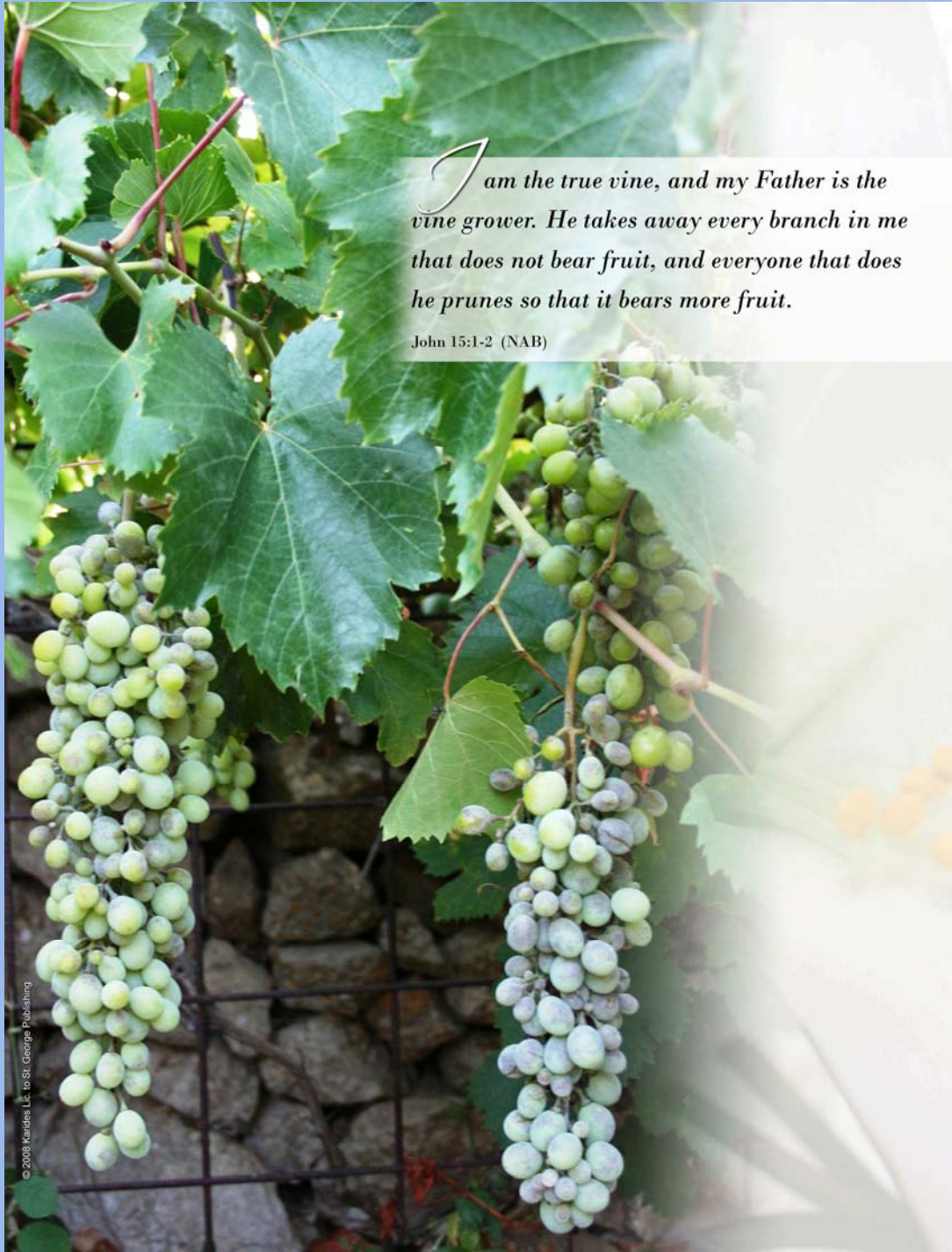


# *Our Lady of Grace Parish*

*Dunstable, Groton, Pepperell, MA*



*I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.*

John 15:1-2 (NAB)

*5th Sunday of Easter May 3, 2015*

**WELCOME TO**  
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 OF  
 DUNSTABLE, GROTON & PEPPERELL

*We are glad you joined us today!*

*OUR TWO WORSHIP SITES*



*St. James Church  
West Groton*

*St. Joseph Church  
Pepperell*

St. James Church  
13 St. James Ave.  
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 fr\_bob@ourladyofgracema.org  
 Ph: 978-433-5737 x303 Fax: 978-433-9566  
 Web Site: www.ourladyofgracema.org

St. Joseph Church  
28 Tarbell Street  
Pepperell, MA 01463

**Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9a.m. - 5p.m.**

For a *Sacramental Emergency*, please call the office and select ext. 302 and leave a message and Fr. Bob will get right back to you.

**Parish Staff**

**Deacon: Michael Markham**  
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**Cemetery Manager: Joseph Viel**  
 Ph: 978-208-0266

**Liturgy Schedule**

**At Saint James Church**  
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

**At Saint Joseph Church**

Weekday Mornings: Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30 a.m.  
 Saturday: 4 p.m.  
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Every 2nd Sunday of the Month:  
 5:30 p.m. Rel. Ed. Mass For CY1 & CY2  
 & Families

Confessions: 3:00—3:30 PM at St. Joseph Church  
 or by appointment with the Pastor.

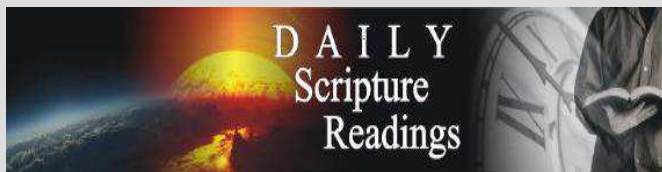
Information regarding any sacraments, (Baptism, Marriage, Anointing) please check our website or call the parish office.

# MASS INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	IN MEMORY/HONOR OF	REQUESTED BY
Sunday	May 3	9:30 AM	James Gleason	Dcn. Mark Markham
Sunday	May 10	9:30 AM	Susan Surprenant	Rita DeVincentis

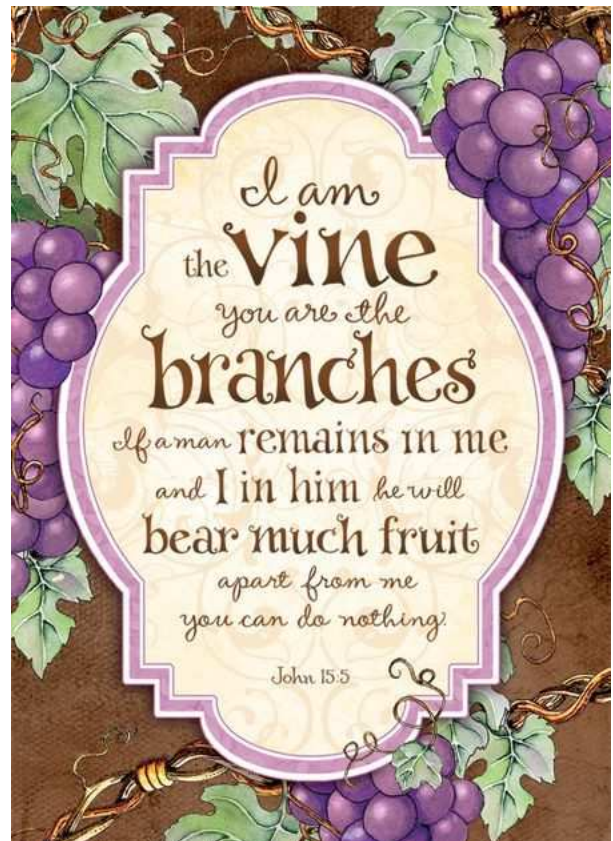
# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sat/Sun	May 2/3	All Masses	2nd Collection for My Father's House	Both Churches
Sunday	May 3	4:00 PM	Confirmation Ceremony 2 Rec. & Pen. Service/Rehearsal	St. Joseph Church
Wednesday	May 6	2:00PM	Legion of Mary	Private Residence
		6:00 PM	Alzheimers/Dementia Support Group (open to all)	RiverCourt Residences West Groton
		7:00 PM	Parish Council Meeting	St. Joseph Hall
Thursday	May 7	11:00 AM	Prayer & Communion	RiverCourt Residences
			Confirmation Ceremony 2 - gather Sacrament of Confirmation	St. Joseph Hall St. Joseph Church



## Scripture for the week of May 3, 2015

- 3 SUN Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
- 4 Mon Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
- 5 Tue Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
- 6 Wed Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8/24
- 7 Thu Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
- 8 Fri Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
- 9 Sat Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
- 10 SUN Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17





# SAVE THE DATE!!

## Gala Art Exhibition & Auction on

Friday evening, June 12, 2015

At The Groton Country Club  
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Preview: 7:00pm Auction: 8:00pm

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## Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) Election

### Coming Up!

*There are 6 openings up for nomination*

Weekends of May 2/3 and May 9/10: Nomination forms at Masses

Weekends of May 23/24 and May 30/31: Election forms at Masses

*Forms will be available in the pews and ballot boxes  
can be found at each church.*

Also available at [www.ourladyofgracema.org](http://www.ourladyofgracema.org)

Please prayerfully consider yourself or another parishioner for service on this important advisory board to Father Bob.



## The Art Auction Committee is in need of volunteers.

We need help in the weeks  
before the auction, or if your time  
is limited, we could use your help the day  
of the event.

Please call Pat Buckjune 978-433-7897  
or Debbie Lackey 978-433-5737





**Kept in Our Lady of Grace Parish  
Month of March 2015**

	<b>ACTUALS 2014/2015</b>	<b>BUDGET 2014/2015</b>	<b>DIFF</b>
Offertory collected at Mass	\$ 27,078		
ONLINE Offertory 3/1-31/2015	<u>\$ 9,294</u>		
<b>Total Offertory</b>	\$ 36,372	\$ 30,083	\$ 6,289
NEW Parish Monthly Collection	\$ 3,400	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,900
NEW Annual Fuel Collection	\$ 4,980	\$ 00	\$ 4,980
Mass Offerings	\$ 320		
Baptism Offerings	\$ 50		
Wedding Offerings	\$ 877		
Funeral Offerings	<u>\$ 2,544</u>		
<b>Total Sacramental Offerings</b>	\$ 3,791	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,791
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,430		
Altar Memorial Flowers	<u>\$ 50</u>		
<b>Total Flowers</b>	\$ 1,480	\$ 100	\$ 1,380
Book Payment	\$ 140	\$ 00	\$ 140
Use of Hall donations	<u>\$ 00</u>	<u>\$ 50</u>	(\$ 50)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 50,163</b>	<b>\$ 33,733</b>	<b>\$ 16,430</b>
<b>Offertory to date</b>	<b>\$267,518</b>	<b>\$270,751</b>	<b>(\$ 3,233)</b>
<b>Grand Annual to date</b>	<b>\$ 59,545</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 9,545</b>
<b>Annual Fuel Collection to date</b>	<b>\$ 23,134</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	<b>(\$ 1,866)</b>

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*Would you consider increasing your weekly offering by a few dollars? Even that small amount will make a difference. Thanks!*  
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**Sent outside the parish**

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- Easter-Clergy Health & Retirement \$60
- Good Friday-Holy Land \$4



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STATEMENTS for 2015**

Statements for donations are only sent to those parishioners who submit their donations in a parish envelope or through our OnLine Giving system. *Loose checks put into the Offertory basket are not recorded into the database.*

Please give Debbie a call at 978-433-5737 or email [Debbie@OurLadyofGraceMA.org](mailto:Debbie@OurLadyofGraceMA.org) for information.



**Baby Item  
Collection a  
great success!**

The Respect Life group of Our Lady of Grace thanks you for your generosity to the collection for Problem Pregnancy in Worcester. The confirmation classes and many parishioners donated over 120 dozen diapers, 40 packages of baby wipes, dozens of towels, wash clothes, socks, bath items etc. Enough to fill a pick up truck! By your support you are helping struggling parents say Yes to life. Bless you!

*A Thank You  
From  
Fr. Steven*



Let me take this opportunity to thank you for the funds received.

We are going to put it to good use for the completion of the girls' dormitory.

*~Fr. Steven*

# PARISH HAPPENINGS



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday,**  
**May 16**  
**12:00 PM**

*Our Lady of Grace at*  
**St. Joseph Church**  
**(Mary's Garden)**

## Rosary

Followed by your favorite  
"Mary Hymns"  
There will be light refreshments afterwards.

~~ Sunday Brunch  
~~ May 17th  
in St. Joseph's Hall  
directly after  
the 9:30am Mass.



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## Groton School Confirmation Candidates

**Groton School Confirmation Year 1 Candidates (CY1)**

would like to invite you to a **complimentary Brunch** directly after the 9:30am Mass in St. Joseph's Hall on May 17th.

It's their way of reaching out to the their Church Community beyond the school, to say **Thank You**, for being there!

**Come along and enjoy! Don't forget the date, time and venue! Sunday May 17th 2015, after the 9:30am Mass in St. Joseph's Hall!**

## Knights' Corner



## Save The Date Sunday May 17th.

The second annual **Parish Ice Cream Social** is coming to **St. James** after the **11:30 Mass**.  
More details in the coming weeks.



Ice Cream Social

All welcome to **Our Lady of Grace Parish Electronic Recycle Day**  
**Sat May 9th from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00pm at 28 Tarbell Street**  
**(St. Joseph Parking Lot)**

Accepting all electronics to include monitors, computers, computer games, stereo equipment, copy and fax machines, printers, microwaves, dehumidifiers, TV's, any item that has a plug.

We are also accepting any appliances, such as AC's, washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators as well as lawn mowers, snow blowers with the gas removed, exercise equipment and grills.

The recycle event will have low fees of \$5 each for computer, \$10 any monitor or small TV less than 19", \$15 each TV between 19" and 26" and \$20 each TV over 26" wide and wood console TV's, projection TV's \$25 each TV 32" and over \$30. .

Any appliance are \$10 each, large refrigerators \$25. Any cell phones, bikes car, truck batteries are free, as well as any scrap metal. Zero landfill.

Any questions— [J.wood36@yahoo.com](mailto:J.wood36@yahoo.com)



# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



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## Daily Mass

For the week of May 3, 2015 the Priests presiding on the televised Mass are\*:

**Sunday May 3** – Father Reed, The CatholicTV Network

**Monday May 4** – Father Nestor, Hingham

**Tuesday May 5** – Father Cannon, Hopkinton

**Wednesday May 6** – Father Connors, Watertown

**Thursday May 7** – Father O'Driscoll, Rockland

**Friday May 8** – Father Suarez, Brockton

**Saturday May 9** – Father Reed, The CatholicTV Network

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## The 23rd Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament



The 23rd Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for

**Monday, May 18th,  
at The Weston Golf Club.**

This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner for each golfer and a guest at the seminary.

To register, call Kate Folan at [781-899-5500](tel:781-899-5500) or visit [www.psjs.edu](http://www.psjs.edu)



## Care Giver Support Group

A Care Giver Support Group for **anyone** who is caring for a loved one with Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease is being held at RiverCourt Residences

in West Groton on the

**First Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM**

**Light refreshments are served**

**NEXT MEETING Wednesday, May 6—6PM**



# SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

*OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH  
ADMINISTERING THE SACRAMENT*

**Father Robert Poitras - Administrator**

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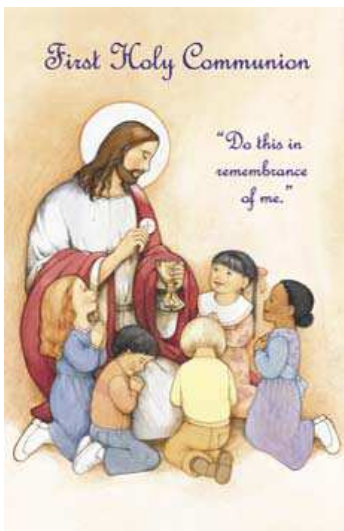


**Our First Communicants: Ceremony One,**  
**April 11, 2015**

- |                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Isabella Abrams     | Madison Dawes  |
| Ryenne Barros       | Alexa Hardy    |
| Maya Barros         | Fredrick Hardy |
| Nolan Beauchain     | Matthew Henry  |
| Abigail Bellis      | Camryn Lesser  |
| Dylan Carhart       | Cory Lynch     |
| Sophia Carlino      | Anna McKenzie  |
| Trevor Carter       | Elena Patalano |
| Roman Cirignano     | Larson Plaehn  |
| Isabelle Cunningham | Summer Walzel  |
| Meghan Daly         | Kyle White     |
| Jennifer Davis      |                |

**Our First Communicants: Ceremony Two,**  
**April 18, 2015**

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Joshua Adams        | Jennifer Marques  |
| Annabelle Apigian   | Landon Martin     |
| Emily Archambault   | Elizabeth McNabb  |
| Ava Borecki         | Benjamin Naimo    |
| Abigail Demers      | Nicholas Naimo    |
| Nora Donnelly       | Jillian O'Keefe   |
| Hannah Egan         | Katherine Oskirko |
| Chandra Eli-Johnson | Noah Picariello   |
| Rebecca Goes        | Madison Reslow    |
| Ryan Goes           | Willa Roberts     |
| Lily Gouveia        | Kate Spengler     |
| Jack Hickey         | Rebekah Sylvester |
| Annabella Lake      | Sean Tennis       |
| Ava LaMonica        | Owen Wood         |
| Emily Makros        |                   |



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**Ceremony One Leaders:**

**Cyndy Morgiewicz & Amy Patalano**

**Ceremony Two Leaders & Assistants:**

**Lisa Wood & Tim Donnelly**

**Robin Picariello & Megan Gouveia**

**Liturgical Coordinators:**

**Patricia McGuire & Patricia Buckjune**





# CHILDREN'S SUNDAY FUN PAGE

Here is something you can cut out and fill out to give to Mom, Grandma, Aunt for Mother's Day next weekend!

## I love you because...

You play \_\_\_\_\_ with me.

You make me laugh when you \_\_\_\_\_.

You tell me I am \_\_\_\_\_.

You are the best \_\_\_\_\_.

You taught me how to \_\_\_\_\_.

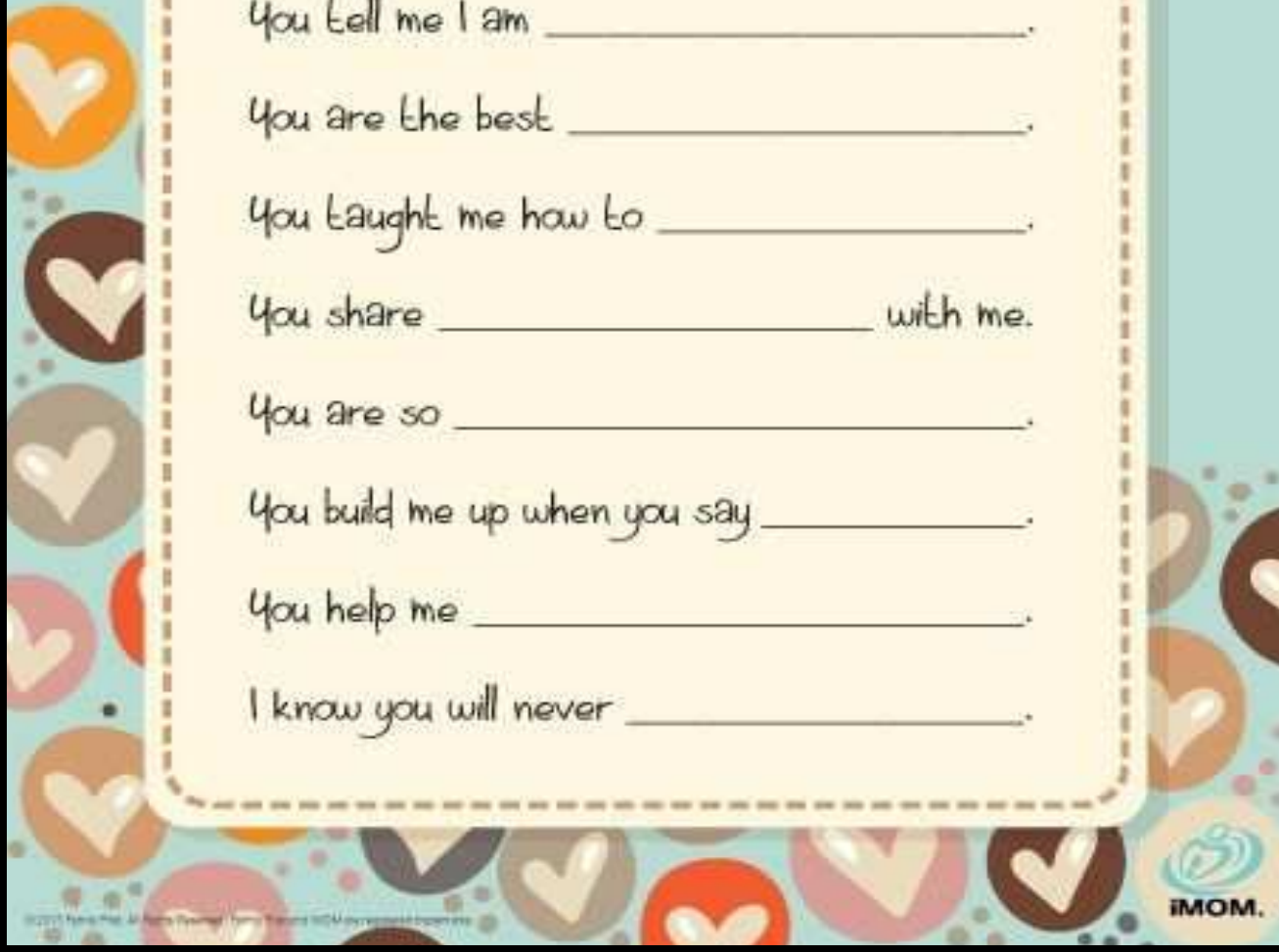
You share \_\_\_\_\_ with me.

You are so \_\_\_\_\_.

You build me up when you say \_\_\_\_\_.

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I know you will never \_\_\_\_\_.





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Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes...There is hope for your future."  
 Jeremiah 31:15-17



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