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COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2020

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“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”

(Mt 25:31-32)

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 (11/21)

4:00pm **IC** *Betty Dennis, Elizabeth Dennis, Sandy Lambert* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **Live Stream** *Michael Hines* (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (11/22)

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

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

9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (11/23)

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

Tuesday (11/24)

9:00am **IC** *William & Ann DePippo, Don & Evelyn Schelling* (Fr. Stanley)

Wednesday (11/25)

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

Thursday (11/26) Thanksgiving Day

8:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Friday (11/27)

9:00am **IC** *Joseph Jon & Anna Sylvester* (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (11/28)

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

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

Sunday (11/29)

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

9:30pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** *Jack Burrell, Ron Pagliarulo, Alan Chu* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers, please remember Daniel Souther, Jennie Maskiewicz, David Casavant, 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](#)

Questions of the Week

Adult: What changes in lifestyle does today's Gospel call you to?

Child: When Jesus judges all of us, what do you think He will be looking for when He looks at our lives?

Thanksgiving Office Hours

Collaborative offices will close at noon on Wednesday, November 25 and will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Offices will reopen at 9:00 a.m. in Monday, November 30.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

One of the scariest movies I have ever seen is the classic 1980 film, *The Shining*. Based on the book of the same title by Stephen King, you don't have to get very far into it to be creeped-out by Jack Nicholas' character or the strange connection between his son, Danny, and Scatman Crothers' character, Mr. Halloran. Directed by Stanley Kubrick, this psychological, paranormal masterpiece of horror is sure to make you check under your bed twice before turning out the lights.



And yet, what we really ought to fear, is laid out in broad daylight for us in this weekend's Gospel passage from St. Matthew. Often referred to as the Last Judgement, this divine sorting that comes at the end of time is final and shocking. Here's what makes it so terrifying: neither the good nor the bad see it coming. Both are genuinely surprised that they had significant, eternal-life-altering encounters with the Lord Jesus during their lifetimes. One might expect to remember an incident or two, if we ever bumped into a real celebrity. How much more so, Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Son of God, Co-Creator of the Universe, the Christ, the Anointed one, the Messiah....But no. In all cases, no one recognizes Him.

And here is where the utter terror strikes: we may not ever recall encountering the Lord, yet He remembers every single encounter with each of us! He remembers when we offered Him a drink when He was thirsty, food upon discovering His hunger, clothing and shelter when needed, basic human comfort, presence and compassion where it was lacking. He remembers it all! And He remembers when we failed to offer these necessary things in His suffering. Every single time, when we failed to show even the most fundamental level of human decency.

For the real horror is to realize that our Saving Lord was present in all those who were ever in need at any moment in our lives, anywhere in our world. Now, maybe we ate and drank with Jesus, partied with Him until dawn, joked and laughed, told stories, sang songs and danced with Him until we collapsed with joyful exhaustion. Everybody loves a good party. But true and lasting friendships don't end when

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Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass will be celebrated, in person only, on Thanksgiving Day at **8:00 a.m.** at Immaculate Conception Church. There is no advanced sign-up for this Mass, but capacity limits will follow COVID restrictions and be on a first come, first served basis.



Bulletin Information

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

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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 more 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.

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.

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.

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.

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the music stops. Rather, they kick into high gear when someone we love is hurting or in need, or suffering or lacking, or being held captive. And if we truly value this loving friendship, in honor of that great love that has enraptured our hearts and fulfilled our deepest dreams, we will not stand by to see anyone else, another...a stranger... suffer these things as well. If that love and friendship means anything at all, we will not rest until these wrongs are righted, until compassion is shown, mercy offered—within our power to do so. That Jesus Christ was somehow mysteriously present in each of these suffering strangers is almost immaterial.

We know perfectly well that if we love our parents, we could not possibly stand aside and remain idle if we saw an older person without food or drink. We know we would do anything to bring them nourishment, at least for that moment. We know perfectly well that if we love our children, we could not possibly fail to act if we witnessed a child improperly clothed for the winter winds or was left alone and crying for help. Our inner parental instincts would move heaven and earth to help that little one. We do not need to know that this imprisoned stranger is also and actually the Lord Jesus in a different time and place. We only need to know that if we have the amazing capacity to love our own family and friends when they are hurting, we can love “the other,” “another,” “any other,” as well. It’s what we would do for those whom we love. It is what those who love us would do for us if we were ever in need. It is indeed what Jesus who loves us the most would do for us if we were in need. It is what Jesus would have us do for these least ones, when they would be in need. Do we really need to know...just one step more, that those in need are actually Jesus? Or ought we be satisfied in simply imitating our Savior who loved us all...you know, because that’s what Jesus would do?!

Hollywood horror movies will come and go. The one reality that truly ought to keep us awake at night and cause us to constantly be on watch is this one story we’ve heard today. Because Jesus takes it all personally. Every little bit.

Through constant prayer, regular penance and a docile, humble heart, may we never miss an opportunity to serve the suffering Christ in our midst.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Little Blue Books



We are not able to distribute *Little Books* this Advent/Christmas season as a result of COVID restrictions.

You can order *Little Blue Books* for the Advent/Christmas season directly from the website at littlebooks.org. They are \$4/copy + shipping.

You can also get all the seasonal books on the *Little Books* app available for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the app, go to littlebooks.org/app.

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Mass Scripture Readings

November 22–29, 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, Nov. 22: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46
- Monday, Nov. 23: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4
- Tuesday, Nov. 24: Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11
- Wednesday, Nov. 25: Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19
- Thursday, Nov. 26: Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28
- Friday, Nov. 27: Revelations 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33
- Saturday, Nov. 28: Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
- Sunday, Nov. 29: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

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



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.

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.

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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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.

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women just like you

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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
Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker

2020-2021 CORI

If you are a volunteer you must fill out a **Criminal Offender Record Information 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:

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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.



HR PARISH

Holy Redeemer Christmas Giving 2020

As with all things this year, our gift giving will be different. Thank you to all who are able to help this year.

• We will be doing online ordering for **Emmaus House**. Go to Target.com, then gift registry. First name: Emmaus, last name: inc. There will be items of different values. There will also be a shipping fee. Items will be sent directly to Emmaus House.

• **Pregnancy Care**: disposable diapers (sizes 3,4,5,6), hooded towels & washcloths, baby & receiving blankets, baby wipes & diaper rash cream, blanket sleepers & onesies sizes NB-24 mos., new outfits size 0-24 mos., baby wash & lotion, & baby food (stages 1,2,3). Please call Dottie Carr (978-363-2909) to arrange for drop off by December 6.

• **St. Vincent de Paul** is asking for monetary donations, which may be left in the metal boxes at the doors of the churches. Please make checks out to HR St. Vincent de Paul.

• **Merrimac Holiday Helpers** is looking for children's pajamas for boys & girls ages 0-18, with the greatest need for elementary-aged children. These need to be received by **December 5**. There will be a drop off box at the Merrimac Fire station.

• We have added a West Newbury project to our list this year. **Fostering Care** seeks to help children in foster care and their foster families by providing basic necessities and personal care items. Help by putting together a backpack for a child. Only new-with-tags items please. All items should be packed into a new backpack. Label the bag as to gender, size, and season either with a note tucked in the pocket, a piece of tape, or tie a note to the top handle. There is a drop box at The Big Scoop at Long Hill Farm, West Newbury. Items needed:

Infant-size 3:

Clothing: pajamas, 2 pairs of socks, diapers

Toiletries: baby wipes, tear-free body wash, fluoride-free toothpaste and toothbrush, baby hairbrush or comb

Other Items: baby bottle, pacifier, crib- or lap-size blanket, small stuffed animal, board book

Sizes 4-9:

Clothing: Pajamas, 2 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of underwear

Toiletries: body wash or soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrush, hairbrush or comb

Other Items: blanket, small stuffed animal, small activity such as a coloring book, puzzle, Legos, etc., age-appropriate book

Sizes 10-18:

Same as above with the addition of deodorant and feminine hygiene products.

Gift cards to CVS, Target, Walmart, and Amazon are always welcome. Whenever possible, we include gift cards in the teen backpacks.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Nov. 8	\$1,779.00
HR Offertory, Nov. 15	\$ 880.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending Nov. 13	\$ 770.00

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HR Sandwich Program



Since we are still unable to bring food to the Good Shepherd Center at this time. Please be aware that Lazarus House is looking for \$25.00 Market Basket gift cards to share with the Project Bethlehem families. If you are interested, please mail the cards to Lazarus House Ministries, c/o Monique Morimoto, PO Box 408, Lawrence MA 01842.

Looking for Volunteers

We are in need of **greeters, cleaning volunteers, lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers** for the churches for the fast-approaching Christmas season.



If you would like to assist HR please contact Sue Noyes susanjnoyes@gmail.com to learn more.

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HR Prayer Shawl



Thank you for taking the time to pass on the names of our parish family members who could use some comfort from a prayer shawl. Keep the requests coming! It can be for anyone, anywhere—there is no cost, it is free.

We would like to drop off prayer shawls or lap blankets to anyone you know who needs comfort in our Holy Redeemer Parish family. So, if you know of anyone, please give their name to Helen hvktax@aol.com or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

HR Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms 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](http://www.hricatholic.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 hricatholic.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

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

Confirmation

Confirmation prep classes for both Grades 9 and 10 have begun. Information regarding these sessions can be found on the Collaborative website: hricatholic.org along with registration forms. Should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation office.

Christmas Flowers



We are taking monetary donations and memorials for the purchase of flowers for the churches for Christmas. Please do not have flowers delivered to the churches but allow us to purchase them. Place your flower donation envelopes in the collection boxes at the churches or mail them to HR.

The deadline for donations is **Monday, December 7 at noon.**

HR St. Vincent de Paul



During these difficult times, we have seen increased requests for food cards, as well as help with rent and utilities. Please consider donating to assist those in need. Donations can also be put in the poor boxes at both churches. Thank you for remembering those who need our support during COVID.

Please write the check to "HR Saint Vincent de Paul" to help expedite our banking. **If mailing your donations, please send them to**

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IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Nov 7–8	\$2,011.00
IC Offertory, Nov. 14–15	\$2,301.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending Nov 13	\$2,443.00

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You can also sign up for online giving. See page 9 for details.

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The Immaculate Conception, Society of St. Vincent DePaul **needs your help.**

First and foremost, we pray that you and your family are healthy and safe during these challenging times.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Immaculate Conception Conference, had to **cancel two major fundraising events** (the Walk for the Poor and New England Tenors Holiday Concert) due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. In lieu of these two events we are reaching out to our parish family and benefactors asking that you consider **donating to SVdP**. Any amount you can contribute will help us to continue helping the needy in our area.

We have recently launched our new website: www.svdpnewburyport.org where you can make your donation online and we are also sending letters to all previous donors asking for your help at this time.

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 parish center. All are welcome!

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.

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you!



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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 both Grades 9 and 10 have begun. 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

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.

Can You Help?

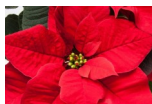


We are in need of additional **Greeters and Cleaning volunteers** in the church for the fast approaching holiday season.

If you can assist IC in continuing to be able to have "in-person Masses" please contact Kathie Williamson at kathie108a@gmail.com or 978-992-6450.

Greeters need to arrive 30 minutes prior to Mass time to check people in and perhaps take temperatures (if we are still in the Red Zone).

Christmas Flowers



We are taking monetary donations and memorials for the purchase of flowers for the church for Christmas. Please do not have flowers delivered to the church but allow us to purchase them. Place your flower donation envelope in the collection box at the church or mail them to IC.

The deadline for donations is **Monday, December 7 at noon.**

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St. Mary's Cemetery Price Increase

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. **Effective December 1**, prices will increase. 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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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 Haiti

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA.**

Immaculate Conception School



The Immaculate Conception School Leadership Team Induction Ceremony was held on Tuesday, November 10. Seventy-six students from grades 6–8, which represents over 60% of students, have chosen to take a leadership role by serving our school and God. The Leadership Team plans and organizes service projects for the whole school and also carries out day-to-day tasks that support our school mission. We start each day in prayer as a school family, which is led by Leadership Team members. Service projects throughout the year focus on local and global issues such as support for area food pantries and natural disasters. Dismissal at the end of the school day is an important time for safety procedures to be followed, which our Leadership Team members help to oversee. Additionally, we take great care to send our littlest students home at the end of the day in a calm, unrushed manner, which our Leadership Team students facilitate by helping to zip jackets and serve as escorts on the stairs and on the carline. Bulletin boards in the school hallways carry a faithful message, often representative of the liturgical calendar, which are designed and created by Leadership Team members. Members of the team benefit from comradeship and opportunity to learn from others' leadership styles. We are thankful to the many students who have stepped up to serve our school and the Lord.



Leadership Team Induction Ceremony—socially distanced in the parking lot.

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 **November 23**.

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>.

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