Charles Arnold
Tuesday	November 24	7:00 a.m.	Special Intention for the Living
		11:00 a.m.	For an Increase in Vocations
Wednesday	November 25	8:30 a.m.	Robert Hodges
		5:30 p.m.	All Souls
Thursday	November 26	7:00 a.m.	Betty Ann Councill
		11:00 a.m.	For an Increase in Vocations
Friday	November 27	7:00 a.m.	All Souls
Saturday	November 28	8:30 a.m.	Shirley Lawrence
		4:00 p.m.	Dominic Ciarapica
		5:30 p.m.	Brother Michael Andres, OSB
		7:30 a.m.	Fred Marcantonio
Sunday	November 29	9:00 a.m.	For the People of our Parish and Our Sister Parish
		10:30 a.m.	John S. Mikos
		12:00 p.m.	All Souls

Calendar Items

Sunday, November 22	8:30 a.m.	RCIA Inquiry	Parish Center Conf. Room
	9:00 a.m.	Youth Confirmation Classes	Parish Center
	9:30 a.m.	Religious Education	Parish Center/SFds School & Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Baptism Class in Spanish	Mercy House
Monday, November 23	No Meetings		
Tuesday, November 24	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Parish Grounds
Wednesday, November 25	9:00 a.m.	Adoration	SFds Church
	6:00 p.m.	Baptism Class in Spanish	Mercy House
Thursday, November 26			
Friday, November 27	No Meetings		
Saturday, November 28	11:00 a.m.	Spanish Sacramental Prep	Mercy House
	6:00 p.m.	Tree Lighting	Welcome Area
	6:30 p.m.	Korean Mass	Holy Redeemer
Sunday, November 29	8:30 a.m.	RCIA Inquiry	Parish Center Conf. Room
	4:00 p.m.	Haitian Community	Mercy House





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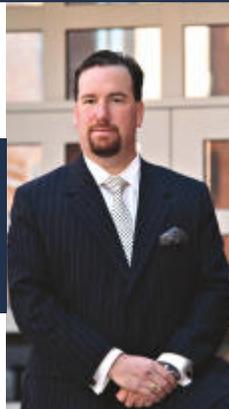
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