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Seventh Sunday of Easter May 16, 2021

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Benediction of God the Father by Luca Cambiaso, c. 1565, oil on wood on display in the Museo Diocesano, Genoa, Italy

"No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us."

(1 John 4:12)



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Collaborative Parishes

Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/15)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** *Lue LeBlanc* (Fr. McLaughlin) 4:00pm **IC** *Jim Bowers*, *David Kolman* (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (5/16)

8:00am Nativity (Fr. Stanley)

9:00am IC Nelson & Grace Tsai, Ron Pagliarulo,

William J. Packard (Fr. Harrison)

9:30am St. Ann Marion Landry (Fr. Morin &

Deacon Moranski)

11:30am IC Robert Filomia, John Paul Kehoe, Maureen Lagasse (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

Monday (5/17)

9:00am **IC** For the intentions of Adolf Benca, Jr. (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (5/18)

9:00am IC Carolyn Gagne (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (5/19)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (5/20)

9:00am IC Nancy Pendergast Niday (Fr. Morin)

Friday (5/21)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (5/22)

4:00pm Live-Stream Jo Minalio (Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm IC Thomas Mahon, Mabel & Harry

Kalashian, Fr. Dick Messina, Fr. Augustine Ciusso (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (5/23)

8:00am Nativity (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

9:30am St. Ann (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am IC Jan Bilinski, Séan Keane (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember John P. Knapp, Jr. 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> <u>Conception Collaborative Parishes</u>

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.
- Click the "videos" link on the page.
- 3. The **IVE** video should be the first one on the list.

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to https://doi.org/10.2016/journal.com.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Consecration is a word we don't often think of. We technically encounter it every time we celebrate Mass when the simple gifts of bread and wine that are offered on the Altar become the Body and Blood of Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit. In simple terms, "consecration" means to take



the ordinary and set it aside for a higher purpose. Thus before Mass begins, the simple wafers of bread that are shipped to us in boxes and plastic bags are held in polished, golden vessels after "the consecration," in recognition that they have now been set aside for a higher purpose; namely becoming the matter and substance of the Real Presence of God. No longer simply bread, these hosts are now sacred food to be consumed by people of faith, honoring the command of the Lord: "Take and Eat, this is my Body."

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus prays that we may be "consecrated in the Truth." That is to say, that we may be set aside in a special way to embrace and embody the truth of who Christ is for the world. Lofty thoughts, no?! The Truth is God's Word, understood as the complete communication of God's loving and saving presence to us through Jesus Christ. It is salvation. It is redemption. It is eternal life. And we've been set aside for all of this.

Our higher purpose that we've been consecrated in does not leave us in a gilded abode, separated from the rest of the world. Quite the contrary. Just as Christ our Savior fully immersed Himself into the totality of our world and embraced utter poverty, suffering, and the lowliness of a servant, so we too, must imitate His self-sacrifice so that others might come to know Him through us.

St. Augustine once wrote, "If you, therefore, are Christ's body and members, it is your own mystery that is placed on the Lord's table! It is your own mystery that you are receiving! You are saying 'Amen' to what you are: your response is a personal signature, affirming your faith. When you hear 'The body of Christ', you reply 'Amen.' Be a member of Christ's body, then, so that your "Amen" may ring true!" — from Sermon 272.

So, we have the awesome task of being the bearers of Christ to the world, so that the world may be transformed and redeemed. Our consecration in the full Truth of who

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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.

Second Collection May 23

Seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston

Next week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

Collections can be dropped in the "second collection" box at the churches or mailed in.

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 WORDonFIRE whenever you want, on any device!



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.

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Rosary Marathon for May

Pope Francis invites Catholics around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.

It has been the longstanding tradition of the church to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We offer our petitions to the Blessed Mother who brings them to the foot of the cross on our behalf.

This May, thirty of the world's Marian shrines will take turns leading a daily live-streamed rosary at 12:00 noon Eastern time. (Go to the Facebook "Vatican News" channel Vatican Media Live YouTube channel, or www.vaticannews.va.)

This world-wide prayer takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5). After more than a year, and with the world still in the grips of the pandemic, the Pope and the Church around the world are imploring God for an end to the suffering which so many people are forced to bear.

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Christ is calls us to nothing less than a radical holiness and undying, passionate love for all. Our full, active and conscious participation in the Eucharist seals and strengthens our sacred task of discipleship in service to others.

As we prepare to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, through our sharing in the gift of the Eucharist and in the words of St. Augustine, may we set aside our hearts to "Believe what you see, see what you believe and become what you are: the Body of Christ." There is nothing more sacred than recognizing the image of God in one another.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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 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, June 19 at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in joining the meeting on Zoom, send an email to Jim Williamson at 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 or issues for our agenda please 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

Kathy Betz Sue Coppinger Steve DiCamillo **Deacon Paul Dow** Chris Eagan

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

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 susaninoyes@gmail.com to learn more.

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.

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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.

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit <u>www.bostoncatholic.org</u> for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

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- Visit 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

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.

Prayer for Racial Healing

God of justice, In your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception. Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being. Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family. Open our hearts to repent of racist attitudes, behaviors, and speech which demean others. Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change. Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of history. And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. (Catholic CharitiesUSA)

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 Chase VanDorne

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 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."

Lazarus House Ministries Hike for Hope

2021 LIVE virtual 5K walk/run May 22–23



Lazarus House Ministries is excited to invite you to participate in the 22nd annual "Hike for Hope" taking place on Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23. Again this year, we will be hosting a virtual event featuring a

three-part challenge which offers a variety of ways to participate:

- 1. Live, virtual 5K walk/run
- 2. Fundraising for food needs
- Food drive

You will find Hike for Hope 2021 Challenge details for each of the above at www.hikeforhope.org. But please know, you can become involved in any and many ways! Proceeds from the weekend benefit Lazarus House Ministries food pantry and soup kitchen. Visit lazarushouse.org to learn more about how we help those in need.

Questions of the Week



Adult: "When you pray, as Jesus did for His disciples, what do you ask of the Father?

Child: Do you pray for others as Jesus did? For whom do you pray most often?

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.)

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.

Personal Care Items Needed

Community Service of Newburyport

Central Congregational Church, Newburyport is hosting a drive-by personal care item collection to benefit Community Service of Newburyport on May 22 from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. We are asking for full-size shampoo and conditioner, bar or liquid soap, and toothpaste. Monetary donations are also gratefully welcomed.

The collection will take place at 14 Titcomb Street, Newburyport, in the back parking lot of the church. Simply drive by and we'll do the rest in a Covid safe environment. If you have questions please contact Jonathan Temple at intemple@comcast.net.

The mission of Community Service is to improve the quality of life for families, children, and individuals in the Greater Newburyport Area who face economic challenges. Thank you for your continuing support of our brothers and sisters in need.

Women at the Well Bible Study

We Are Meeting Virtually

Please email <u>HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com</u> to join us.

Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine?

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WE ARE MEETING VIRTUALLY DURING THE PANDEMIC EMAIL US TO JOIN! MONDAY NIGHTS 6:30PM-8PM ALL ARE WELCOME!

please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com if you have any questions

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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,

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"He has risen." Matt 28:6



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IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, May 8–9 \$3,169.00
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Mailed-in Offertory, week ending May 7
Grand Annual \$104,360.00

No second collection this weekend. The second collection for May 22–23 is the seminarians. The second collection for May 29–30 is IC Haiti

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.

2021 Catholic Appeal Update

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$53,820.00 To Date \$28,325.00

Visit <u>bostoncatholicappeal.org</u>
To learn more.



We are pleased to share that even during these difficult times, Immaculate Conception has raised \$28,325.00 toward our 2021 Catholic Appeal goal of \$53,820.00. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. Whether you are attending Mass in person or watching from home, we invite you to join in supporting the Catholic Appeal. We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request, you can make donations online at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. Your participation in our Appeal is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries.

This is our Church and when you support the Appeal, you support IC!

This is OUR CHURCH

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 **May 24**. Join our free online meeting by going to http://zoom.us, click on "Join a Meeting," enter Meeting ID: 952-

104-4920.

Immaculate Conception School



Participation in long-standing traditions are an important part of every child's school experience at Immaculate Conception. We celebrate Catholic traditions as a school family in addition to unique experiences that are celebrated by individual

grade levels. Younger siblings often look forward to these traditions having witnessed the joy through an older brother or sister. For the teachers, leading each years' children through these experiences is sheer delight. A very special month of May tradition for our 1st Grade students is making their own set of rosary beads. Mrs. Pike, the 1st grade teacher, has made rosary beads with her students



for the last 23 years, which she carries on from the teachers that came before her. With the generous love and



contribution of Mrs. Priscilla Arnott, a long time friend of Immaculate Conception School, each child is provided beads and materials to string together a beautiful set of blue rosary beads, in honor of Mary. Thank you, Mrs. Arnott!

The 1st graders pray a decade of the Rosary every

morning during the month of May. They learn about Our

Lady of Lourdes and the Children of Fatima. As the children string the beads, they talk about what a decade is, the decades of the Rosary, and calculate how many beads are in five decades. Through the process of daily prayer, such as praying the Rosary, children recognize the positive feelings and calm reflection that prayer evokes.



Fostering a love and dedication to life-long prayer is our mission at Immaculate Conception School.

IC St. Vincent de Paul

Visit our new website <u>www.svdpnewburyport.org</u>. Through our website, you can make an online donation.

If you would like 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.

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Our weekly Immaculate Conception Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings has transitioned to a to-go only meal format. It is distributed from 4:30–5:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC 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.

Volunteers Needed! Summer Faith Formation

We are happy to announce that we are planning to offer a week of Faith Formation (IC campus) for students in Grades 3–8 the week of August 9–13.

In order for this to take place, however, we need volunteers to serve as catechists or as classroom assistants. Please help us to make this program a reality for the children in our Collaborative. The Office of Faith Formation can be reached at 978-462-2724 x7405 or by contacting Aaron at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org.

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. We are pleased to now be able to accept registration requests for First Eucharist. As always, please reach out to the <u>Faith Formation Office</u> with any questions you might have.

First Eucharist:

Nativity: Saturday, June 5, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 12, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 19, 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 26, 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.

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 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 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.

IC Haiti News

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

This year's second quarterly collection for IC Haiti will be taken up on the weekend of **May 29–30** (please note new dates). Once again, we appeal to your sincere care for, and steadfast generosity toward, the children and school community of Puit Chacha, Haiti whom we have supported since 2009.

Despite a slight reduction in our quarterly collection totals, the IC Haiti Board of Directors is considering funding two improvement projects that have been requested by our Haitian school community. First is a modest expansion of the school kitchen to provide more prep area for the cooking staff and dining space for the children and, second, is a well. The current well doesn't have enough water to meet all the needs of the school due to a prolonged dry season. An additional well would be most helpful as the whole community shares this resource. We hope to provide you with additional information on these two proposed projects and how to fund them in the near future.

Here are the latest statistics on the number of children whose education IC Haiti has supported throughout this 2020–21 school year:

- 163 students are attending the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school in Puit Chacha.
- 52 students are attending the secondary school in Fond-des-Blancs through our scholarship program.

Again, thank you for your much appreciated continuing support. For the May 29–30 collection, please use the special IC Haiti envelops and make out checks to "IC Haiti."

Knights of Columbus

Fr. Michael J. McGivney, our founder, was beatified on October 31, 2020. Be a part of this new chapter and his legacy by becoming a Knight of Columbus today.

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 Grand Annual
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No second collection this weekend.

The second collection for May 23 is the seminarians.

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

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You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: https://hr-online-giving.

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Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,271.00

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\$22,271

\$15,000

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We know many of you may be navigating financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact.

You can also go to www.bostoncatholicappeal.org to make donations online. Your participation in our parish Appeal is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries.

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The HR Conference has continued to help those in need. Most requests are for help 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.

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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.

Volunteers Needed! Summer Faith Formation

We are happy to announce that we are planning to offer a week of Faith Formation (IC campus) for students in Grades 3–8 the week of August 9–13.

In order for this to take place, however, we need volunteers to serve as catechists or as classroom assistants. Please help us to make this program a reality for the children in our Collaborative. The Office of Faith Formation can be reached at 978-462-2724 x7405 or by contacting Aaron at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Dates have been set for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We are pleased to now be able to accept registration requests for First Eucharist. As always, please reach out to the <u>Faith Formation Office</u> with any questions you might have.

First Eucharist:

Nativity: Saturday, June 5, 11:00 a.m.

IC: Saturday, June 12, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 19, 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 26, 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: <a href="https://hrc.nlm.nih.gov/hrc.nlm.nih.go

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.

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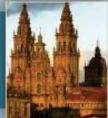
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