

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2020

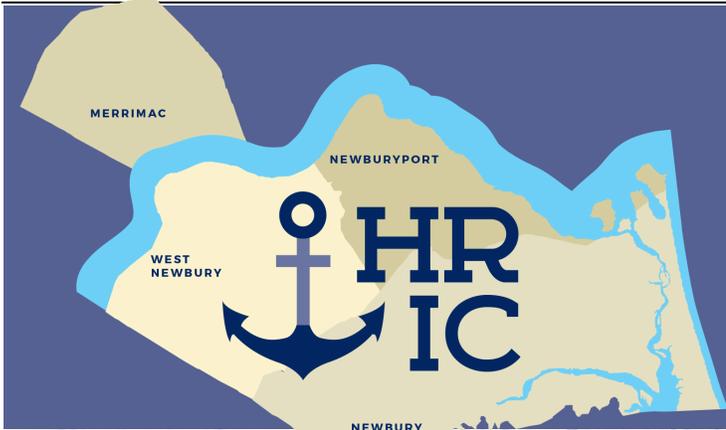
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My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

(Is 5:1-2)

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

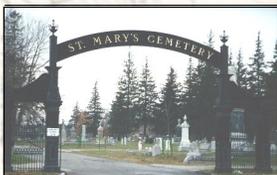
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/3)

4:00pm **IC** *Rita Snow, Stephen M. Boy*
(Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (10/4)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

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

9:30am **St. Ann Paul & Helen Ringenbach**
(Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** *Bob White, Josephine Minalio, Adolf Benca* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

Tuesday (10/6)

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

Wednesday (10/7)

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

Thursday (10/8)

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

Saturday (10/10)

4:00pm **IC** *Louis Paul Dubuc, Peg Marsh, Rita & Ron York* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

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

Sunday (10/11)

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

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

9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

11:30am **IC** *Robert Filomia, For the intentions of Lubica Benca* (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Mary Beth Foley, Aaron Zakand, all the faithful departed.

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

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

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@newburyporthcatholic.org, (978) 462-2724, or (978) 346-8604.

Attend a Live 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,

This was a tragedy! The vineyard trampled and given over to pasture?! It will be overgrown with thorns and briars and become an arid wasteland?! This was unthinkable, a death-blow to the community!



In ancient times, there were few worse things for a village-community to endure than the loss of a cherished vineyard. This was not simply an epicurean tragedy for the few foodies in their midst, but a genuine loss for everyone—man, woman, and child. You see, the vineyard was so much more than a place to get the occasional grape to munch on or turn-to for the source of an infrequent glass of wine. Rather, the vineyard was the very symbol of life itself and of God's blessing upon their families. Aside from providing the raw material to make the prized "fruit of the vine," the vineyard also employed most of the village at one point or another. While workers would toil year-round, pruning, fertilizing, watering, digging—all to position the vines in the best possible light to receive the rain from Heaven and the essential sunlight—when it came to harvest time, everyone was called into the field to help reap the grapes, as they all ripened at once.

The collective community effort unified the people around a single task that was always seen to be in cooperation with God's blessings upon their land. Hence, the wine that was produced was a powerful symbol of God's favor upon their community and a promise of His enduring love. Handed down over centuries, incorporated into Jewish rituals, embraced by the Lord Jesus and sacramentalized at the Last Supper, the Cup of Blessing was a potent sign of God's saving presence.

Thus the tragedy—no vineyard, no work, no grapes, no wine...no blessing from the Lord! How awful! And all because those who were tasked with the vineyard's upkeep—those who would prune and hoe and water and fertilize—all because they failed in their duties and became lax in their responsibilities. God did God's part: God provided rain and sunshine and good soil. God provided for the changing of seasons, a time for planting and a time for harvesting. But the vineyard did not produce good fruit, only wild grapes. Something was rotten, indeed!

Isaiah names it well: bloodshed and an outcry for missing justice. Matthew picks up the theme as Jesus tells this weekend's parable of greed, injustice, murder, and wretchedness. It is the sad story of human sin and failure all woven into a simple story of a landowner—a friend!, wanting nothing more than His proper share of grapes at harvest time. He didn't even want all the grapes, only His share. In an abundant harvest, there would be plenty to go around for everyone. The landowner only wanted His proper share, something that we observers across the centuries can see as eminently fair. Even an absentee landlord would be due His just share; after all, He paid for the land the vineyard was planted on, paid for the improvements, paid for the workers to make the

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

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.



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.

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improvements. If people weren’t faithful to their obligations and commitments because of their pay and share of the harvest, surely they would do so because this is the vineyard of a friend. But alas, that is the price of sin—and alienation from all that is good, a destruction of the very fabric of friendship and love.

Like last week’s Parable of the Two Sons, this Parable of the Vineyard points to God’s earnest and passionate desire for good fruit. God really, really, really wants a good harvest! He doesn’t want us to simply talk about it, conjecture about what it might look like or ponder the merits of potentially bringing forth the occasional grape. No, God wants the rich, abundant harvest that ought to always be there due to the good soil and good sunlight and good rain. The only thing more that is needed is the faithful toil and labor to bring it about.

Faithfulness. There it is again—a call from the Lord through the sacred stories passed down over centuries that invites us to turn from sin and follow a path of holiness. What human sin and failure have ruined, God renews and redeems through Jesus Christ.

Just as differing varieties of grapes are carefully grown in particular soils to make unique wines that are a lasting expression of their local climates and cultures, so God calls forth from each of us and from our collective communities of faith a vintage that ought to be a lasting blessing not only for ourselves but, indeed, for all who long to share in what is an overabundance of God’s Grace.

St. Francis of Assisi sought to follow a path of conversion that made him a better and more faithful worker in the vineyard of his Friend. May we open our hearts this weekend on his Feast Day to do the same.

Fall Blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison,
Pastor

America Truly Does Need Fatima Now

Parishioners are invited to join the faithful of the region for the “America Needs Fatima Campaign” on **Sunday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m. (note time)**, in Market Square, Newburyport for a public Rosary.



Held annually throughout the world on a day close to the anniversary of “Miracle of the Sun,” the famed miracle that took place in Fatima on October 13, 1917, people gathered will simply answer the Blessed Mother’s call to pray the Rosary. Please consider joining this beautiful public witness of our faith and prayer for the world.

For more information, contact Dave Colby davecolby724@gmail.com or 978-204-7675.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

“Come and Be”

New 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 4, 11, 18, 25

RSVP*: Participant? Greeter? Disinfectant Team?

Tuesday Afternoon Adoration (with Benediction if a priest presides)

Place: IC Church

Time: 1:00 p.m.–1:45 p.m.

Dates: October 6, 13, 20, 27

RSVP*: Participant? Greeter? Disinfectant Team?

Thursday Evening Adoration (with Benediction if a priest presides)

Place: IC Church

Time: 7:15 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Dates: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

RSVP*: Participant? Greeter? Disinfectant Team?

*Please RSVP to Mary: maryschmidhomepro@hotmail.com if you want to volunteer as cleaner/greeter.



Bulletin Information

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

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.

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.

Confessions



We are now offering face-to-face, individual Confessions by appointment. These will take place by an appointment with one of our priests and will be held outside in the fresh air. The weather must be amenable for the appointment, both priest and penitent **must wear a face mask** and practice proper social-distancing during the Confession.

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

Mass Scripture Readings

October 4–11, 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.

- Sunday, Oct. 4: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43
- Monday, Oct. 5: Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37
- Tuesday, Oct. 6: Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42
- Wednesday, Oct. 7: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4
- Thursday, Oct. 8: Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13
- Friday, Oct. 9: Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26
- Saturday, Oct. 10: Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28
- Sunday, Oct. 11: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

90 Days Now—For Your Parish

All funds go directly to our two parishes.



90-Days Now—For Your Parish is an online supplemental offertory giving program which is helping parishes in the Archdiocese in the short term raise needed funds during this unprecedented public health crisis.

•**Phase 1** raised \$450,000 for 236 parishes.

•**Phase 2** offers a match gift from a generous anonymous benefactor

when the overall campaign reaches \$700,000. We are getting closer to that total!

Should you choose to join in this effort, or give again to help reach the match, the Archdiocese has created an easy-to-use link to donate at www.BostonCatholic.org/donate.

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

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

Questions of the Week

Adult: After reading the parable, how do you feel about God's justice?

Child: In the Gospel, why do you think the landowner gave his tenants a second chance?



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.

HRIC

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

How can we help you?



Some in our Collaborative may have challenges getting everyday needs accomplished during the COVID-19 emergency.

Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Collaborative has created a *Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program* to respond to those in need within our communities of Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury. The focus of the program is to comfort and nurture our parish community and send its faith, love, and generosity outward by offering meaningful ways to love and serve our greater communities as this pandemic continues to pose a threat.

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and want assistance with fundamental needs such as grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, meal deliveries, etc., please call the Collaborative offices at **978-462-2724** or **978-346-8604** and let us know how we can help.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

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
Jim Williamson, Vice Chair
Mary Bragg, Secretary

Chris Eagan
Amy Friend
Aaron Giard
Paula Higgins
Deacon John Moranski
Lucia Parker
Carol Robertson
Jonathan Temple
Pat Temple

Kathy Betz
Beth Brennan
Sue Coppinger
Steve DiCamillo
Deacon Paul Dow



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS IN SEPTEMBER

Our priests are often at the center of efforts that build strong support systems for all of us. In addition to their daily pastoral responsibilities, they help establish social service organizations, offer spiritual support for first responders, operate parish food pantries, and recently, in response to the pandemic, put their lives at risk to provide comfort and peace to those suffering with COVID-19. Healthier priests build stronger communities. And the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust (CHRT) is dedicated to keeping our priests healthy.

This September, you can support the CHRT's mission by giving to the special collection at Masses on September 19/20. Every gift makes a difference and is a symbol of gratitude for all our priests who don't just observe need in our communities; they seek it out so they can respond.

Donate now online at clergytrust.org or scan the QR code to give with Venmo, Apple/Google Pay, and PayPal via Givebuttr.



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Sept. 27 (Will be reported next weekend)
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending Sept. 25 \$3,700.00
90 Days Now Campaign
(See page 6 for details about this campaign.)

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.

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.

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 butterflysjourney.org. Schedule a free call for more info on ABJ or TCF-GN: <http://bit.ly/GRM-call>.

IC Faith Formation

Faith Formation schedules and Registration Forms for all grades 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 now 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

Twenty-five young men and women received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as they were confirmed this past weekend at Immaculate Conception Parish.

We wish to give thanks to Most Reverend Robert Hennessey for making this celebration a special one for those who were confirmed during this time of COVID restrictions.

May these newly confirmed be assured of our continued prayers as they take the next step in their faith journey.

If you need information regarding upcoming fall classes for a child entering grades 9 or 10, information has been posted on our [parish website](#). 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 upcoming classes and the celebration of the sacrament.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Optional plans for the celebration of First Eucharist have been made for those children who were not able to receive the sacrament this past Spring.

Please reach out to the Faith Formation Office for further information.

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

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 CHURCH

Tribute to Fr. Broderick

Plans are underway to place a bronze plaque at the tree given to Father Broderick several years ago. The plaque will read:

**In honor of Father Jim Broderick
September 22, 1922–August 31, 2020
“Love One Another”**

Your support in this effort can be sent to

Tracy Beattie
149 Drinkwater Road
Hampton Falls, N H 03844

or you can drop it off at the IC Parish Office.

Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

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.

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,

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Act of Spiritual Communion

Those who cannot receive Communion right now are all encouraged to make an act of Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

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HR Faith Formation

Faith Formation schedules and Registration Forms for all grades are posted on our website at www.hricatholic.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 now also available**. As always, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405 or email aqiard@newburyportcatholic.org) should you have any questions.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Optional plans for the celebration of First Eucharist have been made for those children who were not able to receive the sacrament this past Spring.

Please reach out to the Faith Formation Office for further information.

Baptism Dates to Remember

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

Confirmation

Twenty-five young men and women received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as they were confirmed this past weekend at Immaculate Conception Parish.

We wish to give thanks to Most Reverend Robert Hennessey for making this celebration a special one for those who were confirmed during this time of COVID restrictions.

May these newly confirmed be assured of our continued prayers as they take the next step in their faith journey.

If you need information regarding upcoming fall classes for a child entering grades 9 or 10, information has been posted on our [parish website](#). Should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation office.



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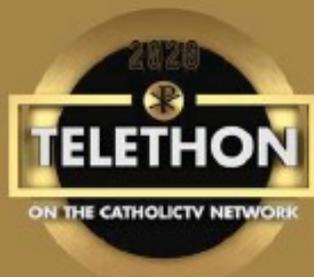
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