

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2020

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*"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and the first commandment."*

(Mt 22:37)

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

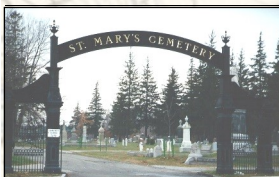
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/24)

4:00pm **IC** John "Jack" Burrell, John E. & Katherine Kelley (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** John E. & Katherine Kelley (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (10/25)

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

9:00am **IC** Buzzie Lawler (Fr. Stanley)

9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)
Leo Jean

11:30am **IC** George Cooper (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

Tuesday (10/27)

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

Wednesday (10/28)

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

Thursday (10/29)

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

Saturday (10/31)

4:00pm **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (11/1)

8:00am **Nativity**

9:00am **IC**

9:30am **St. Ann**

11:30am **IC** Maria Belesova, Paul M. Doyle

In your prayers, please remember Ronald Pagliarulo 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](#)

Daylight Saving Time



Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend (November 1). Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

Register to Attend Mass

To attend a live, in-person Mass celebrated within our Collaborative, go to the "Attend a Mass" section on our website: www.hriccatholic.org to link to the signup page. Please remember that at this time **a reservation is required to attend** a live Mass.

Our office staff can assist you if you have questions or need assistance making a reservation. Please call the offices at (978) 462-2724 for IC or (978) 346-8604 for HR.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue to move through these days of a pandemic, I have found myself celebrating many individual baptisms (as opposed to large, group celebrations) for safety reasons. Although I try to mix it up, I often end up using this weekend's Gospel for the Scripture Reading during the brief Baptismal liturgy.



Reflecting on this rather simple passage, I regularly lament that Jesus wasn't asked a more difficult question. After all, what is He going to say when queried about what the greatest commandment of the Law was? Love God, love neighbor. Not exactly rocket science, now is it? But dive deeper into this question and we see something more interesting come into focus. If we stick to the traditional "10 Commandments," well, then the question seems rather straightforward. But if we look at the fact that during Jesus' time, many rabbis frequently looked to the first five books of the Bible as containing the complete Torah or Law of God, then you will see that while there certainly are the traditional 10 Commandments as we would know them today there. . . but there were also 603 other commandments as well. And here is where it gets fun! Can you imagine trying to remember all 613 Commandments every day? I don't think I would be able to even make it out of bed in the morning without violating one or more of them somehow. Thus the now, oh-so-human question, of which is the greatest, just in case, you know, we don't get around to all 613 of them.

In a sense, Jesus entertains a vital human question of how do I stay close to God in the midst of my own imperfections and failures? Try to follow every prescription of the Law, dot every "i," cross every "t," and it is easy to miss something.

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2020-2021 CORI

If you are a volunteer you must fill out a **C**riminal **O**ffender **R**ecord **I**nformation Form every year.

The Archdiocese of Boston requires all clergy, all parish staff (full and part-time), and all volunteers (18 years of age and older) who minister to or have the potential for unmonitored access to children, youth, elderly, or the disabled will undergo an annual CORI check.

No matter what you volunteer to do, if your duties are carried out on parish property, or under the parish name, you must be CORI-ed every year.

Please see your Ministry Leader, a Deacon, or a Priest for a CORI form. It must be completed and your identity verified, then placed in the collection box, or mail it to the CORI Coordinators: Deacon Paul Dow and Maureen Dow to:

Immaculate Conception Church
42 Green St
Newburyport, MA 01950.

Thank you for what you do.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

FORMED: The Search

Why are we here? What's life all about?

Sometimes we get so caught up in the depth of our faith that we forget what it was like to first wrestle with the big questions—*Who am I? What am I searching for? What's our shared story? Who is Jesus? Why do we need a Church? Is there a God?* We all need to get back to the basics to make sure the foundation is strong.

We are excited to introduce *The Search*, a new seven-part Augustine Institute original series with the goal of lighting that first fire in those who don't yet know the faith or reigniting the fire in those who need a primer on the foundational questions. *The Search* is now on our Collaborative FORMED subscription at **no charge**.

It's **free** and **easy** to register at FORMED:

- Visit formed.org
- Click "Sign up"
- Type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" and follow the prompts from there.

Word On Fire Engage

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 flocknote.com/hriccollaborative 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** (formed.org), 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.

Watch Mass on Facebook

To watch our Saturday 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 from the above link.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

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But Jesus' answer invokes the resilience of the human spirit when He invites us to love God with all of our heart, soul and strength, and our neighbor as ourself. In other words, if you do your very best to love God with everything you got—in your actions, in your thoughts, in the depths of who you are, and also do your very best to love your neighbor—those who are in proximity to you at any given moment, those who journey through life with you, those who you are in relationship with . . . then you will indeed be very close to God. This leaves room for improvement, for we can always love more, love better, love smarter. Yet it casts a pathway of grace through life that can be easily grasped and richly followed.

Yes, go for the 613 if you can. But never lose sight of who we are called to love in this world or why. This doesn't mean that love is always easy. Our own painful life experience tells us otherwise. The ultimate act of love that Jesus offered us in this world was His sacrifice on the Cross—an act of suffering and bitterness that brought life to the world. Sometimes our loving God and neighbor entails our own path of suffering and pain. Yet if it is done in faithfulness to God's Commandments of love, they will not end in defeat or loss, but will triumph to new life.

Every effort we make to fulfill God's Law of love brings us that much closer to the mystery of our Creator and the promise of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whether we are brand-new at following the Lord, or slightly more experienced, we can all take direction and encouragement from Jesus' words today.

May the Lord bless each of us on our journey to God.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Confessions

We are offering face-to-face, individual Confessions by appointment only. These will take place 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.

Candlelight Taizé

The community is warmly welcomed once again for a meditation service on Sunday, November 1, 7:00 p.m., at Groveland Congregational Church, 4 King St. in Groveland. This ecumenical service is based on those held at the Taizé community in France. It consists of scripture, prayers, song, petitions, and an extended period of silence in the church's beautiful candlelit sanctuary. Because of Covid, we will be listening to the chants instead of singing them. The theme of this service will be God's love, presence, and support through every difficulty. Masks and social distancing required.

For more information, you can contact the church at 978-372-3463, gccucc@gmail.com or www.grovelanducc.org.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

“Come and Be”

Prayer Liturgies in the Collaborative

Given the need for communal prayer and silence during these challenging times and the *Year of the Eucharist* that we are celebrating as an Archdiocese this year, we are opening Immaculate Conception Church for three additional weekly prayer liturgies:

Sunday Evening Prayer (Vespers)

Place: IC Church

Time: 5:15 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Dates: October 25

Tuesday Afternoon Adoration (with Benediction if a priest presides)

Place: IC Church

Time: 1:00 p.m.–1:45 p.m.

Dates: October 27

Thursday Evening Adoration (with Benediction if a priest presides)

Place: IC Church

Time: 7:15 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Dates: October 29



Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

Mass Scripture Readings

October 25–November 1, 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 www.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sun., Oct. 25: Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40
- Mon., Oct. 26: Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17
- Tues., Oct. 27: Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21
- Wed., Oct. 28: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
- Thurs., Oct. 29: Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35
- Fri., Oct. 30: Philippians 1:1-11; Luke 14:1-6
- Sat., Oct. 31: Philippians 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11
- Sun., Nov. 1: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

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



October 18 Vespers at IC

There is one remaining service: Sunday, Oct. 25, 5:15-6:00 p.m.

All are welcome. No experience necessary.

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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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Daily Mass Volunteers Needed

We still need volunteers to help with Daily Mass at St. Ann and Nativity on Mondays and Fridays respectively. Until we gather more volunteers to help with these churches, we will not be able to offer Daily Mass there. If you are able to help with any of these Masses, please contact Sheila Cruise at our Collaborative Offices scruise@newburyportcatholic.org, (978) 462-2724, or (978) 346-8604.

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

Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker

Questions of the Week



Adult: What are ways you will live the Great Commandment this week?

Child: How will you show love for your family and friends this week?

Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hriccatholic.org 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.

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 www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

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.



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.

Collaborative Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council for the Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative serves in an advisory capacity to the Pastor on matters of importance to the Collaborative. Since February, the original members have been focused primarily on addressing sacramental needs and safety during the pandemic.

Members of the Pastoral Council 2020

Father Tim Harrison, Chair
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Mary Bragg, Secretary

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Aaron Giard
Paula Higgins
Deacon John Moranski
Lucia Parker
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Jonathan Temple
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Sue Coppinger
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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



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Oct. 17–18 **\$1,450.00**
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending Oct 16 **\$2,952.00**

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

Immaculate Conception Parish
42 Green Street
Newburyport MA 01950

Or read below to sign up for online giving.

This weekend is our Grand Annual Collection

Today is our Grand Annual Collection. All parishioners have been asked to return their pledge card this weekend. If you did not receive a Grand Annual pledge card in the mail there are extras available at the entrance to the church. You may also contact the Collaborative office and one will be mailed to you.

These have been challenging times for our families. Our Collaborative family is no different. As a result of the pandemic, we anticipate a deficit at each parish this year. In previous years, the Grand Annual was used for special maintenance projects. This year, it is essential for our weekly operations and ongoing maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

We know the well-being of our parish is important to you. That's why we are asking for your extra support for this year's Grand Annual. We truly appreciate any assistance you can give. We understand that some households face financial difficulties. We are counting on the many who are able to support our parishes in the 2020 Grand Annual drive, at any level of giving.

Thank you for your generous support.

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 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 Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and Registration Forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Program information for those students entering Grades K–8 can be found on our parish website. **Registration forms are also available.** As always, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405 or email agiard@newburyportcatholic.org) should you have any questions.

Confirmation

Confirmation prep classes for those students entering Grade 10 have begun with classes for Grade 9 students about to begin.

Information regarding these sessions can be found on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org along with registration forms.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation office.

Baptism Dates to Remember

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

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Information regarding First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Prep. can be found on the collaborative website at hriccatholic.org.

Please reach out to the Faith Formation office with any questions you might have.

For those families whose child was prepared for First Eucharist last spring, but has yet to receive the sacrament, arrangements can still be made for your family. We would be happy to help you with this.

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Our monthly support meetings are temporarily being held online (due to coronavirus) via Zoom at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Our next meeting is **October 26**.

Join our free online meeting by going to <http://zoom.us>, click on "Join a Meeting," enter Meeting ID: 952-104-4920.

A Butterfly's Journey (ABJ) is a separate non-profit to help a broader set of grievers. Barbara is the founder and an Advanced Grief Recovery Method (GRM) Specialist. GRM is the only evidence-based methodology for grief, 7-week-action-based method. GRM classes as well as a free online Resource Center can be found on abutterflysjourney.org. Schedule a free call for more info on ABJ or TCF-GN: <http://bit.ly/GRM-call>.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

IC Haiti Update

We are blessed to report that the impacts of the COVID-19 virus in Haiti have been minimal compared to other regions of the world, including the United States. We received an update from Puit Chacha earlier this month that the school is up and running.

Like schools here, the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school in Chacha closed for classes back in March. St. Boniface Hospital's community health team immediately began to conduct education sessions around Chacha, with participants that included the school staff. In July, the students started returning once each week to pick up nutrition assistance kits as well as homework packets to complete. Fortunately, now that students are back for in-person learning, the school's classrooms have the space to accommodate social distancing. It should be noted the school staff worked diligently to source masks, additional chairs, disinfecting supplies, and materials for additional handwashing stations throughout the space.

Throughout the time of the pandemic, the hospital health team has been consulting with the school on effective distancing measures, proper hygiene, and infection control protocols, including a process for referring symptomatic students to the hospital for testing. Thus far, there haven't been any infections at the school. The hospital's community outreach program will continue to monitor the Chacha community for symptoms of an outbreak.

There are 164 students attending school at Chacha this semester. 176 children are enrolled but 12 did not return after the COVID-19 closure. It's anticipated that they will return for the spring semester in November. In addition, there are graduates of the Fr. Marc elementary school who are attending secondary school in Fond des Blanc. The move up to secondary school has been made possible by tuition scholarships provided by IC Haiti.

As a community of faith, let us continue to keep the community of Puit Chacha, Haiti, in our thoughts and prayers. Our parish's financial support, even during a time of pandemic when parishioners' own financial situations have been sorely strained, has kept hope alive in the Chacha community by continuing to make education and health services available. Thanks be to God for sustaining us in this ministry.

Stuart Meurer, President, IC Haiti Board of Directors

IC St. Vincent de Paul

Breaking Bread to-go Meal



Our weekly Immaculate Conception Breaking Bread meal has transitioned to a to-go only meal format. The time for pickup is Tuesdays from 4:30–5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish Center.

If you would like to donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please send checks payable to "Society of St. Vincent de Paul" to Immaculate Conception Church, 42 Green Street, Newburyport MA 01950.

Immaculate Conception School

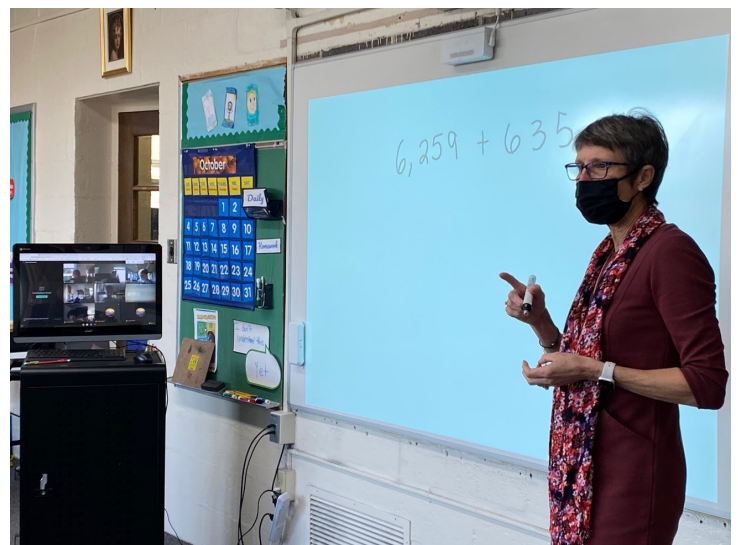


Delivering instruction in school settings cannot be accomplished in this pandemic without the effective use of technology. Immaculate Conception School utilizes several types of devices to connect the learning with students in the classroom and at home. Large desktop Chrome Bases were repurposed in classrooms from the Computer Lab since communal spaces, such as labs, cannot be used under COVID guidelines. These devices are used by teachers to communicate with students who are learning from home.

A grid screen enables the teacher to see every child while the camera allows the children to see the teacher. The big screen Promethean boards are used as interactive chalkboards. At various points in a lesson, the teacher can share the big screen with the students at home which allows them to see what the teacher is writing and presenting in real time.

Small cameras that swivel and tilt, *pictured right*, are also used, which adds another layer of connection for the children learning at home.

Seeing the classroom and classmates helps to create a sense of community and togetherness between students.



Pictured above: A 4th grade math lesson with an addition problem on the board is what the at-home learners see on their computer screens through the "share screen" option on the big screen. Mrs. Bailey, the 4th grade teacher, communicates to the children, who are at home, through the Chromebase to the left.

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These have been challenging times for our families. Our Collaborative family is no different. As a result of the pandemic, we anticipate a deficit at each parish this year. In previous years, the Grand Annual was used for special maintenance projects. This year, it is essential for our weekly operations and ongoing maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

We know the well-being of our parish is important to you. That's why we are asking for your extra support for this year's Grand Annual. We truly appreciate any assistance you can give. We understand that some households face financial difficulties. We are counting on the many who are able to support our parishes in the 2020 Grand Annual drive, at any level of giving.

Thank you for your generous support.

HR Sandwich Program



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We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

HR Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Program information for those students entering Grades K–8 can be found on our [parish website](http://www.hriccatholic.org). **Registration forms are also available.** As always, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405 or email agiard@newburyportcatholic.org) should you have any questions.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Information regarding First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Prep. can be found on the Collaborative website at [hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org).

Please reach out to the Faith Formation office with any questions you might have.

For those families whose child was prepared for First Eucharist last spring, but has yet to receive the sacrament, arrangements can still be made for your family. We would be happy to help you with this.

Baptism Dates to Remember

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

Confirmation

Confirmation prep classes for those students entering Grade 10 have begun with classes for Grade 9 students about to begin.

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