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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 12, 2020

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When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

John 20: 6-8

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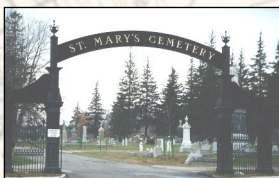
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Online-Only Mass Schedule

Saturday (4/11) Holy Saturday
7:00pm *Easter Vigil*

Sunday (4/12) Easter Sunday
10:00am

Saturday (4/18)
4:00pm

Sunday (4/19)
10:00am *Delores Gonzales, Louis & Lena Filomia,
For the intentions of those recently married*

In your prayers please remember Pauline Boucher 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](https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/)

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.

Learn about the Mass

Aaron Giard, our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, will be offering a walk-through teaching on the Mass during the 30 minutes before Mass on Sundays.

Tune in on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. via Facebook Live to learn more about the beauty of Mass and the whys behind the words and gestures we perform each week.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As we Christians celebrate our most sacred holy days of the year, our Jewish brothers and sisters are also engaged in their traditional celebration of Passover. During the Seder Supper, the ritual meal is marked by what is called the "Ma Nistana" or four questions, traditionally asked by the youngest child. These begin with "Why is tonight different from all other nights?" For the Jews, these are directed at various peculiarities about what makes this meal so special and different from other meals. Focusing on the ritual actions of dipping and reclining, sharing matzos and roasted meats or vegetables, the great story of Passover—of God's deliverance of the Israelites from slavery to freedom—is told and retold with passion and reverence each year.

This Easter, we might ask ourselves the same question: Why is this day / night different from all others? In years past, our answers might well have delved deep into theology and liturgy, expressing in our own ritual moments the saving actions of Jesus Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. If you want to read about any of that, we



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

Watch Mass on Facebook Live

To watch our live stream Masses:

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) at the appointed time.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The LIVE video should be the first one on the list.

90 Days Now—For Your Parish

"90 Days Now—For Your Parish" is a new, three-month campaign created by a member of the laity to help support our parishes while we are temporarily closed. The funds raised go *directly* to your parish. Please visit our website at hriccatholic.org to read Fr. Tim's letter to the Collaborative to learn more about this project.

"90 Days Now" link:

<https://bcatholic.sites.bostoncatholic.org/90DaysYourParish>

have a whole library in our Pastoral Center full of books that will explore every aspect of this central mystery of our faith. There are even two books on the shelf entitled *Jesus* and *Christ* respectively. Big, thick books. That's how deep you can go, if you wish. Any parishioner from our Collaborative is welcome to explore them, take them home, digest them, ponder their words, and consider their meaning.

But I suspect most will approach the answer to the question of why is this day or night different from any other with the fact that we are sitting home considering these most sacred days, rather than gathering in our churches and joyfully celebrating our ancient rituals. If all goes well, we can livestream a Mass from our computer or device. But this year, this is just so different! Our theology will remind us that as a Christian community we offer together the "Sacrifice of the Mass," meaning that when we come together to celebrate the Eucharist we come into communion with the actual, singular sacrifice that Christ offered on the Cross. That one, ultimate, sacrifice becomes real and true for us in the present moment. When we share the fruits of that Mass, namely in Holy Communion, our sins are forgiven. This is why a "live" Mass is always better than a Communion service or other prayer moment. How ironic, then, on this night and day which are different from all others, which is our ultimate moment of celebrating and

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basking in the joy of our salvation in Christ, we can neither gather with one another nor share in the Bread of Life or the Chalice of Salvation. This year we hunger and thirst unlike any other!

You might wonder how we priests are trying to make sense of all of this. We wonder that too! The other night, however, I was sitting with Fr. George, when he began to offer a quote from the Book of Esther when Esther, as queen, was challenged by her stepfather to lead the Israelite people in a time of great persecution: "Who knows but that it was for a time like this that you obtained the royal dignity?" (Esther 4:14) We pondered whether it was for a time like this—a pandemic—that each of us: priest and layperson alike, were baptized and welcomed into the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ to weather this viral storm and remain faithful in the midst of being deprived of the very heart of our external devotions to the Lord. Is our faith strong enough to endure during a few months of desert and privation? Are we confident enough in our relationship to Christ that absence makes our hearts only grow more devoted to seeking the holy? Is a time of crisis not a waking call to serve the Lord even more faithfully in our love for neighbor? Is it not for exactly like a time such as this that each of us were sealed in the Holy Spirit for the sacrificial acts of love that have been the hallmark of the Christian Church from the very beginning?

Maybe it is for exactly a moment like this that God has brought us to this time and place to give witness to our faith!

In times of great suffering, there is great love, because love comes from the presence of Christ in our midst. Look for Him in our brothers and sisters who have been infected. Look for Him in those who cower in fear. Look for Him in those who have no hope. Look for Him in those who mourn. Look for Him in the absence of what has been so familiar. He is there. You will find Him alive and well in those who believe. Because Church is not about a building or flowers or banners or music or all the finery that we cling to and long for on this Easter day...it is first and foremost about those who persistently and obstinately believe that Jesus rose from the dead and all who believe in Him might find life in the midst of death.

We could gather by the hundreds, we could gather by the thousands, we could gather by the thousands and even millions to proclaim this truth to the world. We have and we will. But tonight, today, gathered around our devices, physically-distanced from one another, segregated into our homes...let us remind each other why this moment is different from all others. Remind your family, your spouse, your children or simply just remind yourself: that Jesus rose from the dead and that we have new life in His name. Because on this holy day, nothing else will make more of a difference in our lives and world than this simple truth. On it hinges everything else that we do in love and service to our God and those around us. Let us rejoice and be glad that God has saved us!

Happy Easter to all!

Fr. Timothy Harrison,
Pastor

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Questions of the Week

Adult: What would you have thought or felt if you had been a disciple hearing the news that Jesus' tomb was empty?



Child: In school a subject can be hard to understand at first. Do you think the disciples felt this way learning Jesus' body was gone?

Collaborative Pastoral Council

New Collaborative Pastoral Council Is Here to Help

At the request of the Archdiocese of Boston, all Collaboratives are forming Pastoral Councils (PPC) to assist the pastor in his leadership role with the planning, coordinating, and initiating of all programs and service activities within a Collaborative.

The pastor serves as the Chair of the PPC and the membership is comprised of volunteers who have been nominated by their fellow parishioners. Given the need to redirect our efforts due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the role of the PPC has become increasingly important. The (PPC) for the Holy Redeemer – Immaculate Conception Collaborative is designed to address the needs of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception parishes.

I have mentioned at our weekly live streamed Masses that our Council has been meeting virtually to discuss the needs of the Collaborative community during this difficult time. While we were only recently formed, this group has been meeting in an advisory capacity on important matters facing our Collaborative. I am pleased to introduce the members of the PPC as I am sure these are all familiar faces within our faith community. I will be relying on their counsel in the coming months.

Please join me in welcoming our new Council members. They are here to help and welcome your questions, input and concerns. Most importantly, we ask for your prayers as we embark on this important journey responding to the implications of the pandemic on our spiritual community and our communities at large.

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

Council Members

Kathy Betz	Aaron Giard
Susan Coppinger	Tom Hankins
Deacon Paul Dow	Lucia Parker
Chris Eagan	Mary Schmidt
Marin Fortune	Jonathan Temple
Amy Friend	Pat Temple

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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*

Mass Scripture Readings

April 12–April 19, 2020

Praying with the Scriptures during this Easter season while we are all socially distancing ourselves for the common good can bring us into a more intimate relationship with the Lord and with the Communion of Saints here and in heaven. What do each day's Scripture passages reveal about our loving Father, our saving Lord Jesus, and the empowering Holy Spirit? What do they reveal about our vocation as a Church community to become ever more intentional disciples of Christ? Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, April 12: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9
- Monday, April 13: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16; Matthew 28:8-15
- Tuesday, April 14: Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33; John 20:11-18
- Wednesday, April 15: Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105; Luke 24:13-35
- Thursday, April 16: Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8; Luke 24:35-48
- Friday, April 17: Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118; John 21:1-14
- Saturday, April 18: Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118; Mark 16:9-15
- Sunday, April 19: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

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



Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown
Brett Burkinshaw
Eunice Campbell
Joe Messina

Ron Pagliaruto
Ruth Sullivan
Michael Tucker
James McCobb

Women at the Well Bible Study

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.

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women just like you

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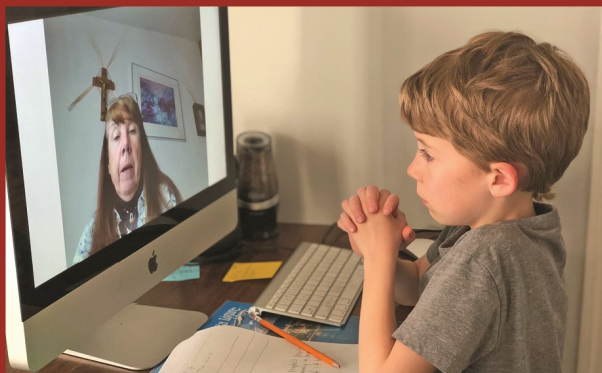


Immaculate Conception School

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remains strong *despite the distance*



Ash Wednesday school mass



Mrs. Pike prays with her first grade class

Distance learning keeps Immaculate Conception School (IC) students and teachers connected, even in prayer. Google Education tools and video apps benefit students with personal lessons from teachers. Students from Pre-K to Grade 8 continue to learn, share and collaborate, despite the physical distance.

Pre-K Through 8th Grade

- **Pre-K Program** offers children ages three and four a flexible schedule of 2, 3, 4 or 5 days per week
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The IC community sends love and prayers to you and your family.



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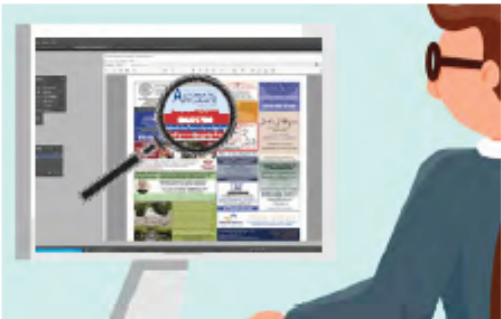


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Our poor boxes are empty. Please continue to find ways to donate to support our efforts. Sending your Mite Box donations in the form of a check perhaps? Please send your donations to HR St. Vincent de Paul, 4 Green St., Merrimac, MA 01860. Please write the check to "HR Saint Vincent de Paul" to help expedite our banking. We assure you that the mail is checked regularly and your funds will be promptly put to use.

In these times we turn to St. Teresa of Avila:
"Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you, all things are passing, God is unchanging. Patience gains all; nothing is lacking to those who have God: God alone is sufficient."

Work Begins!

Workers have been taking advantage of the church shutdown to begin some long-anticipated pointing work on the foundation of St. Ann Church in West Newbury. This is part of the Capital Campaign that began in earnest several years ago and was scheduled to start this spring when the weather got better. Work on the steeple of Nativity Church in Merrimac is scheduled to take place mid to late summer. Stay tuned for more updates in the weeks ahead.

HR Sandwich Program Update



We received a call from Good Shepherd and they are not allowed to take things made off site at this time per order of the CDC. We will not be delivering until further notice.

Please consider making a financial donation at <https://lazarushouse.org/ways-to-give/#donate-financially>.

HR Faith Formation

School Year Programs

At this time we wish to thank all of our volunteers who have contributed in any way to the success of the school year program. We could not do it without you!

Please watch for future announcements regarding Fall 2020.

Summer Programs at IC

We are looking forward to the HRIC Summer Program which will take place on the IC campus the week of **July 13 –17** for those children entering grades 3–6 in September, and **July 27–31** for students entering grades 7–9.

Please contact the Faith Formation office to request a registration form and/or to have more information sent to you.

Summer Program Volunteers

We are once again asking for assistance in making our Summer Program a reality.

Many families depend on this week of formation for their children, but it cannot happen without you. We are in need of **catechists** and **classroom assistants** for all grade levels. Please contact the office of Faith Formation (978-462-2724) for further information.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Please don't hesitate to contact the Faith Formation Office should you have any questions or concerns regarding the postponement of our First Eucharist celebrations.

Baptism Dates to Remember

The sacrament of Baptism is not scheduled during the Lenten season.

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for further information regarding upcoming classes and the celebration of the sacrament.

Confirmation Prep Classes

As we continue to receive guidelines from the Archdiocese, we will keep families informed of any pertinent information.

Alleluia! He is risen

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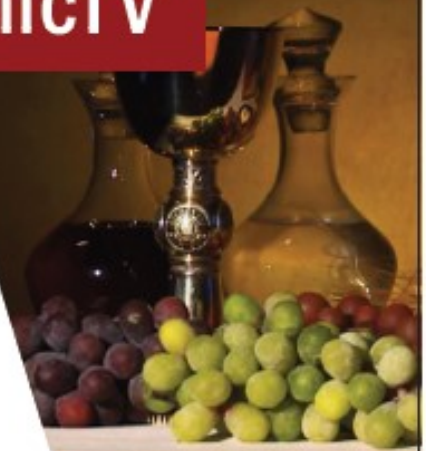
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Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

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. Our monthly support meetings are temporarily being held online (due to coronavirus) via Zoom at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month. Barbara J Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader.

Join our free online meeting by going to <http://zoom.us>, click on “Join a Meeting,” enter Meeting ID: 952-104-4920.

A Butterfly’s Journey (ABJ) is a separate non-profit to help a broader set of grievers. Barbara is the founder and an Advanced Grief Recovery Method (GRM) Specialist. GRM is the only evidence-based methodology for grief, 7-week-action-based method. GRM classes as well as a free online Resource Center can be found on. abutterflysjourney.org. Schedule a free call for more info on ABJ or TCF-GN: <http://bit.ly/GRM-call>.

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**.

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!



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

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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

School Year Programs

We want to take this time to thank all of our volunteers who have contributed in any way to the success of the school year program. We could not do it without you!

Please watch for future announcements regarding Fall 2020.

Summer Programs

We are looking forward to the HRIC Summer Program which will take place the week of **July 13–17** for those children entering grades 3–6 in September, and **July 27–31** for students entering grades 7–9.

Please contact the Faith Formation office to request a registration form and/or to have more information sent to you.

Summer Program Volunteers

We are once again asking for assistance in making our Summer Program a reality. Many families depend on this week of faith formation for their children and it cannot take place without you!

There is a great need for **catechists** and **classroom assistants** at all grade levels. Please contact the office of Faith Formation for further information.

Confirmation

As we continue to receive guidelines from the Archdiocese, we will keep families informed of any pertinent information.

Please feel free to call or email the Faith Formation Office with any questions or concerns you might have. We will respond as soon as possible.

Baptism Dates to Remember

The sacrament of Baptism is not scheduled during the Lenten Season.

Please call the Collaborative Offices (978-462-2724) for further information regarding upcoming classes and the celebration of the sacrament.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Please don't hesitate to call or contact the Faith Formation Office should you have any questions or concerns regarding the postponement of our First Eucharist celebrations.

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.
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