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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 4, 2021



"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth... When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory." (Col 3:2, 4)

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

St. Ann

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Phone: 978-346-8604
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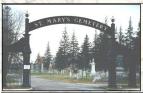
Immaculate Conception

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021

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Mass Schedule

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)

Monday (4/5)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (4/6)

9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley)

Wednesday (4/7)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (4/8)

9:00am IC (Fr. Morin)

Friday (4/9)

9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley)

Saturday (4/10)

4:00pm Live-Stream (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (4/11)

8:00am Nativity Jennie & Alden Johnson

(Fr. Stanley)

9:00am IC Malcolm Saldanha (Fr. McLaughlin &

Deacon John)

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

11:30am IC Lena Filomia, David McFarlane,

Vincent & Stephen Messina, Mary & Albert

Salerno, Linda Sullivan O'Brien (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Maureen Lagasse, Arthur Morris, Michael Noyes and all the faithful departed.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity-Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Live-Stream Vigil Masses are broadcast online through <u>Facebook</u>.



Find us on Facebook: <u>Holy Redeemer - Immaculate</u> Conception Collaborative Parishes

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to <a href="https://hittps

Watch Mass on Facebook

To watch our Saturday live-stream Masses:

- 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 **IVE** video should be the first one on the list.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In the city of Turin, Italy, there exists a large piece of woven cloth that is reported to be the actual burial shroud of Jesus Christ. More than twice the length of a human body, this piece of material would have been draped over the



deceased when they were placed in a tomb. What makes this particular cloth so unusual are the amazing characteristics of the image that faintly appears on its surface. Fully visible only to modern science, the image contained on the cloth is actually a photographic negative, a three-dimensional hologram of a first century man who had been crucified and brutally tortured before his death. He had been painfully impaled with what could only have been a crown of thorns around his head. The remnants of blood from the many wounds remain, soaked into the cloth as they coagulated in the hours following his death. The marks on his hands and feet clearly show where he was nailed to the cross. There is an impalement in his side, where both blood and another clear liquid had flowed out after death. The faint images of two coins can be seen covering over his eyes, so that they would not open once rigor mortis had set in.

Over the years, several different scientific studies had been conducted on the shroud that returned various results from tests like carbon-dating and fiber analysis. There remains some controversy to this day about the accuracy of those studies and whether the results had been compromised and correspondingly skewed. Some indicated the cloth had been from the 13th century, others date it back to the first century. Closer examination of the cloth revealed that there were pollen spores embedded in the cloth that date back to the first century. Due to the twists and turns of history, it cannot be absolutely verified as authentic through a chain of custody that is beyond question.

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Easter Collections

Clergy Trust

Today's collection will benefit Clergy Trust which provides programs and support to care for the health and well-being of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. By supporting this collection, you are helping to ensure that our active priests receive the care they need to continue their important work and our senior priests, like Fr. Morin, Fr. Stanley, and Fr. McLaughlin have support and access to quality care. This collection is a critical source of funding for the Trust and your generosity is greatly appreciated. On behalf of myself, our three retired priests, and all my brother priests who benefit from the support of Clergy Trust, thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

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 NEWS

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

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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 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 Offices Easter Schedule

Collaborative offices will be closed on Easter Monday, April 5. Offices will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6.

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But one recent study on the nature of the image itself has determined that in order to create this threedimensional holographic photograph, the profoundly brilliant light source for the image would have had to come from within the body of the crucified man himself. Even if this were not authentically dated back to the first century and the time of Jesus, it is impossible to say how this kind of detailed and exact imagery could have come about nearly five centuries before the crudest modern photographs



were ever produced, and eight centuries before holograms were invented. Could this be the actual burial shroud of Jesus Christ, and is this image, therefore, an actual snapshot of the Lord at the exact moment of the resurrection? While there is much evidence to suggest that this might actually be the case, and the details of the image are completely consistent with what we know of Jesus' crucifixion from the Gospel accounts as well as historical records of Roman executions and Jewish burials, it is still a matter of faith to say exactly what the shroud represents.

Proclaiming the resurrection, whether in first century Palestine or twenty-first century America has always been a matter of faith. Although our modern, skeptical mind wants the kind of bona fide evidence that is irrefutable, the mysteries of God have always been beyond our reach. It is human arrogance to say otherwise, to think that we can somehow conjure up the greatest of God's miracles on our own or explain them away by our intelligence. The disciples on the morning of the resurrection had an empty tomb to challenge their hearts, not a holographic image to be picked apart pixel by pixel, as if God were somehow contained in the metadata. So it is for us today—an absence that sets our hearts aflame and reminds us of all that He taught us. "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer all these things so as to enter into his glory?" (from Luke 24). For what is better, to have a God that can be explained away, picked apart fiber by fiber until there is nothing left to ponder, or a God whose very absence causes us to entertain the impossible and muse on the eternal?

Whatever you believe about the Shroud of Turin, open your hearts this Easter to consider the infinite depth of love that God has for you, your family, and your friends. While having an actual image of Jesus Christ at the very moment of His resurrection might be the greatest religious artifact ever, having His living image mirrored in our hearts and put into motion in our lives is the one thing that will give us true life and our world-enduring hope.

Happy Easter,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found online at bible.usccb.org, the site of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. There you will find the daily readings, be able to listen to them on podcast, and have the opportunity to watch a short reflection piece on the readings offered by a Catholic priest, deacon, religious, or lay person.

Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.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.)

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.

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.

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/

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.

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ENGAGE

To access the resources of Word on Fire's ENGAGE, please register at 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), 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 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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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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MONDAY NIGHTS 6:30PM-8PM ALL ARE WELCOME!

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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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What impact does the Resurrection of Jesus have on your daily life?

Child: How will you celebrate the new life of Easter this coming week?

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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 & alone during the pandemic?

Neighbors Helping Neighbors volunteers would love to give you a call to chat or send you a note. We know that this is a difficult period for everyone, particularly to those who live alone. Let us help brighten your day! If you would be interested in receiving a call or note, please call the HRIC offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 and leave your name, address and phone number and we will reach out to you.

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- 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"
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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, hriccatholic.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.

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul

The HR Conference has continued to help those in need during this difficult time. The majority of requests have been for assistance with rent and utilities; we have also distributed Market Basket gift cards.

Thank you for your generous contributions and willingness to meet the ever-changing needs of those in Merrimac and West Newbury. We ask you to continue to donate and wish you a blessed Easter. Checks should be made out to HR SVdP and mailed to 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860 or placed in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

HR 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 <u>parish website</u>. Registration forms are also available. As always, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email <u>agiard@newburyportcatholic.org</u> 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 <u>Faith Formation Office</u> 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. Saturday, June 5, 11:00 a.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 <u>Faith Formation Office</u> 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: hriccatholic.org. Should you have any questions, please contact the Faith-formation-office.

HR Prayer Shawl

We would like to drop off prayer shawls or lap blankets to anyone you know who needs comfort in our Holy Redeemer Parish family—there is no cost, it is free.

If you know of anyone, please give their name to Helen hvktax@aol.com or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

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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.

IC Precious Gifts

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Program information for those students entering Grades K-8 can be found on our parish website. Registration forms available. As always, please 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 are ongoing. Information regarding the sacrament can be found on the Collaborative website: 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 vet 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:

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

Saturday, June 12, 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 14, 6:00 p.m. Saturday, June 19, 1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 5, 11:00 a.m.

Nativity:

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.

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The Immaculate Conception School members of the Class of 2021 are poised for the next step in their academic careers—high school. The high school application season for IC students brought acceptances from Phillips Exeter Academy, Brooks School, Governor's

Academy, Berwick Academy, Bishop Fenwick High School, Central Catholic High School, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Austin Prep, St. John's Prep, Portsmouth Christian Academy, Triton, Exeter, and Newburyport High Schools. All of our 8th grade students who plan to attend a public high school qualify for honors level classes. The Faculty and Administration at the IC invests a great deal of time in guiding students to reflect upon their interests and aspirations when considering high school choices. Practice interviews, well written application essays and letters of recommendation that speak to the strengths and qualities

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Scholarship eligibility:

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

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