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Phone: 978-346-8604

Email: holyredeemer@verizon.net

### Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices: 42 Green St., Newburyport 01950

Office Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Phone: 978-462-2724

Fax: 978-234-7399

Email: info@newburyportcatholic.org



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## **COLLABORATIVE NEWS**

## **Mass Schedule**

Saturday (6/13)

4:00pm Live-Stream Ann D. Colby

**Sunday (6/14)** 

9:30am St. Ann

11:30am **IC** Gordon P. Mitchell, Jr., Eileen Kealey, Jane Joe Shea, Caroline McCarthy Doyle, Ron Pagliarulo

In your prayers please remember Aidan Christopher Davis and all the faithful departed.

Saturday Vigil Masses will be broadcast online-only live through <u>Facebook</u> until further notice.



Find us on Facebook: <u>Holy Redeemer - Immaculate</u> Conception Collaborative Parishes

## Attend a Live Mass

Would you like to attend a live Mass celebrated within our Collaborative? Please look for the "Attend a Mass" section on our Collaborative website: <a href="https://www.hriccatholic.org">www.hriccatholic.org</a> Please remember that at this time a reservation is required to attend a live Mass. Updated information about schedules and attendance requirements will be posted there. Additionally, our office staff will be able to assist you if you have any questions.

## Watch Mass on Facebook

To watch our Saturday live stream Masses:

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

If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet.

- In your web browser, go to our Facebook page (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/">https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/</a>) at the appointed time.
  (The Facebook link can be found on our <a href="website">website</a> also.)
- 2. Click the "videos" link on the Facebook page.
- 3. The LIVE video should be the first one on the list.

## **Archdiocese Web Site**

Visit <a href="www.bostoncatholic.org">www.bostoncatholic.org</a> for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

## **Ouestions of the Week**



**Adult**: What does it mean to you to receive Jesus in the Eucharist?

**Child**: The Eucharist keeps us close to Jesus. Do you remember to thank Jesus for this gift?

### From the Pastor

God is so good! The rain held off on Sunday morning and we welcomed nearly 100 people to St. Ann and Immaculate Conception for our first celebration of Mass together in almost three months. How appropriate that we celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy



Trinity as the Holy Spirit has clearly been guiding us along the way as we grapple with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our lives and our worship.

This could not have happened without the help of our volunteers and your thoughtful cooperation. It is not easy to follow all of the rules of our "new normal" but inconvenience pales beside our ability to join together at the Lord's Table to share in the Eucharist. Face masks, social distancing, and making an advanced reservation for our seat at Mass must become second nature to us in the months ahead. They are a small price to pay for the greatest of gifts that we receive in the Eucharist! It is our hope that we will be able to increase the available seats for future Masses and we look forward to seeing more familiar faces in the weeks to come.

Please be sure to thank all of the extraordinary ministers, lectors, Parish Pastoral Council members, volunteer greeters, and our cleaning team for making it possible for us to worship together safely. Please also consider joining our volunteers in the weeks ahead!

While we celebrated the gifts and mystery of our Triune God, we also mourned the recent events in our country which have catalyzed a movement for justice and peace. The second reading from Corinthians reminded us of the fundamental behavior expected of us as God's children: "... Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you...." The anguish, the violence and the lack of



respect for all human life and dignity has reached an unprecedented level and cries for us to be a part of the change. From Pope Francis to Cardinal O'Malley, the condemnation of the death of George Floyd and all the recent deaths at the hand of injustice is a message that is resounding within the Catholic Church.

It is impossible for most of us to comprehend that a large segment of our population live in daily fear for themselves and their children. Cardinal Blasé Cupich of Chicago said it best: "The responsibility of any neighbor, any citizen, especially those of us who profess belief in Jesus Christ, is to do the work of accompanying their brothers and sisters who carry this pain every day of their lives."

As we come together again in active worship, let us search our hearts and discern where we will take our place in the work to bring about a more just and inclusive world. This isn't just a task for "them out there..." it is also a task for "us, here." With God's help, may we seek to build a more just, equitable, and compassionate nation to hand on to our children and their children and beyond.

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## **COLLABORATIVE NEWS**

## Confessions



Now that the weather is improving, we will begin to offer face-to-face, individual Confessions by appointment in the weeks ahead. These will take place by an individual appointment with one of our priests and will be held outside in the fresh air. The weather must be amenable for the appointment, both priest and penitent **must wear a face mask** and practice proper social-distancing during the Confession.

For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, please contact our Collaborative Office at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

# Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for thirty minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives. This ancient prayer practice opens our minds and hearts to hear God's words as we continue by reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina.

For the next thirty minutes we listen to God's words, ponder and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now, and contemplate God's message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen and our personal relationship with God.

For more information please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462 7483.

## Virtual Rosary

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

www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.



Note new time for Thursday's rosary.

## 90 Days Now-For Your Parish

"90 Days Now" link:

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

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This weekend, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we also begin "The Year of the Eucharist," initiated by Cardinal Sean O'Malley. How fitting that we take some time to better appreciate a gift that so many of us have been hungering for these past few months. May our celebration of the Lord's enduring love for us bear much fruit in our charitable disposition to others. This begins with understanding. With understanding comes compassion. With compassion comes mercy, forgiveness, and true reconciliation. And God is in the midst of it all!

A word of Congratulations goes out to all of the recent graduates of our local schools and colleges! I want to especially congratulate our graduating eighth graders from Immaculate Conception School who celebrated their Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation ceremony in church this past week. Although clad in masks and separated a bit from each other, their joyful spirit and resilience continue to inspire and offer hope for a brighter future. For this graduating class, they have lived through not simply a moment in history, but also a moment of courage and determination that will be with them for the rest of their lives. May they go forth and bring the good work that God has begun in them to its completion.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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## **COLLABORATIVE NEWS**

## **Exciting News for You!**



Our Collaborative parishes have access to the premium digital video content from Word on Fire, a service known as ENGAGE. Everyone in our Collaborative will benefit from this year-long subscription through the generosity of an anonymous donor.

The films and video presentations that make up ENGAGE feature Bishop Robert Barron, "one of the Church's greatest messengers" and the second most-followed Catholic in the world on social media (behind only Pope Francis.) For many of our older parishioners, a comparison to Bishop Fulton Sheen helps to underscore the giftedness of Bishop Barron as an effective communicator of the Gospel and our Catholic faith.

You and everyone in our Collaborative now have free access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library. You can watch any of Bishop Barron's films or study programs whenever you want, on any device!

To access the resources of Word on Fire's ENGAGE, please register at <u>flocknote.com/hriccollaborative</u> or by texting **HRIC** to **84576**. Once you register, you will have access to ENGAGE.

We are excited to bring ENGAGE to your attention. Along with **FORMED** (<u>formed.org</u>), we now have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.

The Forming Intentional Disciples Priority Team

## **Bulletin Information**

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to <a href="https://hittps



## Learn about the Mass

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

Tune in on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. via <u>Facebook</u> Live to learn more about the beauty of Mass and the whys behind the words and gestures we perform each week.

## Follow Us on Instagram



## **Mass Scripture Readings**

June 14-June 21, 2020

Praying with the Scriptures can help us to develop a more intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. What do they reveal about our vocation as Christians and 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 <a href="https://www.HRICcatholic.org">www.HRICcatholic.org</a> and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, June 14: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14B-16A; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58
- Monday, June 15: 1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42
- Tuesday, June 16: 1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48
- Wednesday, June 17: 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday, June 18: Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15
- Friday, June 19: Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30
- Saturday, June 20: 2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Luke 2:41-51
- Sunday, June 21: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5: 12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

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





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## 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 <a href="https://example.com">HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com</a> 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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Wherever you are in your faith journey, join us as we meet

wherever you are in your faith journey, join us as we meet weekly for *Blessed Is She* bible study, community and friendship as we grow together in Christ.

please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com if you have any questions  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ 

## Catholic TV

Visit <u>www.catholictv.com</u> for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

## **COLLABORATIVE NEWS**

## 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.

https://docs.google.com/forms/ d/1cou0I5DOFLP\_rhhBqDaMAQZ-Z4ED9-WpxRGBWc9XMI0

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

## First Live Masses



Fr. Tim and Deacon John during the first live Mass at IC.

## Collaborative Office Hours

We are very pleased to be ready to reopen the Collaborative Office in Newburyport to the Collaborative on June 15. Please be aware that under the new COVID-19 guidelines for offices, all visitors will be required to wear a face mask at all times while on our campus and maintain a 6-foot distance from all other people at all times. There are multiple places to wash your hands (in our many restrooms) as well as hand-sanitizer that is available. We encourage you to wash your hands often. Our main offices are one floor up from the arched entryway and can be accessed by ringing the door bell outside the door on the first floor up. Please step back 6 feet to allow our staff to open it for you. Our staff are ready to assist you with preparing Mass cards, scheduling weddings, baptisms, and funerals as well as helping you with contribution envelopes, scheduling appointments with clergy, or answering the occasional question that comes up. We will be glad to see you! You may also contact us through the phone as well as email. General office hours outside of holidays are: M-F, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

At this time, St. James Chapel remains closed to the public due to its use for live-streamed masses. Also, all public meetings in the parish remain suspended until further notice; however, many of them are proceeding through video tele-conferencing. Please check our online bulletin for more information.

## **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 Joe Messina Ruth Sullivan Ron Sylvester Michael Tucker

## 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 <a href="https://www.pelicaninterventionfund.org">www.pelicaninterventionfund.org</a> to learn more.

## **Collaborative Pastoral Council**

Chair: Father Tim Harrison
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90 Days for Now Campaign

weekly through 6/2/2020: \$ 84.00

(See page 4 for details about this campaign)

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Holy Redeemer Parish 4 Green Street Merrimac MA 01860

## HR Scholarship for High School Seniors

Applications due this Sunday: June 14

Holy Redeemer's Activities Committee is offering a scholarship. Graduating seniors, who plan on furthering their education after high school, were confirmed with Mrs. O'Leary through Holy Redeemer's Religious Education program, and submit an essay will be considered. An essay, "How I Live a Catholic Life as a Member of Holy Redeemer Parish" should be submitted to the Activities Committee by 12:00 noon on Sunday, June 14. Please send all essays to:

HR Activities Committee c/o Cynthia Quinn 12 Little Pond Road Merrimac, MA 01860

(Please do not mail to the church address.)

## HR St. Vincent de Paul



The current pandemic impacts all of us but even more so those living at the margins of society economically. We at the HR St. Vincent de Paul conference remind you that our needs to help those people continue in earnest during these extraordinary times.

Our poor boxes are empty. Please continue to find ways to donate to support our efforts. Sending your Mite Box donations in the form of a check perhaps? Please send your donations to HR St. Vincent de Paul, 4 Green St., Merrimac, MA 01860. Please write the check to "HR Saint Vincent de Paul" to help expedite our banking. We assure you that the mail is checked regularly and your funds will be promptly put to use.

In these times we turn to St. Teresa of Avila:

"Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you, all things are passing, God is unchanging. Patience gains all; nothing is lacking to those who have God: God alone is sufficient."

## **Spiritual Resources**

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

### **HR Faith Formation**

### **School Year Programs**

We are currently working on program options for Fall 2020 for those students entering Grades K–8. Details will be announced along with registration information as soon as they are finalized. Please stay tuned!

### **Summer Programs at IC**

The past few weeks found us struggling with how best to continue with a summer program that we have come to look forward to providing every year. We have regretfully decided that, in light of all of the COVID guidelines that are in place to insure everyone's safety, a program such as ours is just not possible. We are working on options for the Fall that we hope will be beneficial for all of our families. Please watch for further details.

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Please don't hesitate to contact the Faith Formation Office should you have any questions or concerns regarding the postponement of our First Eucharist celebrations.

### **Baptism Dates to Remember**

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for further information regarding upcoming classes and the celebration of the sacrament.

### **Confirmation Prep Classes**

As we continue to receive guidelines from the Archdiocese, we will keep families informed of any pertinent information. Please feel free to call or email the Faith Formation Office with any questions or concerns you might have. We will respond as soon as possible.

## HR Sandwich Program Update



We received a call from Good Shepherd and they are not allowed to take things made off site at this time per order of the CDC. We will not be delivering until further notice.

Please consider making a financial donation at <a href="https://">https://</a> lazarushouse.org/ways-to-give/#donate-financially.

## **Music for Weekend Liturgy**

The music program for Saturday's online-only Liturgy will be added to our website. Please visit <a href="https://hrccatholic.org">hrccatholic.org</a> to download and sing along!



## Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, <u>www.hriccatholic.org</u> 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.

We will also post our weekly bulletins on the website for you to view electronically.



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## **IC Online Giving**

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving-a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation.

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 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

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.

## 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!

## **EWTN: Catholic News**

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## **Immaculate Conception School**

### **Virtual Field Day**

Students and their parents enjoyed a yearly Immaculate Conception School traditionvirtually. On June 1, Field Day activities like running, jumping, yoga poses, and obstacle courses played out on IC students' and teachers' driveways, backyards, and porches.



Students wore t-shirts in colors that represented their grade level, which was especially noticeable when classes logged onto a video conference to eat lunch together. Our sense of community was ever present when physical challenges for neighborhood children were led by older students. Despite the distance, everyone had a great time. Thank you parents, teachers and students for helping to make Field Day fun for all!



Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Walsh led Kindergarten in Field Day activities.



Yoga, yoga everywhere!



A neighborhood event!

## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

## Cookies for Haiti

Hello, my name is Margot Anderson-Song and I have had the pleasure of running the "Cookies for Haiti" bake sale for the past 6 years, benefitting the Fr. Marc Piché School in Puit Chacha, Haiti. Inevitably, this year's sale is a little different, as most aspects of life are. In place of a cookie sale, there are 2 ways to get involved:

- Donate directly through the IC Haiti website at <u>ichaiti.org/donate/</u> or by sending a check made out to IC Haiti (forward to IC Haiti, 42 Green St. Newburyport, MA). I can also accept any donations directly and will get them to IC Haiti!
- If this is not possible for you, or you want to further your donation, you can also forward a photo of hope to <u>Margot@a-snet.com</u> or upload a photo to <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/request/ueR5qdHxN1vaSHuREBGS">https://www.dropbox.com/request/ueR5qdHxN1vaSHuREBGS</a>



A local company has agreed to contribute \$10 for every photo sent in up to \$7,000! Please send photos like the one you see here with a message to the children of Puit ChaCha! You can send more than one! We will get \$10 for each photo!

The generosity I have witnessed through this sale is truly inspiring. Let's show the people of Puit Chacha that we are with them during this unprecedented time.

Margot

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### **IC Faith Formation**

### **School Year Programs**

We are currently working on program options for Fall 2020 for those students entering Grades K–8. Details will be announced along with registration information as soon as they are finalized. Please stay tuned!

### **Summer Programs**

The past few weeks found us struggling with how best to continue with a summer program that we have come to look forward to providing every year. We have regretfully decided that, in light of all of the COVID guidelines that are in place to insure everyone's safety, a program such as ours is just not possible. We are working on options for the Fall that we hope will be beneficial for all of our families. Please watch for further details.

### Confirmation

As we continue to receive guidelines from the Archdiocese, we will keep families informed of any pertinent information.

Please feel free to call or email the Faith Formation Office with any questions or concerns you might have. We will respond as soon as possible.

### **Baptism Dates to Remember**

Please call the Collaborative Offices (978-462-2724) for further information regarding upcoming classes and the celebration of the sacrament.

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