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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021



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*“Just as a branch
cannot bear fruit
on its own unless it
remains on the vine,
so neither can you
unless you remain
in me.”*

(Jn 15:4)

*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

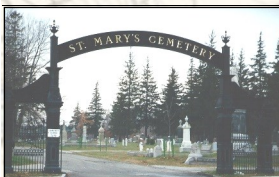
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/1)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **IC** *Mary E. Lefebvre, Paul L. Hanlon, Lenny Biscardi* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (5/2)

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

Monday (5/3)

9:00am **IC** *Mr. Adolf Benca* (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (5/4)

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

Wednesday (5/5)

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

Thursday (5/6)

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

Friday (5/7)

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

Saturday (5/8)

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

Sunday (5/9) *Mother's Day*

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)
9:00am **IC** *Louis A. Hebbelinck, Sr., Marylynn Niemi, Dale Deveau, Jr., Anna & Jack Cronin, Andrew Vlack* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)
9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:30am **IC** *Mary Razza, Lena Filomia, Teresa Arambula-Leyrer, Derek Michael Delgado, Luke Picillo* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Carol Ann Quinn, Jean Marie Kelly, Anna Mills, and all the faithful departed.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
Nativity—Merrimac
St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Live-Stream Vigil Masses are broadcast online through [Facebook](#).

 Find us on Facebook: [Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)

Additional In-Person Mass

Saturday 4:00 p.m. at IC

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

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

These days we are often surrounded by an ever-increasing amount of "smart" devices. Everything from our phone to our TV to our refrigerator are advertised as being "smart" if they can be connected to the internet through Wi-Fi, Bluetooth or some other means. This "smartness" means you can now enjoy Beethoven's 9th Symphony on your phone while you stream how to make hasenpfeffer on the Cooking Channel on TV and then your refrigerator will tell you whether you have all the ingredients...or not. Apparently following your mother's old, stained 3X5 recipe card wasn't good enough! Now our appliances will talk to us.



If you ever feel like technology has gone maybe a little too far, you are not alone. Many of us are bewildered by what our "devices" can or should do for us these days. It is all made possible by being connected through the internet. More than just for email and the occasional YouTube video, the internet is rapidly becoming a seamless extension of our own self and our ability to be in communion with others across the world. Just this week, I was able to participate in a clergy-coaching session through the Divine Renovations network with priests from Australia, New Zealand, as well as from across the United States through a Zoom video connection on my computer...all without leaving my room. Amazing stuff, indeed.

As the pandemic has brought into full focus, it is critical for us in our modern world to stay connected with everything and everyone. Whether it is for work, school, or simply staying in touch with friends and loved ones, our lines of connections are our life blood. It is in this same vein, so-to-speak, that Jesus speaks of Himself as the vine. Just as an

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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.

Watch Mass on Facebook

To watch our Saturday live-stream Masses:

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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, 30 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.

EWTN Easter Programming

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

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

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.HRICatholic.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.)

Daily Masses

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

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

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internet connection brings us a constant river-flow of data, so our connection to the Lord enables us to live and thrive in His love. Whenever a branch is severed from the main vine or a limb from a tree, it dies and becomes lifeless. Disconnect a smart device and it quickly becomes "dumb" and inert. It won't do what it is supposed to do. Separate any one of us from the Lord, and we wither and die as well. We cease to be able to do what we are supposed to do before God.

This weekend's Scriptures are a reminder for us that God has a purpose for us and that our connection to Christ is meant to provide the life-giving source of divine nourishment so that we can bear fruit for God's Kingdom. We do this best when God's Word dwells within us, when we can muse and ponder on the Scriptures day and night because they are a part of our daily life.

In the days ahead, continuing to unpack the mystery of Christ's resurrection, let us do everything in our power to stay connected to the very source of our eternal life with God. For even when the cable is out and the WiFi broken, Christ, our life, is still there for us fully and wholly, calling us to new life. In His name may we go and bear much fruit!

Continued Easter Blessings,

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 of 2020 and are now meeting once a month, mostly on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings on Zoom, giving you a chance to listen to our discussions and to comment or ask questions at certain points in the meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m.** (Note new day and time for May meeting.) If you are interested in joining the meeting on Zoom, send an email to Jim Williamson at [jimwilliamson35@gmail.com](#) and he will send you the Zoom link before the meeting. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council, you can reach out to Jim or contact any Council member.

Members of the Pastoral Council

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

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

Kathy Betz
Sue Coppinger
Steve DiCamillo
Deacon Paul Dow
Chris Eagan

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina

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

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

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.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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 (ext. 1000) and leave your name, address and phone number and we will reach out to you.

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 (ext. 1000)** and let us know how we can help.

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.

Bulletin Information

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

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/hriccollaborative or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

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.

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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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women just like you

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

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

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

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Prayer to Care for Our Common Home

Father of all,
Creator and ruler of the universe,
You entrusted your world to us as a gift.
Help us to care for it and all people,
that we may live in right relationship--
with You,
with ourselves,
with one another,
and with creation.

Christ our Lord,
both divine and human,
You lived among us and died for our sins.
Help us to imitate your love for the human family
by recognizing that we are all connected—
to our brothers and sisters around the world,
to those in poverty impacted by environmental devastation,
and to future generations.

Holy Spirit,
giver of wisdom and love,
You breathe life in us and guide us.
Help us to live according to your vision,
stirring to action the hearts of all—
individuals and families,
communities of faith,
and civil and political leaders.

Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and
the cry of the earth, so that we may together care for our
common home.

Amen.

(2021 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction During Easter

7:15–8:00 p.m. Thursdays, Immaculate Conception Church



Join us Thursdays during the Easter season for Adoration/Benediction. All are welcome. No reservations needed. Seating is limited. All attending must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Given the need for communal prayer and silence during these challenging times and the “Year of the Eucharist” that we are celebrating as an Archdiocese this year, we are opening the Immaculate Conception Church for prayer liturgies. Come for silent time with the Lord in the Eucharist to let Him speak into your hurts and joys, and heal and recharge you. For more on what to expect and what to do during this time of Adoration, visit <https://bustedhalo.com/.../a-beginners-guide-to....>

No experience necessary; just “Come and Be.”

Earth Day and Beyond

Pope Francis’ call to action

“Aware that the cry of the earth and cry of the poor grows louder with injustice and technocracy that throws away the most vulnerable among us, ‘the love of Christ impels us’ (2 Cor 5:14) to do more in the years ahead.” Bishop Paul S. Coakley, United States Conference of Bishops, 2020.



Celebrating the 51st anniversary of Earth Day on Thursday, our attention was called once again to the challenges facing our planet and those things, large or small, which we can do to protect God’s wondrous creation.

There is no more concerned global citizen than Pope Francis, who, in his second encyclical in 2015, **Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home**, tells of the connection between God, our neighbor and the Earth. The “**Care of our Common Home**” is a reminder to all Christians of the importance of protecting this gift which has been entrusted to us. This call to action resounds repeatedly throughout the teachings of creation.

There are a variety of opportunities within our Collaborative community to join in a collective effort between now and the **Laudato Si Week** which occurs from **May 16–May 24, 2021**.

- Listen to Pope Francis speak of the importance of the care of the earth; <https://laudatosiweek.org>
- Contact info@coastaltrails.org for information on cleanup efforts and supplies to work on the rail trails in Newburyport, Amesbury, and Salisbury
- The Parks Department encourages individual efforts on both public and private properties. Post your pictures to Facebook and Instagram and tag “Newburyport Parks”
- Take the 21 day Catholic Environmental Justice Challenge sponsored by the Ignatian Solidarity Network. <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/21-day-catholic-enviro-justice-challenge/>
- Learn how families can continue to care for our environmental needs through composting, recycling and planting native species to provide habitats for local birds and bees

“The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein...” (Psalm 24:1)

Let us all join together to protect our essential resources.

Questions of the Week

Adult: What does the image of the Vine and the Branches say to you about your spiritual life? What helps you to have a greater awareness of this bond?



Child: Jesus wants us to stay close to Him like branches are to a vine. What can we do to show Jesus we love Him and want to stay close to Him?

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HR Offertory, April 25	\$ 609.00
Monthly, April 25	\$ 140.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending April 23	\$ 370.00
Grand Annual	\$25,580.00

The second collection for May 9 is the Monthly.

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

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

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

HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
To Date \$25,580.00



\$25,000
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\$15,000
\$10,000
\$ 5,000

Congratulations! Holy Redeemer has surpassed its Grand Annual Goal. Thank you to all who contributed. Contributions are still being accepted.

2021 Catholic Appeal Update

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,271.00
To Date \$16,135.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org
To learn more.



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\$15,000
\$10,000
\$ 5,000

The 2021 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at Holy Redeemer. Together, we have raised \$16,135.00 toward our parish goal of \$22,271.00. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have participated, especially during this difficult year. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston, and at Holy Redeemer.

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. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact.

If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request, you can make donations online at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Your participation in our parish 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 Holy Redeemer!

This is
OUR CHURCH

HR Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

Program information for those students entering Grades K-8 can be found on our parish website. Registration forms are also available. As always, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email agiard@newburyportcatholic.org should you have any questions.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Dates have been set for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Please be aware that we **are not yet** accepting registrations as COVID restrictions keep us in flux. As always, please reach out to the Faith Formation Office with any questions you might have.

First Reconciliation:

IC: Friday, May 7, 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 8, 11:00 a.m.

First Eucharist:

IC: Monday, June 7, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 12, 11:00 a.m.
Monday, June 14, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 19, 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

Confirmation

Confirmation prep classes for both Grades 9 and 10 are ongoing. Information regarding the sacrament can be found on the Collaborative website: hricatholic.org. Should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation office.

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.

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 PARISH

HR Online Giving

Holy Redeemer now provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish community. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then click on “HR Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

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

St. Ann Retaining Wall

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

HR Prayer Shawl



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

If you know of anyone, please give their name to Helen hvktax@aol.com 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.

Year of St. Joseph



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

“Each of us can discover in Joseph—the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence—an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble,” the Pope wrote. He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph’s role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, “Our world today needs fathers.” (CNA, 12-10-20)

To learn more about the Year of St. Joseph and resources available to you, visit bostoncatholic.org/yearofstjoseph. There you can find many resources and links.

IC PARISH

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.hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Program information for those students entering Grades K–8 can be found on our parish website. Registration forms are also available. As always, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email agiard@newburyportcatholic.org 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: hricatholic.org. Should you have any questions, please contact the [Faith Formation office](#).

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative Offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Dates have been set for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Please be aware that we **are not yet** accepting registrations as COVID restrictions keep us in flux. As always, please reach out to the [Faith Formation Office](#) with any questions you might have.

First Reconciliation:

IC: Friday, May 7, 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 8, 11:00 a.m.

First Eucharist:

IC: Monday, June 7, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 12, 11:00 a.m.
Monday, June 14, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 19, 1:00 p.m.

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

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

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, April 25	\$3,553.00
Monthly, April 25	\$ 510.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending April 23	\$3,787.00
Grand Annual	\$104,360.00

The second collection for May 2 is Ongoing Church Maintenance.
The second collection for May 9 is the Monthly.

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: hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.

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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.

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2021 Catholic Appeal Update

Catholic Appeal

Goal **\$53,820.00**
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We are pleased to share that even during these difficult times, Immaculate Conception has raised **\$27,225.00** 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 Immaculate Conception!

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IC Haiti

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

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

We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

IC St. Vincent de Paul



We recently launched our new website: www.svdpnewburyport.org where you can make an online donation.

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

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

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