

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022



*And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

(Lk 3:22)

Greek iconography of the Baptism of the Lord from Cyprus

*All Are Welcome*

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# 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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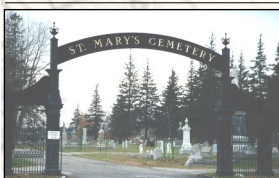
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 [Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception  
Collaborative Parishes](https://www.facebook.com/HolyRedeemer-ImmaculateConceptionCollaborativeParishes)

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### 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, Helen Thumser** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

### Monday (1/10)

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

### Tuesday (1/11)

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

### Wednesday (1/12)

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

### Thursday (1/13)

9:00am **IC Stephen D'Ambrosio** (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (1/14)

9:00am **IC Dana Bitter** (Fr. Harrison)

### Saturday (1/15)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
4:00pm **IC Joseph Levitt** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

### Sunday (1/16)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
9:00am **IC Rita Montanani** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)  
11:30am **IC Anna Morris, Paul Mitchell, Paul Michael Doyle** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember Francis Blanchard, Jr., Eileen Ventura, and 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/hricatholic/>) 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,

As our Christmas festivities come to a close, we are given this one last exciting feast of the Baptism of the Lord to send us forward into the months ahead. Originally celebrated within the context of Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord is a reminder, once again, of Christ's self-emptying and humility. Though He had no sin, He made himself like sin to fully embrace our human condition before God, so that there is not any aspect of our human life that is not redeemed.

As Hippolytus of Rome once wrote in the Third Century, "Pay close attention now, I beg you, for I want to return to the fountain of life and contemplate its healing waters at their source. The Father of immortality sent his immortal Son and Word into the world; he came to us to cleanse us with water and the Spirit. To give us a new birth that would make our bodies and souls immortal, he breathed into us the Spirit of life and armed us with incorruptibility." ~from *the Sermon on the Holy Manifestation*

It is also with the understanding found in the text of the Collect and prayer from the Fourth Sunday of Easter (known frequently as "Good Shepherd Sunday"): "Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before." Meaning that Christ has first modeled for us a way of holiness and carved a pathway of humility and repentance for us to follow. The prayer over the offerings for that Sunday continue: "That we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy." In other words, repentance leads to conversion of heart and an openness to the gift of reconciliation. This is the very source of our promise of new life in Christ.

For Christ to descend into the Jordan river, He symbolized His own death for us all because of our sins. His rising from the waters of Baptism embodied our own hope for resurrection and rising to new life with Him.

This weekend, let us give thanks for the gift of our own Baptism and its promise of eternal life!

Fr. Timothy Harrison

Pastor



## 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 10**

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

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

**Tuesday, January 11**

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

**HR Confirmation Prep, Year 2** 6:45pm, Nativity Hall

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

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

**Wednesday, January 12**

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

**Thursday, January 13**

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

**Friday, January 14**

**Adoration** 9:30am, IC Church

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

**Saturday, January 15**

**Holy Quilters** 9:00am, Nativity Hall

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

**K of C Evening of Renewal** 5:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

**Sunday, January 16**

**RCIA** 9:30am, IC Conference Room 209

**IC Confirmation Prep, Year 1** 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.

## 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?"

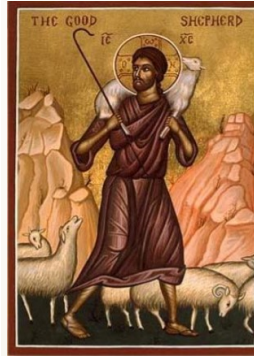
The archdiocese and the church around the world will be engaging in the same sort of conversation. We pray that the Lord will open our hearts to Him and to all of our people.

## 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 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.

## 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 [diamalfa@hricatholic.org](mailto:diamalfa@hricatholic.org). References required.

## 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.

## 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

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INTERVENTIONIST & RECOVERY COACH



## 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 Faith Formation 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.

## Adoration

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

**Note: enter at Green Street door only.**



Join us for Adoration on **Thursdays from 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Adoration/Benediction is also available in IC Church on **Fridays immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.**

**Note:** If a Friday funeral is scheduled, or in the absence of a presider, IC Church will remain open for "Sacred Silence" only. Check the HRIC calendar online for updated information. The calendar link can be found on our website: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org).

## 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.

## Congratulations and Best Wishes!

After more than 30 years of service to area parishes, including the last 15 at IC, Sheila Cruise announced her retirement as our Collaborative Receptionist and long-time parish secretary. Congratulations, Sheila and may you enjoy many happy years of well-earned retirement! Thank you for your many years of dedicated and faithful service!



## 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)

## 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/hricatholic/](http://www.facebook.com/hricatholic/)

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

## 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.

Donations can be made to:

**"The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF"**

Essex County Community Foundation, 175 Andover Street  
Danvers, MA 01923

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



# 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.

## 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.

## 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).



*We enjoyed a blessed New Year's Day dinner with Fr. Godfrey Musabe who joined us from the Lynn Collaborative along with recently-retired Fr. John MacInnis (who was taking the picture).*

## 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:

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Dan Bedard            | Vincent Oberhofer |
| Priscilla Brown       | Maureen Russell   |
| Fr. Drew Christiansen | Rob Schweitzer    |
| Susan Gerroir         | Mary Shachok      |
| Charmaine Haan        | Ruth Sullivan     |
| Hillar Haan           | Ron Sylvester     |
| Joe Messina           | Michael Tucker    |
| Jerry Mullen          | Jim Williamson    |

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** Remembering that our baptism made us members of the family of God, how does this govern and shape your behavior and family life?

**Child:** When we were baptized, we became children of God. What does that mean to you?

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# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

HR Christmas Offertory, Dec. 24–25	\$4,578.00
HR Offertory, Dec 26	\$ 550.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Dec. 24	\$ 585.00
HR Offertory, Jan. 1–2	\$1,213.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Jan. 1–2	\$ 387.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Dec 31	\$ 365.00

The second collection this weekend (Jan. 9) is the Monthly. No second collection next weekend (Jan. 16).

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**  
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## 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.

*Fr. Tim Blessing our prayer shawls at Mass.*



## 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.

## 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 ongoing generosity. 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.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to  
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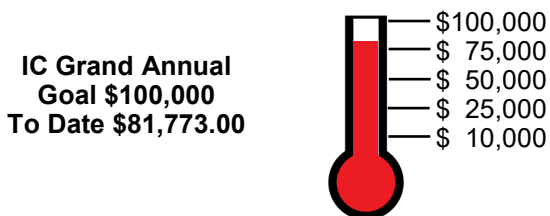
## Immaculate Conception School



Immaculate Conception School will reopen our Pre-k program in September 2022. The program is designed for 3 and 4 year old children, offering a range of scheduling options. Before Care and After Care programs and Extended-Day hours are available to Pre-k aged children, making the school day 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for those families that need it. In-person school tours are being offered by calling Mrs. Kelley Pappalardo at 978-465-7780. We are excited to reopen this valued program and look forward to serving the community and expanding our school family. For more information, please visit our school website at [icsnewburyport.com](http://icsnewburyport.com).



IC Pre-k Class of 2019 gives a “thumbs up” to news that our program will reopen in September.



## IC St. Vincent de Paul



If you know someone living in Newbury/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.svdpnewburyport.org](http://www.svdpnewburyport.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!

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## SVdP Thank You!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is so grateful for all of your generous donations sent during the holiday season, including the generous parishioners who took a tag from our Giving Tree and purchased gift cards.

We were able to help families with holiday family meals for both Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as being able to help our needy neighbors during the entire year. People were so thankful. We have also helped many families and individuals with rent, utilities, and car payments.



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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.



# 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.



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*Michael and Lucia DeMarco shared the baptism of their newest daughter, Susanna Maria, with the congregation at IC's 9 a.m. Mass for Epiphany this past weekend. Also pictured is their older daughter, Margaret, who was also baptized at Mass several years ago. Congratulations!*

## The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website [tcfnewburyport.org](http://tcfnewburyport.org).

Our next monthly support meeting is **January 24** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara for questions at [barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com).

## 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.

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## 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. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame. She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

## IC Faith Formation

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

### School Year Programs

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

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