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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

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*In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.
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prepare a place for you? John 14: 2*

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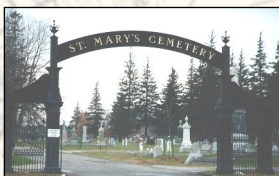
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Online-Only Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/9)

4:00pm

Sunday (5/10)

10:00am Robert Arciero, Luke Picillo, Andrew Vlack, Dale Deveau Jr., Anna Cronin, Jack Cronin, Mary Razza, Lena Filomia, Lillian Pecht, Regina M. Stronge, Jean Basque, Marion Landry

Saturday (5/16)

4:00pm Mabel Kalashian

Sunday (5/17)

10:00am Jesus Datu, Robert Filomia, Lucy Maiello, For the intentions of those recently married

In your prayers please remember Cornelius "Neil" Foley, John Pallone, 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](#)

Visit our **Collaborative website**, www.hricatholic.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,

This week I have been engaged in multiple conversations about what "re-opening" our churches might look like. While it is clearly premature to say exactly when this will happen locally or exactly what we will encounter when it does, what is becoming clear is that this will likely take place at various paces in different states and regions across the country. Just this week, my Dad sent me a video that spoke of the changes Catholics are going to see there when things re-open there in a few weeks. Holy Communion will be under the form of bread only and distributed only in the hand. All enclosed confessionals will be shuttered and confessions will be heard in well-ventilated spaces with proper distancing. Bulletins will be online-only and there will be no hymnals in the churches. Instead, people will be encouraged to download their worship aids online, use their smartphones to sing from during Mass or to utilize video screens to view the lyrics and music in churches that have them. Those who have chronic conditions or compromised health conditions will be



Online Mass this past weekend from St. James Chapel. Tune in Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Watch Mass on Facebook Live

To watch our live stream Masses:

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hricatholic/>) 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 hricatholic.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>

encouraged to remain at home and watch livestreamed Masses instead. And hey...you'll love this one: there will be no collections taken up during Mass or the passing of any baskets. (Instead, there will be baskets at the doors of the church on your way in or out for the Offertory...) (Gotta take a collection somehow, right?!) In short, great efforts will be made to keep people appropriately distanced and free from any physical contact with one another.

Although we may well make different choices up here in Massachusetts when it is our turn to consider re-opening (I'm thinking minimally that facemasks will be involved for everyone up here), it was very interesting to see what one part of the country was doing and how they were addressing a problem common to us all: Until the time when a vaccine is found and widely distributed, how does the worshipping community come up with a viable plan for gathering together for prayer, such as that may be allowed? Differing needs will suggest different approaches. But I think this is a healthy and positive conversation to have among ourselves, nonetheless.

Spring is a time to consider new life and new opportunities. Sure, there will be changes. Some of them may even become permanent or long-lasting. But with every change there is a chance to engage life in a new way, to see new

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possibilities that were not there before. For example, we have been livestreaming our weekend Masses within the Collaborative since everything shut down in the middle of March. Although we've had some starts and stops along the way and more than a few technical glitches (continued apologies to Fr. George and all of you for the first half of Holy Thursday's Mass being broadcast sideways! *Mea culpa, mea culpa!*) we have learned a few things as well, including the breathtaking power of the internet and social media platforms to reach far beyond our local communities to connect family and friends all over our country and world. Just recently I've noticed family, friends, and parishioners from Florida, North Carolina, Connecticut, Missouri, and Oregon "joining us" for Mass on different weekends. How cool is that?! It may well be that Facebook or other social media avenues are a preferred way for those who are shut in for any reason to connect with us and continue to celebrate their faith when they are unable to attend a live Mass in-person.

Across the Archdiocese and country, many churches are choosing different ways to remain engaged with their people during a time when I think so many are naturally looking to our faith and the Church for comfort and guidance. Some parishes have chosen to record their Masses ahead of time which allows for editing and many technical improvements, better video quality, etc.... Having watched some, they do come across very slick and professional and have been nicely done. On the other hand, I've seen the value to livestreaming Masses here, as it gives us a real chance to actually pray together at the same time. In other words, you know that if you "tune in" at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday or 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, you will be united in real-time with the prayer of hundreds of others. In a moment when many can feel so alone and isolated, that can be a tremendous comfort. And, you can still watch the recording later, if you cannot join us live. The best of both worlds, perhaps? A permanent feature that most parishes will offer going forward, post-pandemic? Maybe so. Although there has always been Catholic TV available in most communities for those who were not able to make it to a live Mass, there is a great joy to see and hear the local community celebrating together, to see some familiar faces and realize that the Church is local and alive. While it might seem to be an obvious ministry to be offering regardless of a public health crisis, it has taken a pandemic to spur most of our communities into action.

What other new opportunities might there be? A quick example that has come from our recent Collaborative Parish Council meetings has been the "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" initiative, which simply is an effort to connect those who might have a need with those who might be able to lend a hand. Simple, simple, simple. And yet, were we doing this before? Not on an organized level, not as completely as we could be. So, watch for more to come from this.

Humanly, we cannot run with every new idea that percolates around. But considering the possibilities of what might be can spur new ideas and directions that I believe are the fruit of the Holy Spirit working in our midst. All this, while we self-isolate and hunker down for a little while

longer. Just imagine what we will be able to do with God's help once we are freed?

This weekend let us keep all of our mothers in our prayers—those who have gone home to the Lord and those who are still with us and a part of our lives. May the Lord bless them richly for all of the love, service, sacrifices, and devotion they have offered to us.

Wishing all of you many Springtime blessings and looking forward to the time when we can all gather together again at the Lord's Table.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

HRIC Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program

As the challenges of COVID-19 continue to evolve, Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Collaborative is formalizing its "*Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program*" to respond to 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 unfolds.

The program is designed to respond to requests received by the Collaborative parishes for assistance with fundamental needs such as grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, and meal deliveries. Phone calls to the homebound and creation of cards to console or comfort are also ways in which we can support our neighbors during this difficult time.

The link below describes the program in detail and provides a form for those interested in volunteering to help this effort. Volunteers will be contacted only by members of the *Neighbors Helping Neighbors* team to determine availability to respond to a particular request.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cou0I5DOFLP_rhhBqDaMAQZ-Z4ED9-WpxRGBWc9XMI0

Please join in helping our Collaborative show the face of Jesus to our parishioners and our communities. God bless you.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Virtual Rosary

Join Aaron Giard, our Faith Formation director, for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook during our stay-at-home time. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook.

www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.

Thursdays 7:00 p.m.





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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

HRIC Supporting Boston Hope

Boston Hope is the recently developed field hospital in the Boston Convention Center. This thousand-bed hospital is designed to serve as a step-down unit for post-acute COVID-19 patients and homeless patients affected by COVID-19 who do not require hospitalization for acute care. The program and the creation of the facility, led by Partners Healthcare, were created by a partnership between Boston Health Care for the Homeless, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker and Mayor Marty Walsh.



Jennifer Allard, a resident of Newburyport whose husband, Michael, works at the facility, recently reached out on Facebook asking residents to make posters with inspiring messages for placement at the field

hospital. Staff and patients look forward to any evidence of support from people who are thinking of them, supporting them, and praying for them.

The HRIC Parish Council responded to this request and member Mary Schmidt created a poster to express the gratitude of the HRIC community and to comfort and bless those who are on the front lines of this evolving pandemic.

Jennifer received so many posters that there may be a wall dedicated to all the expressions of thankfulness from the Greater Newburyport communities. Stay tuned for her forthcoming video and keep these brave souls in your prayers.



Mass Scripture Readings

May 10–May 17, 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.HRICatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, May 10: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12
- Monday, May 11: Acts 14:5-18; Psalms 115; John 14:21-26
- Tuesday, May 12: Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145; John 14:27-31a
- Wednesday, May 13: Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122; John 15:1-8
- Thursday, May 14: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113; John 15:9-17
- Friday, May 15: Acts 15:22-31; Psalm 57; John 15:12-17
- Saturday, May 16: Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100; John 15:18-21
- Sunday, May 17: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 66; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

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



Women at the Well Bible Study

We Are Meeting Virtually

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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Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown
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Ruth Sullivan
Michael Tucker

Virtual Meetings

Attention Collaborative Groups

During the stay-at-home order, you are probably missing meetings with your groups and committees.

We would like to see if there is an interest from groups and committees to meet virtually (using ZOOM). If you are interested in starting to meet virtually, please contact us at hricbulletin@gmail.com to learn more.

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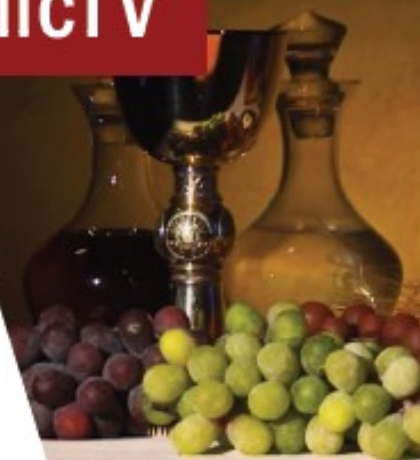
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The current pandemic impacts all of us but even more so those living at the margins of society economically. We at the HR St. Vincent DePaul conference remind you that our needs to help those people continue in earnest during these extraordinary times.

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In these times we turn to St. Teresa of Avila:

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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

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.



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Catholic TV

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HR Sandwich Program Update



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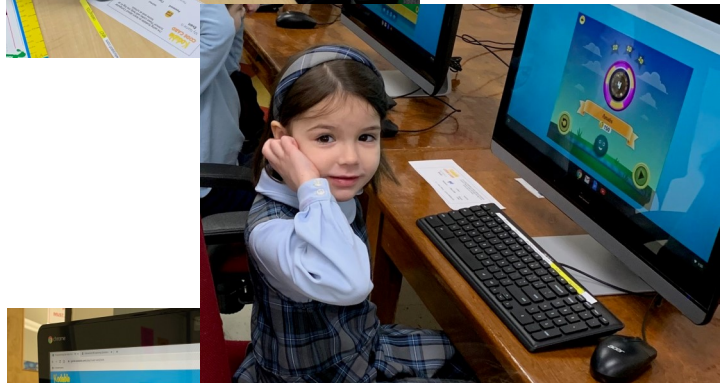
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Immaculate Conception School



The IC Coding Program for young students continues to flourish during online learning. Students in grade K–4 have written almost 16,000 programs of coding using Kodable, a digital tool designed to introduce young children to coding language. There are a host of skills that coding develops, from improved math and writing skills, problem solving, creativity, critical thinking, and computational thinking that identifies patterns, rules, and trends when solving problems. Leveled lessons allow students to build their knowledge, develop resiliency and confidence, and encourage experimentation while solving problems. Kodable is just one of the many digital tools that the IC is using to engage students during COVID-19 distance learning.



Questions of the Week

Adult: Jesus urged His disciples to not let their hearts be troubled. What causes your heart to be troubled and how do you calm it?



Child: How is Jesus your Way, your Truth, and your Life?

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Haiti News

These are unprecedented times in our world. People across the globe, including Haiti and the United States, are addressing the spread of the highly contagious and deadly virus, COVID-19. Our foundation partner, Health Equity International, has asked IC Haiti for a special donation to support the building of a new COVID-19 triage center in Fond-des-Blanc along with the added cost for the operations to address the pandemic. The spread of the COVID-19 virus around Haiti and its effect on our secluded community in the southern peninsula could be catastrophic.

Although the schools are closed and the crossover of residents between villages should be minimized, the Ministry of Health has advised everyone in the country with symptoms of COVID-19 to go to the St. Boniface Hospital in Fond-des-Blanc. This will bring a high concentration of the disease to the neighboring town of our school. Therefore, the spread of the virus to our community has a high potential and the impacts would be devastating.

In response to Health Equity International's request for a special donation as described above, the Board of Directors for IC Haiti voted to approve a \$20,000 donation in the name of the generous people of Immaculate Conception Parish.

The Board is also happy to report that despite parishioners not being able to congregate for Sunday liturgies, people sent in donations to IC Haiti totaling \$4,467 in the first quarter of 2020. We are grateful for this surprising level of generosity given that no collection was actually taken up due to the pandemic. Our next collection will take place the weekend of May 23–24 if we are back together for Masses.

May Our Lord continue to bless our efforts to support the people of Puit Chacha, Haiti. We thank Him for offering us this ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protections for you or your family, or just connecting with other Catholic men, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. Nationally, the Knights of Columbus have recently moved from in-person initiation to an online only membership process. Please visit kofc.org to become a member today.

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. 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.

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

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.

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.

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

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