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We are a welcoming Catholic community devoted to living out and celebrating God's Word and Sacraments by connecting people to Christ through faith, love and ministry.

Weekdays: 8:00 am Mass **Saturday:** 8:00 am, 4:00 pm, Masses; confessions at 3:00 pm **Sunday:** 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 noon Masses

Office hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm; closed for lunch: 12:00-1:00 pm

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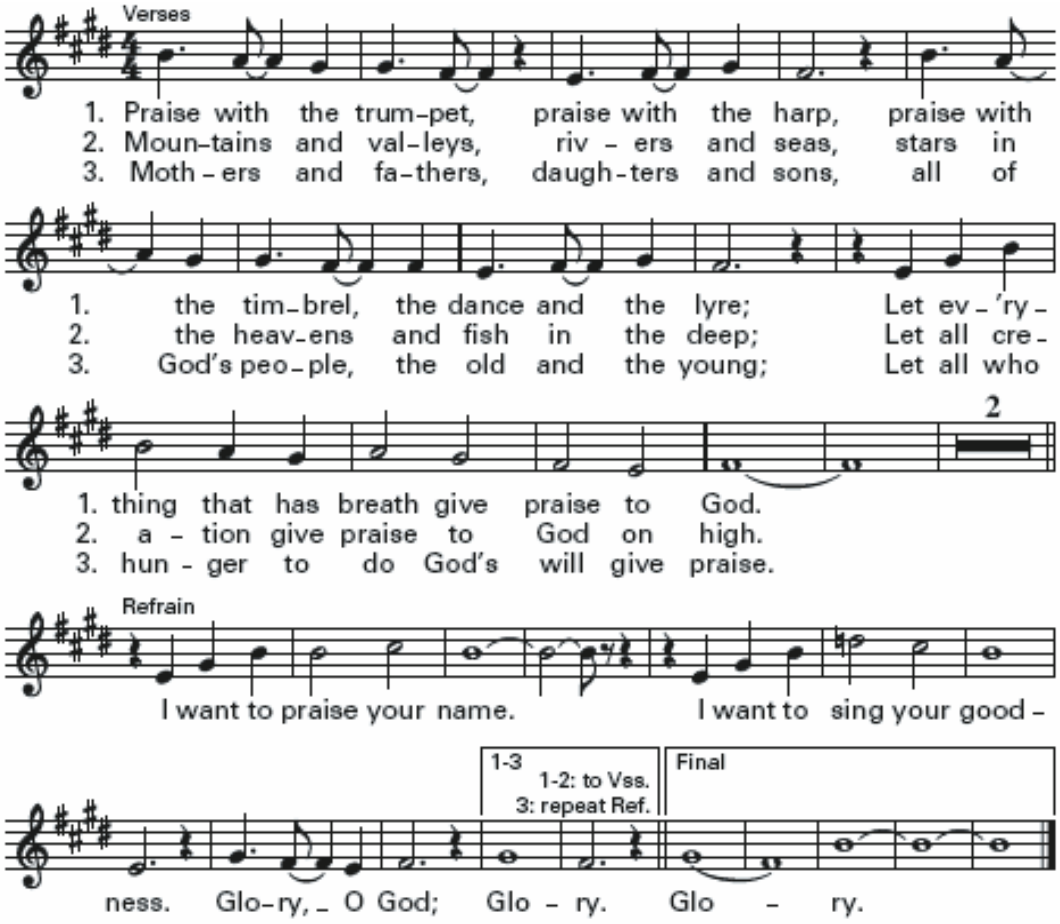
4:00 pm, 8:00 and 10:00 am Gathering Song Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Bread of Angels, here on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Text: Revelation 5:9; William C. Dix, 1837-1898

12 :00 pm Gathering Song I Want to Praise Your Name



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GLORIA *(Sung)*

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace to people of goodwill.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
We glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial: Psalm 34 *Bob Hurd, (OCP)*

Gospel Acclamation *(Stand)* *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

Gospel and Homily

Profession of Faith *(Nicene Creed)*
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

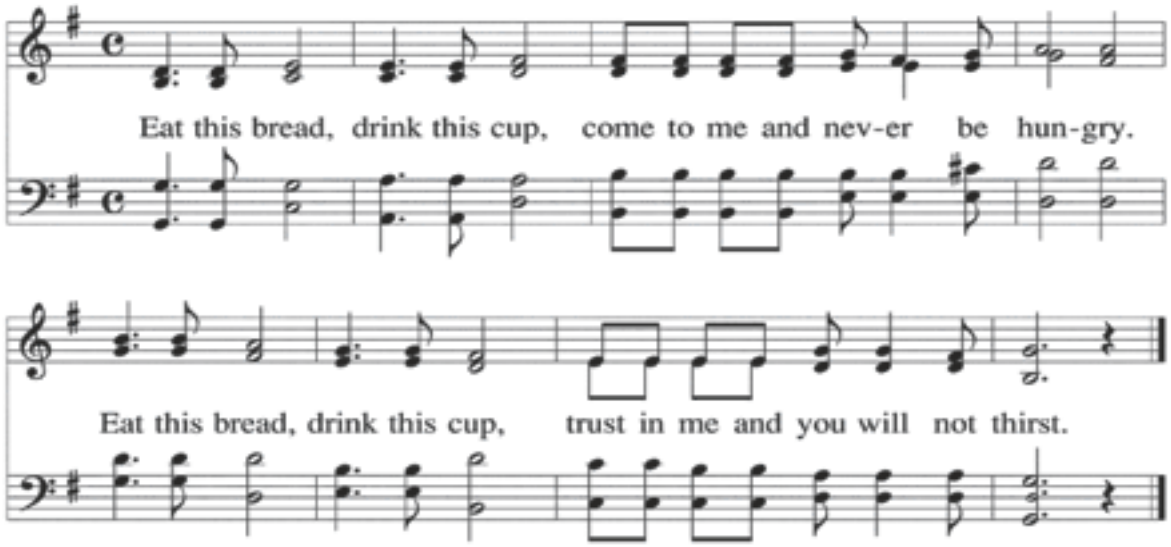
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen

General Intercessions **Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Music for Preparation of the Gifts and Altar **Eat This Bread**



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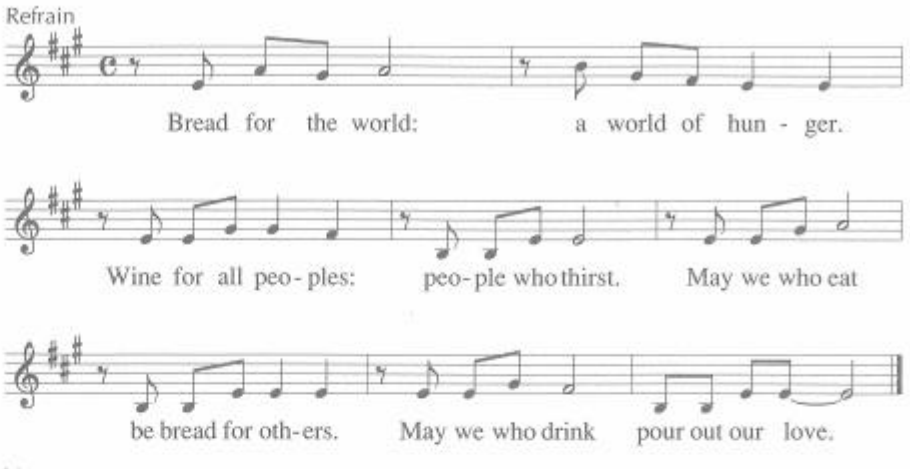
PLEASE KNEEL or BE SEATED during the EUCHARISTIC PRAYER.

Memorial Acclamation **Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.**

Communion Hymns

The Priests request that all of our Faithful return to their seats after receiving the Holy Eucharist for silent reflection and thanksgiving. The celebration of Mass is not complete until the Presider has given the Final Blessing.

Bread for the World



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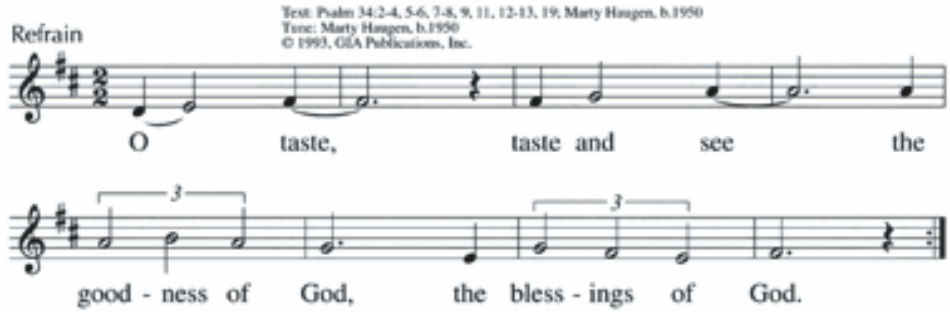

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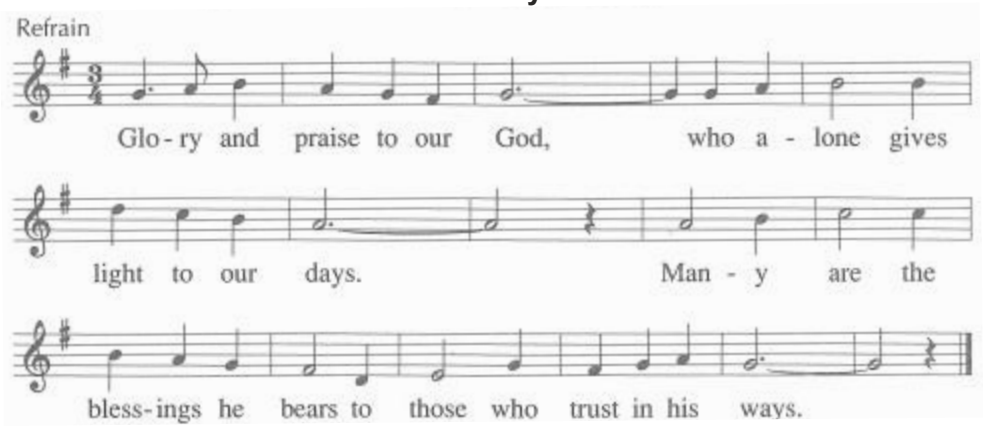
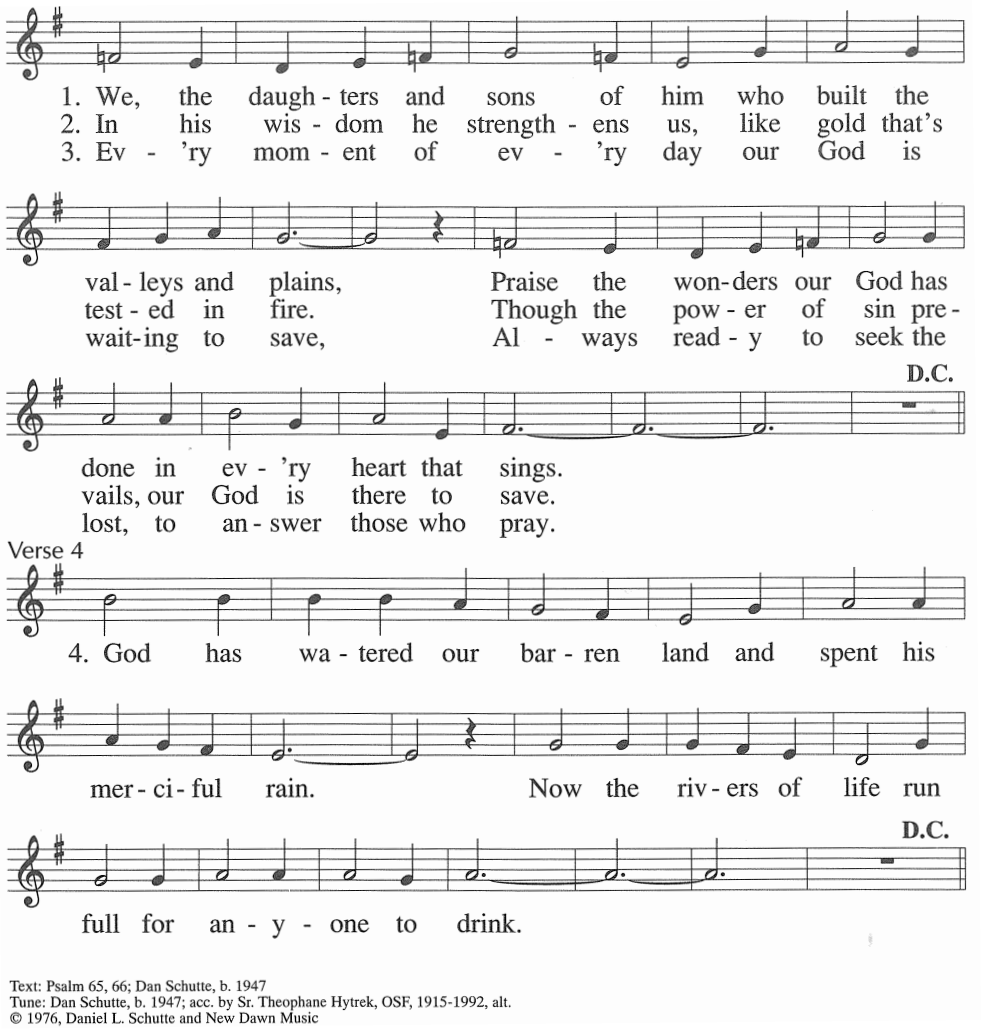
Please take this bulletin with you as you leave, to use as reference during the week.

Sending Forth **Glory and Praise to Our God**





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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Next weekend August 14 & 15

Masses Saturday at 4:00pm

Sunday at 8:00am, 10:00am and 12 noon

Please note that you have two envelopesfor this weekend, one for the Feast Day and one forthe weekend offertory. We thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Mass Intentions August 7-15

Saturday	8:00 am	Fr. Gordon	+Claire Elizabeth Lietz
	4:00 pm	Fr. Adrian	+Marian Murphy
Sunday	8:00am	Fr. Gordon	+Margot Bartler
	10:00am	Fr. Adrian	+Madonna Elliott
	12noon	Fr. Gordon	+Joe Joseph
Monday	8:00am	Fr. Gordon	+Sandy Coddington
Tuesday	8:00am	Fr. Gordon	+Michael Badozinac
Wednesday	8:00am	Fr. Gordon	+John Barlieb
Thursday	8:00am	Fr. Lawton	+Rachelle Petrin
Friday	8:00am	Fr. Lawton	+Don LaBarge
Saturday	8:00 am	Fr. Lawton	+Jimmy Feeney
	4:00 pm	Fr. Eric	Parishioners, living and deceased
Sunday	8:00am	Fr. Lawton	Parishioners,
	10:00am	Fr. Paul	living and
	12noon	Fr. Lawton	deceased

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you know someone who is not baptized or who is baptized in a non-Catholic tradition and thirsts for a faith journey? Those who thirst could be your neighbor, spouse, parents or children. Perhaps you were baptized Catholic and missed the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. It is never too late; we are all on the journey!

We welcome all inquiries. We realize you will have questions before making the decision to receive the sacraments. We invite all those who have questions to contact Robbie to begin the conversation: **941-923-1691 or robbie@stthomasmoresrq.org**

Twelve Baskets Food Pantry

This week, we are in need of **Hamburger Helper, beef stew and Manwich (canned sloppy joe mix).** Donations can be dropped off in the white bins in the Church narthex before Mass or at the Parish Office during the week.

Please note: we cannot take super-sized items. Check the “best by” date before donating food, if the date is not current, we cannot give it out.

Marking the Days of Ordinary Time

Sunday August 8	John 6:41-51 "It is written in the prophets: 'They shall be taught by God.'" **Question of the Week:** Today's Gospel has a wonderful description of God's way of doing things. It states that all will be taught by God. How do you experience God as teacher in your daily life?
Monday August 9	 I will entrust any resentment that surfaces in me this week to the mercy and loving care of God. I will remember my deepest desire to be free of my resentments.
Tuesday August 10	 Tips for Simpler Living Become a locavoire! This week think about where your food comes from and the resources it takes to get it to your table. Check the labels and consider buying only local produce for a week. It may prove to be a challenge!
Tuesday August 11 St. Clare Feast Day	**St. Clare** Clare spent 41 years of religious life caring for the sick, feeding the hungry, and washing the feet of begging nuns. It is said that she came from her prayer time with her face so shining it dazzled those about her. She suffered serious illness for the last 27 years of her life. Her influence was such that popes, cardinals and bishops often came to consult her—she never left the walls of San Damiano.
Thursday August 12	**Today's doorway to contemplation:** I will keep my desire for joy close to the surface of my heart.
Friday August 13	*O God of peace, let the quietness of your peace enfold me. Let me be still in your presence*
Saturday August 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe Feast Day	**St. Maximilian Kolbe** Father Kolbe's death was not a sudden, last-minute act of heroism. His whole life had been a preparation. His holiness was a limitless, passionate desire to convert the whole world to God. His devotion to the Blessed Mother was a source of courage and inspiration for him. He was martyred on the eve of the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

Your Neighbors Need Your Help

On 7/31/21, the Eviction Moratorium expired. Your neighbors and their families, who suffered from illness or unemployment because of COVID-19, will soon be living in their vehicles. Landlords will file for evictions because they also have bills (mortgages, taxes) to pay. Sarasota County received $13 million in relief funds in early 2021 to help families impacted by COVID-19 with rent and has distributed only $1.1 million to 180 people after a late start. Complicated paperwork requirements continue to delay applications. Unfortunately, this has left 829 families with eviction notices vulnerable to losing their home.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society expects a huge surge in requests for help in August and beyond. The St. Thomas More Conference serves the area between Incarnation Parish on Bee Ridge Road and Venice. In July, more than $7,000 was given to help needy families with outstanding bills. The poor box collection for July was a little over $1,500.

COVID-19 has created these problems but with your assistance, The St. Vincent de Paul Society can help our neighbors. Of course, we need your continuing financial aid to help families avoid eviction. However, we also need your help in finding apartments and rooms in our neighborhood to house those families in danger of eviction. St. Vincent de Paul can help with resources. Please contact us, the St. Thomas More Conference of The St. Vincent de Paul Society at 941-447-8950 to give us leads on landlords who may have apartments/rooms (for elderly singles or families) to rent. Please continue your donations via the poor box or mail to the church office at 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, 34231.

Further information for you to consider: the average monthly rent in Sarasota for a 2-BR apartment is $1,300. A family of 4 whose bread winner earns $10 per hour for a 40-hour week, brings home $1,638 (after FICA). That does not leave much for food and utilities. A working mother must find safe, reliable child care; the new child care tax credit helps. And then there is transportation to work. What happens when a tire blows? As a consequence, we are giving priority to families with children and also to those with disabilities, the most vulnerable of our neighbors.

Your neighbors need you - you can help in so many ways.

St. Thomas More Women's Club News

Register to become a member of the Women's club. Registration forms can be found in the Parish Office, located in the Chelsea Center, and on the parish website: www:stthomasmoresrq.org.

Ladies of St. Thomas More, please join us at a Book Club Meeting. What a wonderful opportunity to meet and discuss books that will help us share the faith-based wisdom that we have collected thus far.

Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month, 2:00 - 3:00 pm in the Spirit Center Charity Room. A notice will be published in the bulletin and an email sent to those who have signed up.

August 10:	Just call me Lopez by Margaret Silf
September 14:	Learning to Be by Juanita Campbell Rasmus
October 12:	Blasphemy: Sentenced to Death Over a Cup of Water By Asia Bibi
November 9:	Death Comes to the Archbishop by Willa Cather
December 14:	A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

For more information regarding the book club, and to register to attend, contact Kathy Kozlowski: faroak88@yahoo.com or 941-536-4578.

Catholic Faith Appeal

Highlighted this week is one of the places where your offertory is directed:
The Office of Vocations works in collaboration with Parishes and Schools across the Diocese to raise awareness to God's call in the life of each person. The three primary functions of this Office include promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life; assessing and evaluating candidates who present themselves for consideration; and overseeing the human, spiritual, academic, and pastoral formation of seminarians. The Seminary faculty provides guidance in an individual's discernment process in a positive, supportive, and Christ centered way.

Seminarians need our spiritual and material support to sustain them in following Our Lord's call.With expenses of over $70,000 per seminarian each year, the CFA provides financial support that allows our seminarians to focus, first and foremost, on their continued discernment, formation and prayer life.

Parish Goal: $290,000

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Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a way to draw closer to God. It is a Christian form of silent meditation that serves as a method of movement into contemplative prayer, a way to open oneself to the Divine Presence and, through the healing of the Holy Spirit, to be of greater service to those around us.

If you are interested in joining the Thursday morning group, please contact Noreen Delaney at npolidoro@comcast.net or 941-228-1799. Please contact Bob Ferkenhoff at bferken@verizon.net or 941-350-6920 if you are interested in the Thursday evening group.

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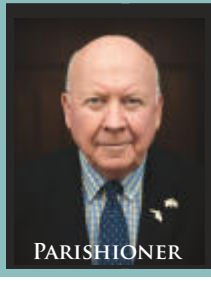
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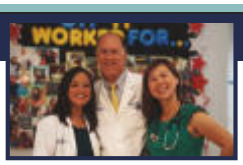

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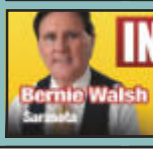

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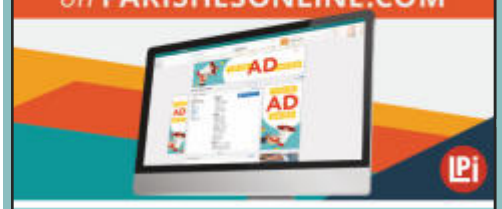

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