

# 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

John 14:15



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**Welcome to  
Good Shepherd Parish  
May 10, 2026**

**Parish Office: (508) 650—3545**

**99 Main Street, Wayland, MA**

### GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH VISION STATEMENT

Good Shepherd Parish strives to be a vibrant, welcoming community where every person can experience the Father's love. Through the Gospel proclamation, prayer, and joyous sacramental celebration, Good Shepherd Parish will inspire parishioners to discern and live out their vocations and to actively evangelize the world. As we bear witness to the Risen Christ, Our Lord and Savior, we aspire to serve our parish community. We will seek to welcome home the new, the lost, and the disheartened by using the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

### GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Roman Catholic community of Good Shepherd Parish, strive to be a living sign of Christ's love in and for the world. In response to our Baptismal call, nourished by the Eucharist and guided by the values of the Second Vatican Council, we seek to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by welcoming, supporting and guiding all through prayer, sacramental celebration, service and education.

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**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday—Thursday  
9 AM—3 PM  
Friday 9 AM—12 PM



ST. ANN CHURCH, 134 COCHITUATE RD, WAYLAND, MA



ST. ZEPHERIN CHURCH, 99 MAIN ST, WAYLAND, MA

#### Mass Times

**Saturday, 4:00 PM St. Ann**  
**Sunday, 8:30 AM St. Zepherin**  
**Sunday, 10:30 AM St. Ann**  
**Sunday, 5:30 PM St. Zepherin**

#### Confession

**Saturday, 3:00 –3:45 PM**  
**St. Ann**  
(or by appointment)

#### Weekday Masses

**Monday—Tuesday**  
**9:00 AM St. Ann**  
**Wednesday—Friday**  
**9:00 AM St. Zepherin**

#### Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**  
CHERYL KANE &  
RICHARD KANE, JR.  
**SUNDAY, MAY 10**  
10:30 AM  
GEORGE "KIM" KINCAID  
5:30 PM  
PEOPLE OF  
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH  
**MONDAY, MAY 11**  
9:00 AM  
MILLIE CHOINSKI &  
RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES  
**TUESDAY, MAY 12**  
9:00 AM  
ANN MARIE KELLY  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**  
9:00 AM  
KWAMINA PANFORD &  
FAMILY (LIVING)  
**FRIDAY, MAY 15**  
9:00 AM  
GRETTA ROZARIO

#### Parish Calendar

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**  
**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 12**  
BIBLE STUDY WITH PHEME  
10:00 AM  
PARISH CENTER  
6:30—7:30 PM  
MEN'S GROUP  
HEART TO HEART  
ST. ANN'S LIBRARY  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**  
6:30—8:00 PM  
ADULT BIBLE STUDY  
PARISH CENTER  
**THURSDAY, MAY 14**  
9:00 AM  
**ASCENSION THURSDAY MASS**  
(LIVESTREAMED)  
ST. ZEPHERIN CHURCH  
7:00 PM  
**ASCENSION THURSDAY MASS**  
ST. ANN CHURCH

## *In Illo Uno Unum (Part IV) . . .*

*“You have stirred in us the desire to praise You, for You have made us for Yourself and our heart is restless until it comes to rest in You.”*

These words, addressed to God, form the beginning of St. Augustine’s powerful autobiography: his unflinching examination of the character of his life before, and then leading up to, his transformative encounter with Christ. Although he places them at the start of the book, they actually are the conclusion his life-long quest for truth had brought him to. The fascinating thing is that, as intensely personal as the book is, he phrases this particular prayer as a general observation for all of humanity.

The Second Vatican Council echoed this when it recognizes that “human dignity lies in man’s call to communion with God. From the very circumstance of his origin man is already invited to converse with God.” It’s this dignity—the inborn desire to enter into relationship with his Creator—that makes the human being a *person*, fundamentally different from all other species in the animal kingdom. It’s the clearest indication that we have a rational soul.

In many ways, this explains the human impulse to form social systems and to develop cultural norms. The project of civilization-building, that desire to progress and improve living conditions, to make life more comfortable, more secure, more efficient, can be seen as an expression of mankind’s desire to transcend an existence lived merely on the level of raw nature. We seek to innovate technology, to fine-tune laws to make them more just, to develop specific mores and customs, and the countless other ways we try to advance social progress precisely because we bear in ourselves the likeness of God. The creation of culture itself is part of the human quest for something greater that lies beyond the self, our quest for the transcendent. It’s part of our desire for the divine.

This desire is fulfilled when we enter into communion with Christ, who is fully God and fully human. Because of His dual nature Christ is the portal—or, as He said in the gospel a couple of weeks ago, the gate—that grants us humans access to God. As Jesus reminded Phillip last week, when we see Him we see God the Father. As such, the encounter with Christ is a summons that goes out to all people, since it’s only through this encounter that anyone finds a personal experience with God.

By extension, all cultures provide launching pads of some sort or another from which its people can begin this conversion to Christ. Social systems and their cultures stand halfway between the individual and the universal. They place the human person in a larger reality greater than oneself, even though they’re not yet the absolute communion with the Eternal that gives rest to our hearts. As such, they’re already an indication of humanity’s reaching out for God.

But since all cultures are formed and developed by people, they’re subject to the same combination of goodness and sin that the human person is. They contain elements of the nobility and grandeur of the highest human aspirations, but also elements of baseness, corruption, and injustice. Social progress can be genuine progress, advancing in peace and justice; but just as often progress can be a disintegration into decadence and self-indulgence. All cultures stand in need of purification by exposure to the light of the Gospel.

Inculturation, then, is the project of bringing cultures closer to their ultimate purpose by introducing Christ into them. The Word of God translated into the language of a human life is capable of being translated into all the “languages” of human cultures. As Pope Leo explained, authentic evangelization begins by finding the seeds of the Word present in the given culture—those elements that are faint traces of God’s presence to these people. But then evangelization purifies and elevates these traces, taking their authentic values—those customs that are consistent with the Gospel of God’s Kingdom—and clarifying their meaning: “freeing them from what obscures or disfigures them,” as the holy father puts it. In other words, evangelization and inculturation make these cultures more genuinely themselves, what they should be and what they aspire to be, but which they never could become without God’s sanctifying grace. And this grace is nothing else but God’s gift of Himself to us, the revelation of His full identity, that is given to us perfectly in the Person of Jesus Christ.

By recognizing those traits of the culture that already hint at the Gospel, the evangelizer acknowledges that God has already begun the work of claiming these people for Himself; (s)he only teases out the full truth contained in them, all the while respecting the dignity of the people and the beauty present in their culture. Treating them with that respect while still presenting them with the full truth of the Gospel, the evangelizer helps the culture flourish in the light of Christ and helps the people to find themselves in the Kingdom of God. When successful, and relying entirely on God’s grace and the power of the Holy Spirit to gently transform hearts from within, the practice of inculturation does indeed help all peoples to become one in the One.

*– Fr. Ren*



**Parish Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**  
**Sunday, May 17th—11:30am**  
**St. Ann Hall**



In appreciation for all that you do, we are inviting all of our **Ministry Volunteers** to a Luncheon so we can celebrate the many ways that you demonstrate God's love for Good Shepherd Parish.

IF YOU VOLUNTEERED IN THE PAST YEAR, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE 508-650-3545 OR USE THE QR CODE TO RSVP BY 5/8.



*"Come Holy Spirit, Fill the Hearts of Your Faithful  
 ... and You Shall Renew the Face of the Earth"*

We were baptized "in the Name of the Father,  
 and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,"  
 and at Confirmation we were  
 "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit"  
 But who (or what?) is the Holy Spirit?

Join us for a seven-week Bible Study designed by EWTN's Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ

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**Wednesday evenings:**  
**May 6, 13, 20, & 27, June 3, 10, & 17**  
**6:30-8:00 PM ~**  
**Parish Center at St. Zepherin**

*Celebrating*  
**Good Shepherd Parish's HIGH SCHOOL**  
*Graduating Class of 2026*

**Sunday, May 17th**  
 at 5:30 PM Mass  
 — St. Zepherin's Church —

Good Shepherd Class of 2026 High School Seniors receiving Parish Scholarships and Awards will be recognized.

Immediately following the Graduation Mass there will be a Parish sponsored BBQ Dinner Reception in the Courtyard and Parish Center.

Please RSVP by May 13th to: Deacon Colm  
 cmcgarry@goodshepherdwayland.org

- Yes, I will be attending — Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_
- No, sorry, we will not be able to attend

 **Heart to Heart**  
*A Men's Group*

**Heart to Heart**

**A Men's Group to Grow Friendship and Faith, All in Christ**

Passion and Paradox: Jesus's Model of Leadership

The concept of a CEO as a "servant-leader" was a popular business model some years back. And Jesus was the original servant-leader.

Join us for an opportunity to look at how Jesus's way of leading His disciples reveals to us authentic authority: exercised with humility, responsibility, and service to others.

Six meetings, once-a-month, will explore the many ways Jesus was a leader who came to serve.

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Tuesday, MAY 12, 2026**



**MARY,  
 OUR MOTHER**

The month of May is dedicated to our mother, Mary.

Spend time with her in prayer.

## PROOF OF LIFE

Some credible “proof of life” for an individual being held by kidnappers provides a boost of hope for their family even if tough ransom demands are in play. And as negotiations dragged on with a Nigerian gang over his brother, one of our PhD students went through roller coaster highs and lows. The final “proof of life” is the photo of the freed hostage embraced by mom and dad. Six months later those high/low emotions still pop up and disrupt the routines of graduate school. Imagine reading the stories of disciples after Jesus’ death, resurrection, ascension/return to the father through “proof of life” emotional lenses.

The “family embrace” scenes in the gospels are all sudden, unexpected appearances. They have two features: (i) Jesus lives but NOT to resume his earthly ministry, and (ii) Jesus will give his disciples a special Holy Spirit booster shot to enable their earthly task of evangelization. That had a slow start in John’s gospel. The disciples were still locked up afraid a week later when Jesus returns to confront Thomas (Jn 20:24-29). Today’s reading from Jesus’ last supper discourses acknowledges that his “proof of life” will not be a photo-op: *“I will not leave you orphans; ... In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also... I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you,”* (Jn 14:18-20).

Readers of Acts 8:5-8 will recognize that the signs unleashed as Philip proclaims Christ in Samaria reflect miracles Jesus had performed during his ministry in Galilee. Luke threads similar stories throughout Acts. Recognizing the presence of God/ Jesus bursting out in these miracles might be the emotional high on that “proof of life” ride. Not experienced by many believers. 1 Peter encourages the persecuted believers in Asia Minor to “sanctify Christ in your hearts” (1 Pet 3:15-18). That “proof of life” requires continued pursuit of what is good despite hostility. Baptism into Christ’s death/resurrection seals life in the Spirit.



PHEME PERKINS, Ph.D.  
Joseph Professor  
Of Catholic Spirituality  
Boston College

## Prayer Requests



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## Readings To-Go!

6th Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 2026

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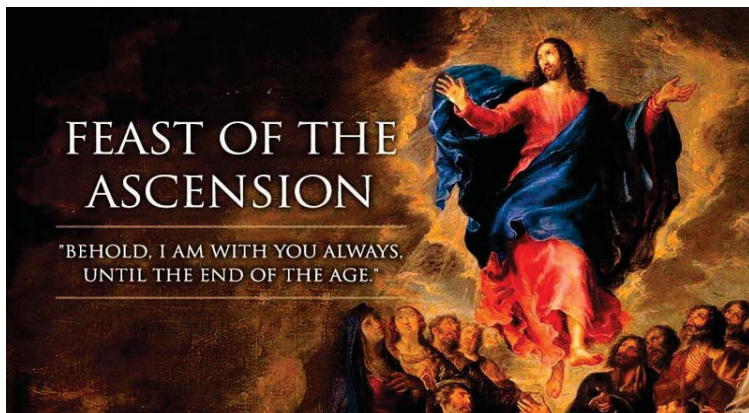


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- 2) join any of our liturgical ministries: lecturers, extraordinary ministers, altar servers, videographers!



*Please call us at (508) 650 - 3545 or stop by the office*



**Together We Are One**



Thank you to the family who offered the \$20K donation for the "CA Campaign Match" and all the donors who stepped up to reach our Parish Goal!

With your help, our parish will receive funds back for our local programs and ministries.

**GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH  
CALENDAR YR2026: HOLY DAY OR  
SPECIAL/SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Th. May 14	ASCENSION - HOLY DAY (GSP collection)
May 23/24	SEMINARIANS COLLECTION (Pentecost) (RCAB collection)
Jun. 20/21	PROMOTING THE GOSPEL (RCAB collection)
July 4/5	MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL ( to benefit LaSalette Missionary, Attleboro)
Sept. 19/20	CLERGY HEALTH & RETIREMENT TRUST (RCAB Collection)
Oct. 3/4	HOLY FATHER & MISSIONARY EFFORTS (RCAB Collection)
Oct. 17/18	WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (Propagation of Faith)
Nov. 21/22	RETIREMENT FUND FOR WOMEN RELIGIOUS (RCAB collection)
Tue. Dec. 8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY (GSP collection)
Dec. 24/25	CHRISTMAS COLLECTION (RCAB - only one collection at Christmas Masses)



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH MISSION!**

**ST. ZEPHERIN CATHOLIC CEMETERY**

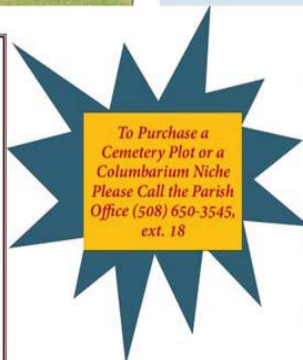
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**PARISH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2026: Q3**

Your ongoing Offertory contribution is the key in reaching the 2026 fiscal year income budget to help us cover all the budgeted expenses.

We are constantly grateful for your support of our parish and its mission.

**Parish Operating Financial Activities  
FY2026 - Q3 (Jan. - Mar. 2026)**

WHAT WE NEEDED	WHAT WE RECEIVED	VARIANCE
<b>\$265,552</b>	<b>\$287,016</b>	<b>\$21,464</b>

**My Brother's Table Financial Activities  
FY2026 - Q3 (Jan. - Mar. 2026)**

WHAT WE NEEDED	WHAT WE RECEIVED	VARIANCE
<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$2,348</b>	<b>(\$5,652)</b>

My Brother's Table NET since inception in October 2020: \$73,167

All operating and non-operating financial activities of the parish, January—March 2026 (Q3) are included in the year to date report included below.

You can make your offertory contribution via mail, EFT bank transaction, collection basket, or online by using the QR code.



**FY2026: Year to date as of March 2026**

Accounts	Actuals	Budget 2026	Variance \$
Income	\$792,183	\$693,425	\$98,758
Expense	721,483	742,683	-21,200
Net Operating Income (Loss)	<b>70,700</b>	<b>(49,258)</b>	<b>119,958</b>
Non-Operating Income (Loss)	1,907	0	1,907
Net Non-Operating Income (Loss)	<b>1,907</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,907</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$72,608</b>	<b>(\$49,258)</b>	<b>\$121,866</b>

**Welcome to Our Parish**

We are always pleased to welcome new members to our Good Shepherd Parish family.

If you would like to become a registered member, please fill out the information below and drop in the offertory box.

Should you have questions, please call the office at 508-650-3545.

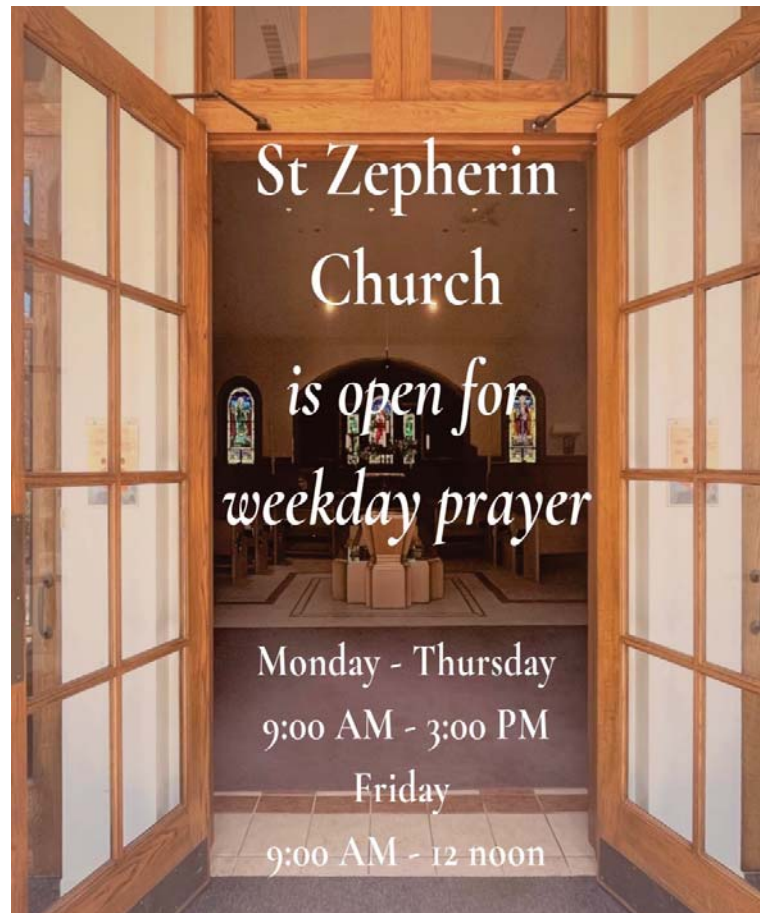
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We will contact you shortly to complete your registration or you may visit our website for an online registration form:  
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GLORIA

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!  
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good  
 will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-ty  
 you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,  
 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al - might-y  
 Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On-ly Be - got - ten Son,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -  
 way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a -  
 way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right  
 hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo-ry!  
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the  
 high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. A - men.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na, ho -  
 san - na in the high - est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION B

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
 we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a -  
 gain, un-til you come a - gain.

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AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men.  
 A - men, a - men, a - men.

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### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of the world, grant us peace.

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### A Mother's Day Prayer



Loving God,  
We thank You for the amazing gift that You have given us in Mary, Your Mother. She assists us in her powerful prayers and brings our petitions to the throne of your Son.

We are grateful for the love you have taught us through the mothers in our lives:  
our own mother, by birth or adoption, who nurtured and supported us through life;  
the mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families;  
and those special women that have stepped in and been "like a mom" to us.  
Bless the moms who have dealt with the loss of a child. Grant them the warmth of your loving arms.

Bless them all today with health and happiness, with joy and laughter.  
Bless them with the strength of your Holy Spirit.

May we let them know how very special they are every day that we are able.  
And bless our dear mothers who have passed away - grant them eternal rest and a place with you in Heaven.



We ask this in the name of your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.



THE TABERNACLE CANDLES  
BURN  
IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF  
*David Tafe*  
(May 8 - 14, 2026)



"I am the Light of the world."  
John 8:12

### Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, May 14:  
9 AM @ St. Zepherin (livestreamed)  
7 PM @ St. Ann

*Feast of the Ascension*  
*May 14, 2026*

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Link through [goodshepherdwayland.org](http://goodshepherdwayland.org) or  
YouTube: [gspwayland](https://www.youtube.com/gspwayland)

### COME HEAR OUR CHOIR!

**May 2026**  
**May 10 - 4:00 PM**  
**Mass at St. Ann Church**  
**May 17 - 10:30 AM**  
**Mass at St. Ann Church**  
**May 24 - 8:30 AM**  
**Mass at St. Zepherin Church**



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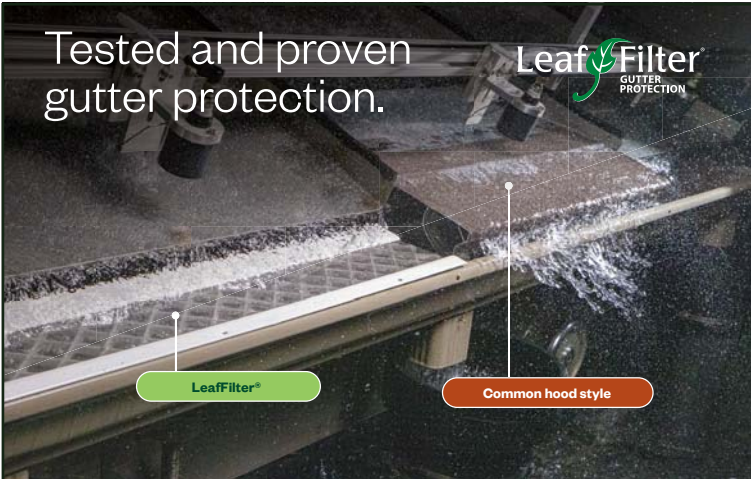


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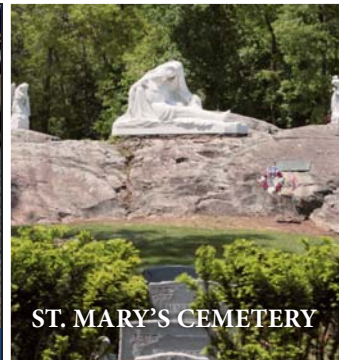
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