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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

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Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came [before me] are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

John 10: 7-8

All Are Welcome



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Online-Only Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/2)

4:00pm *Barbara Miller*

Sunday (5/3)

10:00am *Regina M. Stronge, Andrew Filomia*

Saturday (5/9)

4:00pm

Sunday (5/10)

10:00am *Robert Arciero, Luke Picillo, Andrew Vlack, Dale Deveau Jr., Anna Cronin, Jack Cronin, Mary Razza, Lena Filomia, Lillian Pecht, Regina M. Stronge, Jean Basque*

In your prayers please remember James Bowers and all the faithful departed.

All Masses will be broadcast live through [Facebook Live](#) until further notice.



Find us on Facebook: [Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)

Visit our **Collaborative website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information on what is happening in the Collaborative during these changing times. You can also find links to our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages.

Learn about the Mass

Aaron Giard, our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, will be offering a walk-through teaching on the Mass during the 30 minutes before Mass on Sundays.

Tune in on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. via [Facebook](#) Live to learn more about the beauty of Mass and the whys behind the words and gestures we perform each week.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I cannot think of a more appropriate passage from the Scriptures to accompany us on our journey this week than what was offered by St. Peter in the Second Reading:



"Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps." (1Peter 2:19–21)

I don't know about you, but I am itching to get back to what was "normal." I am getting very tired of all of this "social distancing," the interminable shut-down of our communities and businesses and the inability to have public Mass. With people. Lots of people! I miss seeing all of you even more than I knew that I would. And I am struggling with patience. Maybe it's just me, but can I get an "Amen!" from anyone?

I know all of this is the right thing to do, that we must keep it up for a while longer and follow the directives of our leaders and those in the medical community. Besides my priestly studies, I have a background in science and understand the



Online Mass this past weekend from St. James Chapel. Tune in Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Watch Mass on Facebook Live

To watch our live stream Masses:

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) at the appointed time.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The LIVE video should be the first one on the list.

90 Days Now—For Your Parish

"90 Days Now—For Your Parish" is a new, three-month campaign created by a member of the laity to help support our parishes while we are temporarily closed. The funds raised go *directly* to your parish. Please visit our website at [hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) to read Fr. Tim's letter to the Collaborative to learn more about this project.

"90 Days Now" link:

<https://bcatholic.sites.bostoncatholic.org/90DaysYourParish>

why of it all. I get it, I really do. But humanly, I am truly frustrated and want it to end. Even what is being touted as a "new normal" with limited openings and partial activities would be a welcome relief from what we have right now. I mean, it is sad that I actually look forward to a weekly shopping trip so I can, cloaked in my facemask, say "hello" to an occasional stranger who may or may not run away from me screaming in terror...! Sad, it is.

Patience is the gift from the Lord that I need these days. Not simply patience with gritted teeth and a held-breath. Not the angry, bitter patience that is just biding its time to explode. No, I need real, honest-to-goodness Christ-like patience that is filled with compassion and a deep understanding of the bigger picture and my own individual place in it. That kind of patience only comes through prayer and an enduring hope in what God alone can accomplish. Note to self: Gotta work harder on this!

If you go back and re-read the Passion accounts from any of the Gospels, Jesus prays as He approaches His sacrifice on the Cross—both in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the Cross itself when He prays from the Psalms. His whole life was an exercise in hope—that only in God do we ever find true satisfaction and salvation. Trusting that only God will provide this for us in our present needs is an act of

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faith. When it comes down to it, all of the lessons of Scripture are about faith and trust, aren't they?

If you recall the image from the Hebrew Scriptures that we encountered a few weeks ago in Lent; that having freed them from slavery, God was tired of the Israelites complaining in the desert, so He sent seraph serpents to punish them for their unfaithfulness. The snakes bit the people and they were dying from the venom that coursed through their veins. What an apt image of sin! A deadly venom that courses through every bit of our human life bringing pain, misery, and death. Only when Moses had made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole as God had commanded did the Israelites find healing when they looked upon it with faith. This scene was used as a precursor for understanding the ultimate healing from sin and death we would receive when we looked upon Christ crucified. Trusting in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ is the ultimate act of faith that any one of us will ever make.

We live out that trust daily by our patient faithfulness and steadfast hope in what God alone can do for us and our world. Just because God hasn't done something for us yet doesn't mean that He won't. Just because we haven't seen the good work that God has already done doesn't mean that it wasn't done. Just because we want something to be different in our world doesn't mean that it should be. For us, sometimes the only access we will have to the mind of God is our patience to listen to His voice and trust in His love.

So, patience. St. Peter knew a little about it. Maybe when this whole pandemic thing is over, we might, too.

Continued Easter Blessings to all!

Fr. Timothy Harrison

Pastor

VIRTUAL ROSARY

Join Aaron Giard, our Faith Formation director, for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook during our stay-at-home time. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook.

[www.facebook.com/
hriccatholic/](http://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/)

Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.

Thursdays 7:00 p.m.



Prayers for the Sick

May the comfort and healing of Christ embrace all in our Collaborative who are suffering from illness, especially:

Priscilla Brown
Brett Burkinshaw
Eunice Campbell
Joe Messina

Ron Pagliaruto
Ruth Sullivan
Michael Tucker

HRIC Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program

As the challenges of COVID-19 continue to evolve, Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Collaborative is formalizing its "Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program" to respond to those in need within our communities of Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury. The focus of the program is to comfort and nurture our parish community and send its faith, love, and generosity outward by offering meaningful ways to love and serve our greater communities as this pandemic unfolds.

The program is designed to respond to requests received by the Collaborative parishes for assistance with fundamental needs such as grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, and meal deliveries. Phone calls to the homebound and creation of cards to console or comfort are also ways in which we can support our neighbors during this difficult time.

The link below describes the program in detail and provides a form for those interested in volunteering to help this effort. Volunteers will be contacted only by members of the *Neighbors Helping Neighbors* team to determine availability to respond to a particular request.

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Please join in helping our Collaborative show the face of Jesus to our parishioners and our communities. God bless you.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

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- You will receive an email that links you to the site

Questions of the Week

Adult: How well do you imitate the Good Shepherd? Is your love for family members or dear friends unwavering in difficult times?

Child: Jesus is the Good Shepherd. How are we like the sheep? Why do we need a shepherd?

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Prayer During the Coronavirus Pandemic

*May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.
 May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.
 May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.
 May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.
 May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no place to go.
 May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.
 May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.
 During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.*

Amen

The Pelican Intervention Fund



The Pelican Intervention Fund is dedicated to supporting men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. The Pelican Intervention Fund offers hope for sustained recovery for adults who live in the communities of Amesbury, Byfield, Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, West Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and Salisbury. If you have any questions contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

Collaborative Pastoral Council

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Virtual Meetings

Attention Collaborative Groups

During the stay-at-home order, you are probably missing meetings with your groups and committees.

We would like to see if there is an interest from groups and committees to meet virtually (using ZOOM). If you are interested in starting to meet virtually, please contact us at hricbulletin@gmail.com to learn more.

Mass Scripture Readings

May 3–May 10, 2020

Praying with the Scriptures during this Easter season while we are all socially distancing ourselves for the common good can bring us into a more intimate relationship with the Lord and with the Communion of Saints here and in heaven. What do each day's Scripture passages reveal about our loving Father, our saving Lord Jesus, and the empowering Holy Spirit? What do they reveal about our vocation as a Church community to become ever more intentional disciples of Christ? Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, May 3: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10
- Monday, May 4: Acts 11:1-18; Psalms 42 & 43; John 10:11-18
- Tuesday, May 5: Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87; John 10:22-30
- Wednesday, May 6: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Psalm 67; John 12:44-50
- Thursday, May 7: Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89; John 13:16-20
- Friday, May 8: Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2; John 14:1-6
- Saturday, May 9: Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98; John 14:7-14
- Sunday, May 10: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

(The free App "Laudate" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)



Women at the Well Bible Study

We Are Meeting Virtually

We will be meeting virtually until further notice. All are welcome to join in, whether you are a new face or have come before.

Please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com to join us.

Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Looking for a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

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women just like you

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Local Food Pantry Resources

The number of families needing assistance is increasing. This week's resources include places where families can find grocery items. (As published in *The Daily News of Newburyport*.)

Mondays

Community Action Inc., 44 Friend St., Amesbury, 978-388-2570. Hours: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. *Serves Merrimac, Amesbury, Salisbury, Newburyport, Newbury, Byfield, and West Newbury*. Call first. Hallway pickup.

The Salvation Army, 40 Water St., Newburyport, 978-465-0883. Hours: 1:00–3:45 p.m. *Serves Newburyport, Newbury, West Newbury, Amesbury, Salisbury, and Byfield*. Call first. Curbside pickup (twice a month).

West Newbury Pantry at Council on Aging, 381 Main St., West Newbury. 978-363-1104. Hours: 9:00–10:30 a.m. *All welcome*. Delivery to senior housing available. Call first. Curbside pickup. First and third Mondays and by appointment.

Tuesdays

Community Action Inc., 44 Friend St., Amesbury, 978-388-2570. Hours: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. *Serves Merrimac, Amesbury, Salisbury, Newburyport, Newbury, Byfield, and West Newbury*. Call before coming. Hallway pickup.

The Pettengill Pantry, 13 Lafayette Road, Salisbury, 978-463-8801. Pantry hours by appointment. Call, leave a message and someone will call back as soon as possible. Hours: 9:00 a.m.–2 p.m. and 4:00–6:00 p.m. *Serves Amesbury, Groveland, Merrimac, Newburyport, Rowley, Salisbury, Byfield, Newbury and West Newbury*. Call first. Curbside pickup.

The Rowley Food Pantry, 153 Main St., Rowley. 978-238-6264, 10:00 a.m.–noon. *Serves Rowley residents* every two weeks at First Baptist Church rectory, rear door.

Wednesdays

Our Neighbors' Table at Heritage Towers and Heritage Vale, Amesbury, 978-388-1907. Hours: 9:30–10:30 a.m. *Serves Heritage Towers and Heritage Vale residents* only on first and third Wednesdays.

Our Neighbors' Table Market-Powwow, *serves Powwow Villa residents* only Villa, Amesbury, 978-388-1907, first and third Wednesdays. Hours: 9:30–10:30 a.m.

The Pettengill Pantry, 13 Lafayette Road, Salisbury, 978-463-8801. Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. for seniors age 60+ and medically comprised individuals only. Call first for an appointment. *Serves Amesbury, Groveland, Merrimac, Newburyport, Rowley, Salisbury, Byfield, Newbury, and West Newbury*. Curbside pickup.

Merrimac Council on Aging, 100 E Main St., Merrimac, 978-346-9549. *Merrimac residents only*. Second and fourth Wednesdays, delivery of food packages. Must call from 10:30 a.m.–noon to request delivery.

The Market at Our Neighbor's Table, Jarvis-Taylor Center; 194 Main St., Amesbury, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Call 978-388-1907. Once per week. *Serves Amesbury, South Hampton, Boxford, Merrimac, Newburyport, Salisbury, Newbury, Byfield, West Newbury, Groveland, Rowley, Georgetown*. Call ahead. Curbside delivery.

The Salvation Army, 40 Water St., Newburyport. 978-465-0883, 1 to 3:45 p.m. *Serves Newburyport, Newbury, West Newbury, Amesbury, Salisbury, and Byfield*. Twice per month. Call ahead. Curbside delivery.

Thursdays

Community Action Inc., 44 Friend St., Amesbury, 978-388-2570, 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. *Serves Merrimac, Amesbury, Salisbury, Newburyport, Newbury, Byfield, and West Newbury*. Call ahead. Hallway pickup.

Our Neighbors' Table Newburyport, Nock Middle School, Low Street. 10:00 a.m.–noon. *Serves Newburyport, Newbury, Byfield, and West Newbury* once per week. Call ahead. Curbside delivery.

The Market at Our Neighbors' Table, Jarvis-Taylor Center; 194 Main St., Amesbury. Noon–6:00 p.m., 978-388-1907, once a week. *Serves Amesbury, South Hampton, Boxford, Merrimac, Newburyport, Salisbury, Newbury, Byfield, West Newbury, Groveland, Rowley, and Georgetown*. Call ahead. Curbside delivery.

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Fridays

First Parish Church of Newbury, 20 High Road, Newbury, 978-358-1077, 3:00–5 p.m., 2:30 p.m. for Newbury residents. Preorder online by 7:00 p.m. Thursday. Curbside pickup, 2:30–5 p.m. Local deliveries. Must preorder by phone or online.

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Saturdays

The Market at Our Neighbors' Table, Jarvis-Taylor Center; 194 Main St., Amesbury, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., 978-388-1907. *Serves Amesbury, South Hampton, Boxford, Merrimac, Newburyport, Salisbury, Newbury, Byfield, W. Newbury, Groveland, Rowley, Georgetown*. Call ahead. Curbside delivery. Once a week.

ONT/Merrimac, Sweetsir Elementary School, 104 Church St., Merrimac. 978-388-1907, 9:00–10:30 a.m. *Serves Merrimac residents only*. Call ahead. Curbside delivery.

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(See page 3 for details about this campaign)

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Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. (At this time, Online Giving is available for only IC members.) Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) and click the “Links” tab or the Online Giving link on our homepage, then click on “Online Giving” to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

Spiritual Resources

Visit our website (<https://www.hriccatholic.org/spiritual-resources>) for resources and prayers that you can access virtually during our stay-at-home time.

The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild or sibling—any age, any cause. Our monthly support meetings are temporarily being held online (due to coronavirus) via Zoom at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month. Barbara J Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader.

Join our free online meeting by going to <http://zoom.us>, click on “Join a Meeting,” enter Meeting ID: 952-104-4920.

A Butterfly's Journey (ABJ) is a separate non-profit to help a broader set of grievers. Barbara is the founder and an Advanced Grief Recovery Method (GRM) Specialist. GRM is the only evidence-based methodology for grief, 7-week-action-based method. GRM classes as well as a free online Resource Center can be found on. abutterflysjourney.org. Schedule a free call for more info on ABJ or TCF-GN: <http://bit.ly/GRM-call>.

Immaculate Conception School



It's heartwarming to read about the many people across the globe who are showing their support for others during the pandemic. Random acts of kindness have graduated to purposeful acts of kindness. IC 7th grader, Caroline Perry, saw an opportunity to help local children, and is providing a way for many of us to join a meaningful cause.

Recently, Caroline learned that many children in Essex County, who are learning from home, do not have books to read. Children who regularly rely on local libraries for books, magazines, and enriching reading material are particularly impacted by the lost opportunity to read. With



libraries and schools closed, these resources and materials that support children's reading skills are noticeably absent. Caroline wanted to help and decided to organize a used book drive. She went through the books that she and her older brothers have collected over the years, and gathered bags of books that she could give away. Knowing that other families have book collections that their children have grown out of, Caroline asked that a message be sent to the IC community. She set up a table in her driveway with a big sign, and within a few hours donations from her neighborhood and IC families started rolling in. Caroline collected hundreds of books to be delivered to the YMCA, Head Start, and local food pantries. Some books will be given to children along with food deliveries, while other families can take a bag of books along with them from food pantries.

Caroline's book drive will have lasting impact on the many children that benefit from the joy of having new books to read. She knows the special place that books can hold in a child's heart. Caroline had a young neighbor named James who shared his love of books and reading with everyone. She always enjoyed reading with James and shared in his delight of storybooks. James passed away unexpectedly in September. Caroline's fond memory of James and his love of reading made the idea for a book drive, during a very dark time in our world, a meaningful way to honor his memory and spread the joy of reading in the same way that her young friend did.



If you have gently used books that you would like to donate to Caroline's book drive, please contact Mrs. Sullivan for more information. jsullivan@icsnewburyport.com.



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Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.



IC St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is here to help. So many people are experiencing hardship now and will continue to struggle during the months ahead as we recover from the impact of COVID-19. Residents of Newburyport and

Newbury can call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for help with food, clothing, rent, utilities, gas, and other necessities. Call 978-518-0728 and let us know how we can help you get back on your feet again.

Donations made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be used immediately in response to the calls for help that are received. Please send checks payable to Society of St. Vincent de Paul to Immaculate Conception Church, 42 Green Street, Newburyport MA 01950.

Thank you for helping us to help others!



Although originally scheduled to have taken place this past fall, work has finally begun to refinish the outside doors of Immaculate Conception Church. This project was partially funded through a grant from Newburyport Bank. We look forward to its completion in the weeks ahead.

(Before)

Door Refinishing at IC



(Temporarily closed while the work is done.)

IC Faith Formation

School Year Programs

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Summer Program Volunteers

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There is a great need for **catechists** and **classroom assistants** at all grade levels. Please contact the office of Faith Formation for further information.

Confirmation

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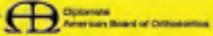
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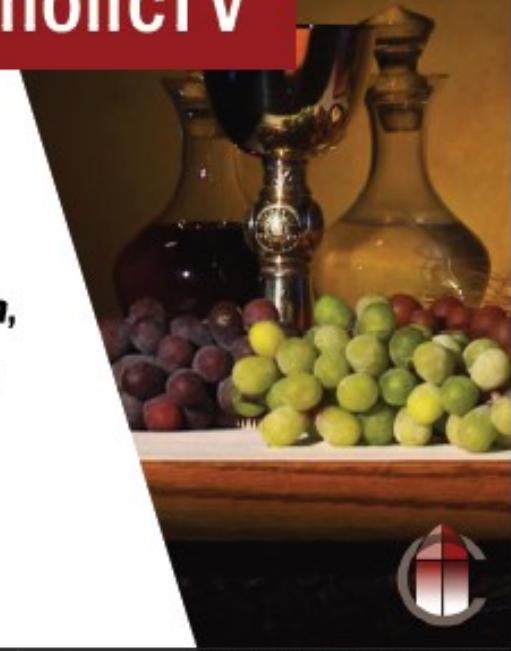
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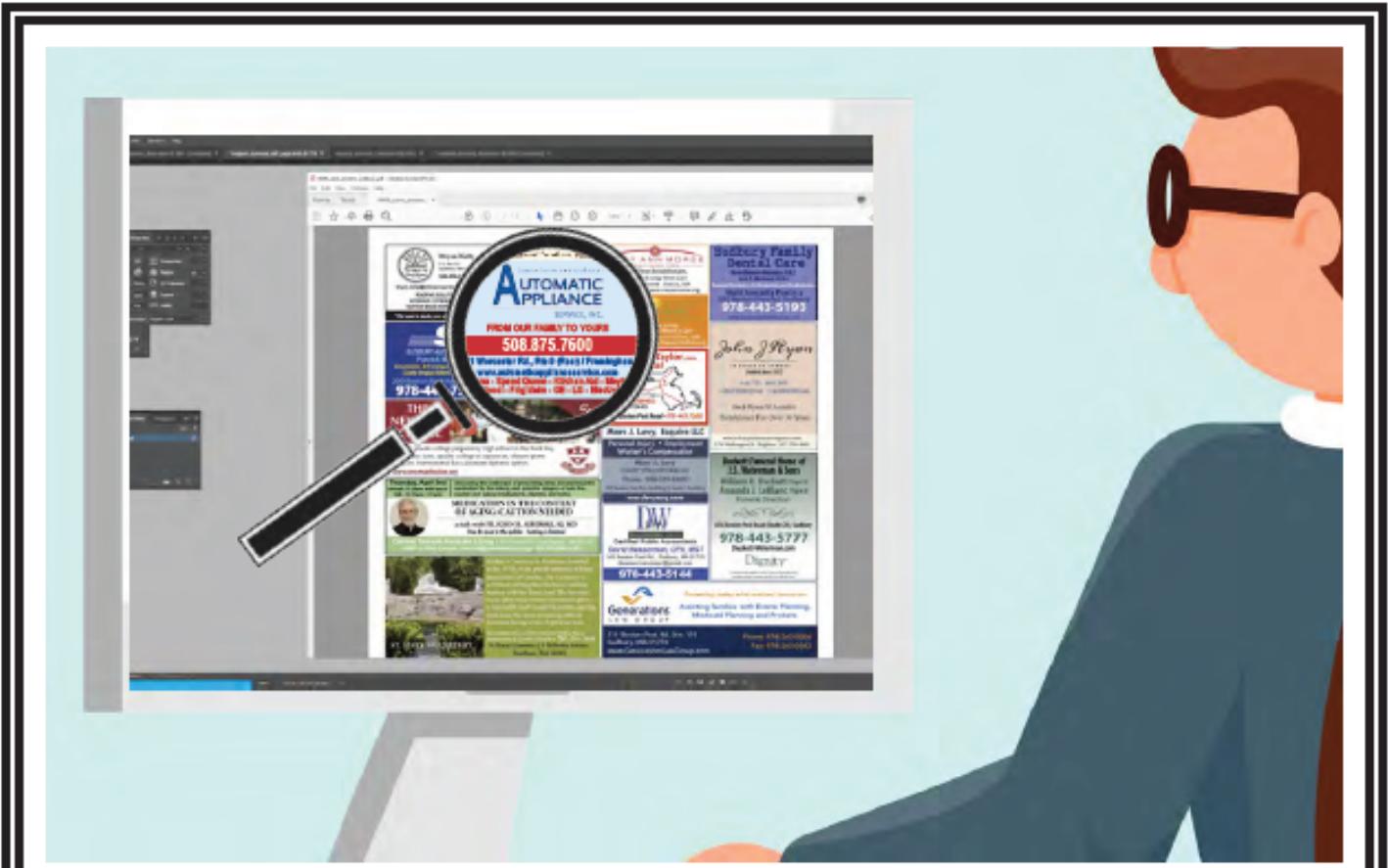
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