

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

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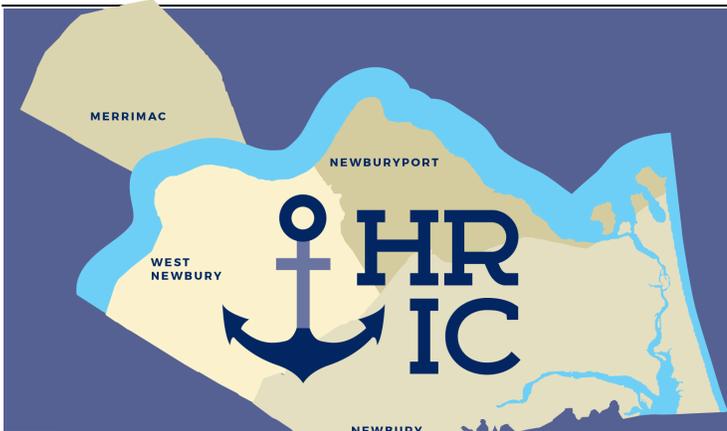


The magi and their gifts in mosaic tile from the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo in Ravenna, Italy, 6th Century.

*Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;  
all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense,  
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.*

(Is 60:6)

*All Are Welcome*



# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

*“Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...”*

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## Immaculate Conception

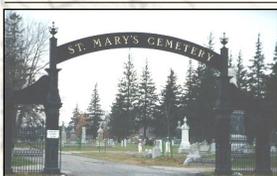
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## Immaculate Conception School

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Collaborative Parishes](https://www.facebook.com/HolyRedeemer-ImmaculateConceptionCollaborativeParishes)

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (1/1)

4:00pm **IC** *John & Carmella Herlihy, John & Katherine Kelley* (Fr. McLaughlin)  
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (1/2)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)  
9:00am **IC** *Mary Francis Weiner* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)  
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

### Monday (1/3)

9:00am **IC** *Peter C. Boschetti* (Fr. Harrison)

### Tuesday (1/4)

9:00am **IC** *Jeffrey Stone* (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Wednesday (1/5)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Thursday (1/6)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (1/7)

9:00am **IC** *Colleen Honohan, Margurite Benson* (Fr. Harrison)

### Saturday (1/8)

4:00pm **IC** *Carmella Herlihy, John J. Mosher, Colleen Honohan* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)  
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (1/9) Baptism of the Lord

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)  
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
11:30am **IC** *Lauri Grennell, James & Caroline Doyle* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember all the faithful departed.

**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

**Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through Facebook:**  
([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#))

## Facebook Mass

**To watch our live-stream Masses:**

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) at the appointed time. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet using the above link.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

## RCIA

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? RCIA is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or for youth that have not yet received the sacraments in the traditional years. If you would like to learn more about this program, contact Deacon John Moranski, 978-432-1443, [jmoranski51@gmail.com](mailto:jmoranski51@gmail.com).

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Although there can be great excitement in welcoming in the New Year at the stroke of midnight, when we stop and think about it, January 1st is really just an arbitrary day that got picked several millennia ago to mark the passage of time. An eventual congruence of the Julian and Gregorian calendars, January 1st has been the official beginning of a new year since before the time of Christ.

Over the years, we humans have gotten very good at marking the passage of time. From the ancient sun dials that quite accurately lay out the various points of solstice and equinox to the nanosecond precision of the latest atomic clocks, we acknowledge that time ticks forth, courageously and relentlessly.

So, what do we make of it all? A New Year, a new set of endless resolutions? A new commitment to start over again, the hope of a fresh beginning? Do we look to 2022 to be better than last year, and especially the year before? Or is it just another federal holiday and day off from work?

We might be tempted to think that this passage and marking of time is all just a human construct. Animals, after all, don't don party hats and run around with kazooos and champagne at the tolling of midnight on January 1st, do they? (I guess I'm hoping that with COVID still very much a part of our lives these days, most of you won't be, either!)

But pause for a second (again, a temporal allusion)—and consider that God created time as an integral part of our reality. God blessed the changing of seasons and invites us over and again to embrace and connect with His many blessings throughout our journey across the months and years. Each moment that we mark—whether it be of meteorological significance, the beginning of a new academic year, the celebration of various liturgical feasts or even the differing sports seasons all are opportunities for us to pause and reflect on God's goodness and look ahead with hope to the unfolding of God's plan of salvation in our midst. And we must never forget the promise of all times and seasons being brought, one day, to their completion through Christ. The questions we ought to ask are, "What is

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## Face Masks Required

The Archdiocese of Boston is requiring all parishioners attending any indoor liturgy to wear a face mask for the duration of the service. This applies to weekend Masses as well as Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, and any indoor prayer services. This requirement will be in place until at least January 17. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Face masks will be available at the doors of all of our churches in case any parishioner needs one.



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

### Monday, January 3

**AA Meeting** 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

**Women at the Well Mtg.** 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

### Tuesday, January 4

**Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal** 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**IC Choir Rehearsal** 7:00pm, IC Church

### Wednesday, January 5

**Holy Jammers Practice** 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

**New Hope Family Support Group** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Thursday, January 6

**Adoration** 7:00pm, IC Church

### Friday, January 7

**First Penance Service** 4:00pm, St. Ann Church

**AA Meeting** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**Ultreya** 7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/Charity Dining Room

### Saturday, January 8

**First Penance Service** 1:30pm, IC Church

**Confessions** 3:00pm, IC Church

### Sunday, January 9

**IC Faith Formation** 10:00pm, IC Parish Center

**Baptisms** 1:30pm, IC Church

**IC Confirmation Prep, Year 2** 3:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

To schedule your group's in-person meeting, contact Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.

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God up to today?!" And, "Where will I experience His saving presence?" These reflect the confidence we must have as Christians in God's enduring love for us through Christ.

This weekend on the great Feast of Epiphany, we celebrate the hope that was embodied in a new star seen at its rising and the dream of its fulfillment in the birth of a child. A new star, new baby, new year, a new beginning. Let us open ourselves to experience God's grace present in it all!

Epiphany Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

## Help Wanted

### Bookkeeper/administrative Assistant (Full Time)

Immaculate Conception Parish is looking for a full-time bookkeeper/administrative assistant. The position provides financial and administrative support services for: Immaculate Conception Parish and School, Holy Redeemer Parish, and St. Mary's Cemetery. This support includes accounts payable, payroll, deposits, and other revenue as well as maintaining records of all parishioner revenue including offertory/tithing.

This is a full-time position with benefits. Work schedule is 30 hours per week in a church office environment.

To learn more, visit our website, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org), or to apply, email a cover letter and resume to [dlamalfa@hricatholic.org](mailto:dlamalfa@hricatholic.org). References required.

## Synod on Synodality

Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in the Synod on Synodality. What does that mean? Here in Boston it means that we will be gathering, as parishes and as a diocese to pray together and to invite the Holy Spirit to help us to listen deeply to one another, and we will talk together about how best to do that.

So, for instance, a parish council may get together and ask, "How can we as a parish council do a better job of letting the voices of all our parishioners be heard, even those who are not a part of an inner circle or who might be marginalized for whatever reason?"

The archdiocese and the church around the world will be engaging in the same sort of conversation. We pray that the Lord will open our hearts to Him and to all of our people.

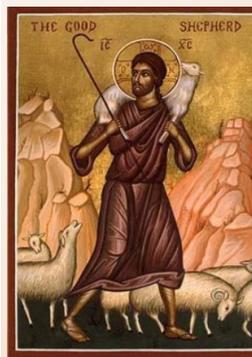


## Confessions

We offer Confessions Saturdays from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at IC Church. No appointment needed. Confessions are also available at other times and places during the week by appointment only. For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

## Holy Hour for Life

### Our Collaborative Prays For Life Friday, January 21, 7:00 p.m., IC Church



The Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative will hold a Holy Hour For Life at 7:00 p.m. on January 21, 2022 in Immaculate Conception Church, 42 Green St. Newburyport. We will have Adoration and Benediction while we pray for all those affected by abortion. Please come and pray with both Deacon Dow and Deacon Moranski in support of those who are marching on that day in Washington DC asking that the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade.

The Holy Hour for Life, Forgiveness, and Healing is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Office of Diaconal Life and Ministry & the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join us; all Collaborative members are welcome.

## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS



## New Hope Family Support Group

*First & Third Wednesday of every month*

For More Info:  
Corey Beaver  
781.854.2541  
3foldrecovery@gmail



HOSTED BY *Corey Beaver*  
INTERVENTIONIST & RECOVERY COACH



## Follow Us on Instagram

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## IC Haiti Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed to IC Haiti's December collection. Our commitment to the school community in Puit Chacha, Haiti, is totally reliant upon God's blessings and your generosity throughout the year when quarterly collections are taken up. Through IC Haiti, let us continue to support the Father Marc Piché Elementary school and its graduates. Let us continue to provide both a daily hot lunch program and dental care. And, when an emergency, such as a natural disaster, occurs, let us continue to respond generously as we have consistently done since 2009. Finally, may we all be grateful for this specific mission we have been called to by God to respond to the needs of the people of Haiti.

Should you choose to donate to IC Haiti, please **make out checks to "IC Haiti."** You may send your donations anytime to: **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**



## Join the Knights!

Second Tuesdays at 7pm  
IC Parish Center Library

For More Info:  
Matt Blanchette  
978.697.5135  
kofc231@gmail.com



## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and want assistance with grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, meal deliveries, or just receiving a call or note from us to cheer your day, please call the Collaborative offices at **978-462-2724** or **978-346-8604 (ext. 1000)** and let us know how we can help.

## Christmas Collection Thank You

On behalf of our priests in good standing, thank you for your support of the Clergy Trust Christmas collection. If you missed the collection, you can still make a gift.



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via GiveButter.



## Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God. For more information and the Zoom link, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978- 462-7483.

## Virtual Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook twice every week. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook. [www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/](http://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/)

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.**

## Winter Weather Mass Cancellations



Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if either Pentucket Regional or Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Religious Education classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Chanel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at [boston.cbslocal.com](http://boston.cbslocal.com).

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.

## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. Think of the best gift you ever received. What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

**Child:** If you were one of the Magi, what gift would you bring to Jesus? And why?

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## ENGAGE & FORMED

We 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.

To access the resources of Word on Fire's **ENGAGE**, register at [flocknote.com/hriccollaborative](http://flocknote.com/hriccollaborative) or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

To access **FORMED**, visit [formed.org](http://formed.org), click "Sign up," then "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" to log in.

## Holy Communion in the Hand

One COVID-related restriction we are still being asked to do by the Archdiocese is to *receive Holy Communion only in the hand*.

Those distributing Communion on the tongue would be required to stop and sanitize their hands after every person whom they gave Communion to. So at this time everyone is being asked to only receive Communion in the hand. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

## Family Prayer Group



Some of our parishioners have formed a group to pray for families and do so on the last Friday of the month, calling the prayer group "Final Fridays for Families" or "FFF" as a result.

It is not burdensome or time-consuming and simply involves receiving a reminder on the last Friday of each month and saying a prayer for families at a time and place that is convenient to you on that day. The group particularly prays for all members and their families and their special intentions. If you would like to join the group and receive the monthly prayer reminder, please let Linda Temple know in our Collaborative office. Contact her at (978) 462-2724 or email at: [info@hriccatholic.org](mailto:info@hriccatholic.org).

## women at the well

Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Seeking 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.

**Welcome to Women at the Well:** A weekly Bible Study for women seeking to grow closer to God and cultivate community!

*We meet every **Monday at 6:30 p.m.** If you can't make it to every meeting, please do not worry! This group is designed to allow you to drop in whenever you are able to join us, no pre-reading necessary from week to week.*

In-person: IC Charity Dining Room  
Zoom: Email [hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com](mailto:hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com) for the link.

## Adoration

We now offer Adoration at IC Church two times during the week. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

**Thursdays** in IC Church: 7:00–8:00 p.m.

**Fridays** in IC Church: 9:30 a.m.–noon\*

*\*preempted when a funeral is posted in HRIC online calendar. The calendar link can be found on our website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).*



## Collaborative Pastoral Council

### Invitation to Participate in the Collaborative Pastoral Council Meetings

We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings, giving you a chance to listen to our discussions and to comment or ask questions at certain points in the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, January 8 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom**. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council, you can reach out to Jim at [Jimwilliamson35@gmail.com](mailto:Jimwilliamson35@gmail.com).

### HRIC Pastoral Council Members 2021–2022

#### IC

Chris Bergin  
Ann Jaroncyk  
Jim Williamson  
Jonathan Temple  
Robert Postle  
Lucia Parker  
Carol Robertson  
Pat Temple  
Chris Eagan

#### HR

Greg Jablonski  
Steve DiCamillo  
Sue Coppinger  
Paula Higgins

#### Ex-Officio

Fr. Tim Harrison  
Deacon Paul Dow  
Deacon John Moranski  
Aaron Giard

## Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org). Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.



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

## Prayers for the Sick

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

Dan Bedard  
Priscilla Brown  
Fr. Drew Christiansen  
Charmaine Haan  
Hillar Haan  
Joe Messina  
Jerry Mullen  
Vincent Oberhofer

Maureen Russell  
Rob Schweitzer  
Mary Shachok  
Ruth Sullivan  
Ron Sylvester  
Michael Tucker  
Jim Williamson

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Dec. 18–19	\$1,200.00
IC Haiti, Dec 18–19	\$ 579.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Dec. 17	\$1,973.00
Catholic Appeal	\$19,765.00

The second collection this weekend (Jan. 2) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (Jan. 9) is the Monthly.

If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to

**Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860**

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: [hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving](http://hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving).

HR Grand Annual  
Goal \$25,000  
To Date \$14,770.00



## HR Prayer Shawl



If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Helen [hvktax@aol.com](mailto:hvktax@aol.com) or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

## HR Online Giving

Holy Redeemer now provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish community. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) and click the “Links” tab, then on “HR Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

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.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

## EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has you covered. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource. <http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

## HR Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at [www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation).

Faith Formation classes have started for all grades. If you have not yet registered your family, class schedules and registration forms can be found on the parish website at [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

### School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021–22 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at [agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda at [burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org).

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at [agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda at [burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org).

### Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, January 9 at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information.

### Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021–22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 & 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron [agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda [burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org).

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

The HR Society of Saint Vincent de Paul thanks you for your generosity during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. We have had numerous calls for help with Market Basket food cards, rent, overdue utilities, new mattresses and bedding, and gasoline cards. We would be unable to help our local clients without your assistance. All donations go directly to those in need.

You will now find addressed SVdP envelopes in the pews at both churches. Please place donations into the envelopes and either mail or place the envelopes in the collection. You can also place donations in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

Thank you for remembering and helping those in need. May all of you have a happy and healthy 2022.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to HR SVdP, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Dec. 18–19	\$2,992.00
IC Haiti, Dec. 18–19	\$4,642.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Dec. 17	\$3,285.00
Catholic Appeal	\$50,645.00

The second collection this weekend (Jan. 2) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (Jan. 9) is the Monthly.

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950**

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: [hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving](http://hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving).

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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. 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, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) and click the “Links” tab, then click on “IC Parish 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.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

## IC Christmas Flowers

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## Archdiocese Web Site

Visit [www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org) for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

## Immaculate Conception School



Students in Grades K–4 had the opportunity this Advent to spend time reflecting on the star that led the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. Classes gathered in the church and listened to scripture passages from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke that tell of the birth of Jesus and the journey of the Wise Men. Afterward, the students crafted their own stars and then processed around the church—stars held high—while “We Three Kings” filled the halls. It was a wonderful time for students to grow in faith and understanding.



## Foster Care

**Is there room in your home and heart for a foster child?**



There is a need for foster homes in our area to provide children a supportive and healing home during a difficult time. Learn more from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) about Foster Care and Adopting through Foster Care.

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/upcoming-foster-careadoption-informational-meetings>

## IC St. Vincent de Paul



If you know someone living in Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are ready to assist.

To donate, you can visit our website to donate online at [www.svdnewburyport.org](http://www.svdnewburyport.org), or drop your donation (checks payable to “SVdP of Newburyport”) into the collection box at Mass, or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

### Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Tuesday evenings **takeout only meals** 4:30–5:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

## 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.

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Questions? Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit [www.pelicaninterventionfund.org](http://www.pelicaninterventionfund.org) to learn more.

## St. Mary’s Cemetery

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. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. 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.

## Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. She is happy to help our parishioners in need.

## The God Minute

Every morning a small group of priests, nuns, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called *The God Minute*. It’s then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it’s free.

Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. [www.thegodminute.org](http://www.thegodminute.org)

## IC Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at [www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation).

Faith Formation classes have started for all grades. If you have not yet registered your family, class schedules and registration forms can be found on the parish website at [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

### School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021–22 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at [agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda at [burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org).

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at [agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda at [burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org).

### Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, January 9 at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information.

### Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021–22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 & 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron [agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda [burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org).

## Support after Breast Cancer Loss

Do you know a New England area family who has lost a loved one to breast cancer and is in need of financial and/or emotional support? Runway for Recovery is a Newburyport non-profit that funds families who have lost a loved one to breast cancer.

We aim to reduce the financial and logistical burdens of a loss and bolster families with needed psychological, social, and financial support. Runway for Recovery is committed to being flexible with families in order to address their specific needs. We encourage you to apply and learn more here:

<https://runwayforrecovery.org/familygrants/>

## Parish Membership

Welcome! We invite you to become a member of our Parish communities. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) or you can call the Parish offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to register.

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