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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

The Most Holy Trinity

May 30, 2021

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“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

(Mt 28:19)

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

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

St. Ann

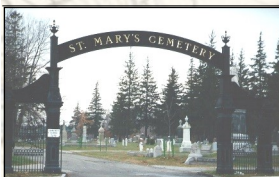
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

At the end of May, both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Archdiocese of Boston are relaxing most of the COVID restrictions we have all been embracing for the past year. This is due to the plummeting number of COVID cases and the widespread distribution of the vaccine in our area.

Effective June 1st in all of our churches, the following changes will occur:

- **Face masks will be optional for all parishioners who are vaccinated** at all parish events and liturgies. Those who are not vaccinated or who are at a higher risk for contracting a severe case of COVID are encouraged to continue wearing a face mask based on the recommendation of their doctor.
- **Registration for weekend Masses will be discontinued.** If there is ever the need to notify anyone regarding a possible exposure to COVID through one of our liturgies, this will be done on our [website](#).
- Our churches will continue to be cleaned regularly; however, **it is no longer necessary to have them sanitized after every Mass.**
- **Seating restrictions will be loosened**, with some areas of the church kept in the existing COVID configuration for a time, to allow those who do not feel comfortable to maintain a greater distance from others.
- **Holy Communion will continue to be distributed in the hand and under the form of bread only.** Parishioners are reminded that the full presence of Christ is present under either species, whether receiving from the plate or the cup. The Archdiocese will review this situation and advise us when we might consider a return to offering the Communion Cup for everyone.
- All clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will use hand sanitizer and **wear face masks while distributing Communion**, even if they are not worn at other times during the Mass.
- **Hand sanitizer** will continue to be made available in all of our churches and parishioners are encouraged to wash their hands frequently and maintain good personal hygiene as before.
- We continue to ask parishioners to **monitor their own health** and to refrain from attending public Mass if they feel sick, have any of the symptoms of COVID or have been exposed recently to anyone who has.
- At this time, we will continue to **refrain from general hand-shaking at the Sign of Peace**, however, parishioners who live together may do as they wish among their families and all parishioners are encouraged to offer a friendly gesture such as a gentle wave of the hand or nod of the head in recognition of what the Sign of Peace means among us as a congregation.
- Regular **Saturday afternoon confessions will be held, beginning in June** from 3:00–3:30 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Church. These will be held in the main body of the church at the discretion of the priest. Confessions will also continue to be available at other times and places during the week by appointment.
- **We will continue to livestream the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass**, however, this will be done from one of our 3 Collaborative churches on a rotating basis, and the separate livestream Mass from St. James Chapel will end. Parishioners are encouraged to enjoy our livestream celebration through [Facebook](#) and our [website](#) any time they are not able to join us in person.
- For the summer months, **we will continue to take up our collections via the collection boxes** located at the entranceways to the churches. This will be re-evaluated in the fall. All parishioners are encouraged to continue their support of the Church through their in-person contributions, participation in the on-line giving programs, or by mailing in their contributions. Everyone's generosity is greatly appreciated!
- We will continue our limited music program through the summer months, anticipating a return to **full music and choral singing in the fall**. New worship aids (*Breaking Bread* hymnals) will be ordered for the beginning of Advent. Parishioners are welcome at this time to participate in singing at Mass as much as they wish.
- We will look to **return the ministry of Altar Serving to our Masses this fall** after a period of training and recruitment.
- **All parish groups may resume in-person meetings at full capacity.** Please contact our Collaborative Office to schedule or reserve your meeting space and time.
- **Immaculate Conception Church will reopen during the day** for private prayer, subject to the custodian's schedule.
- We are awaiting additional guidance regarding schools and Religious Education Programs, but we will share with you those changes when they are known.

Also, please note:

- We will plan to **return the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass to the Holy Redeemer churches beginning in July** with Nativity Church and rotating them going forward on a monthly basis.
- Beginning in July, **we will change the Sunday morning Masses at Holy Redeemer to 8:30 a.m. at Nativity and 10:00 a.m. at St. Ann.** This decision was from a recent conversation with the Pastoral Council and done in the hopes of welcoming more people to a Sunday morning experience in both churches. This will be re-evaluated in the fall.

I want to take this moment to thank our many dedicated volunteers who were invaluable in helping us to navigate these uncertain times. Your selfless acts of service and enthusiastic presence are truly contagious, in the best use of that term!

Let us all be patient with one another as we slowly return to what will be our new normal going forward. The respect that we offer to others who may feel differently than we do is a true hallmark of our love for each other in Jesus Christ. The Lord has been with us through this dark valley, and the Lord will guide us together to more verdant pastures where we all may find repose.

Wishing you a happy and healthy summer,
Fr. Timothy Harrison,
Pastor

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/29)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** *Barbara Welch Hodges Alexander Basque* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
4:00pm **IC** *James B. Lefebvre* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (5/30)

8:00am **Nativity** *Daniel Brodie* (Fr. Morin)
9:00am **IC** *Alice Mason, Russell J. Burton* (Fr. Harrison)
9:30am **St. Ann Tom & Peg Pendergast** (Fr. Stanley)
11:30am **IC** *Robert J. Welch* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (5/31) Memorial Day

9:00am **St. Mary's Cemetery** *Mr. Stefan Javor, Rev. James Broderick*

Tuesday (6/1)

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

Wednesday (6/2)

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

Thursday (6/3)

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

Friday (6/4)

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

Saturday (6/5)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)
4:00pm **IC** *For the Intentions of Ruben Orozco* (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (6/6)

8:00am **Nativity** *Joseph Kardas* (Fr. Stanley)
9:00am **IC** *Paul Salmi, E. Joseph Saillant, Bienvenido Lagahid, Arsenia Lagahid, Alan Lagahid, Gladys Lagahid* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)
9:30am **St. Ann Reid Gallant, For a Special Intention** (Fr. Morin)
11:00am **IC** *Domenico & Caterina Maiello, Margaret Cohane, Kevin Jackson, Achille Leone, Jr.* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember William Buell 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](#)

Memorial Day Office Hours

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00am.

Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 31



Mass will be offered on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 31**, at St. Mary's Cemetery, 36 Storey Avenue (Rte. 113), Newburyport. The Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather and pray for all those who have given their lives in service to our country as well as remember all who have been interred here at our local Catholic Cemetery. Please bring a chair, sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat if you need them.

The regular 9:00 a.m. Mass at IC is transferred to the cemetery on Memorial Day. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be moved back to IC Church. Please check our website for any updates: hriccatholic.org.

From Deacon Paul

Dear Parish Family,

As one of your Permanent Deacons serving this awesome Collaborative I wish you to know how proud I am of you. I listen to our state leadership tell us how we made the dropping of Covid 19 restrictions possible, and I think about how much more you have done. There are many heroes among our volunteers that have kept our parishes going during these difficult times, **we thank you**. Also those who have returned to Mass since that restriction was lifted (May 2020) always cooperating with greeters by social distancing and allowing us to contact trace, **thank you**.

Now as we plane our full back to "normal," it is time for old and new ministries to pick back up again. That means understanding our responsibility to keep all our members safe. No matter what age our members are they deserve a safe environment here in our churches. We ask all volunteers to fill out and have signed a CORI form. Please ask any of our Clergy for a form, fill it out, and then have them sign it. CORI's are good for one year. Every year a new form must be filed by every Volunteer. Please see me for any Questions.

CORI Captain Deacon Paul Dow

IC Summer Mass Schedule

Beginning in June, the 11:30 a.m. **Sunday Mass at IC will move to 11:00 a.m. during the summer months** (Memorial Day–Labor Day).

Confessions



We are offering face-to-face, individual Confessions by appointment only. These will take place outdoors. The weather must be amenable for the appointment; both priest and penitent **must wear a face mask** and practice proper social-distancing during the Confession.

For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, please contact our Collaborative Office at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Laudato Si Series

Come experience God's grace through the beautiful gift of creation, which surrounds and sustains us all.

The Laudato Si Series at Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative will bring 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 hopeful and inspiring. It is open to all people of all ages and faiths!

So grab your gardening gloves and a friend and join us as we dig in the dirt and deeper into God's grace. The series begins Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. with a kickoff meeting in St. Louis Hall at Immaculate Conception in Newburyport. Sign up to join us and to find out all the details at bit.ly/laudato-si-nbpt

Laudato Si Series

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.

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.

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.

Celebrating 50 Years of Ordained Ministry!



Congratulations go out to Fr. Charlie Stanley as he marks 50 Years of Ordained Ministry this month. Fr. Charlie was ordained a priest on May 15, 1971. Please join our whole community in wishing him well as he continues to enjoy his retirement among us. Ad Multos Annos!

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.

Adoration Continues Past Pentecost at IC

Come and Be
Ordinary Time

IC Church

Thursday Evenings
7:15-8:00

Year of the EUCHARIST

The Disciples were empowered after Pentecost to be witnesses of Jesus' resurrection and all His promises. Adoration is the 21st century response to that gift of empowerment! Worship the Real Presence of Jesus! Expand gratitude for His abiding love! Lift intentions for our Collaborative ministries that depend on His presence for spiritual success! We're keeping the Church open for you!

Time: Thursday evenings 7:15–8:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

Place: IC church (enter by main entrance at Green Street)

Absent a clergy president: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament only.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Prayers for the Sick

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

Dan Bedard	Vincent Oberhofer
Priscilla Brown	Mary Shachok
Brett Burkinshaw	Ruth Sullivan
Charmaine Haan	Ron Sylvester
Bridie Hubley	Michael Tucker
Joe Messina	Chase VanDorne

Questions of the Week

Adult: Which person of the Blessed Trinity do you address most in prayer? Why do you think that is?

Child: What do you think about when making the Sign of the Cross? Do you think about the Blessed Trinity?

Collaborative Pastoral Council

All are Invited to Participate in the Meetings

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	Amy Friend
Jim Williamson, Vice Chair	Aaron Giard
Mary Bragg, Secretary	Paula Higgins
Kathy Betz	Deacon John Moranski
Sue Coppinger	Lucia Parker
Steve DiCamillo	Carol Robertson
Deacon Paul Dow	Jonathan Temple
Chris Eagan	Pat Temple

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.

WELCOME TO A COMMUNITY FULL OF

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

HR NEWS

HR St. Vincent de Paul

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.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860 or place in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

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, hriccatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then 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.

Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hriccatholic.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.

We will also post our weekly bulletins on the website for you to view electronically.

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.)

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, May 23	\$1,096.00
Seminarians, May 23	\$ 320.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending May 21	\$ 969.00
Grand Annual	\$25,580.00

No second collection this weekend.

The second collection for June 5–6 is the Monthly.

If you would like to mail in your collections, 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: hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

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 [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.

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 [Faith Formation Office](#) 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.
- Monday, June 28, 6:00 p.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

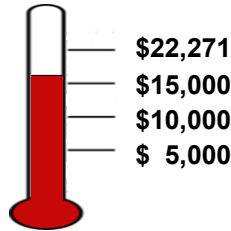
Confirmation prep classes for both Grades 9 and 10 are ongoing. Information regarding the sacrament can be found on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Should you have any questions, please contact the [Faith Formation office](#).

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,271.00

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Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org
 To learn more.



2021 Catholic Appeal



Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the 2021 Catholic Appeal. Your gift has an immediate impact on the Central Ministries that are supporting our parish, our schools, and our communities across the Archdiocese of Boston.

Our parish goal is \$22,271 and thanks to your generosity we are almost there with \$16,860. If you haven't had a chance to make your contribution, help us reach our goal by making your gift at bostoncatholicappeal.org. To give now, scan the QR code.



HR Prayer Shawl



In the past, we have waited for requests for a prayer shawl or lap blanket and given it to the person requesting it. It can be for anyone, anywhere—there is no cost, it is free.

We will continue to do this! We want to do more. We would like to drop off prayer shawls or a lap blanket to anyone you know who needs comfort in our Holy Redeemer Parish family. So, if you know of anyone, please give their name to Helen 978-771-4673 or hvktax@aol.com.

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.

Yours Truly, Holy Redeemer Prayer Shawl Ladies

HR Activities Committee



The Activities Committee will meet on Thursday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Merrimac Hall. We hope to be planning "fall stuff"!

Everyone, please come *join us, meet us, see us*, it has been oh! so long for us all....

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IC Offertory, May 22–23	\$2,558.00
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Mailed-in Offertory, week ending May 21	\$2,948.00
Grand Annual	\$104,360.00

The second collection for May 29–30 is **IC Haiti**. Please **make checks payable to IC Haiti**.

The second collection for June 5–6 is the *Monthly*.

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

Immaculate Conception Parish
42 Green Street
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You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.

Catholic Appeal

Goal **\$53,820.00**
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2021 Catholic Appeal



Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the 2021 Catholic Appeal. Your gift has an immediate impact on the Central Ministries that are supporting our parish, our schools, and our communities across the Archdiocese of Boston.

Our parish goal is \$53,820 and thanks to your generosity we are more than halfway to our goal of \$31,575. If you haven't had a chance to make your contribution, help us reach our goal by making your gift at bostoncatholicappeal.org. To give now, scan the QR code.



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, 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.

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**. 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 envelopes and make out checks to “IC Haiti.”

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IC St. Vincent de Paul



We recently launched our new website: www.svdpnnewburyport.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 from 4:30–5:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

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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 [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.

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 [Faith Formation Office](#) 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.
Monday, June 28, 6:00 p.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.

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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Immaculate Conception School



Building relationships between schoolmates is actively fostered at Immaculate Conception School. Our older students often speak of how proud they feel in serving as role models for the younger children. Likewise, our younger students adore

their older schoolmates and cherish every moment they spend together participating in the various activities throughout the school year.



Grace uses all the bells and whistles on the Promethean interactive board to teach regrouping in math.

Fifth grader Grace Pironti had a Pelican Pride-filled moment last week when she was First Grade Teacher for a Day, which was a spring auction prize that her family won with the highest bid. Grace took over for Mrs. Pike, the classroom teacher, by teaching math, reading a story, accompanying Mrs. Pike on the guitar during an outside singing session, and ate snack with the in-person and remote learners.



Grace leads the class as they count the tally marks that show the total number of days in school for the year.

Providing students with meaningful experiences beyond classroom learning is a focus at the IC—a positive experience can spark an interest in a child that changes life's trajectory. Will Grace grow up with aspirations to be a teacher? Perhaps, thanks to her positive experience with Mrs. Pike and the 1st grade students.

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.

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.

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