

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

**SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 25, 2021**

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*“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine  
and mine know me”*

(Jn 10:14)

*All Are Welcome*



# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

*"Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters..."*

## St. Ann

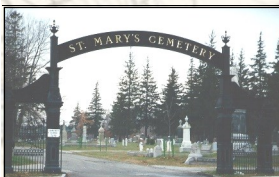
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (4/24)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

### Sunday (4/25)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)  
 9:00am **IC Carol Gavin, Arthur Morris** (Fr. Stanley)  
 9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
 11:30am **IC Leonard Montanari, Nicola, Angelina, & Francesco Maiello, Elizabeth J. Hanlon, May Murray, Jessica Gill** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

### Monday (4/26)

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

### Tuesday (4/27)

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

### Wednesday (4/28)

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

### Thursday (4/29)

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

### Friday (4/30)

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

### Saturday (5/1)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** (Fr. Harrison)  
 4:00pm **IC Mary E. Lefebvre** (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (5/2)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)  
 9:00am **IC Elena Poore, James Carew** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)  
 9:30am **St. Ann John Pallone** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 11:30am **IC Andrew Filomia, Sally Connolly, Ellen "Nell" Johnson** (Fr. Stanley)

In your prayers, please remember Carol Ann Quinn 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:**

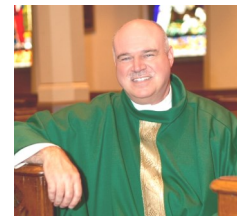
1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) at the appointed time.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

**If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet:**

1. In your web browser, go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) at the appointed time. (The Facebook link can be found on our [website](#) also.)
2. Click the "videos" link on the Facebook page.
3. The LIVE video should be the first one on the list.

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



This past week I received word from the Archdiocese that Cardinal Sean O'Malley has approved my request to be reappointed as pastor of our Collaborative for the coming six years. While this was a relatively routine process that is often granted, I am nonetheless grateful for his confidence in my leadership as well as the constant support and encouragement of Bishop Robert Hennessey who was significantly involved in this process.

The past six years have seen many joys and challenges as we all worked together to form our Collaborative, write and implement our first local Pastoral Plan, weather several staffing changes, and seek to survive and even thrive amidst a worldwide pandemic. These have been days of festivity and accomplishment as well as times of sorrow and loss.

Through it all, I have found great consolation and strength from witnessing the enduring presence of Christ, our Good Shepherd, who has manifested Himself regularly through your charity and faith. Time and again, I have been encouraged to follow His example seen in you. By your own excellence in living out your Baptismal call to holiness, you make Christ present in our communities. By your care and concern for those in need, you bring His compassion and love to those who need it most. By your joyful embracing of the mission of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, you exhibit zeal in sharing the hope of eternal life.

In the years to come, as your pastor, I pledge my continued efforts to support your faith through our common worship, to restore and renew our parish communities as we seek to recover from the pandemic, and to help create new opportunities for us to grow and prosper. I look forward to continuing this journey of faith with you! May the Lord bless us all richly in the days ahead.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

## Additional In-Person Mass

**Saturday 4:00 p.m. at IC**

Beginning May 1, we are adding an additional in-person Mass time Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. (We will still have the online Facebook Mass broadcast from St. James Chapel.)

As with all live, in-person Masses, you must **register** to attend the Mass. You can find the registration link on our website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) or you can call the offices to register: IC: (978) 462-2724, HR: (978) 346-8604.

## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

# 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. Our first meeting will be **Tuesday, April 27 at 7:15 p.m.** via Zoom. If you are interested, please contact Aaron Giard at [agiard@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:agiard@newburyportcatholic.org) for more.

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

## Daily Masses

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

We are still looking for volunteers to help with Daily Mass for St. Ann and Nativity on Mondays and Fridays respectively. If you are able to help with any of these HR Masses, contact Sue Noyes [susanjnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:susanjnoyes@gmail.com) to learn more.

## 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

In 2019 a Pastoral Council was formed in our Collaborative to assist 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 have been meeting virtually on Zoom since mid-March of 2020 and are now meeting 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, May 15 at 10:00 a.m.** (Note new day and time for May meeting.) If you are interested in joining the meeting on Zoom, send an email to Jim Williamson at [jimwilliamson35@gmail.com](mailto:jimwilliamson35@gmail.com) and he will send you the Zoom link before the meeting. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council, you can reach out to Jim or contact any Council member.

### Members of the Pastoral Council

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

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

Kathy Betz  
Sue Coppinger  
Steve DiCamillo  
Deacon Paul Dow  
Chris Eagan

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## Register to Attend Mass

To register to attend an in-person Mass celebrated in our Collaborative go to the "Attend a Mass" section on our website: [www.hriccatholic.org](http://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.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction During Easter

7:15–8:00 p.m. Thursdays, Immaculate Conception Church  
Join us Thursdays during the Easter season for Adoration/Benediction. All are welcome. No reservations needed. Seating is limited. All attending must wear a mask and practice 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 the Immaculate Conception Church for prayer liturgies. Come for silent time with the Lord in the Eucharist to let Him speak into your hurts and joys, and heal and recharge you. For more on what to expect and what to do during this time of Adoration, visit <https://bustedhalo.com/.../a-beginners-guide-to...>

No experience necessary; just “Come and Be.”

## Year of the EUCHARIST



Learn more about the Year of the Eucharist in the Archdiocese of Boston at

[www.bostoncatholic.org/yearoftheeucharist](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/yearoftheeucharist)

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** Why do you think the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is so popular? What other image of Jesus do you especially like?

**Child:** What does it mean when Jesus tells us that He is the Good Shepherd?

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## 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  
Michael Tucker

## 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/](https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/)

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

## Word On Fire Engage

Everyone in our Collaborative now has free access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library.

You can watch any of Bishop Barron's films or study programs whenever you want, on any device!

**WORD on FIRE**  
**ENGAGE**

To access the resources of Word on Fire's ENGAGE, please register at [flocknote.com/hriccollaborative](https://flocknote.com/hriccollaborative) or by texting **HRIC** to **84576**. Once you register, you will have access to ENGAGE.

We are excited to bring ENGAGE to you. Along with **FORMED** ([formed.org](https://www.formed.org)), we now have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.



## Women at the Well Bible Study

*We Are Meeting Virtually*

Please email [HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com](mailto:HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com) to join us.

*Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Looking for a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.*

WELCOME TO A COMMUNITY FULL OF

*women just like you*

Wherever you are in your faith journey, join us as we meet weekly for *Blessed Is She* bible study, community and friendship as we grow together in Christ.

WE ARE MEETING VIRTUALLY  
DURING THE PANDEMIC  
EMAIL US TO JOIN!

MONDAY NIGHTS  
6:30PM-8PM  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

please email [HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com](mailto:HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com) if you have any questions

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God’s presence and action in our lives. This ancient prayer practice opens our minds and hearts to hear God’s words as we continue by reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina.

For the next 30 minutes we listen to God’s words, ponder and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now, and contemplate God’s message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978- 462-7483.

### Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found online at [bible.usccb.org](http://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.HRICcatholic.org](http://www.HRICcatholic.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.)*

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

**Are you feeling isolated or 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 (ext. 1000) and leave your name, address and phone number and we will reach out to you.

### Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://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.

### EWTN Easter Season Programming

As your Easter season continues through May, come join EWTN in helping you celebrate the The Ascension of the Lord, Pentecost Sunday, and much more in May!

EWTN is available through TV, Radio, Internet and Mobile Devices. Go to [ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com) for more information and a schedule of programs.

### Prayer to Overcome Racism

Mary, friend and mother to all,  
through your Son, God has found a way  
to unite himself to every human being,  
called to be one people,  
sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on  
your Son,  
seeking forgiveness for the times when  
we have failed to love and respect  
one another.

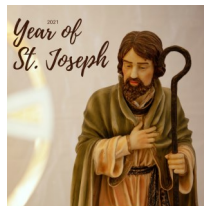
We ask for your help in obtaining from  
your Son  
the grace we need to overcome the evil  
of racism  
and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son,  
so that prejudice and animosity  
will no longer infect our minds or hearts  
but will be replaced with a love  
that respects  
the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church,  
the Spirit of your Son Jesus  
warms our hearts:  
pray for us.  
Amen.

*([www.usccb.org/racism](http://www.usccb.org/racism))*

### Year of St. Joseph



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

“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](http://bostoncatholic.org/yearofstjoseph). There you can find many resources and links.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, April 18	\$ 837.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending April 16	\$ 465.00
Grand Annual	\$24,145.00

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

**Holy Redeemer Parish**  
4 Green Street  
Merrimac, MA 01860

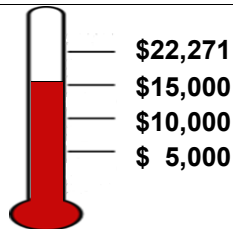
You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: [hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving](http://hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving).

## Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,271.00

To Date \$15,535.00

Visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org)  
To learn more.



## 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](http://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.

## St. Ann Retaining Wall

Work will soon begin on a new parking lot retaining wall at St. Ann. You may recall that this is one of the projects that is a part of our Capital Campaign. We look forward to getting this much needed work done! Stay tuned for more details.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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, 4:00 p.m.  
Friday, May 7, 4:00 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.

Families whose child was prepared for First Eucharist last Spring but has yet to receive the sacrament are also welcome. Please reach out to the [Faith Formation Office](#) to let us know you wish to take part.

### 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 are ongoing. Information regarding the sacrament can be found on the Collaborative website: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org). Should you have any questions, please contact the [Faith Formation office](#).

## HR St. Vincent de Paul



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Mailed-in Offertory, week ending April 16	\$3,152.00
Grand Annual	\$104,360.00

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: [hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving](http://hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving).

## 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, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.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, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

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## IC St. Vincent de Paul



We recently launched our new website: [www.svdpnewburyport.org](http://www.svdpnewburyport.org) where you can make an online donation.

If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are still ready to assist.

If you choose to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to “**SVdP of Newburyport**.” You may drop it into the collection box at Mass, or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950, or use our **Newly established** website and donate online at [www.svdpnewburyport.org](http://www.svdpnewburyport.org).

### Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Our weekly Immaculate Conception Breaking Bread meal has transitioned to a to-go only meal format. We continue to serve our weekly meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed at 4:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

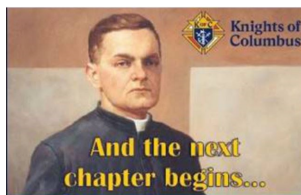
## IC Haiti

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950. Checks should be made out to “IC Haiti.”**

We are grateful for your continued generosity during the pandemic. May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti.

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## The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Our monthly support meetings are being held online (due to coronavirus) 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Our next meeting is **April 26**. Join our free online meeting by going to <http://zoom.us>, click on “Join a Meeting,” enter Meeting ID: 952-104-4920.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at [www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://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](mailto:agiard@newburyportcatholic.org) should you have any questions.

### Confirmation

Confirmation prep classes for both Grades 9 and 10 are ongoing. Information regarding the sacrament can be found on the Collaborative website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). 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, 4:00 p.m.  
Friday, May 7, 4:00 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.

Families whose child was prepared for First Eucharist last Spring but has yet to receive the sacrament are also welcome. Please reach out to the [Faith Formation Office](#) to let us know you wish to take part.

## 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 School



Making real-world connections to learning through STEM activities is an essential way to engage students. Providing students with opportunities to bring their thoughts and ideas to life can effectively provide that connection, as well as develop a variety of skills. The IC

second graders recently read a fictitious story about a group of children who raised money for a cause on their local playground. Reading about playgrounds got the children thinking about the ultimate playground design,



which provided a valuable collaborative opportunity to create mini models of their ideas. Using recyclable materials such as empty cereal boxes, paper towel tubes, and egg cartons, the students built mini models of a wide variety of playground equipment. Working in groups of three, each design team thought about pedestrian flow and juxtaposition of the playground attractions, especially for important features like the

Community Service First Aid Station. The finished products were amazingly detailed and engineered with an impressive degree of knowledge. In the 21st century, expressing one's thoughts and ideas in 3-dimensions is equally as important as expression through writing, singing, drawing, and calculating. The final step for the 2nd grade students is to create digital audio books that explain their playground designs and engineering process in building their mini models. STEM activities are a focus at the Immaculate Conception School across all content areas and grade levels.



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