



HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY

Stonington & North Stonington, Connecticut

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

See, I am doing something new!
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Is 43:19)

PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

SECOND READING:

I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things (Phil 3:8)

GOSPEL:

“Let the one among you who is without sin
be the first to throw a stone at her.” (Jn 8:7)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2022

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/
Jn 8:1-11
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/
Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,
23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

LIVE-STREAM MASS FROM THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK

The 9:00 am Sunday Mass is live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on their webpage:
www.cathedralofsaintpatrick.org/Resources/Live-Stream

USED LAPTOPS & TABLETS NEEDED

Used laptops and tablets are being collected to benefit Ukrainian refugee children currently studying in Polish schools. The laptops and tablets are being accepted at the St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish Office in Middletown, CT, (860) 347-2365, or they can be picked up if collected at parishes.



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Active during Israel's captivity in Babylon around 550BC, the prophet Isaiah reminds the Israelites of God's saving acts in their history and offers hope for a new future beyond exile. How does your faith in the Lord offer you hope in times of distress?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks to the Philippians of his firm belief that what matters most in his life is his intimate connection to Christ Jesus. How do you think anyone develops this depth of passion for Jesus?

GOSPEL

The scribes and the Pharisees tested Jesus' fidelity to the Mosaic Law by using a woman caught in the act of adultery. In reply, Jesus exposed the hypocrisy of the religious leaders and showed mercy on the sinful woman. When has someone shown you mercy over judgment?

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MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 2—VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- 4:00 pm St. Michael: † Angelina Allen
Requested by her family
- 5:00 pm St. Patrick: Parishioners
- St. Thomas More: † Christopher Cherry
Requested by Cathy Holdridge
- 5:30 pm St. Mary: † Dorothy Osga (2nd Anniversary)
Requested by her daughter Sharon

APRIL 3—FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Antonio and Alcina Costa & Antonio and Maria Pimental
Requested by their grandson Antonio
- 8:00 am St. Mary: Parishioners
- 8:30 am St. Michael: † Mr. and Mrs. George Wildes, Jr.
Requested by their family
- St. Patrick: † Les Laumeayer
Requested by the Knights of Columbus, Mystic
- 10:00 am St. Michael: Umile Ritacco
Requested by his sister-in-law and family
- 10:15 am St. Patrick: † Les Laumeayer
Requested by Kathleen
- 11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † Ronalee Wolf Johanssen (1st Anniversary)
Requested by Anthony Lombardo

APRIL 4—MONDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Joseph Manuel Pacheco
Requested by his aunt
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † TBD
- 12:05pm St. Patrick: † Alex and Helene Nasiatka
Requested by Janet and Richard Przybysz

APRIL 5—TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Sam and Oliva DelMonte and the Lombardo Family
Requested by Anthony Lombardo
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Maria DeMelo
Requested by her brother-in-law and nephew
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Frank Mendolia
Requested by Jim Mendolia and family
- 7:00 pm St. Michael: † TBD

APRIL 6—WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Pete Balestracci
Requested by David and Marcia Erskine
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † TBD
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: For the Intentions of the People of Ukraine

APRIL 7—THURSDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Roger Nadeau
Requested by his wife, Lynn, and children

APRIL 8—FRIDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Helen Andreone and John McEnaney
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † TBD
- 12:05 pm St. Patrick: † Linda Misarski
Requested by Janet and Richard Przybysz

APRIL 9—SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † Donald Terkanian
Requested by his wife and family

APRIL 9—VIGIL: SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- 4:00 pm St. Michael: † Joseph F. Bonomo, Sr. and Helen M. Bonomo
Requested by their children
- 5:00 pm St. Patrick: † Intentions of the Giannattassio, Sharble, and Palembas Families
Requested by Loretta Palembas
- St. Thomas More: Parishioners
- 5:30 pm St. Mary: † Maria T. Ponte
Requested by her husband, E. Ponte, and son

APRIL 10—SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

- 7:00 am St. Michael: † TBD
- 8:00 am St. Mary: † Gabriel DeMelo
Requested by the Tavares family
- 8:30 am St. Michael: † Gabriel DeMelo
Requested by Joe and Blandina Ponte
- St. Patrick: Parishioners
- 10:00 am St. Michael: † Opal Kapolowicz
Requested by her family
- 10:15 am St. Patrick: † Irene Van Wagner
Requested by Charlene Corkhill
- 11:45 am St. Michael—High Mass (*Latin*): † Angie Cook Welch
Requested by her family

To schedule Mass intentions for Masses at St. Mary, St. Michael, and St. Thomas More, please contact Anita at the parish rectory at 860-599-5580 or by email at akapolowicz@stmichaelpawcatuck.com. To schedule Mass Intentions for Masses at St. Patrick, please contact Kim at the parish rectory at 860-536-1800 or by email at secretary@saintpatrickmystic.org.

HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY

Saint Mary Stonington

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Sunday Mass

5:30 pm (Saturday), 8:00 am

Weekday

8:00 am Monday—Friday
except Thursday



Saint Michael Pawcatuck

60 LIBERTY STREET

Sunday Mass

4:00 pm (Sat.), 7:00 am,
8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:45 am
(Traditional Latin Mass)

Weekday Mass

7:00 am Monday—Saturday

Confessions

3:00—3:45 pm Saturday



Saint Thomas More North Stonington

87 MYSTIC ROAD

Sunday Mass

5:00 pm (Saturday)



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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Barbara Arenth, Keelin Arseneault, Dale Barile,
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Russell Coupland, Robbie Damask, Douglas Delaney,
Tom Dowling, Alfred Fratoni, John Fratoni, Barbara Fuller,
Gerry Gianutsos, Alice Harrison, Thomas Harrison,
Karen Hess, John Hesse, Margaret Hickey,
Francesca Kinnecom, Martha Kowack, Paul Kowack,
Helen Lauterio, Ledyard Lewis, Sean Madden,
George McCullen, Keith McGrath, Justin McKenna,
Joseph Pacheco, Nancy Pampel, Brenda Pavo, Michael Quick,
Raoul Roy, Judy Schiller, Brandon Smith, Jerome Ward,
Margaret Ward, Jennifer Flaherty Whipple

*Please pray for the sick of our parish and for
those who serve our country.*

STEWARDSHIP

ST. MARY • ST. MICHAEL • ST. THOMAS MORE

March 27, 2022

Weekly Offertory _____	\$	6,594.00
EFT _____	\$	1,000.43
Church Kitchen & Steeple (formerly Mortgage Collection _____)	\$	675.00
Ukrainian Aid _____	\$	250.00
Operation Rice Bowl _____	\$	55.00
Easter Flowers _____	\$	30.00

Many thanks for your generous support.

Electronic Funds Transfer

For your convenience, the churches of St. Mary, St. Michael and St. Thomas More offer the option of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for your weekly offering. For more info, email Amy Bennett at abennett@stmichaelpawcatuck.com.



Keep up to date with parish information through Flocknote.

To register **simply text MILO to 84576** or contact Anita in the parish office at akapolowicz@stmichaelpawcatuck.com or 860-599-5580.



Daily Mass Schedule

7:00 am Mon. – Sat. St. Michael
 8:00 am Mon. – Fri. (exc. Thur.) St. Mary
 12:05 pm Mon. – Fri. (exc. Thur.) St. Patrick
 7:00 pm Tue. St. Michael

Holy Hour

6:00 pm Thur. St. Michael

Foundations of Our Faith

6:00pm Fridays St. Mary

Stations of the Cross and Benediction

7:00pm Fridays St. Mary

Confessions

3:00 – 3:45pm Saturdays St. Michael
 4:15 – 4:45pm Saturdays St. Thomas More
 6:30 am Sundays St. Michael
 7:30 am Sundays St. Mary
 11:15 am Sundays St. Michael
 6:30 pm Tuesdays St. Michael
 6:00 – 7:00 pm Thursdays St. Michael



FOUNDATIONS OF OUR FAITH

Devotions are a way that we can get close to our Lord and our Lady. Come and hear a bit about **Devotions** as a spiritual practice in the Church this Friday night at 6pm at St. Mary Church hall. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7pm.

CHRISM MASS, APRIL 12, 2022

This year, Bishop Michael R. Cote, D.D., invites you to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 10:30 am. The Chrism Mass is the Liturgy during which the sacred Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. These oils are sanctified for use at the Cathedral and in all parishes in the Diocese of Norwich for Baptism, Confirmation, the Anointing of The Sick, and for the Ordination of Priests. Together, the three oils symbolize the sacramental life of the Church. **Since the Chrism Mass is truly a Diocesan event ALL parishioners are invited.**

CHALLENGE / MORTGAGE UPDATE

Once again, St. Michael Church has met the challenge and received the match of \$150,000 to be applied to the mortgage on the church. Not only did we meet the goal, but we exceeded it! And... Fr. Perkins received a visitor, who has asked to remain anonymous, who gave a check to be applied to the mortgage in the amount of \$500,000! This, combined with the matching funds, as well as some money already in the capital campaign account, enabled us to make the final payment to the Knights of Columbus. **The mortgage on St. Michael Church is paid in full!**

As we celebrate this remarkable achievement with gratitude to our generous benefactors, we will be able to now turn our attention to some unfinished business: the kitchen in the church hall and the second steeple that is to be placed at the crossing of the nave and transepts. Both items were eliminated from the scope of the project during construction. To now finish these, please continue to make payments if still have capital campaign pledges. The monthly mortgage collection will also continue and be directed to the same goal, and new gifts are always welcome.

Next month, on April 22nd, we mark ten years since St. Michael's closed abruptly due to structural problems. It is truly amazing and a testament to the action of God's grace in our midst that in ten years we have a new \$8 million church that is fully paid for.



- Jackson Robert Arruda
- Jayden James Arruda
- Greyson Clifford Austin
- Aubriella Grace Circosta
- Hunter John Paul Jalette
- Camden Patrick Malaghan
- Arianna Lynne Ross
- Gianna Marie Ross
- Isabella Corinne Spiers
- Jason Hubbard Spiers



Saint Patrick Church

32 East Main Street, Mystic, CT 06355

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Sunday Mass:

5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil), 8:30 am and 10:15 am

Weekday Mass:

12:05 pm Monday — Friday except Thursday

Confessions:

4:00 pm — 4:45 pm Saturdays

5:00 pm — 6:00 pm First Tuesday of month

Rev. Kevin M. Reilly, Pastor

Kim McGowan, Parish Secretary

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Richard Georgetti, RCIA Coordinator

Elizabeth Limkemann, Organist

Richard Schumacher, Choir Director

STEWARDSHIP

March 27, 2022

Offertory _____ \$ 5,375.00

EFT _____ \$ 1,282.75

Campaign Paid to Date _____ \$3,143,913.65

Pledge Total _____ \$3,368,415.46

We are grateful for your generous support!



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Lenten Schedule

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Tuesdays during Lent: 12:05pm Mass, Confessions 5—6pm

Fridays during Lent: 12:05pm Mass, Stations of the Cross at 7pm, Confessions to follow

Saturdays (usual Mass times): Confessions from 4—4:45pm, Mass at 5pm

Sundays (usual Mass times): 8:30am and 10:15am

Tuesday, April 12th: Chrism Mass at 10:30am, Cathedral Norwich; Confessions at 5pm, St. Patrick Mystic

Holy Thursday, April 18th: 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 15th: 3pm Passion, Confessions to Follow; 7pm Stations of the Cross, Confessions to follow

Holy Saturday, April 16th: 8pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 17th (usual Mass times): 8:30am and 10:15am

NEW PARISH CENTER

The New Parish Center project is moving forward. Look for news of progress with regular monthly updates. For more info see our parish website: stpatrickmystic.org.

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St. Patrick Church is now a registered charitable organization with AmazonSmile. When you shop at AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you'll find the same selections and prices as on Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the church. Just type *St Patricks Church Corp* on the smile.amazon.com page and start supporting us the next time you shop, then bookmark the page or use "Amazon Smile" instead of "Amazon" on your search engine.

SPRING CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Spring cemetery clean-up will begin the week of April 4th through April 8th. Please remove any items you would like to keep. All dead flowers and debris will be removed and disposed of.

ST. PATRICK OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The St. Patrick Outreach Committee invites everyone to attend their next meeting Tuesday, April 5th, at 6 pm in the church center. The executive director of the New London Homeless Hospitality Center will be a guest speaker.

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SCIENCE FAIR

St. Michael School has participated in the Connecticut State Science and Engineering Fair for well over twenty years. Each year we send four to six science projects to the state fair. And, consistently, each year, St. Michael School students win awards and honors.

This year was no different. Four students were selected to submit their projects to the state fair. Two of them, eighth graders May Serraro for her project, *The DNA of Fruit*; and Connor Walsh for his project, *Energized*, received second honors at the fair. Seventh grader Gianna Giovanelli received first honors for her project, *American Juvenile Horseshoe Crab Aquaculture*, as well as receiving:

- 3rd place in Life Sciences in the 7th grade PepsiCo Life Sciences Awards
- Finalist medallion in the Petit Foundation Women in Science & Engineering Awards
- 5th place for 7th grade in the Alexion Biotechnology Awards
- Certificate from Ricoh American Foundation
- 1st place award and membership in the Southeastern New England Marine Educators
- 1st place award and Ocean Camp slot from Project Oceanology

Seventh grader Owen Nicholas also received first honors for his project, *Underground Life*, and received:

- 4th place Lockheed Martin Physical Science Awards 7th grade
- 2nd place Middle School EnergizeCT Alternative/Renewable Energy Awards

Our congratulations to all of our students for their hard work on these projects. But I must also congratulate all of our middle school students who also worked hard on their projects and did an outstanding job. Congratulations also to Mrs. Anna-Helene Grossomanidies, our middle school science teacher, whose hard work and efforts show in the achievement of her students. We are very proud of our students and our teachers!

Doris Messina



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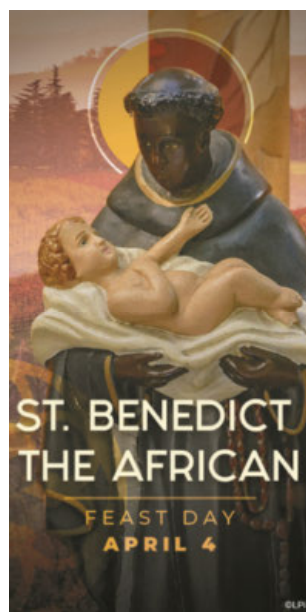
LIVE THE LITURGY

Mercy makes us attentive to the voice of truth. We do not know what ever happened to the woman caught in adultery, after her encounter with Jesus. It is hoped that she found what she needed to feel true sorrow. What we do know is that through his gentle and wise persuasive-ness, Jesus puts the Pharisees in their place and opens the door to grace for this child of God. Being exploited and used to test and discredit Jesus, she who is publicly known to be a sinner is now the victim. Jesus never tolerates people being used and immediately rushes to her defense. As the author of mercy, Jesus became her advocate and opened the door for her to God's love. Jesus also stands between us and the harsh, judgmental, and often hurtful stance of our world. He invites us to grace, to leave the sin that binds us, and for which we are often criticized, and pursue a life of virtue and freedom.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Benedict the African | Feast Day April 4



St. Benedict the African (1524-1589), was born in San Fratello, Sicily to Cristoforo and Diana Manasseri, Africans who had been taken as slaves. Some accounts claim that because of his parents' loyal service that Benedict was given his freedom at birth, other sources say that his freedom was granted when he turned 18. At 21 Benedict joined a society of hermits living under the rule of St. Francis of Assisi. Eventually he succeeded his friend, Jerome Lanze, as their leader. When the Pope disbanded the independent hermit society, Benedict joined the Order of Friars Minor and he was sent to Palermo, to the Franciscan Friary of St. Mary of Jesus. There Benedict

worked in the kitchens and despite being illiterate and a lay brother (not a priest), he also served as Master of Novices, and as Guardian of the Community. St. Benedict was known throughout his life as a brilliant cook under whose hands food seemed to multiply miraculously, a healer, and a spiritual leader with profound understanding. He is recognized as the patron saint of African Americans. ©LPi

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Make a Way

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

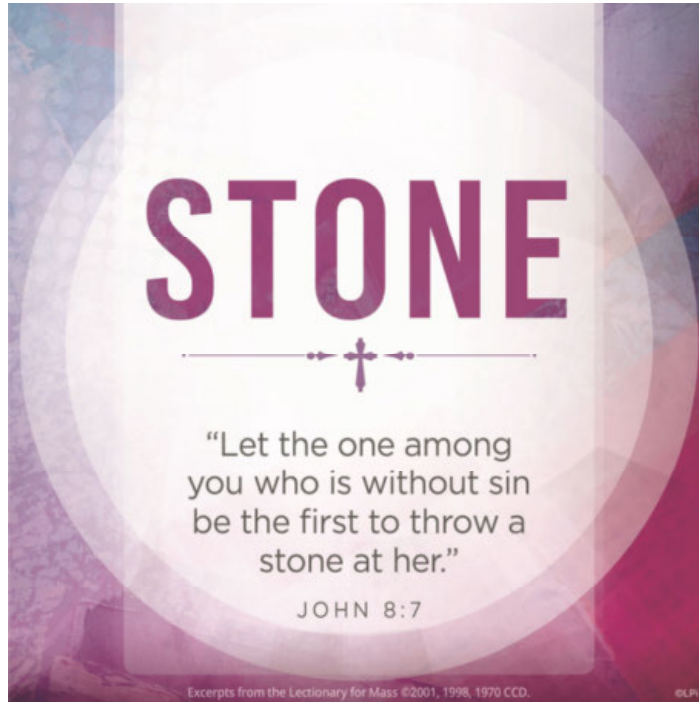
The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior

as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous,



moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something

more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us

back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they

have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow. ©LPi

*Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir. Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, do not sin any more."
—Jn 8:10-11*

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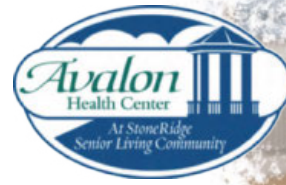
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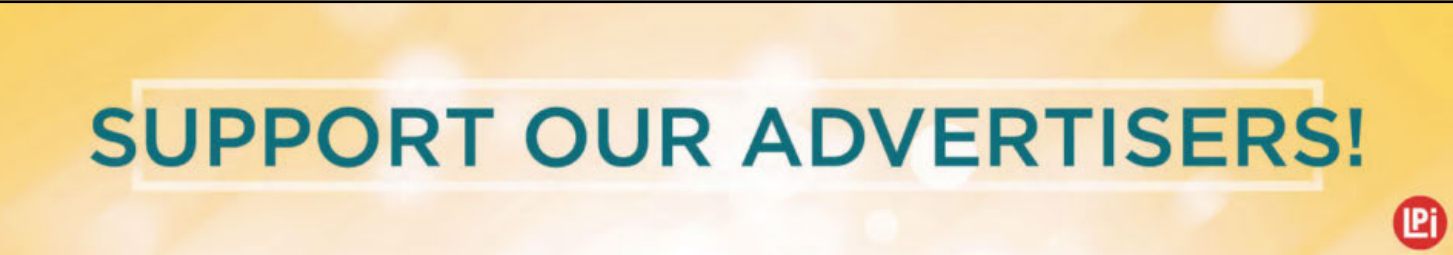
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