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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

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God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark."

(Gn 9:8-10)

All Are Welcome



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

St. Ann

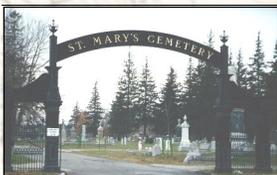
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

- Saturday (2/20)**
4:00pm **IC Live-Stream** *Mary E. Lefebre* (Fr. Morin and Deacon Moranski)
- Sunday (2/21)**
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)
9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)
11:30am **IC** *Ralph Filomia, Thomas F. Melican* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
- Monday (2/22)**
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
- Tuesday (2/23)**
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
- Wednesday (2/24)**
9:00am **IC** *Richard Campiola* (Fr. McLaughlin)
- Thursday (2/25)**
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)
- Friday (2/26)**
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
- Saturday (2/27)**
4:00pm **Live-Stream** (Fr. Stanley)
- Sunday (2/28)**
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)
9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)
11:30am **IC** *Thomas F. Melican, Paul Vincent, Louis Della Gatta, Josef Javor* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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](#)

Bulletin Information

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

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found online at bible.usccb.org the site of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. There you will find the daily 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 daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICatholic.org; click on HRIC Pastoral Plan; and then click on Lectio Divina.

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As we have entered once again into our annual Lenten Season, it is good to pause and take account of this past year. I remember quite vividly where I was when an email was sent out to all priests in the Archdiocese suspending all public Masses due to the increasing spread of COVID-19. It was Friday the 13th...how ironic! In those first early days of the pandemic and the weeks that led up to it, none of us could have imagined all that would transpire—the shut-down and push into isolation, the quarantine requirements and all sorts of travel restrictions, the devastating economic effects, the facemask and social distancing requirements, the frequent and varied stories of those who caught the dreaded virus and the profound heartache of so many who didn't survive. With certainty, we will be feeling the ripple effects of this confluence of events for many years to come.



This past year was to be the "year of the Eucharist," a time set aside by Cardinal O'Malley in the Archdiocese to welcome us more deeply into the mystery of our sacramental meal and the Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. How ironic that as we were just about to begin this time of deeper immersion into this saving gift, most of us were prevented from celebrating in-person this ritual meal that is the foundation of our sacramental life with God and each other. Instead, live-streaming the Mass became our lifeline to one another. It was as though God said we must first experience hunger and longing in order for us to better appreciate so great a gift! There is wisdom here in the midst of the turbulence of 2020, I think!

I have to be honest, I feel more joy now in celebrating the limited number of in-person celebrations than I ever felt before. Even the ability to offer a live-streamed Mass, knowing that it connects to hundreds of people "out there in the ether" is an intense and joyful experience that I dare say is here to stay. It is a great privilege and joy to connect with people through our common prayer, however it may happen.

I think I didn't fully appreciate the awesomeness of that gift as much in "the beforetime." Don't get me wrong—I've always loved celebrating Mass. It is at the very heart of who a priest is and what he does. It's just that with it having been taken away for a while, I see it now in an ever greater way—something more life-giving and energizing than before. And we can't even do it fully yet. We don't sing together, sit together, process much together, or even offer

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Watch Mass on Facebook

To watch our Saturday live-stream Masses:

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Winter Weather Mass Cancellations



Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if Immaculate Conception School, Pentucket Regional, or Newburyport Public Schools **in-person classes** are cancelled or delayed because of inclement weather. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com and we will make every effort to keep our own website and social media updated as well.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Again, please watch WBZ or consult the websites and/or social media for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.

Rosary Rally

Join your brothers and sisters in Christ outdoors on Sunday, February 21, for a Rosary Rally in Merrimac Square.

This rally is in honor of Saints Jacinta and Francisco whom Our Lady appeared to as small children in 1917.

The Fatima children would seize every opportunity to offer prayers and make sacrifices for poor sinners that without these sacrifices would go to Hell.

After this example of these small children, will you honor these saints?

Will you brave the cold and pray for sinners in imitation of the sacrifices of Jacinta and Francisco?

Join us **Sunday, February 21, 1:00 p.m.** in Merrimac Square, Merrimac.

The Bible in a Year



The Bible in a Year podcast, hosted by **Fr. Mike Schmitz**, walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way.

With this podcast, you will read the Bible in a year, learn how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story, become more confident in your understanding of Scripture, experience the power of God's Word in your daily routine, and begin to see the world through the lens of Scripture. Each daily episode is about 20 minutes long.

Don't worry if you haven't started yet, you can jump in anytime and even listen to past episodes. Visit online at <https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/> to learn more or search for "The Bible in a Year" in Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Stitcher, Google Podcasts, or Amazon Podcasts.

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each other a Sign of Peace that in any way enfleshes our true connection to one another as members of the Body of Christ. And yet...Mass is an awesome gift that God gives to us in Christ and we give to each other and our world.

So as we begin this Lenten journey once again, it is good to pause and take account of the many ways that God has blessed us, strengthened us, challenged us, and invited us to grow this past year. They have often not been in ways that we could have foreseen or truly prepared for. How does one prepare, after all, to be stretched in dimensions we didn't know we had, to grieve a loss we had yet to endure or to survive a worldwide calamity marked more by what we would not do, rather than by what we did? Strange thing, this pandemic is.

Nonetheless the Lenten call to holiness touches us where we are, in the midst of our isolation and distance. It speaks to us a word of hope that goes far beyond the mere possibility of what a vaccine could do, but offers the real promise of life-renewed, of a relationship restored. The human spirit needs hope. We need a reminder that despite all the many and varied ways we can err and stray from the path of righteousness, there is still the chance to make things right, to start fresh and begin anew.

Whether we see and celebrate that hope in the sign of a rainbow painted across the sky or through the kaleidoscope of God's mercy and forgiveness offered to us each day, let us never despair that what is will only ever be what there will be. God is always more. So let us embrace Lent, confront our sinfulness, seek mercy and celebrate forgiveness! Although I think 2020 gave the new dimensions to the word, "Penance," it is this tried and trusted path that corrects our vision and restores our focus on the One who gave His life so that we might truly live. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving really work to help each of us better reflect the image of Christ back out into a world that so desperately needs to see Him.

Through our Eucharist may we encounter and celebrate new life in our midst!

Lenten Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

2021 Catholic Appeal



As we begin the Lenten season, we are reminded of the importance of our parish communities that allow us to fully live out our faith. The support of the ministries at the Archdiocese of Boston help our parishes continue serving the faithful in our communities.

Consider making an early gift to this year's Catholic Appeal to help ensure these ministries can continue helping our parishes, and all parishes, schools, and communities throughout our Archdiocese of Boston.

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to make a donation. To give now, scan the QR code. Thank you for your support!



LENT IN THE COLLABORATIVE

Centering Prayer for Lent

Our Lenten reflection on Jesus' words and works reveals Jesus' intimate relationship with his Father. We see the depth of Jesus' faith, trust, and love for God. Jesus tells us "When you pray, go into your private room, shut yourself in, and pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you" (Matt 6:6). Through Centering Prayer you enter your private room.

Lent is a time to follow Jesus more closely and learn from the fully human Jesus how to pray by entering your secret room, spending time that places God at the center of your life, opening yourself to a loving Father, surrendering your will and in trust allowing God to transform you. This is how we pray as we Center in silence.

Through prayer, Jesus, strengthened and moved by his Father's love for him, could willingly surrender his human life for love and reveal our God to us. Through the Paschal Mystery, Jesus of Nazareth was transformed to become Jesus the Christ. We, too, can be transformed through prayer that unites us to God. Lent is the time to pray as Jesus taught us and enter into the Paschal Mystery, receiving new life in God through death to self.

Centering Prayer is an ancient Christian practice available to all who seek transformation through a more intimate relationship with God. This daily practice deepens our faith as we come to better know our God.

Centering Prayer helps us say to the Father, "Not my will but yours be done" (Lk. 22: 42). Please consider joining us for weekly group Centering Prayer and let God move you closer to him. We gather Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. via ZOOM for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer and 30 minutes of Lectio Divina. All are welcome. Contact Elizabeth McCarthy, **978 462-7483**, if interested.

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction During Lent

Join us Thursdays during Lent at Immaculate Conception Church for **Adoration**. All are welcome. No reservations needed. Seating is limited. All attending must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

1:00–1:45 p.m.* and 7:15–8:00 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction will be offered only when clergy are present. There may be a couple afternoon times when no priest or deacon is present. All evening times will have a priest or deacon. In the event that there is no priest or deacon, the church will be open for silent prayer time.*

Stations of the Cross

We will have in-person **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays during Lent at 3:30 p.m. We will alternate the location among all three sites. The service will be live-streamed on our [Facebook](#) page. Please follow COVID protocol.

Feb. 26 St. Ann	Mar. 19 St. Ann
Mar. 5 Nativity	Mar. 26 IC
Mar. 12 IC	Apr. 2 Nativity (Good Friday)

At-Home Lenten Retreat

Jesus the Christ, our wounded healer, calls to us in this time of suffering. Following Jesus through our Lenten retreat we will stay awake with Jesus as he is wounded and suffers for us. We will give thanks for his great love and salvific suffering as we explore our own suffering and its transforming power. Responding to his love, we may allow Jesus to enter through our own wounds, heal us with his saving love, and be transformed.

Retreat packet materials will support learning through Scripture and offer teachings of Richard Rhor, Cynthia Bourgeault, Marcus Borg, Joan Chittister, Paul Coutinho SJ, Carlo Charrette, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Julien of Norwich, Henri Nouwen, Pope John Paul II, and others as well as poems, prayers, and questions for reflection.

Connecting with the Christ's many forms of suffering through prayer, reading, reflection, group sharing, and individual spiritual direction you will be aided to name and explore your own experiences of suffering and desire for healing. You will have opportunities for three individual one-hour sessions of spiritual direction by phone or zoom.

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 you for our Lenten journey. The fourth week Zoom meeting will include teaching and time to share reflections and responses to material read and support each other as the retreat continues. The closing session will provide an opportunity for you to share the fruits of retreat, continued desires, and questions.

Opening Session: (held twice) Tuesday, February 23, 6:00–7:00 p.m. OR Friday February 26, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

4th and 6th week's Sessions: Dates determined by group

Spiritual Director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director. Call (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information. **Suggested Donation:** \$90.00

Another option for a Lenten Retreat has arisen as evening group Zoom meetings are not desirable for many, especially for those who work all day on Zoom. Here is the option:

An Individual Lenten Retreat, *Jesus Wounded Healer*

- Receive a Retreat Packet and contact Spiritual Director to schedule review of the material.
- Read and reflect and schedule your first Spiritual Direction session by phone or Zoom. (weekend sessions are available).
- Continue reading, pondering, and praying and schedule your two additional Spiritual Direction sessions during Lent by phone or Zoom as you are ready.
- Schedule all meetings at your convenience and if needed reschedule as there would be no group meetings.

Lenten Activities

Visit our website for suggestions to fulfill the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Click on the Lent 2021 tab on our website: hriccatholic.org.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Celebrating Black History Month

During Black History Month we want to recognize the contributions of Black Catholic individuals who have achieved greatness in the face of racism's plight.

Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, born Elizabeth Lang, started a school for African American children in Baltimore in the early 1800s. She also founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first order of Black sisters in the US, while overcoming many racial hurdles.

Daniel Rudd, an American Black Catholic whose father was a former slave, founded a weekly newspaper in 1886 for Black Catholics. Through the publication, he wanted to break down the racial divisions in the church as well as in the community. His work achieved the establishment of the first National Black Congress in 1889.



Read about these and other black Catholics throughout history: <https://www.simplycatholic.com/celebrating-the-contributions-of-black-catholics/>

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.hricatholic.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.

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/hricatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

Questions of the Week



Adult: In what ways can you identify with Jesus in the desert during this Lenten period? What temptations are there in your life that you need God to help you with?

Child: What can you do to try to be more like Jesus in resisting the temptation to do wrong?

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

Mary Shachok
Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker

Wake Me Up Lord

Wake me up Lord, so that the evil of racism finds no home within me.

Keep watch over my heart Lord,
and remove from me any barriers to your grace, that may oppress and offend my brothers and sisters.

Fill my spirit Lord, so that I may give services of justice and peace.

Clear my mind Lord, and use it for your glory.

And finally, remind us Lord that you said, "blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

Amen

*USCCB: A Prayer Service
for Racial Healing in Our Land*

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.

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Daily Masses

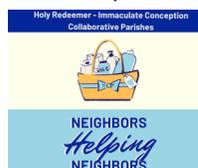
We are now offering Daily Masses Monday–Friday at 9:00 a.m. at IC, Newburyport. No advanced signup required.

We are still in need of 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.

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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You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

HR Grand Annual
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to our goal!*



HR Online Giving

Holy Redeemer now provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly or monthly) donation.



Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish community. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then click on “HR Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

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.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has you covered. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource.
<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

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.

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. **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

Dates have been set for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Please be aware that we **are not yet** accepting registrations as COVID restrictions keep us in flux. As always, please reach out to the Faith Formation Office with any questions you might have.

First Reconciliation:

IC: Friday, April 30, 3:00 p.m.
Friday, May 7, 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 8, 11:00 a.m.

Nativity: Saturday, May 1, 11:00 a.m.

First Eucharist:

IC: Monday, June 7, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 12, 11:00 a.m.
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Baptism

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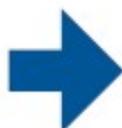
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If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to

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

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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. 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, then click on “IC Parish 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.

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IC St. Vincent de Paul



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.

To donate, visit our website and donate online at www.svdpnewburyport.org, drop your donation (checks payable to “SVdP of Newburyport.”) into the collection box at Mass, or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Tuesday evenings • **take out only** • 4:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

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.

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First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Dates have been set for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Please be aware that we **are not yet** accepting registrations as COVID restrictions keep us in flux. As always, please reach out to the Faith Formation Office with any questions you might have.

First Reconciliation:

IC: Friday, April 30, 3:00 p.m.
Friday, May 7, 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 8, 11:00 a.m.

Nativity: Saturday, May 1, 11:00 a.m.

First Eucharist:

IC: Monday, June 7, 6:00 p.m.
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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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Immaculate Conception School

At Immaculate Conception School, every grade leads the school in prayer at least once a year. The advantages of technology allows the community to continue to pray together despite covid protocols. Last week, Grade 5 did a beautiful job leading a school Mass for remote and in-person learners. Students logged onto a common virtual meeting space that enabled everyone to have a front row seat in the church. Thank you to Mrs. Lacefield and her students for leading the school community in our celebration of Mass.



Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis said that during the coronavirus pandemic he has been reflecting on St. Joseph who, just like so many of us have made unseen sacrifices during the pandemic to protect others, St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus.

“Each of us can discover in Joseph—the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence—an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble,” the pope wrote. He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph’s role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, “Our world today needs fathers.” (CNA, 12-10-20)

To learn more about the Year of St. Joseph and resources available to you, visit bostoncatholic.org/yearofstjoseph. There you can find many resources and links.

ENGAGE & FORMED

We 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.

To access the resources of Word on Fire’s **ENGAGE**, register at flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting HRIC to 84576.

To access **FORMED**, visit (formed.org), click “Sign up,” then “I belong to a parish or organization” and type in “Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative” to log in.



Immaculate Conception School

Congratulations to the “Ring in the New Year” 2021 Calendar Winners!

Susan Meurer 1/8
Rachel Matula 1/9
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Joe Cote 1/11
Tara Colamota 1/12
Todd Gibbons 1/13
Matt Simons 1/14
Shelly Prentiss 1/15
Elaine Pivero 1/16
Mr. David Zinck 1/17
Jean Moody 1/18
Annie McIlvain 1/19
Jill Moran 1/20
Pamela Hajj 1/21
Matt Simons 1/22
Loretta Gallagher 1/23
The Bagarella Family 1/24
Tara Colamota 1/25
The Mills Family 1/26
The Mills Family 1/27
Chris Brownell 1/28

Rich Schneider 1/29
Amy Aylward 1/30
Dong Soo Anderson-Song 1/31

Mr. Mark Halliday 2/1
Dong Soo Anderson-Song 2/2
Alyssa MacCarthy 2/3
Callum Dunn 2/4
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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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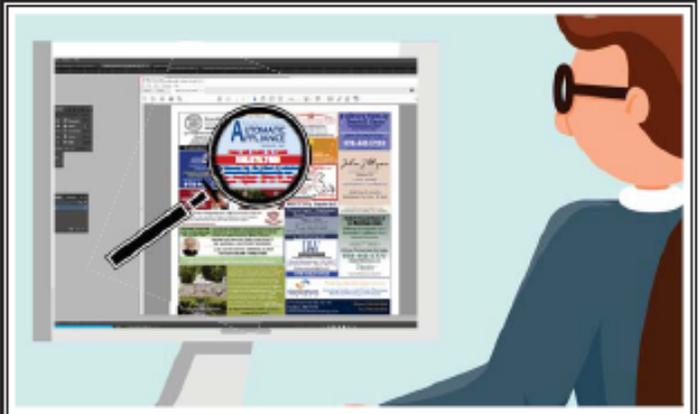
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