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Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

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*All Are
Welcome*

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

(Acts 2:1-4)



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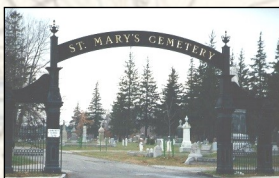
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Online-Only Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/30)

4:00pm Robert Leak, Daniel Brodie

Sunday (5/31)

10:00am John Pallone, Regina M. Stronge
Reid Landry Garrant, Robert John Welch

Saturday (6/6)

4:00pm Margaret Cohane, Kevin Jackson

Sunday (6/7)

10:00am Domenico & Caterina Maiello,
Regina M. Stronge

In your prayers please remember Gordon P. Mitchell, Jr., and all the faithful departed.

All Masses will be broadcast live through [Facebook Live](#) until further notice.



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

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

These have been very exciting days! Finally, after a long two months of shut-down, we have been given the opportunity to begin to re-open our churches for public worship. I say, "begin," because I hope that everyone is aware that this will be a process, not a singular moment. We cannot simply turn the lights on and start celebrating masses the way we did before. There will be many changes that must be planned-for so this can happen properly. Just as your weekly shopping trip to the supermarket has undergone significant changes, so, too, will our return to church.

To begin with, attendance at **mass will be by advanced-reservation only**. As of this writing, we are still finalizing which method will work best, but any parishioner wishing to attend a live weekend mass will have to do this by making a reservation online or over the phone first. The reason for this is because our churches will have very limited seating capacity in order to comply with the Governor's directives on reopening and also to allow for proper 6-foot social distancing in the pews. Each church will be clearly marked where someone can sit, and also, where people may not. **Parishioners must only sit in the marked positions in the pew.** Couples or families may need to occupy more than one seating position or an entire pew to maintain distance from their neighbor.

While at church from the moment you leave your car in the parking lot to the time when you return to your car, **all**



Learn about the Mass

Aaron Giard, our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, will be offering a walk-through teaching on the Mass during the 30 minutes before Mass on Sundays.

Tune in on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. via [Facebook Live](#) to learn more about the beauty of Mass and the whys behind the words and gestures we perform each week.

Watch Mass on Facebook Live

To watch our live stream Masses:

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) at the appointed time.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
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If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet.

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parishioners must wear a face mask. Only those with medical conditions that make wearing a mask difficult (such as those with asthma) or young children are exempt. Otherwise, anyone 6 years old or older is asked to bring a mask with them and wear it for the entire duration of the mass.

All parishioners are asked to properly wash their hands vigorously with soap and water prior to coming to mass. Parishioners are also asked to bring with them a small bottle of hand sanitizer and use it liberally during the mass in the event they've come into contact with any surfaces or objects. Good hygiene is important for all!

While on parish property, all parishioners will be required to **maintain a social-distance of 6 feet** or more from one another. There will be markings on the floor to assist with this. While heading to your seats and also while in the communion procession, please be sure not to get any closer than 6 feet from the person in front of you. This will require extra patience on everyone's part, so please come prepared to spend a little more time doing the things that we have done habitually or without much thought in times past.

All collections will be taken up by means of deposit boxes at the entrances of the churches. Parishioners are asked to make their weekly contributions either on their way into mass or on their way out. There will be no passing of the baskets or offertory procession. Also, parishioners may continue to use the online-giving option, the "90-Days for Your Parish" online-giving program through the Archdiocese or simply mail-in their contributions. *However you choose to contribute, a hearty Thank you! for your continued support of your parishes!*

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When it comes time for **Holy Communion**, parishioners will be asked to form a single Communion line in the center of the main aisles of each church, maintaining the necessary 6-foot distance from one another and keeping your face mask on as you do. Again, please watch for the markings on the floor to assist you with this. When it is your turn to approach the priest or Eucharistic Minister, extend both arms with hands flattened, one upon another, and the priest or Eucharistic Minister will place the host toward your hand from the top down and gently drop it into your hand without contact. Keeping your hands flattened, please step away 6-feet from them, quickly lower your mask, place the host in your mouth and quickly replace your face mask so that it fully covers your mouth and nose. Then, keeping a 6-foot distance from anyone in front of you, please return to your seat by the side aisles only. At this time Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand only. The Precious Blood will not be distributed. Please be careful not to have any contact with the priest, Eucharistic Minister or any other parishioners. No one should have to climb over another person to enter or exit the pew. Please move out of the way for each other if necessary.

A few other things that will be different: There will be **no congregational singing during mass**. Although we will plan to have limited music at these celebrations, people are invited to enjoy the music in a reverent silence for now. All hymnals will be removed from the churches. No bulletins or other printed materials will be available prior to the start of mass, although eventually we hope to be distributing them after mass is over on the way out of church. All parishioners are encouraged to visit our Collaborative website (www.hricatholic.org) prior to mass and follow the links for the readings to prepare for mass ahead of time. Even as we begin to celebrate public masses in our churches, **we will continue to improve-upon and offer our live-streamed masses online** which will be available through our website or on Facebook. You do not have to be a member of Facebook to participate in the mass online.

While we will be doing everything we can to make our celebrations in the churches as safe as possible for all those who attend them, it is important for **those who are in a high-risk category** for COVID-19 (the elderly, those who have compromised immune systems or those with multiple risk-factors) to **consider staying home** at this time and enjoy our live-streamed mass. We must insist that anyone who does feel ill or if you believe that you have been exposed to COVID-19 please stay home and consult with your physician. This is for your health as well as the health of our faith communities.

To enable all of this to happen, we are in need of **volunteers** who can help with the **cleaning** of our churches before or after a public mass, people to assist as **greeters** and help direct parishioners to proper seating sections of the church and those who would be willing to serve as **Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers**. We are also looking for new people to **help with the live-streaming of our masses**. Additionally, we will be engaging professional cleaning services to ensure that our buildings are as clean and safe as possible for all who wish to use them. Please

contact our office at info@newburyportcatholic.org for more information on how to volunteer or help.

Right now, we are planning on offering our first **Sunday masses on June 7 at both Immaculate Conception Church in Newburyport as well as St. Ann in West Newbury**. Nativity Church in Merrimac is currently closed for a long-awaited interior painting that was planned-for from Holy Redeemer's capital campaign of several years ago and will re-open a little later in June. To make your reservation to attend one of these masses, please watch our Collaborative website (www.hricatholic.org) for more information in the days ahead. At this time, we are not ready to resume daily masses, but will do so after the launch of our Sunday masses and when proper arrangements can be made for cleaning, etc.

Confessions are available by appointment only and will be held outside in the fresh air and only when weather permits. Priest and penitent must wear face masks and maintain proper social-distancing throughout. Please contact our office at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724 to make an appointment.

Baptisms and Weddings are allowed to take place, subject to all of the above criteria. Again, please contact our office for additional information. We will begin to offer **Funerals** in our churches very soon. More information will be available shortly. Additionally, we will plan to reopen our **Collaborative office** in June. Again, more information will be available shortly on how and when that will happen.

The Archdiocese of Boston has released a short video on YouTube to help us prepare for returning to mass in what is now the "new normal." Please take a moment and watch it before venturing forth into any of our churches in the weeks ahead: <https://youtu.be/vLkFzkV9UjM>

In all of this I would ask for your prayers that our collective efforts to resume public worship may be fruitful and safe for all concerned. It will be a great blessing from the Lord to be able to share in the Eucharist together once again, even under these limited circumstances. I am grateful for all that you do to help strengthen our parishes and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I deeply appreciate your witness of faith and evangelical patience!

May the Lord bless us all richly in the days to come!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

May 23, 2020

90 Days Now-For Your Parish

"90 Days Now-For Your Parish" is a new, three-month campaign created by a member of the laity to help support our parishes while we are temporarily closed. The funds raised go *directly* to your parish. Please visit our website at hricatholic.org to read Fr. Tim's letter to the Collaborative to learn more about this project.

"90 Days Now" link:

<https://bcatholic.sites.bostoncatholic.org/90DaysYourParish>

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

HRIC Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program

As the challenges of COVID-19 continue to evolve, Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Collaborative is formalizing its *"Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program"* to respond to those in need within our communities of Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury. The focus of the program is to comfort and nurture our parish community and send its faith, love, and generosity outward by offering meaningful ways to love and serve our greater communities as this pandemic unfolds.

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

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

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cou0I5DOFLP_rhhBqDaMAQZ-Z4ED9-WpxRGBWc9XM10

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

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

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown
Brett Burkinshaw
Eunice Campbell
Joe Messina

Ron Pagliaruto
Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker

Confessions



Now that the weather is improving, we will begin to offer face-to-face, individual Confessions by appointment in the weeks ahead. These will take place by an individual appointment with one of our priests and will be held outside in the fresh air. 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.

Virtual Meetings

Attention Collaborative Groups

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

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

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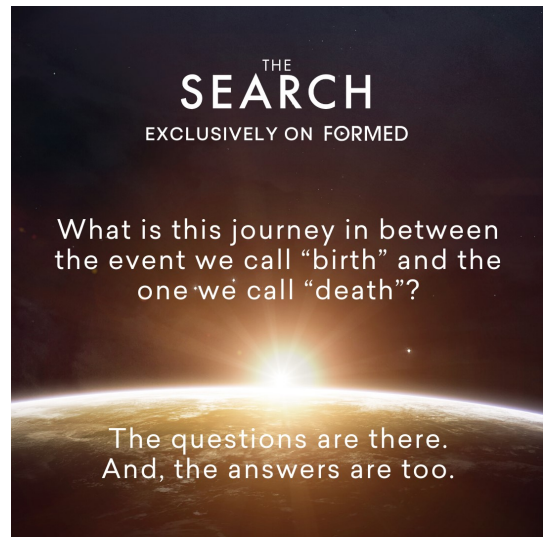
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To view *The Search*, go to <https://watch.formed.org/products>

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Virtual Rosary

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

www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.

Thursdays 7:00 p.m.



Exciting News for You!

We are excited to announce that our Collaborative parishes now have access to the premium digital video content from **Word on Fire**, a service known as **ENGAGE**. Everyone in our two parishes will benefit from this year-long subscription through the generosity of an anonymous donor.

The films and video presentations that make up **ENGAGE** feature **Bishop Robert Barron** who has been hailed as “one of the Church’s greatest messengers” and is the second most-followed Catholic in the world on social media (behind only Pope Francis.) For many of our older parishioners, a comparison to Bishop Fulton Sheen helps to underscore the giftedness of Bishop Barron as an effective communicator of the Gospel and our Catholic faith.

You and everyone in our Collaborative parishes now have free access to the entire **Word on Fire** digital video library. You can watch any of Bishop Barron’s films or study programs whenever you want, on any device!

Established groups in the Collaborative, such as the St. Vincent DePaul Societies, Women at the Well, and Cursillo reunion groups, will be able to share within their group the video resources of **Word on Fire** tailored to their particular needs.

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**.

Once again, we’re excited to bring **ENGAGE** to your attention. 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.

The Forming Intentional Disciples Priority Team



Mass Scripture Readings

May 31–June 7, 2020

Praying with the Scriptures during the time of Pentecost can help us to develop a more intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. What do each day’s Scripture passages reveal about our loving Father, our saving Lord Jesus, and our empowering Holy Spirit? What do they reveal about our vocation as a Church community to become ever more intentional disciples of Christ? Please access the **HRIC** webpage to learn about **Lectio Divina** as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICcatholic.org and click on **HRIC Pastoral Plan** and then click on **Lectio Divina**.

- Sunday, May 31: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23
- Monday, June 1: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34
- Tuesday, June 2: 2 Peter 3: 12-15a, 17-18; Mark 12:13-17
- Wednesday, June 3: 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12; Mark 12:18-27
- Thursday, June 4: 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Mark 12:28-34
- Friday, June 5: 2 Timothy 3:10-17; Mark 12:35-37
- Saturday, June 6: 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Mark 12:38-44
- Sunday, June 7: Exodus 34:4B-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

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



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Women at the Well Bible Study

We Are Meeting Virtually

We will be meeting virtually until further notice. All are welcome to join in, whether you are a new face or have come before.

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 (See page 3 for details about this campaign)

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Newburyport MA 01950

Or read below to sign up for online giving.

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. (At this time, Online Giving is available for only IC members.) 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 or the Online Giving link on our homepage, then click on “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, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Name one thing in today's Gospel that we, as Jesus' disciples, need to heed and act on.

Child: How and where can you imitate the disciples and practice forgiveness?

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.”**

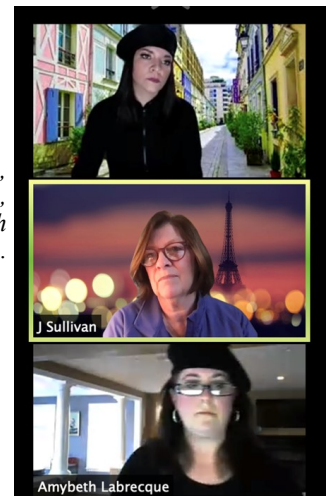
We are grateful for your continued generosity during the pandemic. May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Immaculate Conception School



The “Springtime in Paris” Auction was held last Saturday night, virtually. Immaculate Conception School holds a spring auction annually, which typically generates about one fourth of the year’s fundraising dollars. This year’s auction organizers had already planned on introducing an online bidding option to enable people who were not at the event to bid. As the impact of the coronavirus became evident in early March, we were thankful that we had put the online piece in place, thus ensuring that we would be able to hold the event if schools were to close. Once the school community settled into the online learning scenario for the children, plans started to solidify for a virtual auction. Photographs of the items for auction were taken and descriptions were written. The IC Tech Team worked with the auction organizers to develop a website and bidding timeline, and the event was launched on May 18. Throughout the week, bidders received email notifications if they were outbid, and the website displayed the leader boards to keep everyone informed. On the evening of May 23, we held a virtual final bidding party from 7–8 p.m. School families logged on to watch the fun, while others were monitoring the bidding action from their phones. Almost 80 people registered to bid, all of whom were active on the site during the final bidding hour. Auction Co-Chairs Kerry Davis and Amy Labrecque, both dressed in French berets, were hosts for the night. The hour went quickly with a mix of interviews with parent volunteers who organized components of the auction, detailed descriptions of the wide range of class art projects, and acknowledgement of local businesses that graciously sponsor the IC.

Event Co-Chairs Kerry Davis, top, and Amy LaBrecque, bottom, host the virtual auction with Principal Sullivan.



The bidding was steady throughout the night, including the “Donate Now” button, which was another way for the community to support the school. At 8:00, the art project bids were closed. One of the hottest items was the Kindergarten corn hole game, decorated with pastel colored sailboats, each of which had been painted by a child in the class. As the minutes ticked past the end time, no one left the party, so we kept going! We highlighted more auction items, played some dance music, and announced our total fundraising efforts for the night.

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Participants continued to bid until 8:30 p.m. Our total for the night was over \$21,000.

As we reflect back on the event and the virtual venue that was our only option due to coronavirus, we realize that the auction turned out to be so much more because of the limitations. We had entire families in attendance, alumni whose children now attend the IC were recognized, volunteer parents shared their IC stories, and past winners of IC auction traditions, such as the Kindergarten quilt, were shared with everyone. In fact, Tara McQuaid showed the quilt that she won at the auction nine years ago, during her son Rudi's Kindergarten year. Rudi will graduate from the IC this year. We all came away from the event as better friends, and with a greater appreciation for the history and traditions that make Immaculate Conception School such a strong, connected community.

Immaculate Conception wishes to thank the sponsors and participants of the Springtime in Paris Auction. Your support is impactful and greatly appreciated!!

For more information on IC School, please visit icsnewburyport.com



The 8th Grade project was a book of memories created by the students, including photographs they took from around the school and church campus.

IC St. Vincent de Paul



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is here to help. So many people are experiencing hardship now and will continue to struggle during the months ahead as we recover from the impact of COVID-19. Residents of Newburyport and

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