

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 27, 2020

hricatholic.org



Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

(Col 3:12, 14)

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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Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985
Phone: 978-346-8604
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Parish offices and church:
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Office Hours: By appointment
Phone: 978-346-8604
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Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
42 Green St., Newburyport 01950
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Phone: 978-462-2724
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Immaculate Conception School

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (12/26)

4:00pm **IC** *John K. Herlihy* (Fr. McLaughlin)
 4:00pm **Live-Streamed** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (12/27)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
 9:00am **IC** *Dianne Lucey, James B. Harrington, Sean Harrington* (Fr. Stanley)
 9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)
 11:30am **IC** *Mary "Kathy" Horgan, Connie Berard* (Fr. Morin)

Monday (12/28)

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

Tuesday (12/29)

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

Wednesday (12/30)

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

Thursday (12/31)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **IC New Year's Eve** *Jack Gorski, Ferdinand & Margaret Gallant* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

Friday (1/1) Mary Mother of God

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)
 9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (1/2)

4:00pm **IC** *John & Carmella Herlihy* (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **Live-Streamed** (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (1/3)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)
 9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
 11:30am **IC** *Tom Carroll* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers, please remember 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](#)

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.

New Year's Office Hours

Collaborative offices will close at 12:00 noon on New Year's Eve, December 31, and will be closed on New Year's Day, January 1. Offices will reopen on Monday, January 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Online Nativity Display

It's not too late to submit your photos for our online Nativity Display. If you would like to submit your photo(s), send them to one of the following:

Email your photos to hricbulletin@gmail.com

Message us on Facebook: [@hriccatholic](#)

DM us on Instagram: [hriccatholic](#)

Share your Nativity photos for the Feast of the Holy Family



We cannot meet in person to share our Nativity sets this year on the Feast of the Holy Family (December 27) as in years past.

Instead, we will post photos of your Nativity sets on our website and Facebook page.

After you set up your display at home, snap a picture and send it to us via email (hricbulletin@gmail.com) or Facebook Messenger (@hriccatholic). We will post the photos beginning December 26.

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.

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

Confessions

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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 *Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program* can help 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.

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.

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

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

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
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- Click "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" (or type in code JRNDGP) and tap "next"
- Add your name and email and click "sign up"
- You will receive an email that links you to the site

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 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.

Music for Weekend Liturgy

The music program for Saturday's online-only Liturgy will be added to our website. Please visit hricatholic.org to download and sing along from home!



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

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COME TO KNOW YOUR BODY & EXPERIENCE THE AUTHENTIC LOVE THAT YOU WERE MADE FOR.

A FREE Introductory Session with a certified NFP Instructor

January 20th at 7PM on Zoom

Please email

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with 'NFP Session' in the subject line to receive the Zoom link.



Have you ever been curious about the hows and whys of the natural cycles of your body? Have you ever wondered if there is more to intimacy than what the culture has to say about it?

Come to know your body, track your own unique cycle and experience the authentic love that you were made for with Natural Family Planning & Fertility Awareness! This is not your grandma's rhythm method. Steeped in the scientific and biological truths of how our bodies function, learn how you can come to know your fertile periods and track what you see based on your natural bodily indicators. The freedom, empowerment, confidence and wonder that come with knowing these truths are just an added bonus.

We're happy to offer a **FREE Introductory Session with a certified NFP Instructor** for anyone who may be curious about where to begin.

January 20 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com with "NFP Session" in the subject line to receive the Zoom link.

"The truth will set you free" John 8:32

Mass Scripture Readings

December 27, 2020–January 3, 2021

(Starting next week, the weekly Mass Scripture Readings will no longer be posted in the bulletin. Instead, parishioners will be directed to the readings online at bible.usccb.org, the site of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. There you will find the readings, be able to listen to them on podcast, and have the opportunity to watch a short reflection piece on the readings offered by a Catholic priest, deacon, religious, or lay person.)

Praying with the Scriptures during the Advent season is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Christmas. The daily readings capture a sense of hope-filled longing and patient anticipation for God's love and mercy. What do the readings reveal about our vocation as Christians and as a Church community to become ever more hopeful and patient disciples of our Savior, Jesus Christ? Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to HRICcatholic.org and click on [HRIC Pastoral Plan](#) and then click on [Lectio Divina](#).

- Sunday, Dec. 27: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40
- Monday, Dec. 28: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
- Tuesday, Dec. 29: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
- Wednesday, Dec. 30: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
- Thursday, Dec. 31: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
- Friday, Jan. 1:
- Saturday, Jan. 2:
- Sunday, Jan. 3:

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



Questions of the Week

Adult: The Feast of the Holy Family alerts us to the importance of family in both good times and bad. How do the members of your household show love and support to one another during difficult times?



Child: How do you show your family that you love them and are thankful for all that they have taught you?

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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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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HR Offertory, Dec. 13 **\$2,004.00**
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HR Grand Annual
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HR St. Vincent de Paul



Throughout the pandemic, the SVdP Conference has been helping those in need in Merrimac and West Newbury. Clients continue to seek help with rent and utilities and the Conference has also distributed food and gas gift cards. Your donations have gone directly to our clients and will continue to assist them.

Because there is no giving tree this year, SVdP is encouraging Christmas gift giving through checks. Please write checks to HR SVdP and mail them to

HR St. Vincent de Paul
 4 Green Street
 Merrimac, MA 01860.

Cash and checks can also be left in the poor boxes at the rear of each churches.

Thank you for remembering those in need and making a difference. Best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a safe and healthy 2021.

Archdiocese Web Site

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

HR Prayer Shawl



We would like to drop off prayer shawls or lap blankets to anyone you know who needs comfort in our Holy Redeemer Parish family—there is no cost, it is free. 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.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. 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: hriccatholic.org along with registration forms. Should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation office.

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Everyone in our Collaborative now has 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 you. 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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"Jesus Wept." John 11:35

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You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.

IC Grand Annual
 Goal **\$85,000**
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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, 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.



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Immaculate Conception School

The ICS Holiday Calendar is Here!!



The Immaculate Conception School holiday “Ring in the New Year” calendar is here! This annual fundraiser is the perfect holiday gift for everyone on your list! Just \$10 buys a chance to win 40 cash prizes. Fill out the tear-off stub of the calendar and send it to the school to be included in the daily cash prize drawings starting January 9, 2021 to February 16, 2021. Total cash prizes for the fundraiser is \$5,000, with daily winnings from \$100 to \$400. Winners are announced in the Collaborative Sunday Bulletin—prizes are mailed directly to the winners.

Proceeds from the calendar fundraiser support the educational experience for the children of Immaculate Conception School. During this time of the pandemic, financial support for our Catholic school has never been more important. The IC provides in-person, hybrid and remote learning for all students. All students join together each day for prayer, discussion, and synchronous learning of new material.

Please support the IC by purchasing a holiday calendar for everyone on your shopping list.

Let us know how many calendars you need by emailing Businessoffice@icsnewburyport.com or by calling the school Business Office at 978-465-7780. Credit card payments are accepted as well as personal checks made out to “Immaculate Conception School.” All transactions are handled by the Business Office. Calendar stubs must be returned to the school by Wednesday, January 6 to be included in the daily drawings.

The Immaculate Conception School community wishes you a very Merry Christmas!!

IC St. Vincent de Paul



We recently launched our new website: www.svdnewburyport.org where you can make an online donation.

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.svdnewburyport.org.

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Our weekly Immaculate Conception Breaking Bread meal has transitioned to a to-go only meal format. 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 IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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.

St. Mary’s Cemetery

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary’s Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

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.

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends 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 being held online (due to coronavirus) 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 **December 28**. Join our free online meeting by going to <http://zoom.us>, click on “Join a Meeting,” enter Meeting ID: 952-104-4920.

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.

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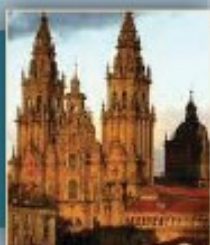


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