

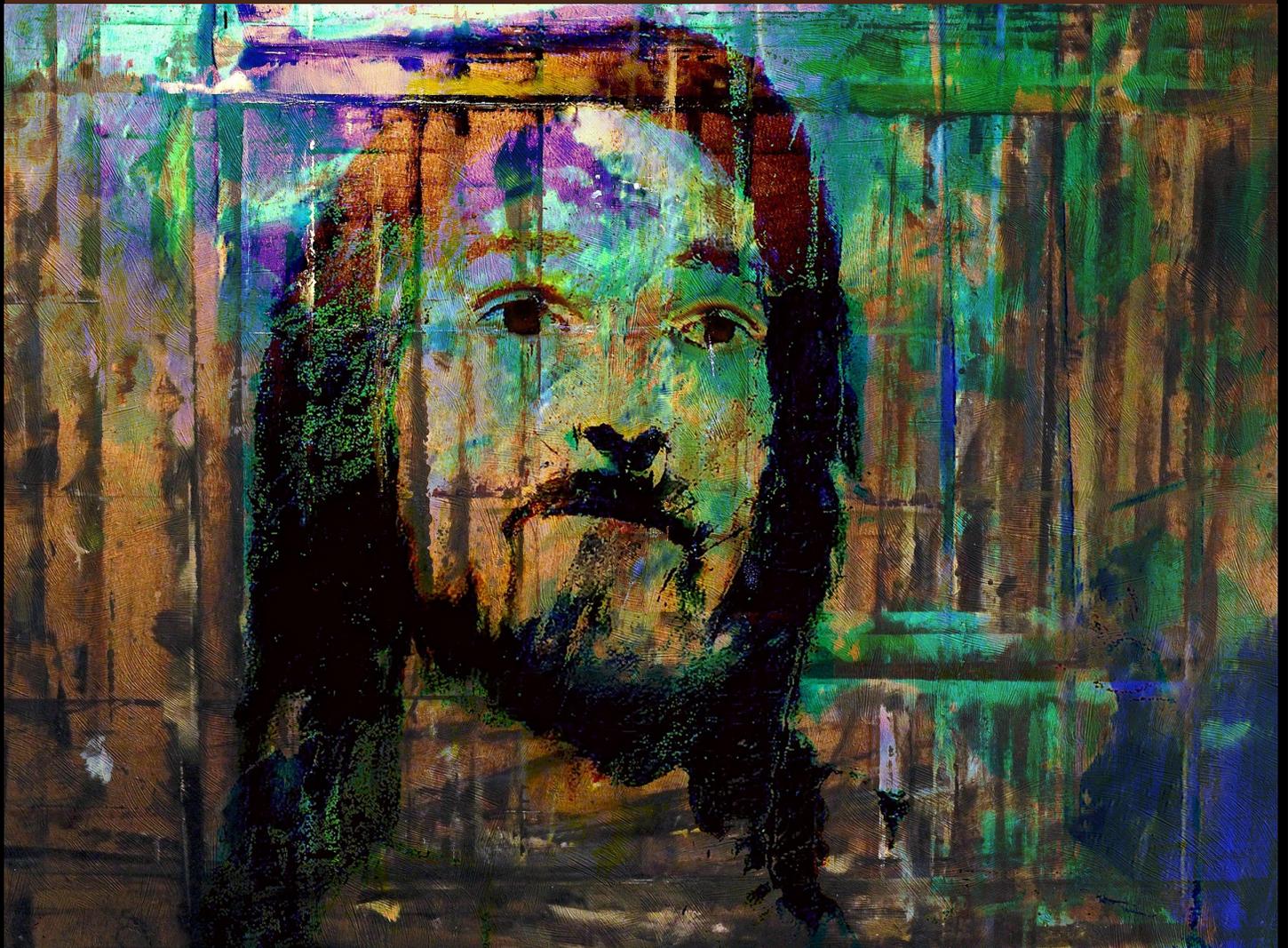
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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31 2021

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"Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."
(Mk 1:21-22)

All Are Welcome



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"Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters..."

St. Ann

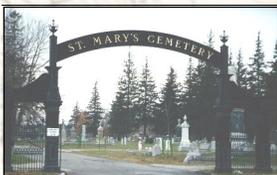
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (1/30)

4:00pm **IC Live-Stream** *Rose Thorsen, Barbara Smart-Rock* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (1/31) Catholic Schools Week

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)

9:30am **St. Ann** *John Pallone* (Fr. McLaughlin)

11:30am **IC** *Derider Marton* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

Monday (2/1)

9:00am **IC**

Tuesday (2/2)

9:00am **IC**

Wednesday (2/3)

9:00am **IC**

Thursday (2/4)

9:00am **IC**

Friday (2/5)

9:00am **IC**

Saturday (2/6)

4:00pm **IC Live-Stream** *James B. Lefebre, Nancy Forti*

Sunday (2/7)

8:00am **Nativity**

9:30am **St. Ann**

11:30am **IC** *Robert Colby, Jack Ronan*

In your prayers, please remember Eugene Gammons, Bernard Lucey, Jr., and all the faithful departed.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Live-Stream Vigil Masses are broadcast online through [Facebook](#).

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

Watch Mass on Facebook

To watch our Saturday 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.

Prayers for the Sick

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

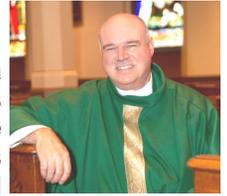
Dan Bedard
Priscilla Brown
Brett Burkinshaw
Joe Messina
Vincent Oberhofer

Mary Shachok
Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend's Gospel contains a curious line that is repeated in its description of how Jesus taught: "He taught as one having authority and not as the Scribes..." I've always wondered exactly what that must have been like. Was it the inflection of His voice that gave Jesus "authority?" Over the years when I was growing up, my mother yelled at me for many reasons, (most of them justified.) But I could always tell from the tone in her voice whether she was yelling at me because that was what she did, or she was yelling at me because she really meant it! There was a difference..., subtle though it may have been. Ignore the former, and I'd probably just get yelled at some more, but ignore the latter...well...the full weight of her authority over me would have come down like a ton a bricks, crushing any hope of not getting grounded and sending me to my room to stew and consider my failures and mistakes! Now THAT was authority! OK, a little melodramatic hyperbole here...but you get the point.



Still, there is more to authority than simply the ability to raise your voice or express the seriousness of your cause. It also has to do with fully knowing that of which you are speaking about. On many different occasions, I recall Fr. Broderick telling stories about his military service during World War II. He served as the bombardier on a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber, having flown numerous missions over Germany with the U.S. Army Air Corps. A bit of a history buff myself, I had done much reading and study about that war. From them, I knew quite a bit about the different battles that were fought, the various ships, planes, tanks and equipment that were involved and the differing peoples and nations that fought during it. I imagine that I could give a fairly detailed presentation about many different aspects of that time period. But I obviously never lived through it. I built a plastic scale model of a B-24 when I was a kid. He actually flew in one!

In listening to Fr. Broderick's stories, it was evident that he had seen and experienced many things. He knew what it felt like to be squeezed into the claustrophobic nose of an airplane, what the odor of hydraulic fluid smelled like, what it meant to see empty seats back at their ready room after a mission was complete. He recalled how much his lieutenant cursed and drank and smoked. He described the feelings of utter terror and the naïve confidence that washed over him with equal measure. He spoke of the puzzling guilt he felt

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Catholic Schools Week

We will celebrate Catholic Schools week at our 11:30 Mass at Immaculate Conception on January 31. Please note that you must have a reservation to attend any in-person Mass. To register, go to the "Attend a Mass" section on our website: www.hriccatholic.org to link to the signup page.

This Mass will be live-streamed on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) for those who would like to watch from home.

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for having survived something that so many others had not. With sublime nuances, he talked about the brazen swagger of a nineteen-year-old dealing with the crushing realities of death and suffering and loss. In other words...he spoke with the authority of one who had really been there and whose life was fundamentally altered because of it. It was heart-knowledge, not just head-knowledge.

It is in this same sense that I think we need to understand Jesus' authority in His teachings. It's not just that Jesus knew what he was talking about, but also that Jesus knew WHO he was sharing: namely, His own real, lived-out relationship with God His Father. This is the relationship that commands respect. This is the relationship that with the greatest of strength can move our hearts with the gentlest of words. This is the relationship that defines everything else, because it is an intimate connection with the One who was and is and ever will be, the very author of life itself, the Creator of the Universe. No wonder the evil spirits even obeyed this kind of authority. No wonder the people of Jesus' time recognized in their souls that His teaching was something different, something new, something to be listened to!

We are bearers in this same authority when we share our own lived-out relationship with God. No matter how fleeting or tentative we might feel it is, when we offer our own experience of God, it has its own authority or ability to get people's attention...to capture their hearts. Our Baptismal call is to share that lived-out relationship with the Lord with others, not keep it to ourselves. Because when we do, God can work through our words and testimony to accomplish many things in those who hear them.

So, let's give witness, let's share our stories of what God is up to in our lives, of what God has helped us with or accomplished for us. Our real, true encounters with the Lord have their own ability to gather other's attention and invite them deeper into that same relationship that brings us hope, joy and new life. His name is Jesus! Let us listen to Him more closely, now that He has our attention.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Register to Attend Mass

To register to attend an in-person Mass celebrated in our Collaborative, go to the "Attend a Mass" section on our website: www.hriccatholic.org to link to the signup page. At this time **a reservation is required** to attend a live Mass for capacity limits and contact tracing purposes.

Call the offices at (978) 462-2724 for IC or (978) 346-8604 for HR if you have questions or need assistance making a reservation.

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/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

At-Home Lenten Retreat

**Jesus, Wounded Healer Perfected Through Suffering:
Exploring the transforming role of suffering in
Jesus' life and your own**

Scripture will guide our retreat. "Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal life for all who obey him." Heb. 5: 8-9

Jesus the Christ, our wounded healer, calls to us in this time of suffering. We are wounded and desire healing. Following Jesus through our Lenten retreat we will stay awake with Jesus as he is wounded and suffers for us. We will give thanks for his great love and salvific suffering as we explore our own suffering and its transforming power. Responding to his love, we may allow Jesus to enter through our own wounds, heal us with his saving love, and be transformed. We, too, may become wounded healers to our world as His healing love flows through us to others.



Retreat packet materials will support learning through Scripture and offer teachings of Richard Rhor, Cynthia Bourgeault, Marcus Borg, Joan Chittister, Paul Coutinho SJ, Carlo Charrette, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Julien of Norwich, Henri Nouwen, Pope John Paul II, and others as well as poems, prayers, and questions for reflection. Ponder and share with God what touches you. Stay awake and open to God's response. Bring your experiences of God to spiritual direction.

Connecting with the Christ's many forms of suffering through prayer, reading, reflection, group sharing, and individual spiritual direction you will be aided to name and explore your own experiences of suffering and desire for healing. You will have opportunities for three individual one-hour sessions of spiritual direction by phone or zoom scheduled at your convenience.

This retreat is designed to be affordable, convenient, and safe. It will begin with a group Zoom meeting to discuss the retreat's theme and prepare you for our Lenten journey. The fourth week Zoom meeting will include teaching and time to share reflections and responses to material read and support each other as the retreat continues. The closing session will provide an opportunity for you to share the fruits of retreat, continued desires, and questions.

Opening Session: (held twice for your convenience)
Tuesday, February 23, 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

OR

Friday February 26, 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

4th and 6th week's Sessions: Dates to be determined by group

Spiritual Director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director.

Call (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information.

Suggested Donation: \$90.00

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Questions of the Week

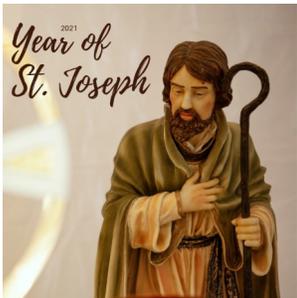


Adult: What are the evils in today's world that you pray God will free us from?

Child: Can you think of any bad things that happen in our world that you can pray to God to make better?

Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2021 as a "Year of St. Joseph"



Pope Francis said that during the coronavirus pandemic he has been reflecting on St. Joseph who, just like so many of us have made unseen sacrifices during the pandemic to protect others, St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus.

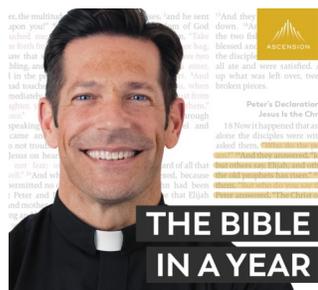
"Each of us can discover in Joseph—the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and

hidden presence—an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," the pope wrote. He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers." (CNA, 12-10-20)

To learn more about the Year of St. Joseph and resources available to you, visit bostoncatholic.org/yearofstjoseph. There you can find many resources and links.

The Bible in a Year

Have you had a chance to listen to this podcast?



The Bible in a Year podcast, hosted by **Fr. Mike Schmitz**, walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. It is currently the top podcast in the country on Apple Podcasts.

With this podcast, you will read the Bible in a year, learn how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story, become more confident in your understanding of Scripture, experience the power of God's Word in your daily routine, and begin to see the world through the lens of Scripture. Each daily episode is about 20 minutes long.

Don't worry if you haven't started yet, you can jump in anytime and even listen to past episodes. Visit online at <https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/> to learn more or search for "The Bible in a Year" in Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Stitcher, Google Podcasts, or Amazon Podcasts.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Are you feeling isolated and alone during the pandemic?



Neighbors Helping Neighbors volunteers would love to give you a call to chat or send you a note. We know that this is a difficult period for everyone, particularly to those who live alone. Let us help brighten your day! If you would be interested in receiving a call or note, please call the HRIC offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 and leave your name, address, and phone number and we will reach out to you.

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 30 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 30 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 our personal relationship with God.

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

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 Immaculate Conception School, Pentucket Regional, or Newburyport Public Schools **in-person classes** are cancelled or delayed

because of inclement weather. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com and we will make every effort to keep our own website and social media updated as well.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Again, please watch WBZ or consult the websites and/or social media 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.

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Daily Masses

We are now offering Daily Masses Monday–Friday at 9:00 a.m. at IC, Newburyport. No advanced signup required.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with Daily Mass for St. Ann and Nativity on Mondays and Fridays respectively. Until we gather more volunteers to help with these churches, we cannot offer Daily Mass there. If you are able to help with any of these HR Masses, please contact Sue Noyes susanjnoyes@gmail.com to learn more.

Women at the Well Bible Study

We Are Meeting Virtually

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.

WELCOME TO A COMMUNITY FULL OF

women just like you

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.

WE ARE MEETING VIRTUALLY
DURING THE PANDEMIC
EMAIL US TO JOIN!

MONDAY NIGHTS
6:30PM-8PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!

please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com if you have any questions

Ecumenical Candlelight Taizé Meditation Service

Live Streamed

On Sunday, January 31, at 7:00 p.m., you are invited to attend a candlelight meditation service live-streamed on the [Groveland Congregational Church Facebook page](#), and also available afterward for viewing. The program will also be available for printing on the Facebook page.

The theme of this month's service is "Behold, I make all things new!" As we begin a new year, we hope and pray for justice, peace, respect, and kindness. We pray for the guidance of God's spirit. The service is modeled after those held at the Taizé community in France, with prayer, song, scripture, petitions, and silence.

Taizé prayer is a simple form of ecumenical Christian prayer centered on scripture, silence and song. It involves singing and listening to the word of God in an atmosphere of silence and peace. The worship space will be illuminated with a multitude of candles; the music will consist of simple repeated refrains, enabling the worshippers to enter into prayer. There will be readings from scripture, petitions, and a time of silent prayer.

Why not give yourself the gift of these few moments of calm and peace in God's presence!

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass will no longer be posted in the bulletin. Instead, they can be found online at bible.usccb.org the site of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. There you will find the daily readings, be able to listen to them on podcast, and have the opportunity to watch a short reflection piece on the readings offered by a Catholic priest, deacon, religious, or lay person.

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. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICatholic.org; click on HRIC Pastoral Plan; and then click on Lectio Divina.

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



Word On Fire Engage

Everyone in our Collaborative now has free access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library.

WORD on FIRE ENGAGE 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 flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting **HRIC** to **84576**. Once you register, you will have access to ENGAGE.

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IC Offertory, Jan. 24 **\$1,240.00**
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending Jan. 22 **\$3,063.00**

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: hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.

IC Grand Annual
Goal **\$85,000**
To Date **\$102,800.00**



\$85,000
\$50,000
\$30,000
\$10,000

Congratulations! Immaculate Conception has surpassed its goal. Thank you to all who contributed to our Grand Annual collection. Contributions are still being accepted.

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, 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.

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

IC Haiti

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950. Checks should be made out to “IC Haiti.”**

We are grateful for your continued generosity during the pandemic. May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti.

We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School
is accepting applications for new students
for the 2021–22 school year.



A Catholic education, whether remote or in-person, is infused daily with leadership opportunities, academic excellence, and collaborative learning to develop 21st century skills. Coupled with moral and ethical teachings and an expectation of being the best you can be, IC students achieve personal and academic success moment by moment, day by day. Community and a sense of family means everything to us, especially during this challenging time.



Applications are being accepted for grades Kindergarten to 8th. Learning environments include in-person, hybrid, and remote learning for all grades.

Come see the IC difference!
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**Join us for 11:30 Mass on
January 31 to kick off Catholic
Schools Week.**

Sign up for in person Mass:
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**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK 2021**
January 31 - February 6
#CSW21

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC St. Vincent de Paul



We recently launched our new website: www.svdpnewburyport.org where you can make an online donation.

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

If you choose to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "**SVdP of Newburyport**." You may drop it into the collection box at Mass, or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950, or use our **Newly established** website and donate online at www.svdpnewburyport.org.

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Our weekly Immaculate Conception Breaking Bread meal has transitioned to a to-go only meal format. We continue to serve our weekly meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed at 4:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!



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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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

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