

# Annunciation Parish

ONE PARISH PRAISING GOD IN TWO LOCATIONS

March 16, 2025

## Locations

### **Holy Rosary**

135 Nichols Street  
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### **Holy Spirit**

50 Lovewell Street  
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## Contact Us

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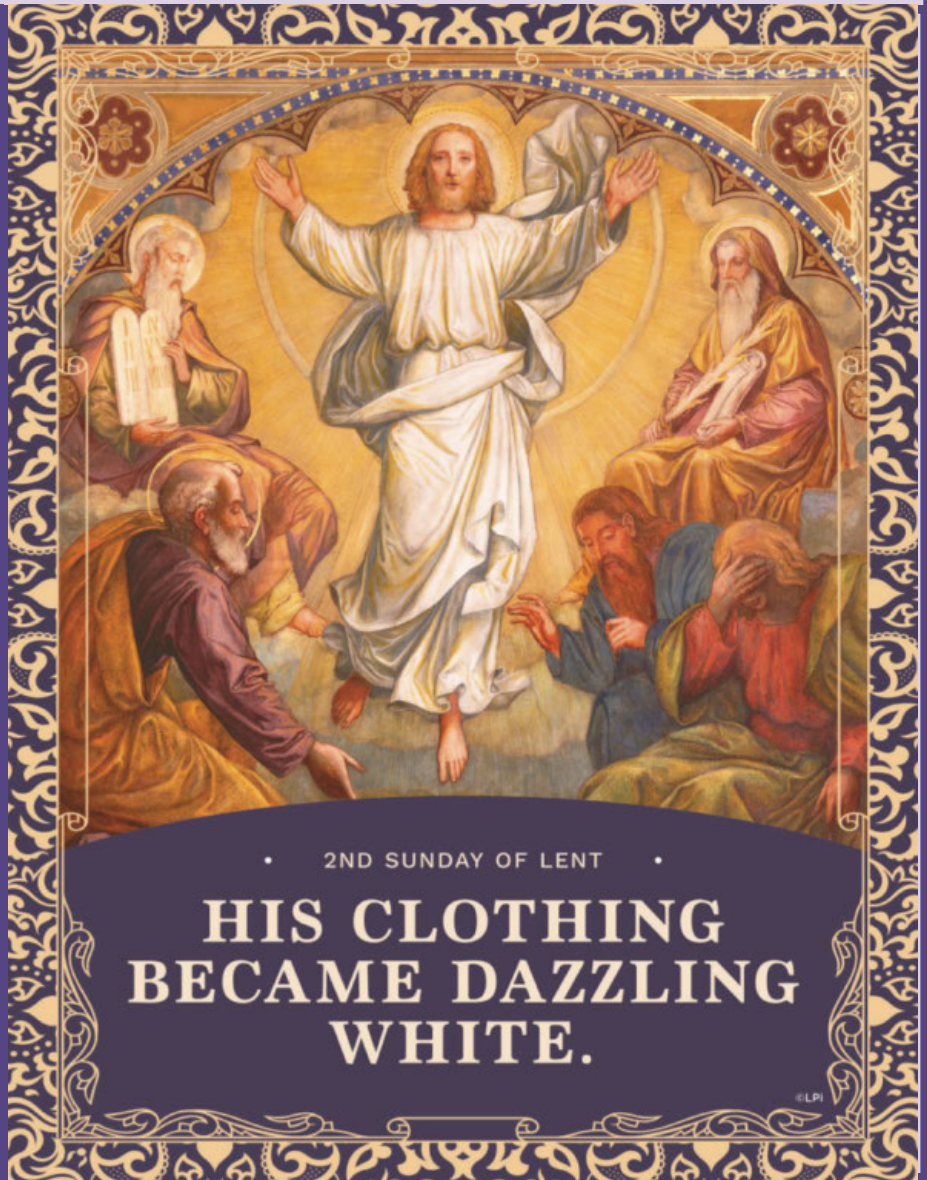
**Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm



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*Safety Environment Notice:* Our parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children & young people approved by the US Bishops & Dioceses of Worcester policies. If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to Judith Audette, Director of the Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester at (508) 929-4393.



• 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT •

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BECAME DAZZLING  
WHITE.**

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## Masses at Holy Rosary

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Mon, Wed, Fri	9:00 a.m.
First Saturday	9:00 a.m.

## Masses at Holy Spirit

Sunday	8:30 a.m.
(Spanish)	12:00 p.m.
Tues	9:00 a.m.
Thurs	9:00 a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Rosary: Saturday Holy Rosary Church  
In Confessional  
2:30p.m.—3:30p.m.

You may also call Fr. Luke to schedule a private appointment for Confession.

Rev. Luke Johnson (978) 870-4771



# Welcome to Annunciation Parish

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For those who are new or returning to the parish, we'd like to welcome you to our Catholic community. In this bulletin you'll find many opportunities to be enriched and involved. If you'd like to register as a member or have any questions, call us at 978-632-0253, email us at [office@annunciationgardner.org](mailto:office@annunciationgardner.org), or stop by the Parish Office during the week.

## Annunciation Parish Mission Statement:

*Strengthened by the Eucharist, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and sent by Christ we seek by worship and service to compassionately meet the corporal and spiritual needs of our parish family and beyond. We desire to warmly welcome the stranger and one another, and together reach a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. In doing this, we are committed to the caring and ongoing Christian formation of others by providing opportunities for spiritual, intellectual, and social growth within our faith and local community.*

## Parish Staff

### Clergy (978) 632-0253

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Director of Enrollment

Mrs. Angela Aros Ext. 219

Executive Assistant

March 16, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Luke 9:28b-36

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, "**This is my chosen Son, listen to him**" (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that "**they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone.**" Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

**Lenten challenge:** This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

— Father John Muir

## Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, March 15	4:00 p.m.	Della & Jean Louis Arseneau by Leo, Lola & Mario Wallace Darmetka, 65th Anniversary by his sons Ronald & Norman Florence Gosselin, 3rd Anniversary by Sally & Marcel Martin Robert Paul Cormier by his mother
Sunday, March 16	10:30 a.m.	Ernest Babineau by Roger & Fern Henrie Joshua Perini by his family Leo Leger by his wife Norma and Jovette & Edmond Brun
Monday, March 17	9:00 a.m.	Claudia Commodore by her family
Wednesday, March 19	9:00 a.m.	TBD
Friday, March 21	9:00 a.m.	Gloria Fournier & Gary M. by Joan Anderson
Saturday, March 22	4:00 p.m.	Geneva, Clarence, & John Boy by Elaine & Ron Leger Arthur & Yvonne Provencher by Laura & Steven Darling Cecile Raths by Aunt Pauline
Sunday, March 23	10:30 a.m.	Ernest Babineau by Dianne Hunt & family Miguel Angel de Jesus Muñoz-Lorenzana, loving father, husband, & brother With love, familia Thibault-Muñoz

## Holy Spirit Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Sunday, March 16	8:30 a.m.	Michael MacIntosh, Jr. by his family Herman Vidrine by Emily
	12:00 p.m.	Claudia Commodore by her family Beatriz de Lopez by her family
Tuesday, March 18	9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory by Glen Mularella Individuals & families struggling with autism
Thursday, March 20	9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish
Sunday, March 23	8:30 a.m.	Thomas Meany, 5th Anniversary by William & Carolyn Meany Lorraine Wojtukiewicz, 15th Anniversary by Carla & Bob
	12:00 p.m.	Claudia Commodore by her family Beatriz de Lopez by her family Bernardo Villaseñor, 2nd Anniversary by his family

### FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS

The Prayer Line is available to pray for your special concerns! Call The Prayer Line at (978) 730-8655, and leave a message. These intentions will not appear in the bulletin, and can be passed privately by first name only.

# Current Events

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## Sunday, March 16

- 9:00a.m. Grades 1-8 Religious Ed in the Parish Center
- 11:30a.m. Grades 9-10+ Religious Ed in the Parish Center
- 12:00p.m. Spanish Mass at Holy Spirit
- 12:30p.m. Spanish Hospitality at Holy Spirit

## Monday March 17

- 8:30a.m.— 5:00p.m. Holy Rosary open for private prayer
- 6:30p.m. Metanoia Series in the Parish Center
- 6:30p.m. Super Bingo in Holy Rosary Hall (doors open at 4:00pm)

## Tuesday March 18

- 8:30a.m.— 5:00p.m. Holy Rosary open for private prayer

## Wednesday March 19

- 6:00a.m.— 8:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at Chapel—Parish Center
- 8:30a.m.— 5:00p.m. Holy Rosary open for private prayer
- 6:00p.m. Deanery Pilgrimage at Holy Cross in Templeton (6:00pm. Confessions; 7:00pm Devotions)
- 6:30p.m. OCIA in the Parish Center

## Thursday March 20

- 8:00a.m.— 8:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at Chapel—Parish Center
- 8:30a.m.— 5:00p.m. Holy Rosary open for private prayer
- 10:00a.m. Faith Sharing Group—Parish Center
- 6:30p.m. Bingo in Holy Rosary Hall (doors open at 4:00pm)
- 6:30p.m. Grit & Grace Book Club in the Parish Center

## Friday March 21

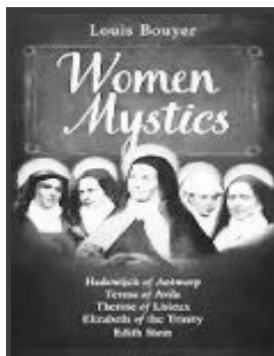
- 8:00a.m.— 8:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at Chapel—Parish Center
- 8:30a.m.— 5:00p.m. Holy Rosary open for private prayer
- 9:45a.m. Legion of Mary at the Parish Center
- 4:30p.m. Stations of the Cross at Holy Spirit

## Saturday March 22

- 2:30p.m. — 3:30p.m. Confessions—Holy Rosary Church confessional
- 6:30p.m. Bingo in Holy Rosary Hall (doors open at 4:00pm)

## Sunday March 23

- 9:00a.m. Grades 1-6 Religious Ed & Sacramental Prep in Parish Center
- 11:30a.m. Grades 9-10+ Religious Ed in the Parish Center
- 12:00p.m. Spanish Mass at Holy Spirit



## Grit & Grace

Our women's book club is reading Women Mystics by Louis Bouyer this month. Based upon the author's own suggestion we will begin on page 91 with the 2nd half of the book which focuses on some of the women mystics who you may be familiar with, Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Elizabeth of the Trinity and Edith Stein. We have a few copies of this book available at the rectory for \$15 each. We will meet to discuss this book on

**Thursday, March 20th at 6:30 in the Parish Center.**



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturdays**

**Holy Rosary Church**

In Confessional  
2:30pm—3:30pm.

## Help Us Celebrate our Parish Feast Day!

We are looking forward to celebrating our parish feast day at Holy Rosary on the evening of **Tuesday, March 25th with Mass at 7:00p.m.** followed by a light reception in the church hall.

We are looking for people to bake as well as a few volunteers to arrive early at 6:00p.m. to help set up, or stay after to help clean up.

If you can bring food, please contact June at 978-928-5114 and leave a message with your phone number so she can get back to you. To help with set up or clean up, please contact Maura Sweeney at 978-632-0253.



## Metanoia

All are invited to join us on **Monday evenings during Lent at 6:30 in the Parish Center** as we watch and discuss, Metanoia: A Journey with Christ into Conversion featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR. This week we will focus on the rich young man's question to Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life"?

## Annual Deanery Pilgrimage

Once again, the parishes of our deanery are joining together to offer Devotions & Confessions on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:00p.m.

Our next stop will be at **Holy Cross in Templeton on March 19th.** We hope to see you there!

## Reflect on the Gospels of Lent

Come reflect on the Gospels of Lent with our Thursday Morning Faith Sharing Group led by Di-  
anne Scott at **10:00a.m. in the Parish Center.**



# Annual Deanery Pilgrimage

**St. Denis in Ashburnham**  
March 12, 2025

- 6:00 PM: Confessions
- 7:00 PM: Service

**St. Edward the Confessor**  
April 2, 2025

- 6:00 PM: Confessions
- 7:00 PM: Service

**Holy Cross in Templeton**  
March 19, 2025

- 6:00 PM: Confessions
- 7:00 PM: Service

**Immaculate Heart of Mary in Winchendon**  
April 9, 2025

- 6:00 PM: Confessions
- 7:00 PM: Service

**St. Vincent de Paul in Baldwinville**  
March 26, 2025

- 6:00 PM: Confessions
- 7:00 PM: Service

**Holy Rosary in Gardner**  
April 27, 2025

- 2:00 PM: Exposition and Confessions
- 3:00 PM: Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

## St. Patrick's Day Super Bingo

Monday, March 17, 2025

Snow Date: Monday, March 24, 2025

Holy Rosary Hall - 135 Nichols Street - Gardner, MA

Doors open at 4:00pm

Game starts at 6:30pm

All proceeds will go towards new chairs and tables for Holy Rosary Hall

(2) \$1,199 Games and (12) \$500 Games

12 Cards = \$90    18 Cards = \$125    25 Cards = \$155

Advance purchase is strongly recommended as there will be a limited number of packages sold.

To purchase packages see John at Holy Rosary hall any Thursday or Saturday evening.

**Must be 18 years of age to play**

### Music Ministry News!

We are looking to form a Festival Choir which sings at special occasions at both churches. All parishioners of Annunciation Parish are invited to join us as we celebrate the Triduum.

All rehearsals will be held on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Holy Spirit Campus.**

The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

- April 1st    Music for Holy Thursday will be covered
- April 8th    Music for Good Friday will be covered
- April 25th    Music for the Easter Vigil will be covered.

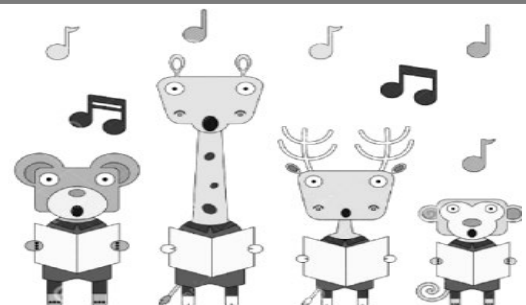
If you are only able to help us out for one, several or all of the service during Holy week, all singing voices are greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions please contact:

- Paul Cormier    978-602-6166
- Paulette Fowler    978-660-0215
- Sharon Sawtell    978-632-7216

### 24 Hours with the Lord

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church at **Holy Rosary beginning at 4:00p.m. on Friday, March 28th until the 4:00p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 29th.** During the 24 hours there will be special times of devotion for the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, etc. (a full schedule will be coming to our website soon). We will need at least 2 guards for every hour during adoration. If you are able to help, please go to <https://annunciationgardner.flocknote.com/signup/201030> or contact Maura at the rectory at 978-632-0253 ext. 117.



# From the Office

## Information on Receiving Sacraments:

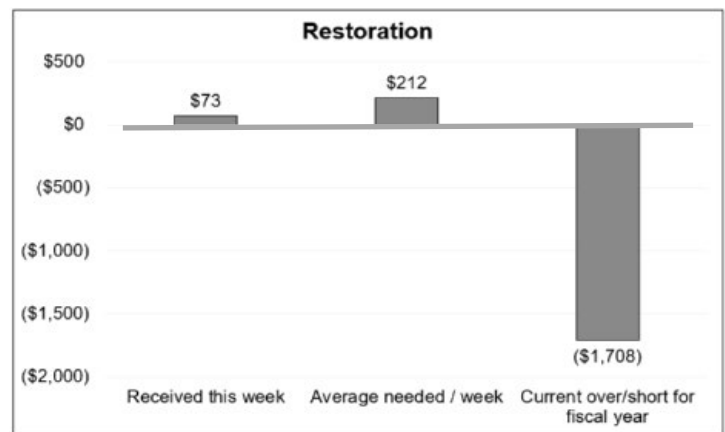
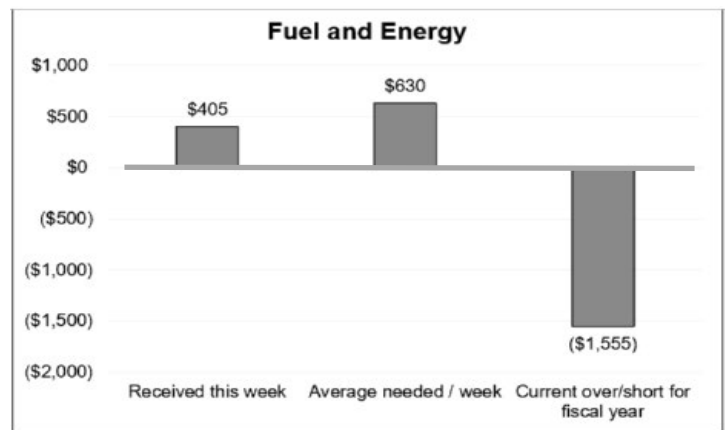
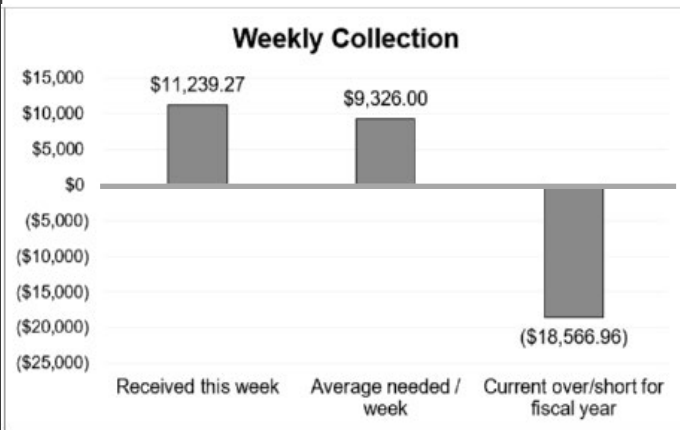
**Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation:** Call Maura Sweeney at the Parish Office (978) 632-0253 Ext.117 or email [religioeducation@annunciatingardner.org](mailto:religioeducation@annunciatingardner.org)

**Holy Orders:** If you are feeling called to explore a vocation to the priesthood, please contact our diocesan vocations director Fr. Donato Infante at [director@worcestervocations.org](mailto:director@worcestervocations.org) or by phone at 508-630-4473.

**Holy Matrimony:** call the Parish Office one year in advance for Marriage Preparation.

**Anointing of the Sick:** call Fr. Luke at (978) 870-4771

### Weekend of March 2, 2025



Religious Ed	\$73.00	Catholic Free Press	\$39.00
Needy Child	\$78.00	Easter Flowers	\$100.00
Religious Retirement	\$123.00	Altar Supplies	\$15.00

Current outstanding parish bills	\$18,087.02
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**Please Pray For:** Claire Albee, Paul Jurgelonis, Maryann Hendrickx, Jackie Larcenaire, Patti M., Allie Gagnon, Mark Fernandes, Evelyn Cruz, Martin Jalbert, Sara Flanagan, Michelle Edenberg, Cleo LeBlanc, Ethan Gagnon, Trish Gagnon, The Gagnon Family, Andrea S., Jeannine Como, Norman & Donna Hebert, Bob M., Greg, Dianne Stravos, Janet, K.D.N., Delia V. Canu, Theresa Beaudoin, Robert Allain, Red Phuehe, Roberta Tassone

**If you would like to add a person's name to the prayer list, please contact the rectory at (978) 632-0253, ext. 110. Names will be kept on the prayer list for 4 consecutive weeks. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to put a name back on the list at the end of these 4 weeks.**



### Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

Sun: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36  
 Mon: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38  
 Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12  
 Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
 Thur: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31  
 Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Observances for the week of March 16, 2025

Sun: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
 Mon: St. Patrick, Bishop [OM]; St. Patrick's Day  
 Tues: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 Wed: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



### FOOD LIST FROM SVDP

The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry needs some restocking! Currently they are in need of the following items: **Canned peas, canned green beans, canned pasta, boxes of spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, instant mashed potatoes, rice, cereal, cookies, brownie mix.**

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

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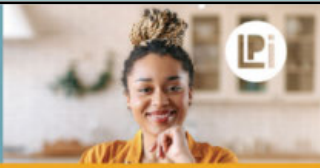


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