

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021



They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. (Mk 15:17-19)

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All Are Welcome

The Paschal Triduum

Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative

Serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury



Holy Thursday
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Church
(Also live-streamed)

Come and enter into the sacred three days of **Triduum** by celebrating the Lord's simple command: *"as I have done for you, so you must do."* Join us for a commemoration of the Last Supper and institution of the Eucharist.

Good Friday

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Church (Also live-streamed) and St. Ann Church

Join with us as we immerse ourselves in St. John's Passion account, venerate the Cross, and offer Special Intercessions for the whole world.



Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m.

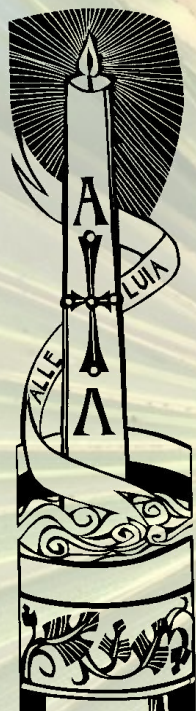
Nativity Church (Also live-streamed)

Easter

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection

The Easter Vigil—gather at 7:30 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Church
(Also live-streamed)

Known as the "mother of all vigils" this sacred moment is the high point of our whole year! Beginning with the Lucinarium or service of light, this celebration continues with special readings and Psalms that tell the story of Salvation. Continuing with the renewal of our own Baptismal Promises and ending with the Eucharist—this is one joyful event not to miss!



Easter Sunday

Live-Streamed 9:00 a.m.

Nativity Church
8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

St. Ann Church
9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception Church
9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Come and celebrate the Lord's Resurrection! Along with the joyful, sung Alleluia, festive decorations, and sacred stories of the Resurrection, everyone will be invited to renew their Baptismal Promises during this Mass.

To link to our live-stream, or to register in advance for in-person Mass attendance, please visit our website at www.hricatholic.org.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (3/27)

4:00pm **Live-Stream Garry F. Doyle** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (3/28) *Palm Sunday*

8:00am **Nativity Marcia Grasso Bunnell**

(Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am **IC Ted LoPreste, Angelo & Eleanor Messina, Rita Croteau** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

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

11:30am **IC Gerald S. Volpone** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (3/29)

9:00am **IC Eugene & Rose Campiola** (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (3/30)

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

Wednesday (3/31)

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

Thursday (4/1) *Holy Thursday*

7:00pm **IC Mass of the Lord's Supper**
(Also Live-Streamed)

Friday (4/2) *Good Friday*

3:00pm **IC Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion** (Fr. Stanley and Deacon Dow)

3:00pm **St. Ann Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion** (Fr. Harrison and Deacon Moranski)

7:00pm **Nativity Stations of the Cross**
(Also Live-Streamed)

Saturday (4/3) *Holy Saturday*

Gather at 7:30pm **IC Easter Vigil**
(Also Live-Streamed)

Sunday (4/4) *Easter Sunday*

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

9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin and Deacon Moranski)

(Also Live-Streamed at 9:00am)

9:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)

10:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin and Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember Gerald S. Volpone, Sr., Elena Poore, 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](#)

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 using the above link.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

Easter Collections

Clergy Trust

Next week's Easter collection will benefit Clergy Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our 536 active and senior priests in good standing. Whether it is within our parish communities or in the community at large, our priests are making a difference every day. This year more than ever, your support is needed and appreciated. Thank you for your generosity to this collection.

Visit clergytrust.org to learn more or for ways to make your gift today or scan the QR code to make your gift now.



Collaborative Offices Easter Schedule

Collaborative offices will close at 12 noon on Good Friday, April 3 and will be closed on Easter Monday, April 5.

Offices will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6.

Register to Attend Mass

To register to attend an in-person Mass celebrated in our Collaborative, including our Easter Liturgies, 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.

Questions of the Week

Adult: Which part of the Passion story touches you the most this year?

Child: What can you do each day this week to remind you that Jesus died and rose to new life for you?

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction During Holy Week

Join us in person at 1:00 or 7:15. All are welcome. Remember attendees of in-person events must follow all COVID protocol including wearing face masks at all times and maintaining social distancing.

Given the need for communal prayer and silence during these challenging times and the "Year of the Eucharist" that we are celebrating as an Archdiocese this year, we are opening Immaculate Conception Church for prayer liturgies:

Adoration: Monday, 3/29 : 1:00–1:45 p.m. & 7:15–8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 3/30: 1:00–1:45 p.m. & 7:15–8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 3/31: 1:00–1:45 p.m.

Adoration/Benediction: Wednesday, 3/31: 7:15–8:00 p.m.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Evangelization Support Team

Are you looking to grow as a missionary disciple, helping others come to the hope-filled and joyful realization of God's awesome plan for their lives? Beginning during the Easter season, we will be starting a new small group to support one another in the task of bringing the Good News out into our everyday interactions.

After His Resurrection, Jesus said to His Apostles "go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19), thereby giving us all a solemn duty to bring the message of God's love out into the darkness and messiness of the world. Clearly "evangelization" needs to be reclaimed as a word in our vocabulary from negative associations of an intrusive imposing of belief and fiery judgment. We need images of Jesus' fiery LOVE and freeing truth, urgently shining into a world in darkness and confusion that gives light and hope beyond hope, images of everyday acts of radical love, and invitations to prayer and trust in Jesus.

For most of us, this task seems daunting. However, with fellow disciples we can support and encourage one another. In our small group, we will be talking about what it means for us as Catholics to evangelize. We will support one another in this endeavor through prayer and sharing. If you are interested, please contact Aaron Giard at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org for more.

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
Bridie Hubley
Joe Messina

Vincent Oberhofer
Mary Shachok
Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
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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 Pastoral Council

Invitation to Participate in the Collaborative Pastoral Council Meetings

The Pastoral Council for the Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative assists 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 meet once a month, mostly on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings on Zoom, giving 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 **Saturday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m.** If you are interested in joining the meeting on Zoom, please send an email to Jim Williamson at jimwilliamson35@gmail.com and he will send you the Zoom link before the meeting.

Members of the Pastoral Council

Father Tim Harrison, Chair
Jim Williamson, Vice Chair
Mary Bragg, Secretary

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

Kathy Betz
Beth Brennan
Sue Coppinger
Steve DiCamillo
Deacon Paul Dow

EWTN Easter Programming

EWTN brings you inspiring Holy Week and Easter Programming on TV, Radio, and Internet!

Join EWTN Global Catholic Network in remembering Christ's love for us through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming, LIVE Masses, and much much more! Go to ewtn.com/lent, stream our channel on the Internet, see us on your local cable television station, or use our EWTN APP on your mobile device.

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

The Shared Heritage of Our Faiths

This weekend ushers in the Jewish Passover festival, or *Pesach*, and Christianity's observance of Holy Week. Judaism and Christianity share a rich heritage and roots. Both are on full display as the rituals and traditions of each faith unfold during this high holy season.

Jesus' Last Supper was no ordinary meal. It was a Jewish Seder, a memorial to the Passover and Exodus of the Hebrew people in the Old Testament, celebrated on the first two nights of Passover. (See [The Passover Seder](#), right column.)

The original Passover centered on an unblemished lamb whose blood was shed and posted on doors to save the Hebrews' firstborn during the pass over of the Angel of Death. At Jesus' Last Supper, Christ introduced new symbolism into the traditional Passover and instituted what would later become Christianity's Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beginning that evening and continuing the next day in his Passion and Crucifixion, Christ offered himself as the unblemished Lamb of God, sacrificing himself for the salvation of the entire world.

Christ's Last Supper linked forever the Old and New Testaments and Covenants. Both events celebrate the Lord's covenant with mankind: atonement is provided by the promised Messiah for His people.

God commanded the Israelites to remember the Passover and the Exodus from one generation to the next. At the Last Supper, Christ also instructed His Apostles to remember *Him* forever. "Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19).

The Seder at Passover and the Eucharist are both events of remembrance. However, each commemorates something slightly different. The Passover Seder is a tribute to the history and liberation of the Israelites from captivity in Egypt. The Eucharistic celebration is the "New Passover," rooted in the Seder, and referring in a broader manner to liberating mankind from the slavery of sin and inviting each of us to share in His eternal life.

The weeklong Passover Festival is an annual celebration, as are the events of Holy Week. Each time we celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we connect with a history that extends to our Jewish ancestors in faith as children of the God of Abraham. "In you all the families of earth will be blessed." (Genesis 12:3)

May God bless us all as we observe the holiest days of both faiths.

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.

The Passover Seder

On the evening of March 27, our Jewish brothers and sisters begin the celebration of Passover or *Pesach*, an important high holiday. The first two nights include the Seder (Order), a meal rich in the symbols representing different aspects of the exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt. Passover ends on April 2, following this weeklong celebration of freedom.

The telling of the story has been observed by the Jewish people for over 3,000 years; dictated by the command in Exodus 13:8 to tell the story of the Exodus to children through a Passover specific book called the *Haggadah* (telling).

The Seder is the worship of God through prayer, study, and learning by taking part in what is an annual lesson in Jewish history and faith.

Seated at a dinner table, the focal point of the event is the Seder plate including foods symbolizing the Israelites progression to freedom:



A **roasted shank bone** from a male lamb without blemish and killed in a way so no bones were broken symbolizing the Pesach sacrifice (lamb) in the Temple,

A **roasted egg** symbolizing either the spring season or mourning (for the destruction of Jerusalem),

Maror (bitter herbs) to represent the bitter experience of the Hebrew slaves,

Charoset (a mixture of apples, nuts, raisins, spices, wine) symbolizing the mortar the Hebrew slaves used to build for the Egyptians, and

Karpas (parsley, celery, or another green vegetable) symbolizing the green of spring.

The table includes three pieces of **matzah**, a flat cake of unleavened bread. Held in a special pouch, they represent the unleavened bread eaten during the flight from Egypt, which allowed no time for bread to rise. They were to show unhesitating obedience to what God demanded.

An **extra cup of wine** also is left on the table for the prophet Elijah. The door is open for the prophet who will forecast the coming of a Messiah. The chanting of the song *Dayenu* ("it would have been enough") is acknowledgement of the gifts given by God throughout the Exodus.

Judaism is a beautiful faith rich in tradition of which our Christian faith was prophesied in the Old Testament. To our Jewish neighbors and friends we say:

Chag Pesach Semeach—Happy Passover holiday.

Women at the Well Bible Study

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. We meet Monday nights, 6:30–8:00. All are welcome.

Please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com to join us.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Centering Prayer for Lent

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.

Join us for weekly group Centering Prayer and let God move you closer to him. We gather Wednesday evenings from 6:00–7:00 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.

Bulletin Information

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

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

How can we help you?

Some in our Collaborative may have challenges getting everyday needs accomplished during the pandemic.

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.

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found online at bible.usccb.org.

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.



Consecration to St. Joseph

In loving memory of Fr. James Broderick.

In honor of the year of St. Joseph, the Knights of Columbus present a 33-day prayer service: Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father.

Join us Wednesday, March 31, 7:00 p.m. to begin our journey

Where: Immaculate Conception Church

For more details and to reserve your copy of the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph*, email kofc231@outlook.com.

Helping Our Homeless

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

In an effort to ease the suffering of our homeless and as a Collaborative-wide Lenten observance, we again will be collecting "Homeless Care Packs" at all three churches. A Homeless Care Pack is a one-gallon Ziploc bag filled with personal care items for men and women. They will be distributed to local agencies serving our homeless, including Pelican Intervention Fund, St. Vincent de Paul, Pettengill House, Salvation Army, YWCA, Community Service, and others.

Travel-size personal care items are the best size and can be found in most pharmacies in the area. There will be a collection box at the entrance of each church and in the lobby of the IC Parish Center, or you can contact a member of our Confirmation classes. For more information or to help, contact Aaron Giard at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org, or Jonathan Temple at jntemple@comcast.net. Thank you for your generosity and compassion. **Items needed:**

Shampoo	Cough drops	Feminine hygiene products (Women)
Toothbrush	Protein bars	Umbrellas
Toothpaste	Soap	Antiseptic wipes
Deodorant	Life Savers candy	Disposable masks
Razor	Disposable face cloths	
Socks	Kleenex packs	No mouthwash or loose items
Gloves	Hand sanitizer	
Shaving Cream		

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, March 21	\$1,758.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance	\$ 258.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending March 19	\$4,711.00
Grand Annual	\$104,360.00

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

Immaculate Conception Parish
42 Green Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

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

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$53,820.00
To Date \$22,340.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org
To learn more.



IC Haiti Appeal

The first quarterly collection for IC Haiti will be taken up on **Palm Sunday weekend (March 27–28)**. Once again, we appeal to your care for, and generosity toward, the children and school community of Puit Chacha, Haiti.

Last year, despite a reduction in our collection totals, we were able to keep the school up and running during the pandemic. We were also able to provide funding for the construction of a Covid-care building for those who were unable to be attended to properly at home or at the hospital complex in Fond des Blanc.

During this Lenten season, all of us are encouraged to deepen our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ through prayer and acts of mercy. Although we are thousands of miles away from Haiti, we have been invited since 2009 to see our Haitian brothers and sisters with the eyes of Christ. Let us continue to support them with our prayers and almsgiving.

Please use the special IC Haiti envelopes and make out checks to "IC Haiti."

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.

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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 information regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

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.
Monday, June 14, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 19, 1:00 p.m.

Nativity: Saturday, June 5, 11:00 a.m.

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 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!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Scientific Education for IC Parish Students

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Fund. Email your request for an application to marykscholarship@gmail.com.

Scholarship eligibility:

- Young man or woman parishioner of IC Parish
- High school graduate in pursuit of a scientific education

Completed applications must be postmarked and returned to the Trustees no later than **Wednesday, April 14, 2021**.

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. 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.

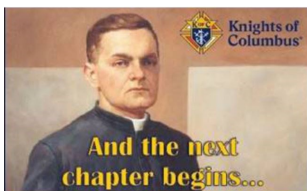
The Pelican Intervention Fund



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.

Knights of Columbus



Fr. Michael J. McGivney, our founder, was beatified on October 31, 2020. Be a part of this new chapter and his legacy by becoming a Knight of Columbus today.

Free online memberships now through June 30, 2021. Visit kofc.org/joinus and enter code MCGIVNEY2020.

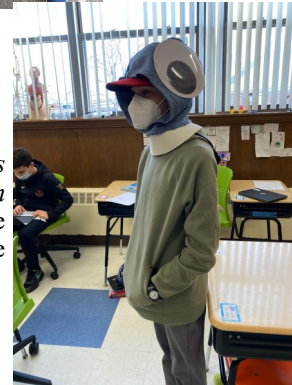
Immaculate Conception School



A child's time spent reading can be a key contributor to success later in life. There is no doubt that the students at Immaculate Conception are headed for success based on their dedication to reading during a recent Read-a-Thon fundraiser. The school children were challenged to chart their time reading, which contributed to individual goals as well as class goals. Results after the first of the two week event were impressive—over 50,000 minutes read and \$20,000 raised!! The highlight of the fundraiser was a Dress Like a Storybook Character Day, pictured. Students and teachers dressed in costumes to depict characters from their favorite books. The Read-a-Thon was a great opportunity to promote reading and community involvement!



Gordon and Ella dressed as characters from Harry Potter



Liam dressed as the pigeon from Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus



Teacher Marybeth O'Keefe dressed as Viola Swamp from Miss Nelson is Missing

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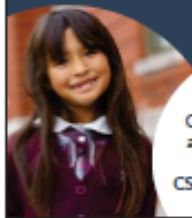
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HR Faith Formation

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.
Monday, June 14, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 19, 1:00 p.m.

Nativity: Saturday, June 5, 11:00 a.m.

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 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.

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