

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

**SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY**

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 8, 2020**

**[hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org)**



*The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom...the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.*

*(Mt 25: 1, 4)*

*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

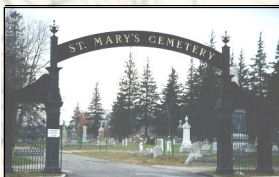
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (11/7)

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

### Sunday (11/8)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
9:00am **IC** *Mary Jayne* (Fr. Harrison)  
9:30am **St. Ann** *Dorothy Batchelder*  
(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)  
11:30am **IC** *Andrew Filomia, Earle Baughn, Eunice Campbell, Faris Jawdeh, For the intentions of Adolf Benca Jr.* (Fr. Harrison)

### Monday (11/9)

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

### Tuesday (11/10)

9:00am **IC** *Raymond & Hilda Hartnett, Lenny Currier, Jack Cohane, Joan & David Jarman*  
(Fr. Harrison)

### Wednesday (11/11)

9:00am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge* (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Thursday (11/12)

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

### Friday (11/13)

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

### Saturday (11/14)

4:00pm **IC** *James T. Leonard, Maureen Heaton, Mary Lefebre, James Lefebre, Albert Tosone, John Boress, Tricia Kelly* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)  
4:00pm **Live-Stream** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (11/15)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)  
9:00am **IC** *Judith Anderson, Paul F. Doyle*  
(Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)  
9:30am **St. Ann** *John Pallone* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)  
11:30am **IC** *George H. (Buzzie) Lawler III*  
(Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Aldora Guyette, Emma Madden, Adrienne Mosher, 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](#)

## Invitation to Participate in the Collaborative Pastoral Council Meetings

In 2019 a Pastoral Council was formed in our Collaborative to assist the Pastor in his responsibilities as the leader of the Collaborative. They serve in a consultative role and there are members from both of our parishes. They have been meeting virtually on Zoom since mid-March and are now meeting once a month, alternating between a Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings on Zoom which gives you a chance to listen to our discussions and to comment or ask questions at certain points in the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in listening in, please send an email to Jim Williamson at [jimwilliamson35@gmail.com](mailto:jimwilliamson35@gmail.com) and he will send you the Zoom link before the meeting. In addition, if you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council you can reach out to Jim or contact any Council member.

## Collaborative Pastoral Council

*Members of the Pastoral Council 2020*

Father Tim Harrison, Chair	Chris Eagan
Jim Williamson, Vice Chair	Amy Friend
Mary Bragg, Secretary	Aaron Giard
	Paula Higgins
Kathy Betz	Deacon John Moranski
Beth Brennan	Lucia Parker
Sue Coppinger	Carol Robertson
Steve DiCamillo	Jonathan Temple
Deacon Paul Dow	Pat Temple

## Watch Mass on Facebook

**To watch our Saturday live stream Masses:**

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) at the appointed time. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet from the above link.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

## Music for Weekend Liturgy

The music program for Saturday's online-only Liturgy will be added to our website. Please visit [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) to download and sing along from home!



## Veterans Day

The Collaborative offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Offices will reopen on Thursday, November 12 at 9:00 a.m.

## EWTN: Catholic News

Your Online Catholic Resource. <http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### 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](mailto:susanjnoyes@gmail.com) to learn more.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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](http://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.

### Vespers & Adoration



October 2020, the month of Our Lady, concluded with 13 communal worship moments. Sixty HRIC parishioners prayed Vespers or Adoration—many serving as greeters, cantors, and disinfectant team. Thanks to all who helped and attended and to Fr. George, Deacon Paul, Deacon John, Joseph Patchett, and John Leary for leading one or more prayer services; to Mary Bragg for schedules and handouts; to Mary Schmidt for set-up; to Aaron Giard and Fr. Tim Harrison for supporting Sacred Silence during the pandemic.



**New!** Thursdays in November (excluding Thanksgiving Day) Adoration/Benediction will be offered at IC at both 1:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Join the 60 HRIC parishioners blessed by setting aside 45 minutes with Jesus! (In the absence of a priest or deacon, there will be no Benediction.)

### 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.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Scripture Readings

November 8–15, 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](http://www.HRICcatholic.org) and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Nov. 8: Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
- Monday, Nov. 9: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22
- Tuesday, Nov. 10: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10
- Wednesday, Nov. 11: Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19
- Thursday, Nov. 12: Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25
- Friday, Nov. 13: 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37
- Saturday, Nov. 14: 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8
- Sunday, Nov. 15: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

(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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**WORD on FIRE**  
**ENGAGE**

## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

## Women at the Well Bible Study

**We Are Meeting Virtually**

Please email [HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com) if you have any questions

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## 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

## 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.

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- Add your name and email and click "sign up"
- You will receive an email that links you to the site

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** How do you keep yourself ready for the coming of God into your life?

**Child:** What are some things that you should be doing to stay prepared for Jesus' coming?

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

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



## At-Home Retreat

**Please join us for a Directed At-Home Retreat.**

Staying on the interior path in these turbulent times of social upheaval, uncharted health challenges, unwanted change, powerlessness, loss, limitations, separation from loved ones, uncertainty, and anxiety may be difficult as you struggle with life's daily challenges and the present chaos and uncertainty. Yet, the very darkness we seek to avoid, if embraced with faith, may present opportunities to experience God's unconditional, ever present love within, sustaining and transforming us through our suffering by connecting us to hope that flows from God. This hope is not tied to good or future outcomes. This hope sustains us in the present regardless of external circumstances or conditions.

During this five-week retreat you will have opportunities for three individual one-hour sessions of spiritual direction by phone or zoom scheduled at your convenience.

Retreat Packet material will support learning through teachings from the works of Richard Rohr, *Wisdom Path*; Order-Disorder-Reorder; Cynthia Bourgeault, *Mystical Hope*; Paul Coutinho, S.J., *Sacred Darkness* and others as well as poems, prayers, and questions for reflection.

During retreat time, through prayer, reading, learning, reflection, group sharing, and individual spiritual direction you will be aided to name and explore your own experience of present darkness and challenges to staying on the interior path and guided to become more aware of the inner path to hope.

This retreat is designed to be affordable, convenient, and safe. It will begin with a group Zoom meeting to discuss the retreat's theme and prepare participants for our interior journey through darkness to hope. The group will meet again during the third week with Zoom to share reflections and responses to material read and support each other as the retreat continues. The closing session will provide participants an opportunity to share the fruits of retreat, continued desires, questions, and responses to embracing the darkness and opening to the hope that holds us now.

Entering the darkest time of the year acknowledging and embracing your own darkness during this retreat may prepare you for your Advent journey. Nourished by a new and truer understanding of hope and the interior path to its source may prepare you to gift God by acting on your desire for a more conscious and constant contact with the source of hope that lives within your center where your loving, living God dwells waiting for you to seek him as the eternal light that shines in the darkness of life.

**Opening Session (held twice for your convenience)**  
Tuesday, November 10 *repeated* Friday, November 13,  
6:00–7:00 p.m. ZOOM

**Third and Fifth week Sessions:** Dates to be determined by group

**Spiritual Director:** Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director. Call (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information.

Suggested donation: \$90.00



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# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

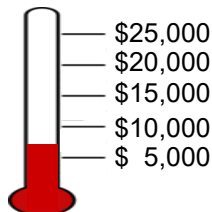
## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, All Saints, Nov. 1 **\$1,490.00**  
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending Oct 30 **\$1,000.00**

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

**Holy Redeemer Parish**  
4 Green Street  
Merrimac MA 01860

HR Grand Annual  
Goal **\$25,000**  
To Date **\$7,975.00**



## Thank You!

Many thanks go to Fr. Bill McLaughlin for taking the time to make the new pedestals for the statues of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph that now are present to the left and right of the high altar at Nativity Church in Merrimac. It is wonderful to have these beautiful images of the Holy Family on full display in the newly updated church!



## HR Prayer Shawl



We would like to 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. We delivered 10 shawls and/or lap blankets in the month of October! 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](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.

## HR 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).

### School Year Programs

Program information for those students entering Grades K–8 can be found on our [parish website](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 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 both Grades 9 and 10 have begun. Information regarding these sessions can be found on the Collaborative website: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) along with registration forms. Should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation office.

## Looking for Volunteers

We are in need of more **Greeters and Cleaning volunteers** for the churches for the fast-approaching Christmas season.

If you would like to assist HR please contact Sue Noyes [susanjnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:susanjnoyes@gmail.com) to learn more.



## 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

## HR St. Vincent de Paul



Donations can be put in the poor boxes at both churches or mail your donation. Please write checks to "HR Saint Vincent de Paul" to help expedite our banking. If mailing a donation, please send it to

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## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, All Saints, Oct. 31–Nov 1      \$1,622.00  
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If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to

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You can also sign up for online giving.

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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.

## 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](http://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](http://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://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

## IC Haiti

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

We are grateful for your continued generosity during the pandemic. May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Tribute to Fr. Broderick

To all of you who have so generously donated to the tribute for our dear Fr. Broderick, we humbly convey our gratitude. Donations of all amounts have allowed us to reach the needed price of \$1,800 to complete our mission. Any remaining money will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

The monument will read as follows:

In Memory of Father Jim Broderick  
Sept. 22, 1925 – Aug. 31, 2020  
"Love One Another"

In the upper corner will be a cross and opposite corner a picture of Father. The monument will be upright rather than flat to the ground. It should be in place by late November. Again, all of you made this possible. Thank you.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

## Can You Help?

We are in need of additional **Greeter 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 978-992-6450 or email [kathie108a@gmail.com](mailto:kathie108a@gmail.com).

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).

## IC St. Vincent de Paul

*Ask and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (Matthew 7)*

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



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

Unfortunately, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Immaculate Conception Conference, has had to **cancel two of its major fundraising events** (the Walk for the Poor and the 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](http://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 chose 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](http://www.svdpnewburyport.org).

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless each of you!

## Archdiocese Web Site

Visit [www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org) for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

## Immaculate Conception School



Adapting to "new normal" has brought about some new traditions at Immaculate Conception School. Dedicated time outside for mask breaks, snack, and lunch has cultivated an expanded use of our church/school campus as we gather in the "Side Garden" along Green Street, the lawn between the church and Parish Center, and the lawn along High Street. The students love spending time outside in these areas, which has spawned ideas to decorate the campus for the holidays. With area towns canceling Halloween trick-or-treating and no option for the school's annual Halloween party, we created some spooky fun with a new tradition, "Halloweek." Parents from each grade decorated a portion of our campus with Halloween lights, spider webs, black cats, and other festive decorations. Every day last week, students and staff dressed in Halloween colors, crazy socks, wore crazy hats and hair styles, and, on Friday, Halloween costumes. The 8th grade students each made a life-size scarecrow to add a personal touch to the festivities. In anticipation of the poor weather on Friday, a decorated hallway provided our youngest students with a trick-or-treat experience, of sorts. The spirit and enthusiasm that we all enjoyed during "Halloweek" is just what we needed!



*Front of the school*



*An 8th grader's scarecrow creation*



*The teachers dressed up like dominoes*

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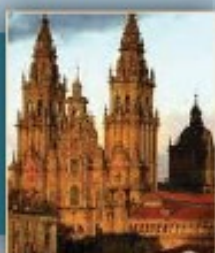


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