

# Church News

## Fr. O'Connor retires from priesthood

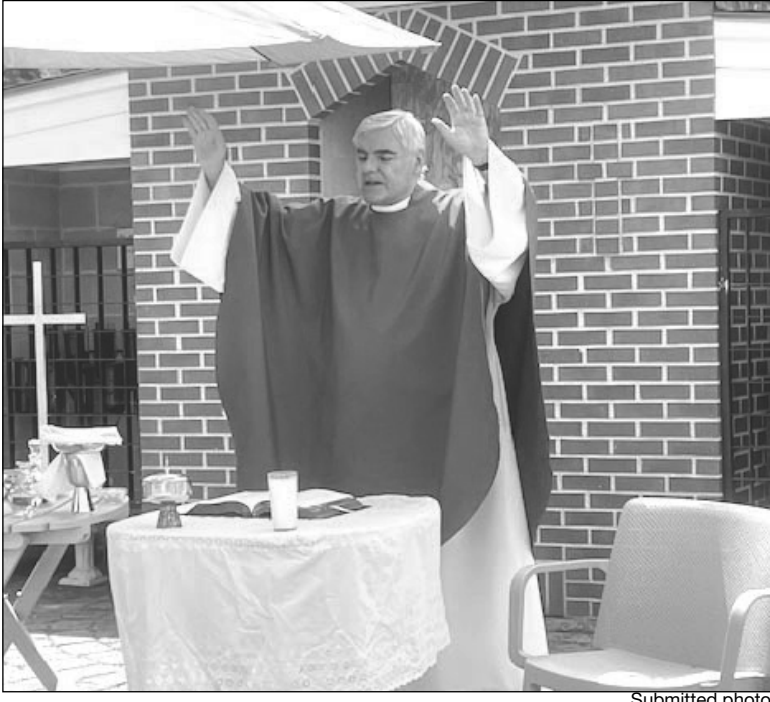
ORANGE — Rev. Shaun O'Connor, or Fr. Shaun, as he is known throughout the community, is retiring from the priesthood and leaving Orange, after serving St. Mary's Pastor for almost seven years.

He plans to travel a bit throughout New England and the eastern seaboard, revisiting some of the places he was stationed during his 42 years in the priesthood. He came to Orange in November of 2017 from Most Holy Redeemer Parish in Hadley.

Fr. Shaun was born in Ottawa, Canada, one of a family of three children, moved to Florida at the age of five and lived mostly in the South before going to Catholic University in Washington, DC, and entering seminary. He went to Graduate Theological University and Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley.

In Orange, as in his other parishes, Fr. Shaun emphasized bringing the Gospel to people throughout the area and growing the community through practical works of Mercy. St. Mary's Food Pantry through St. Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, and Women's Club were partners in his efforts.

Outside of his parochial duties and teaching two classes at Our



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**Fr. Shaun O'Connor gives the blessing at his retirement Mass in the Mary Garden at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Orange. Fr. Shaun retires Aug. 1 to travel to see friends and family and eventually relocate into retirement living.**

Lady of the Elms College, Fr. Shaun's greatest interest is in genealogy and he enjoys visiting locations where he can continue his explorations into his family history. This interest has taken him from here to Ottawa,

Wisconsin, and out to Washington State where one branch of his family relocated. He hopes to continue his travels as he relocates during his retirement.

Fr. Shaun's replacement at St. Mary's will be Rev. Mark Glover.

## Local pastors offer sermons

### Names of God Part 7

Scripture employs an array of names for God that speak to His nature and work. In this edition, let us introduce a family of names that center upon the primary name of God in the Old Testament:

**YHWH** (commonly pronounced as Yahweh). Let us touch upon YHWH Rohi, Shalom and Rapha.

#### 1. YHWH Rohi

YHWH Rohi might be translated as the Lord my Shepherd. It reveals the loving, providential care of God for His people. This title and precept are wonderfully displayed in this timeless selection:

#### Psalm 23 (NKJV)

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; For You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

#### 2) YHWH Shalom

YHWH Shalom might be translated as the Lord my Peace. God's Word calls us to experience peace in the following arenas:

Firstly, we are called to know peace with God. How can we be at peace in this world if we are at odds with the One who made it? Sin has separated us from the Lord, yet He has made a way for us to come home through the work of Jesus Christ! Scripture is abundantly clear that those who have been justified through faith in Christ possess peace with God (Rom. 5:1).

Secondly, we are called to be at peace with one another. Those who are at peace with God are obligated to pursue peace with their fellow man.

#### Romans 12:17-18 (NIV)

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Thirdly, we are called to be at peace amidst affliction and adversity. Consider what Jesus had to say concerning such peace:

#### John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

#### 3) YHWH Rapha

YHWH Rapha might be translated as the Lord my Healer. This title is born of the pages of the Book of Exodus. Please note:

#### Exodus 15:22b-26

22 . . . Moses led Israel from

the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. 23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah [i.e., bitter]). 24 So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" 25 Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink. There the LORD issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. 26 He said, "If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you."

Whereas YHWH Shalom places emphasis upon wholeness of heart and relationships, YHWH Rapha places priority upon our physical being. We do well to realize that God cares for us spirit, soul and body! Time and again the Bible presents God as our Healer. To what degree do we revel in this reality, celebrating this aspect of the Lord?

#### Psalm 103:1-3

1 Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

2 Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases...

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your leisure using the information below.

Also, feel free to check us out online by visiting [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

#### Pastor James Foley

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#### Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

"The Riches of Christ extends beyond all Knowledge"

Our services can be found on our website at [www.barrechurch.com](http://www.barrechurch.com) and Facebook page.

#### Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3 v 14 - 2

I. Introduction

We know the familiar expression, "Knowledge is power". By doing a Google search, one learns that knowledge can help people make significant decisions, create progress, and guide the future. Knowledge can give anyone the tools to do what they need or want to do; be creative, develop skills and impart them, and make this world a better place. Everyone has some kind of knowledge about a specific issue, a subject that mat-

ters to them. The more we improve our knowledge of something that interests us, the better we are at that specific issue or subject, or practical things we enjoy doing. This world is composed of various forms of knowledge that are applied in all forms to create systems and structures and different fields of work and more. However, knowledge, as we know, can also be used for less constructive purposes.

II. The Riches of Christ extends beyond all Knowledge

Paul was fully aware of the power of knowledge in the world he lived in. He himself was well educated and familiar with Greek philosophy and culture, and the Acts of the Apostles portrays him as an eloquent speaker. He was immersed in a culture of knowledge, and the churches during his time were therefore also influenced by the riches of knowledge and culture around them.

In the letter to the Ephesians, he prays that they will receive the riches of the power and love of God and Christ, that surpasses all knowledge, and that they will be filled with the fulness of God. What does this mean? First, he asks God to bestow on them out of God's glorious riches, the inner strength and power through the work of God's Spirit.

The riches of God's glory, says Clinton E. Arnold, editor of the Zondervan Commentary on Ephesians, is about God's brilliance, majesty, holiness, and power. Glory represents God in all God's mighty power; and riches is about the superabundance of God's power. Paul continues by saying that God possesses extraordinary might, which God is able and willing to impart to God's people.

While they may know all about earthly knowledge and power, his prayer is that God will bestow upon them a different kind of power, a deep spiritual strength that will transform their lives, and that they will influence the world around them according to God's will and purpose. He continues to pray that they will experience the indwelling of Christ in their hearts, which Arnold describes so beautifully as more of the nearness of God.

Whatever they need, they will have through the glorious riches and nearness of the power of God inside of them. As young Christians they will experience some struggles in their lives, but with the power of God within, they will have the inner strength to withstand the powerful and destructive forces around them.

But more, they will be rooted in and experience how wide and long and high and deep the love of Christ is that surpasses all knowledge. Being filled with the love of Christ, they too will be inspired to love the way Christ loved humanity. They will be filled with that love, not of their own doing, but through the powerful work of the Holy Spirit inside of them.

This prayer of Paul is powerful and consequential for the believers

See **SERMONS**, page 10

# Obituaries

## Donna L. (Gray) Happy, 75

OAKHAM — Donna L. (Gray) Happy, age 75, a resident of Oakham, passed away peacefully at Holden Rehabilitation and Nursing Center on Monday, July 29, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

She was the beloved wife of the late Richard Happy with whom she enjoyed 15 years of marriage.

She was born in Boston on Nov. 9, 1948 and was the daughter of the late Donald and Rowena (Coon) Gray.

Donna was a Massachusetts native, spending much of her childhood in Bedford before moving to Gloucester. She returned



to Bedford, where she resided for many years and worked as the High School Administrative Assistant to the Principal. She loved sharing the time with all the kids and being peers with many of her teachers, who were still teaching.

She would be found baking and crafting in her spare time, and, yes, she was even a top-notch fisherman. On any given day, you would find her down at the Senior Center shuffling her cards, waiting for the next victim.

Donna is survived by her son Chris (wife Melissa), stepdaughter Denise (husband Joe), sister Bonnie (husband Joe), and brother

### DEATH NOTICE

**Happy, Donna (Gray)**  
Date of Death July 29, 2024  
Funeral service Aug. 1 at 10 a.m.  
Blake Chelmsford Funeral Home, 24 Worthen St., Chelmsford

Scott (wife Patti). She also leaves behind six grandchildren, six great grandchildren, eight nieces or nephews and three great nieces.

Visiting hours were held Wednesday, July 31, 2024 from 4-7 p.m. at the Blake Chelmsford Funeral Home, 24 Worthen St., Chelmsford. Her funeral service was held in the funeral home on Thursday, Aug. 1, at 10 a.m. Interment to follow in Pine Ridge Cemetery, Chelmsford.

## Public Notices

### Barre Conservation Commission

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40. The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public hearing will be held on a **Notice of Intent (continued)** requested by Jesse Thorpe, Prince River Mill LLC, for a proposed addition to an existing commercial building. The addition will be entirely within an existing parking area for property located at 7 Worcester Road, Assessors Map E, Lot 9. Recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Books 55592, Page 39.

From: Jesse Thorpe  
248 Sheldon Road  
Barre, MA 01005  
**To be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conservation Commission Office on the 3rd floor of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005.**

Ronald Rich  
Chairman  
08/01/2024

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jamie R. Faucher to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, dated December 28, 2006 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40455, Page 302, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated August 1, 2017, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58222, Page 88, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor in interest by purchase from the FDIC as Receiver of Washington Mutual Bank to CitiBank, NA as trustee for WaMu Series 2007-HE2 Trust, recorded on October 11, 2012, in Book No. 49765, at Page 184 CitiBank, NA as trustee for WaMu Series 2007-HE2 Trust to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee, in trust for registered Holders of WaMu Asset-Backed Certificates WaMu Series 2007-HE2 Trust, recorded on January 22, 2024, in Book No. 70117, at Page 68 for breach of the conditions

of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **12:00 PM on August 9, 2024** on the mortgaged premises located at 298 Oakham Road, Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT: A certain parcel of land in Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the northwesterly side of Oakham Road in said Barre, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being shown as Lot 19 on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land, Oakham Road, Barre, Massachusetts, Owned by Marie Bomba, Executrix of the Estate of Salvatore J. Petraccone, 210 Oakham Road, Barre, MA 01005," by Bruce E. Wilson, Jr., P.L.S., New England Environmental Design, LLC, P.O. Box 376, Rutland, MA 01543, dated August 15, 2005, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds on October 20, 2005 in Plan Book 833, Plan 42, and to which plan reference is made for a more particular description. For mortgagor's(s) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38679, Page 29. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts

02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

**Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.**

CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF WAMU ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES WAMU SERIES 2007-HE2 TRUST  
Present holder of said mortgage  
By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C., 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 617/558-0500 24004

07/18, 07/25, 08/01/2024

(SEAL)

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 24 SM 002536 ORDER OF NOTICE**

To: **Diane M. Hedstrom**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

**THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF THE CWTAL, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-OA4 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-OA4**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Barre, numbered 334 Wheelwright Road, given by Diane M. Hedstrom and James J. Courchesne to Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A., dated January 30, 2007, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40625, Page 57, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **September 2, 2024**, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on July 16, 2024.

Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson**  
Recorder  
24-006933

08/01/2024

**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**

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Please contact **Pat James 413-726-8661**.

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