

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022



*“My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.
I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”*

(Jn 13:33-34)

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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

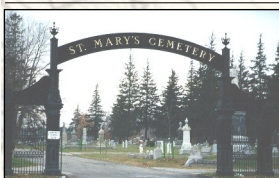
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/14)

4:00pm IC *Jeffrey Stone* (Fr. McLaughlin)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (5/15)

8:30am **Nativity** *Matt Volpe* (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am IC *Neil Wile* (Fr. McLaughlin)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:30am IC *Sr. Marie Therese Ebacher, Margaret Horgan, Luke Picillo* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (5/16)

9:00am IC *Mary D'Ambrosio* (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (5/17)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (5/18)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (5/19)

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

Friday (5/20)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (5/21)

4:00pm IC *Mary Reilly, Mable & Harry Kalashian* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (5/22)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
9:00am IC *Michael Lee Hooton* (Fr. Harrison)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
11:30am IC *Helen & Robert Lynch* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers, please remember Doris Dumont, Joseph Messina, John Aaron LaPierre, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through our website:

hriccatholic.org and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).

Bulletin Information

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

Catholic TV

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

Confessions



We offer Confessions Saturdays from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at IC Church. No appointment needed. Confessions are also available at other times and places during the week by appointment only. For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

Increase the Deductibility of Your Charitable Giving

Dear Parishioners,

Below is some information that was shared with me that may be helpful to you. People reaching 70½ years old must begin taking withdrawals from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) under the rule for “required minimum distributions” or RMDs. Of course, the distribution means paying taxes on the withdrawn amount.

The Tax Cut and Jobs Act increased the standard deduction. Many individuals who itemized in the past may find that taking the now-higher standard deduction is a better federal tax strategy.

When you take the standard deduction, there is a strict limitation on what you can also deduct for charitable giving. But there is a way for some seniors to still get an increased deduction for their giving, thereby reducing their taxable income even if they don't itemize.

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) can satisfy all or part of the amount of your required minimum distribution from your IRA.

If you directly transfer funds from the IRA to a qualified charity, those dollars count toward the RMD for the year, but are not counted as income. You can effectively claim a tax deduction for increased charitable giving without itemizing deductions.

Be aware that a QCD is available only to IRA owners 70½ years or older. And the maximum annual exclusion for QCDs is \$100,000. If you file a joint return, your spouse also can have a QCD and exclude up to \$100,000. For more details read IRS 590-B “Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs).” **Always check with your financial advisor or tax preparer before making tax or financial decisions.**

Thank you for considering your parish as part of your charitable giving and estate planning.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

women at the well

Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Seeking 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 Women at the Well: A weekly Bible Study for women seeking to grow closer to God and cultivate community!

We meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. If you can't make it to every meeting, please do not worry! This group is designed to allow you to drop in whenever you are able to join us, no pre-reading necessary from week to week.

In-person: IC Charity Dining Room

Zoom: Email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, May 16

AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

Laudato Si' Talk/Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Women at the Well Mtg. 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, May 17

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, May 18

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

New Hope Family Support Group Mtg. 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, May 19

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, May 20

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, May 21

Holy Quilters 9:00am, Nativity Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, May 22

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

To schedule your group's in-person meeting, contact Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.

Live Stream Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses on our website:

1. Go to our website (hriccatholic.org).
2. Click on the live-stream map on the homepage
3. You will be directed to the live stream page. Click the image to begin the video.

To watch our live-stream Masses on Facebook:

1. Go to our Facebook page (facebook.com/hriccatholic/)
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

Questions of the Week

Adult: Loving one another can be hard. When love is difficult, what do you do?



Child: Jesus wants us to show love by our words and actions even when it is hard. How can you do that?

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. 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.



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

Adoration

We offer Adoration at IC Church two times during the week. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

Note: enter at Green Street door only.

Join us for Adoration on **Thursdays from 7:00–8:00 p.m.**



Adoration/Benediction is also available in IC Church on **Fridays immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass***.

*Note: If a Friday funeral is scheduled, or in the absence of a presider, IC Church will remain open for "Sacred Silence" only. Check the HRIC calendar online for updated information. The calendar link can be found on our website: hriccatholic.org.

IC Haiti

The **second quarterly collection** to support IC Haiti's mission to our brothers and sisters in Haiti will be taken up the **weekend of May 21–22** at all Masses in the Collaborative. *Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti."*



The Fr. Marc Piché elementary school in Puit Chacha and the secondary school in Fond-des-Blancs continue to offer hope to hundreds of children from kindergarten to high school and their families. None of this would be possible apart from the generosity of IC Haiti's supporters and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit in our community.

Also, the **Cookies for Haiti sale** will take place after Masses at IC the weekend of **May 14–15**. Please support the school-age bakers of the parish who, along with their families, initiated this fundraiser back in 2014 and who continue to work for the good of their contemporaries in Haiti.

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Faith Formation 2022 Summer Program

We plan to host our annual HRIC Summer Program at the IC campus for 3rd–8th graders on:

**August 8–12, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
each day (M–F)**

Note:
Date change

If your family is simply unable to make Sunday morning Faith Formation during the school year, this may be a good option for you. There is a strong teaching component, but also mixed in there are skits, crafts, songs, and communal prayer. The kids have a blast learning about our beautiful, rich faith.

If you choose this option, we ask that you still make the effort to attend our liturgical season family festivals during the school year in order to maintain a connection with the other parish families. Festivals include:

- All Saints Day Festival (Oct. 30)
- Advent/Christmas Festival (Dec. 11)
- Lent Festival (Feb. 26)
- Holy Week/Easter Festival (Apr. 2)

Visit the Faith Formation webpage (hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation) for more information and registration forms.

The Sacrament of the Sick

The **Anointing of the Sick** is administered by a priest for healing and inner wholeness. Those who are seriously ill, elderly, or entering the hospital can request to be anointed. Due to schedules and availability, it may not always be possible for a priest to come on short notice to offer the Sacrament. It is strongly recommended to request the Sacrament *before* going for a hospital stay, upon entering a nursing home, or at the beginning of hospice care. Please call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home Lecture

How Do We Care for Our Common Home?

When: Monday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.

Where: IC St. Louis Hall

Speaker: Carol Robertson



On our first 2022 presentation of the Laudato Si' series we will explore the Laudato Si' action platform and

discuss what Pope Francis is calling on us to do and how our actions or inactions ripple around the world.

The Laudato Si' series at Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative brings our community together in hope, faith, and action through a series of inspiring conversations led by local experts and projects all rooted in Pope Francis' second encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*. We hope this series will be immensely helpful and inspiring. It is open to all people of all ages and faiths.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Barry
Priscilla Brown
Bill Crouse
Susan Gerroir
Charmaine Haan
Hillar Haan
Jay Hanslig
Terence Healey
Sam Kitchen

Lori Ouellette
Maureen Russell
Joe Siciliano
Yvonne Sloban
Ruth Sullivan
Rob Schweizer
Michael Tucker
Jim Williamson

Contact the Collaborative offices to add someone to or remove someone from our prayer list: 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.



HRIC First Eucharist Celebrations

2022

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Centering Prayer/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, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. 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.

Lions Club Food Drive

The Newburyport Lions will be holding a Food Drive to benefit the First Parish Church of Newbury Food Pantry. They will be collecting items under the tent in Shaw’s parking lot on Saturday, May 21 from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

The food pantry services Newbury, Newburyport, West Newbury, Rowley, and Merrimac.

Care Packs for the Homeless

Another successful year

Thanks to all Collaborative members for their generous donations to the Care Packs for the Homeless program. Over 300 care packs were received to help those who are most vulnerable in our communities.

A special thank you to the confirmation students and parents who helped to sort the care packs and ready them for distribution. Many hands helped to count, box, sort, and categorize in less than two hours for delivery to local non-profit institutions such as Cor Unum, Lazarus House, First Parish Food Pantry, Community Service, and Salvation Army.

One of the core principles of Catholic social teaching commands us to imitate Christ’s profound response to those on the fringes of society and to minister to those who are “least among us.” (Matthew 25). May this program continue not only to help those in need but to invite all of us, most importantly the youth of our community, to live out our faith in action.

God bless you all for your generosity.

ENGAGE & FORMED

We 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.

To access the resources of Word on Fire’s **ENGAGE**, register at flocknote.com/hricollaborative or by texting “HRIC” to 84576.



FORMED To access **FORMED**, visit formed.org, click “Sign up,” then “I belong to a parish or organization” and type in “Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative” to log in.

IC PARISH

An advertisement for a bake sale. It features a stack of colorful cookies on the left. The text reads: "Cookies for Haiti Bake Sale" in a large, handwritten-style font. A starburst graphic says "This weekend!". Below the cookies, it says "Help support IC-Haiti. Stop by the bake sale table after all IC Masses May 14 & 15." At the bottom, it says "Sponsored by the Davis and Anderson-Song Families".

Cookies for Haiti
Bake Sale

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IC St. Vincent de Paul



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

You can now make online donations on our website: www.svdpnnewburyport.org. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to “**SVdP of Newburyport**” and drop it into the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

A Heartfelt Thank You to All of Our Contributors

IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks all who contribute on a regular basis through the collections, mail-in contributions, and the Poor Box in the church. Your ongoing assistance adds up in a big way and allows us to continue our work to those in need. Thank you!

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed at the entrance to the IC Parish Center from 4:30–5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser for over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, May 7–8	\$3,287.00
Monthly, May 7–8	\$ 677.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending May 6	\$ 925.00

The second collection this weekend (May 15) is Pastor's Charity Account. The second collection next weekend (May 22) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to IC Haiti.**

Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

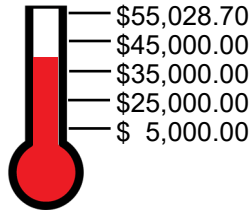
If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950**

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.



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To Date \$39,062.00

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AND IT ALL
STARTS WITH YOU

IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation.

To get started, register as a member of Immaculate Conception Parish if you are not yet registered. Forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

Once registered, visit our website, hriccatholic.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.

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

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.

IC Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2022–23 schedule for those children who will be in Grades K–8 will be posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in July. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to either Aaron or Melinda (agiard@hriccatholic.org / burrell@hriccatholic.org).

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

We were so happy to celebrate with our students as they received the Eucharist for the first time. Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Baptism

We have resumed our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm here at IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for more information.

Confirmation

Students are currently in the process of preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website tcfnewburyport.org.

Our next monthly support meeting is **May 23** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara with questions: 978-697-1349 or 617-410-6309, or barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com. Barbara is also an Advanced Certified GRM (Grief Recovery Method) specialist and founder of A Butterfly's Journey nonprofit. She offers 1-on-1 or group classes in GRM, the only evidence-based methodology for grief.



New Hope Family Support Group

First & Third Wednesday of every month

New Hope
Family Support
Group

Immaculate Conception
42 Green Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

St. Louis Hall at 7:00 PM
1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month

For More Info:

Corey Beaver

781.854.2541

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IC PARISH

Immaculate Conception School



Celebrating the accomplishments of Immaculate Conception School student athletes is a wonderful way to end a competitive season. The IC Varsity and JV Basketball Teams held their basketball banquet at the end of April. The first in three

years, players, coaches, and parents attended Saturday afternoon Mass and then gathered in the school gym for speeches, desserts, and community. Individual players were celebrated as well as the season-long accomplishments of each team. The Varsity Boys and Girls teams were particularly robust with players from the 8th grade.

With the imminence of their graduation date, acknowledging their accomplishments on the court was important and impressive. Both teams finished first in the North



Fr. Tim calls up the players at Saturday afternoon Mass.

Shore Catholic Basketball Elementary League—a league established 15 years ago. Although the Girls Varsity has made it a number of times, the Boys Varsity played for the New England title for the first time in school history. The group has been playing together since first grade—learning skills and drills through the Saturday Morning Hoops program. Worth noting is the fact that the school gym was used as a classroom last year as all organized sports were paused due to Covid. All of our teams are to be congratulated for an amazing year!



Grade 8 Varsity Boys

Parent volunteers who dedicate their time to coaching are a key component of the IC basketball program. The IC is able to invite all students to play on an IC basketball team as a result.

The competitive levels at which high schools operate makes being part of an elementary school team that much more important. Our school's beautiful gym is a piece of the educational experience that encourages first-time players to expand their horizons and find a hidden gift in their own athletic abilities. It is so important for children to find success in a variety of different places!



JV Girls grades 5, 6, & 7

Congratulations!

HR PARISH

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Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021–22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 and 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hricatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hricatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hricatholic.org.

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HR Greeters Needed

Would you like to serve as a welcoming presence at Mass? We are looking for additional greeters at Holy Redeemer, **particularly at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both churches and the 10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Ann.**

All are encouraged to volunteer if they wish—men, women, and high school students. If you are able to serve, please contact Sue Noyes at susanjnoyes@gmail.com.

HR Prayer Shawl



Prayer shawls are given freely as a gift. If you know of anyone needing a prayer shawl or lapghan or you would like to give one to a friend, relative, or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673 or hvktax@aol.com.

We're back to meeting in person!!! Come join us. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. **Our next meeting is Thursday June 2. Join us!**

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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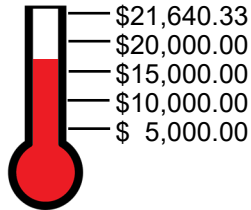
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Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

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Temporary Closure of Nativity Church: New Furnaces & Air Conditioning

Dear Holy Redeemer Parishioners,

To allow for the installation of the new furnace in Nativity Church in Merrimac, it will be necessary to remove part of the flooring to install some key components. This will require the closure of Nativity Church for a short while, hopefully no more than a week.

Right now, this is scheduled to take place the week of **May 23 through Memorial Day weekend**. All Masses scheduled within that timeframe will be moved to St. Ann Church in West Newbury. These will include Masses for the Ascension Holy Day (Thursday 5/26) as well as all Memorial Day weekend Masses. At this time, we anticipate that Mass will return to Nativity Church on Sunday morning June 5 at 8:30 a.m.

The new furnaces and future air conditioning units in **both Holy Redeemer churches** are the final part of our Capital Campaign begun approximately 6 years ago. While your generous response to this multi-year fundraising effort enabled many repairs and significant improvements to be made in both of our churches, we need an additional \$14,000 to complete the air-conditioning components for the churches. There are bright, yellow envelopes in the entranceways of both churches marked “Furnace Replacement.” These can be used to make contributions towards completing the air conditioning components of the HVAC projects in both churches. Once our goal has been met, the air conditioning will be installed in each church. The current funds raised through the Capital Campaign have been sufficient to allow for the new furnaces to be installed at this time in each church. Because of the different structure and access to the basement of St. Ann’s Church in West Newbury, the new furnace will be installed there in the weeks ahead without interruption of weekend worship.

I apologize for any inconvenience for parishioners during this installation at Nativity, particularly in light of the ongoing closure of the Rocks Village Bridge. Please watch the bulletin and our website for any updates.

Thank you for your patience! As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

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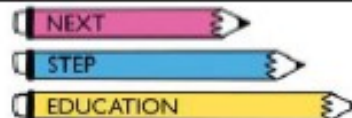


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