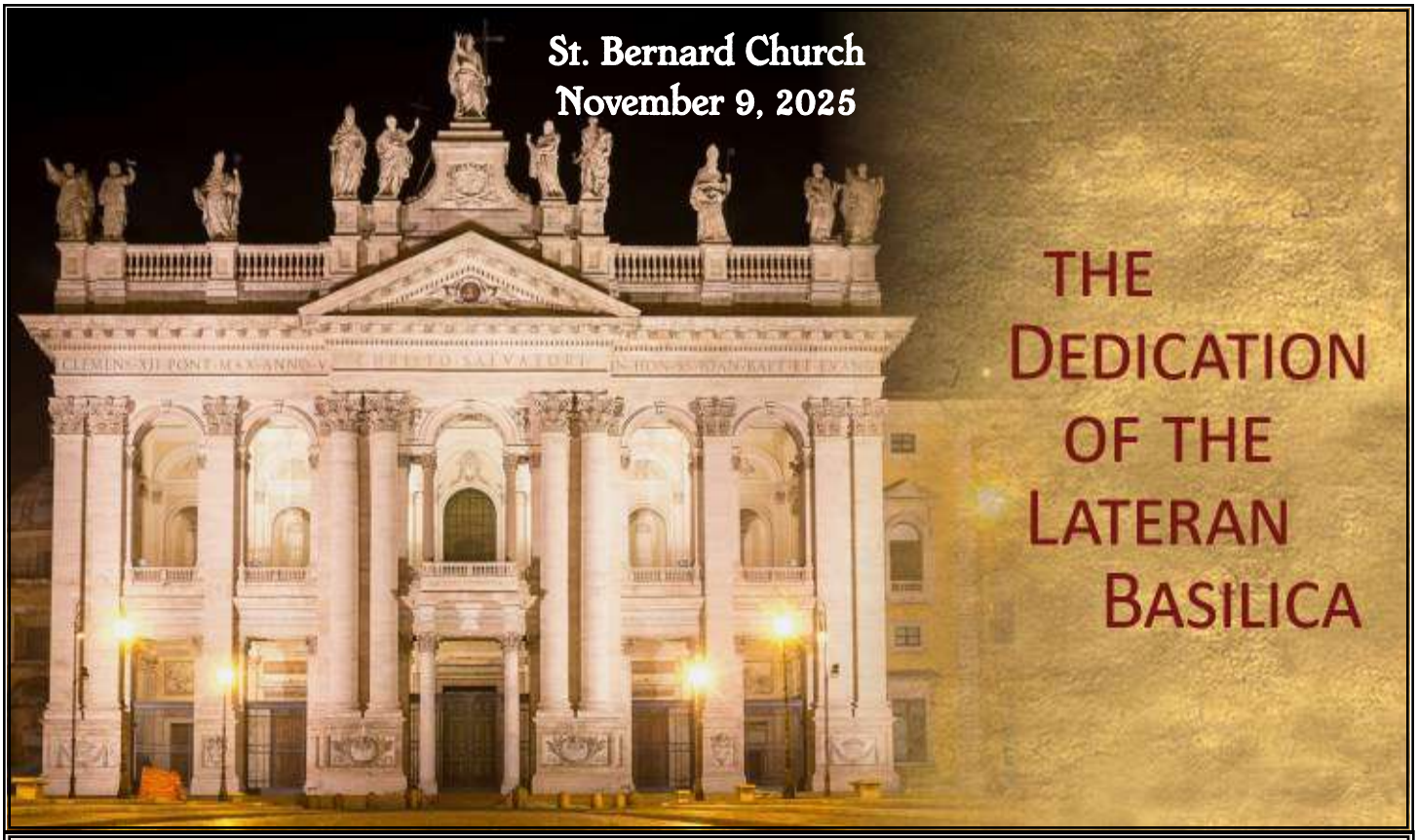

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Sundays

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.
Spanish-Once a Month on Saturday's at 7:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday - Friday at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days

8:30 a.m. and Evening Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Rectory Hours

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

DEDICATING A CHURCH

This Sunday November 9th the world-wide Catholic Church celebrates the dedication of the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran in Rome, Italy. Oftentimes referred to simply as "The Lateran" it is the seat of the Bishop of Rome, who is the Pope. Most people erroneously believe that St. Peter's Basilica is the seat of the Pope. In fact, no one is actually elected a Pope. The cardinals gather in conclave to elect the Bishop of Rome who by virtue of that office becomes Pope since the Bishop of Rome is the head of the college of Bishops and thereby of the Church. St. John Lateran is also the world's only archbasilica. Some wonder why we celebrate the dedication of this particular Church, even overruling the normal Sunday celebration. The answer is multi-faceted and they express how we understand the Church whom our Lord Himself would be build on the Rock foundation of St. Peter. First, as mentioned already, The Lateran is the seat of the Bishop of Rome who exercises teaching authority over the whole Church as Supreme Pontiff. As Christ gave the keys of heaven to Peter to teach in His name and to bind and loose on faith and morals so that passing of the keys continues through the centuries to Pope Leo XIV. Commemorating the dedication of The Lateran reminds the faithful of the Pope's ministry of preaching and teaching in the Name of Christ who through the Holy Spirit, teaches everything to the Church that He has heard from the Father. Second, we are called to remember the Church as the "Mystical Body of Christ." As Christ is the Head of the Church so the Church is His body on earth. It is both a human and divine reality in the midst of the world. Its divine reality lies in the Church having all the means necessary for salvation, including the teachings of Sacred Scripture, the Sacraments particularly the Eucharist, the ministry of reconciliation, and the teachings that bring the faithful to authentic freedom and open us to the heart of God. As Christ the Head cannot err so neither can the Church His body when she teaches on faith and morals, as one can no more separate one's head from the body without disfiguring it. Third, and reflecting the human reality of the Church, is the Church as the "People of God." In this we find all the baptized from the greatest saints to the worst sinners. It is in this self-understanding of the Church that we find those who live Christian lives of heroic virtue and those who have lived lives of great evil. The Church as the People of God is where we find the beauty of the Church as well as the ugliness of the Church. The saints, and not just the canonized, but all faithful men and women who strive to live by the Gospel in fidelity to Christ and His Church, especially the martyrs, are the crowning glory of the Church. Those who love sin and evil and allow themselves to be mastered by them are the shame of the Church. It is here we find "the treasure in earthen vessels" as well as scandal. Both the Church's light and darkness reflect human darkness and light, the lost and the redeemed. Commemorating the dedication of the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran reminds us of the many facets and richness of the Church, as well as its brokenness in its members. Here we find correct teachings that brings us to the freedom of the sons of daughters of God, the Sacraments that breath God's life into us, including the Eucharist which is the Food for the journey to God Himself, the ministry of reconciliation, the proclamation of the Word of God in Sacred Scripture which are words of life and peace calling us to truth, charity and justice, a rich and magnificent spiritual and prayer tradition that enlivened saints and converted sinners, where we find the Holy Spirit calling us to new life, and the Risen Christ who calls us to hope, a place where the found can rejoice and the lost can be found. It is easy to criticize or attack the Church when some of its members fail. However, we need to keep in mind that our Lord chose twelve men, eminently human, to be His Apostles. He chose the flawed Peter rather than the mystic John to be the first leader of the Church. One of the 12 betrayed, another denied, the others ran away at Gethsemane, and only the teenager John stayed with Mary at the foot of the Cross. On these men Jesus founded the Church. He chose to establish the Church on human weakness so that "none of us can boast except in the Lord Jesus Christ," and that all may seek and find the mercy of God, in and through the Church, not apart from her, so that we may "have life and have life to the full."

Fr. John Maduri

Monthly 50/50 Raffle

Contribution is $25 and the proceeds will be used for the ongoing renovation and rebuilding of the parish facilities. Winner takes home half the amount collected for the given month. Simply drop your entry at the rectory or in the weekly collection basket. The next winner will be picked on December 2nd, 2025

This Month's Winner of $275 is Amy Ferraro

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

ST. BERNARD CHURCH
and TEMPLE SHOLOM
Invite you to their Annual Bernie Catcher Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service
Tuesday, November 25th, 2025
7:00 PM
Temple Shalom
It is a time to come together to ***pray*** and give ***thanks***!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

This weekend's second collection is a Parish Collection for Snow Removal.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

9:00am Mary Lisa by Frank & Ilene Salerno

5:00pm Susanne MacBride by St. Bernard Friends

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

9:00am John Ferrnati by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino
Mary Lisa by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino

11:00am Our Brother Frank Serpico by The Serpico Family
Anthony & Catherine Serpico by The Serpico Family
Frankie & Sadie Serpico & Phillip Borozza by The Serpico Family
Richard Feramisco by The Serpico Family

5:30pm The Recco & Esposito Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025

8:30am Mr. & Mrs. Louis Poggioli by Lisa Poggioli

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025

8:30am Frederick Houston by son Edward (Birthday)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

8:30am Bertram Serwetz by Miriam Soldyn
Nicholas Burriesci by Sandy & Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

8:30am Santino Sage Mastroviti Love, Mommy, Daddy, Sienna, Bianca & Giada

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

8:30am Anthony Carmelo Brannan Jr.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

9:00am Nicholas Burriesci by The Marra & Seltzer Families

5:00pm Pat Rega by Jennifer, John, Julianna & Nicholas (Anniversary in Heaven)
Anthony Carmelo Brannan Jr.
Gina Ferranti by Nick & Ellie Graziano
Amanda Gentile by Joanne Sechiano

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

9:00am John Hammond Jr. Happy Birthday in Heaven Love Camille, Children & Grandchildren

11:00am Anthony Cincotta by his wife Helene

5:30pm Arlene McShea by Sroga Slawomir

Offertory Procession

If you or your family has an announced Mass intention for a loved one and you would like to bring up the Communion gifts PLEASE see one of the ushers before Mass begins.

Thank you !

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Clement Pollio
Donated by Your Loving Family

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Clement Pollio
Donated by Your Loving Family

Altar Candles

In Loving Memory of Nunzio Mastromarino
Love, Matthew & Christopher

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Nunzio Mastromarino
Love, Matthew & Christopher

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Justin Andrickson
Jourdanna Barton
Jim Bellard
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Morelda Brown
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Thomas Caliendo
Carmine Carriero, Jr.
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Daniel Commisso
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Angela Pollio
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Corinne Ramaglia
Gasper Sacco
Robert Sansone
Joanne Sarnicola
Stephanie Sheetz
Alberta Sirett
Shawn Anthony Smith
Gene Stark
Maureen Stewart
Cigdem Tanriverdi

FAMILY MASS

Next Family Mass
Sunday, November 23, 2025
11:00am
Come Especially
Grades 1 through 4

A Bronze Heart has been added to our Holy Family Statue In Memory of

Anthony Cincotta

Donated by Lorraine Cincotta

If you would like to add to any of our Holy Family Memorials "In Memory of" or "In honor of" your loved ones, forms are available in the church & Rectory.

Faith Formation News

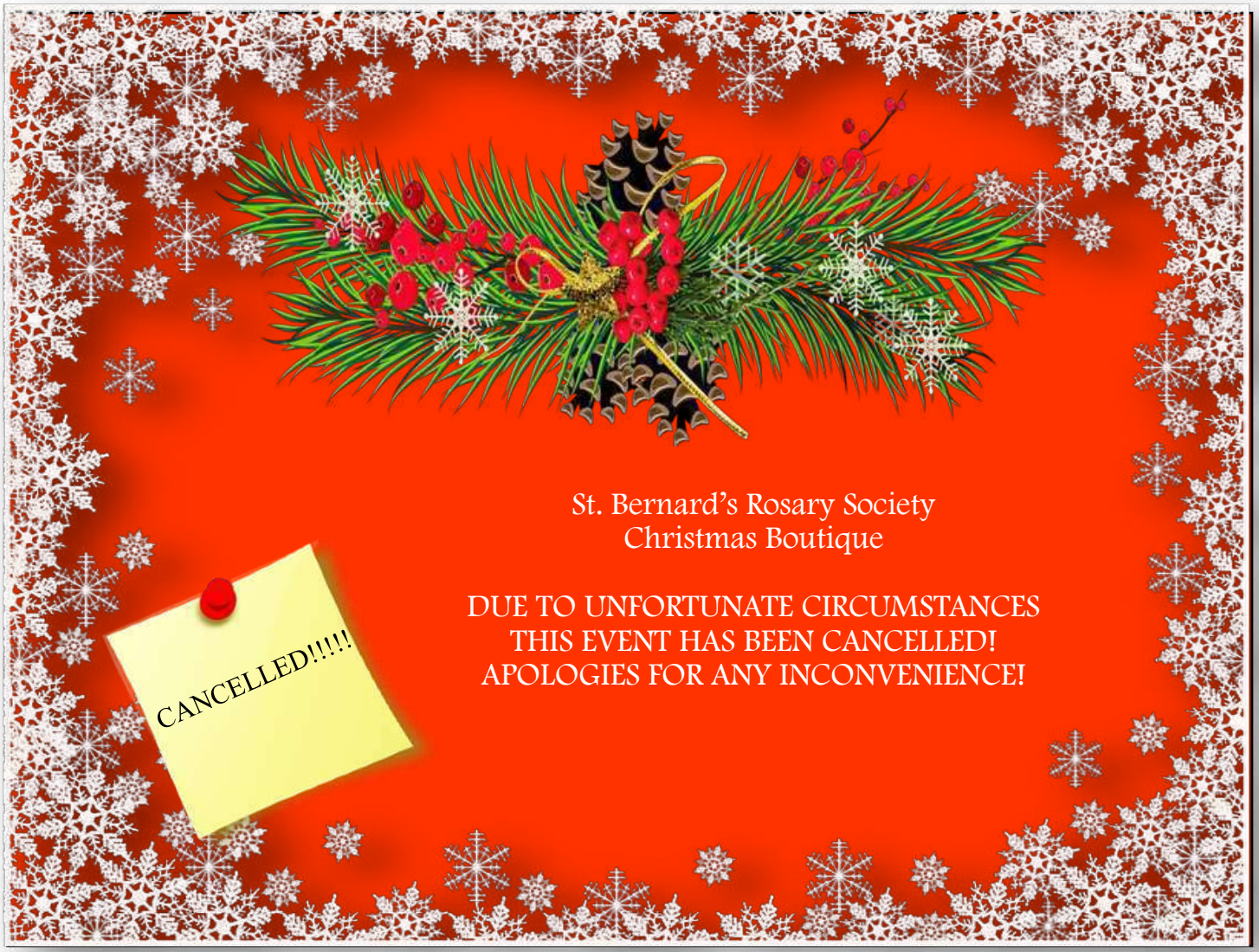
First Holy Communion 2026

Saturday, May 9, 2026

11:00am-St. Bernard Catholic Academy 1:00pm-St. Bernard Religious Education Program

Visit The Kids Korner

- Mass intention cards for all of the children in our parish community.
- Weekly envelopes as part of a Stewardship effort for the children to understand and participate in the gift of giving.
- Reading material and resources for children and families.
- Take a look each week for activities or reading material and other little surprises that will reinforce the message of the Gospel. Imagine the conversation on the way home from church.



Post-Cana Day

We invite couples married
10 years or less to come to a post cana day on
Sunday, November 16, 2025
Beginning with 11:00am Mass
followed by a discussion.

Continue to Pray the Rosary Each Day!

Now, more than ever we need to come together in prayer and reach out to Our Blessed Mother with hope. We ask her to intercede with her Son and we implore her maternal care for all of her children.

Stewardship Thought

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?"
1 Corinthians 3:16

Simply remembering that we are "temples of the Holy Spirit" should make our daily decision making relatively easy. If we truly want to imitate Jesus, then our words and actions should reflect the love, mercy, and forgiveness that flow from His Sacred Heart. Try it for one week. Try to remember that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and see how it affects the way that you live.
(The dedication of the Lateran Basilica is a feast day, celebrated annually on November 9, that commemorates the consecration of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. Emperor Constantine donated the land around 324 AD, and the basilica was dedicated by Pope Sylvester I as the cathedral church of the Pope and the "mother and head of all the churches of the city and the world". The feast celebrates the unity of the Catholic Church and the freedom of worship that the basilica's construction represented after the persecution of Christians ended.)

Bereavement Ministry
Working Our Way Through Grief

A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, November 15, 2025
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Rectory
For more information please call
Barbara at 917-686-5444 or
Maureen at 347-436-5192

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) is a process by which a person prepares to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is one of inquiry, evangelization, prayer, study and conversion, leading to one's entrance into the church through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. OCIA welcomes the unbaptized as well as those baptized in other Christian traditions. OCIA also welcomes those who have been baptized Catholic but who have not completed their sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. **Anyone who is interested in participating in this program is asked to call the Rectory now and speak to Deacon Frank.**

Active Parish Campaign Summary

Annual Appeal Goal for 2025: $51,902.

Receipts as of 11/3/25: $42,115

We have received from 86 Donors- there are
OVER 1,000 FAMILIES REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH
There are 10 weeks left in the year. If each additional Family gave $100
WE WOULD REACH OUR GOAL AND HAVE AN EXCESS TO USE FOR OUR PARISH MINISTRIES AND PROGRAMS!

IF WE DO NOT REACH OUR GOAL, WE WILL NEED TO PAY THE DIFFERENCE!

If you have already made your pledge – Thank you!

If you have not - Please support the
2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank You!
No gift is too large or too small!

Give WHAT YOU CAN When you can!
Watch the ACA video and see our own Deacon Chris Wagner talk about how the ACA helped with his Formation!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0H-QNBivn9I

For the Military

If you would like to add a loved one that is in active duty in the military, please call the rectory with their name and branch of service and we will add them to a list of military members to pray for. Thank you. Almighty & eternal God, protect these men & women as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
Shane Cawthon (Army)
Frank Gargano (Army)
Michael Gargano Jr. (Navy)
Marcello Gargano (Army)
Andrew-Jude Lao (SPC 2 Space Force)
Joseph Milone (Marines)
Ryan Moravcik (Army-Cavalry Scout)
Liam O'Connell (Navy)

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of November 1st & November 2nd, 2025
Saturday, November 1st 5:00pm-170
Spanish-103
Sunday, November 2nd 9:00am-125
Sunday, November 2nd 11:00am-250
Sunday, November 2nd 5:00pm-19
All Souls Mass-164
Total-831

The Knights of Columbus council #14269 completed its annual donation to St Bernard Church & Academy on Sunday September 21st. The annual donation totaled $26,500.00.
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Saturday 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Devotions

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
MONDAYS
Novena after the 8:30 a.m. Mass
ROSARY
Monday - Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday after 9:00 a.m. Mass
FIRST FRIDAYS
Exposition: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in Chapel

Baptisms

Scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Parents are required to schedule an appointment with a Priest or Deacon at least six weeks prior to Baptism.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made with a Priest or Deacon at least 6 months before the wedding.
Pre-Cana information can be found at **www.pre-cana.org.**

Sick Calls

Please call the Rectory to arrange a Communion call to the sick or elderly, or a pastoral visit to a hospitalized loved one.

Vocations

Anyone seeking information regarding the Priesthood, Permanent Deaconate, Religious Life or to serve in our Parish as a Lay Minister should speak to Fr. Maduri, Fr. Mike, Dcn. Frank, Dcn. Chris or Dcn. Herb.

Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the Parish and encouraged to become actively involved in parish societies and activities. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible. Parishioners are asked to use the weekly envelopes in making their contributions.

Catholics Come Home

Please feel free to invite those who have been away from our parish to attend Mass with you. If there is anyone you know of that is upset with the church and feels that my speaking to them would be of help, please let me know so that I may speak with them. Fr. Maduri.

Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith

Remember Our Parish in Your Will

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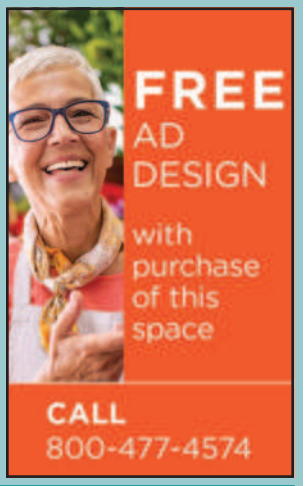

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