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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

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I am the Resurrection and the Life.

He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;
and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

– John 11:25-26

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Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

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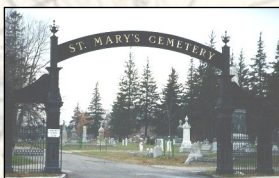
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Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (3/28)

4:00pm Garry F. Doyle, Shirley Miller, Barbara Blaikie, Rita & Normand Rondeau, Maureen F. Heaton

Sunday (3/29)

10:00am Ronald LaPierre, Irene & Robert Reeves, Janet Lamay, Philip Blanchette, Lauren Gagne Dwyre, Cris Carr Ammons, Maureen F. Heaton, Sr. Regina McAuley

Saturday (4/4)

4:00pm Stephen Cutter

Sunday (4/5)

10:00am Regina M. Stronge, Sandra Valente, Lena Filomia

In your prayers please remember Mary Ellen McLeod and all the faithful departed.

All Masses will be broadcast live through Facebook Live until further notice.



Find us on Facebook: [Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)



Last Sunday's online Mass from St. James Chapel. Don't forget to tune in this weekend on Facebook.

Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information on what is happening in the Collaborative during these changing times. You can also find links to our , Facebook, Instagram, and twitter pages.

We will also post our weekly bulletins on the website for you to view electronically.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Lazarus was dead. Stone-cold, dead as a doorknob, so to speak. We know this because the Gospel makes it a point for us to hear that he was dead for four days. Not three, not two, but four. Four is significant because in ancient times, people were not as medically clear as to when death actually occurred or when the soul was known to leave the body. Sometimes it was the case that a person could be in a very deep coma, breathing only slightly and infrequently. Although rare, it might be the case that an individual could recover from this deep coma and be restored to health. But four days in, they were a corpse and the inevitable decay would have begun.



Jesus' raising of Lazarus was a crescendo of His earthly ministry—if Jesus of Nazareth could even raise a bona fide dead man to life, nothing could stop Him or His ministry to spread the Good News. For those of weak faith, there is no greater sign of hope that the earthly Jesus could have offered. For those who already believed, it was a confirmation of God's goodness and that God was fully blessing Jesus in everything that He did. For those who did not believe or obstinately refused to believe. . . well, it was the final straw in their quest to discredit and undermine Jesus' work. They walked away from this supposed miracle convinced that Jesus had to die. In one sense, it was the most polarizing of all miracles. When confronted with a resuscitated Lazarus, there was little room to debate: you either believed in God's complete power over life and death, or you walked away convinced of a hoax, steeled in your resolve to destroy the perpetrator.

Jesus' miracles were always divisive, unsettling the witnesses at the deepest levels. How disturbed must the mourners of Jairus' daughter have been when Jesus threw them out of the house and proclaimed that the little girl was merely sleeping. They even went so far as to ridicule Him, before being reduced to silence when the child would later appear, healthy and whole. Or what of the people of Nain, who accompanied the poor widow in the din of a funeral procession out of the city only to be stopped by Jesus. Touching the casket and commanding the young man to arise, he gave him back to his mother before a stunned crowd. And then, right after His Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, there was the father who brought his son, possessed by a demon. Casting the demon out, the boy lay dead before the frenzied crowd. Jesus simply took him by his hand, raised him up, and gave him back to his father.

Dead is dead. But again and again, with Jesus there is life. These most dramatic of all His miracles leave a potent question in the hearts and minds of all who witness or even hear of them: Did this really just happen, or is this some kind of profound misunderstanding? You really can't have it both ways. Lazarus was either really dead and Jesus brought him back to life again, or something else happened. Four days, though. . . . Nope. Really dead! It doesn't leave much room for questions, except the most important one: to believe that Jesus is the Son of God, or not.

These days we are being faced with a rising death toll and skyrocketing list of those who have been exposed to or become sick with the COVID-19 coronavirus. If there ever was a "shadow of death" that Psalm 23 references, this is it. We will experience great suffering in our community and beyond because of it. But the fundamental question is still asked, just as it was in Jesus' time: Do you believe? Do

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you believe that Jesus has power over microbes and illness as He does over sin and death? Do you believe that Jesus is still present in our community despite our suffering and misfortune? Do you believe that we will find healing and wholeness in body, mind, and soul, just as Jesus promised us? Do you believe that through Jesus we all have the promise and pledge of eternal life? Do you believe in Jesus' power to heal and restore?

Do you believe?

Of all the questions we ask, this is the most fundamental. Because how we answer it will determine our path to the future—either to walk in faith and trust with the God through whom all things are possible, or to walk away, frustrated and empty. Believing means everything changes and life begins anew. A failure to believe means nothing changes and we are stuck with what we have. Dead is dead: an end, a failure, a senseless loss, a cruel joke—all wormwood and gall.

But with Jesus, dead is not dead, but rather there is new life and hope. Peace and joy will exist hand in hand, without “social distancing” or that vague sense of mistrust that has invaded our spirits, “six-foot rule” or not. With Jesus there is complete and total resurrection on such a scale that our mere human words fall apart in trying to describe the superlative of it all. In Jesus Christ there is life and hope. So, no matter how vexing life may appear in the days ahead, no matter what challenges we might face personally or globally, remember the answer you give to this one question: Do you believe?

For Lazarus there was only one answer. For Martha and Mary, there was only one answer. For Jesus' disciples there was only one answer. For the Martyrs and Saints there was only one answer. May our hearts be so convinced as well. Because when we believe, only then do we really begin to live!

My prayers for safety, protection, healing, and hope,
Fr. Timothy Harrison

Women at the Well Catholic Women's Group

We Are Going Virtual

We will be meeting virtually until further notice. All are welcome to join in, whether you are a new face or have come before!

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.

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Collaborative Update

As of March 24, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

As the COVID-19 coronavirus crisis continues to unfold, we continue to get updates every day directing us to follow various policies and procedures as they affect our community life and worship. Frankly, it has been difficult to keep up with all of them, as things have been changing so rapidly.

As of this moment, in response to Governor Baker's latest advisory and orders, we have been asked to close all parish offices to the public. Many of our Collaborative staff will continue to work from their homes and be in communication through email and phone messages. I would direct your attention to the following:

All public masses are suspended, however we will continue to livestream private masses on the weekends at 4pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday through Facebook and our website. I would encourage all parishioners to “attend” Mass virtually until we are given the ability to gather in our churches once again. We have been notified today that this will likely affect our Holy Week and Easter celebrations this year. Plans are being made to celebrate these special moments virtually as well.

Although we cannot take up a physical collection in church, the parishes of our Collaborative are very much in need of your continued financial support. Even though we are unable to offer public worship, many of our expenses continue through this time including utilities, vendor payments, employee salaries and fixed benefits. We are working to reduce these costs as much as possible. Nonetheless, if you are in a position to do so, I would encourage you to mail-in your regular contributions and / or utilize our on-line giving program.

While we have been prohibited from celebrating funerals in the church buildings, we are allowed to be present to funeral home and graveside services as needed, provided the Governor's limits on the number of people gathered is respected. Currently this limit is 10 people or less. Our church buildings will remain closed to the public at this time.

Priests may continue to minister individually to those who are ill, offering the Sacraments of the Sick as needed.

Holy Redeemer Parish has suspended their sandwich program at the request of the shelter they served, as they are unable to take in donations made outside of the premises at this time. When it is able to resume, we will make everyone aware. The Tuesday night meal at IC continues, but for take-out only. Provisions are being made to deliver to those in need who cannot pick up the meals in person.

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While AA / Recovery meetings are still allowed (subject to the number limitation by the Governor) most groups are attempting to meet online through Zoom or other video-conferencing. Members should contact their group leader or check for a meeting online.

Please use email and our phone system to reach out to our staff if you have any questions or concerns. We will do our very best to help anyone in need with our communities as much as possible.

Please check our website www.hriccatholic.org and social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) often for online bulletin, updates, spiritual resources, and other information.

Please join with me in praying for health and protection for our families, neighbors, communities, nation, and world. May the Lord deliver us soon from this disease and every other illness and hardship.

Prayerfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Timothy Harrison

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" from 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 in the lobby of the IC Parish Center for the care packs. For more information or to help, please contact Jonathan Temple, 978-809-9337. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

Items needed:

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

Prayers for the Sick

May the comfort and healing of Christ embrace all in our Collaborative who are suffering from illness, especially:

Priscilla Brown	Ron Pagliaruto
Brett Burkinshaw	Ruth Sullivan
Eunice Campbell	Michael Tucker
Joe Messina	

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

Community Service of Newburyport Donations

In addition to the Helping Our Homeless Care Pack program this Lent, we are piloting something new at IC. Community Service of Newburyport operates a pantry that provides household essentials like toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, deodorant, laundry detergent, and dish detergent for people in need. Many people in our community, and in particular clients of our St. Vincent de Paul Society, rely on Community Service to make ends meet. When you shop for these items yourself, please consider picking up an extra and drop it off at church. Unlike the care packs these should be full size items.

You can find more information about Community Service at communityserviceofnewburyport.com. There is a bin in the IC Parish Center Lobby. Alternatively you may consider dropping things off at Community Service of Newburyport directly. They're located behind St. Paul's Church just a few doors down the street from the IC Church. If you do so please mention you're from Immaculate Conception Parish.

Act of Spiritual Communion

We cannot receive Communion right now but we 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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Online Lenten Resources

If you are looking for some Lenten inspiration from online sources, try these:

FORMED Lenten reflections: <https://formed.org/promo/lent-registration>

Bishop Barron's 2020 Lenten Gospel Reflections: <https://www.lentreflections.com/>

Complimentary access to Living Faith reflections:
https://mailchi.mp/bayard-inc/g2gkchgw5-804349?fbclid=IwAR3798F4P5ztw2F2MepjqY1_TGxOBFyi-PIBTq8D4--e_V-eXqoGnc5tJw

Loyola Press free ebook, 7 Ways to Practice Lent:
<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/articles/articles/seven-ways-to-practice-lent-ebook>

Lent in 3 minutes Busted Halo: <https://bustedhalo.com/video/watch-lent-3-minutes>

Loyola Press Living Lent Daily emails: <https://www.loyolapress.com/.../liturg.../lent/living-lent-daily>

Ignatian Spirituality Resources and Reflections: <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent>

Kid-friendly printable Lenten activity calendar: <http://catholicmom.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/FINAL-2020-Lenten-Calendar.pdf>

USCCB Daily Readings: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/021820.cfm>

Franciscan Media Lent with the Saints: <https://info.franciscanmedia.org/lent?hsCtaTracking=6c488aa5-7491-48dd-a802-1054da25c70a%7C6dfb1d2-4305-4f03-9d14-45f2b8dc3bfb>

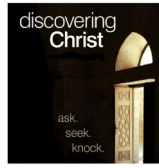
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Dynamic Catholic Best Lent Ever: https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever?utm_source=CathAdNet&utm_medium=Display&utm_campaign=BLE2020&utm_content=728x90MT

EWTN Lenten Meditations ebook: https://resources.ewtn.com/2020-lenten-meditations-ebook-offer/?utm_source=housefile&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2020lentenebook&utm_content=offeremailnews&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8GMA6utDyKeldiFmZ5wNHTAi1MwKXIJkGZZNjixeuw1nu16FZzCdbo4_8CFIXgH8XuJeXfDPDxcohP16huq1U_Vxsniw&hsmi=83726891

Relevant Radio's 40 Lenten Lessons on the Mass by Fr. Rocky: <https://relevantradio.com/father-rockys-40-lenten-lessons-mass/>

Discovering Christ Series



Due to the threat of the coronavirus, the need for social distancing, and the directives of our Pastor Fr. Tim and the Archdiocese, the Discovering Christ series scheduled for April and May has been **postponed** to a later date. We pray all of you will continue to trust in the Lord's love and mercy during this critical period of both health threats and economic upheaval. Although we will not be able to gather together in our collaborative churches for some time, let us pray for one another, remembering especially those who are the most vulnerable among us.

Cursillo and Ultreya

Cursillo weekends have been cancelled through June. Ultreya meetings are cancelled until further notice.

The Cursillo weekend is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love into your daily life. Many of your HRIC brothers and sisters have experienced this "short course in Christianity" at St. Basil's Salvatorian Center in Methuen, MA and we invite you to include Cursillo as part of your faith journey.

Mass Scripture Readings

March 29–April 5, 2020

Praying with the Scriptures during Lent is a compassionate way to accompany the Lord on his way to the cross. Set aside fifteen minutes each day, in the same place, and at the same time. What do each day's Scripture passages reveal to me about our loving Father, our Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit? What do the passages reveal about me? What am I being called upon to do, to be? Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, March 29: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45
- Monday, March 30: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalm 23; John 8:1-11
- Tuesday, March 31: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102; John 8:21-30
- Wednesday, April 1: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31-42
- Thursday, April 2: Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105; John 8:51-59
- Friday, April 3: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18; John 10:31-42
- Saturday, April 4: Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; John 11:45-56
- Sunday, April 5: Matthew 21:1-11 (procession with palms); Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 22, Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

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



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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, then click on “Online Giving” to get to the site. Or the Online Giving link on our homepage. 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.

Immaculate Conception School



Immaculate Conception School jumped right into online learning just one day after Newburyport schools closed for COVID-19. The faculty and administration started to actively prepare for a possible school closure in late February. Several weeks worth of work was gathered and cued up to be ready to go at a moment's notice. The Technology Team scheduled additional training sessions with students and teachers for review sessions and introduced log on procedures for digital tools that would be beneficial for an at-home learning dynamic. Families were asked to think about the stress that home computers and devices would endure if everyone were at home working and learning. When the decision was made to close the IC, the teachers didn't miss a beat and rolled right into posting online assignments which included video messages of daily prayer. The first week was amazing, exhausting, impressive, and a total team effort by our entire IC community. We adjusted with every new day and supported each other through positive communication. The distance has pushed our school family together to be stronger and far more adept at online learning. Pelican Pride is powerful!

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$53,541.00
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Prayer during the coronavirus pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen



First day of online learning—Grace and Sophia in Grade 4 collaborate with each other from a distance.

Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Fund. Email your request for an application to maryak scholarship@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 15, 2020.

Catholic TV

Visit www.catholic.tv for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

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IC Easter Flowers



We are taking donations and memorials toward the purchase of Easter flowers. Simply mail in an envelope with the names of those you wish to be remembered or make a donation for the flowers.

Please make sure your gift is received by noon on Monday, March 30 so that the names can be included in our Easter bulletin.

Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

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 Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website at tcfnewburyport.org. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader.

Our monthly support meetings at IC have been cancelled until further notice. Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Are there parts of your life that Jesus has called back to life? What are they?

Child: How does loving Jesus give you new life?

IC Faith Formation

School Year Programs

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Confirmation Prep classes for both Year 1 (Grade 9) and Year 2 (Grade 10) which were scheduled for this Sunday, March 29 and Tuesday, March 31 respectively have been **cancelled**.

As we continue to receive guidelines from the Archdiocese, we will keep families informed of any future scheduling changes.

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Read the Scripture readings for March 29 and answer the questions.

TRUE or FALSE ?

1. God said to Ezekiel, "I will open your graves and have you rise from them.
2. God said, "I will put my spirit in you that you may live."
3. With the Lord there is neither mercy nor fullness of redemption.
4. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
5. The Law is the resurrection and the life.
6. The brothers of Lazarus sent word to Jesus.
7. After hearing that Lazarus was sick, Jesus stayed where he was for two days.
8. Lazarus was buried in Jerusalem.
9. Lazarus was in the tomb for four days.
10. The tomb was a cave.

ANSWERS 1 true, 2 true, 3 false, 4 true, 5 false, 6 false, 7 true, 8 false, 9 true, 10 true.

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Confirmation Prep Classes

Families will be notified of the status of this class for Year 2 (Grade 10) scheduled to meet on Sunday, April 5 as we continue to follow Archdiocesan guidelines.

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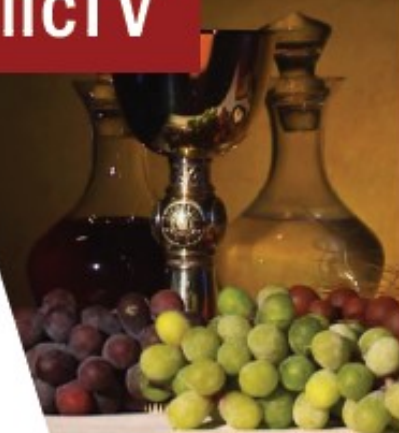
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