HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 19, 2022



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Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

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

St. Ann

RURY

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985 Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985 Phone: 978-346-8604 Email: info@hriccatholic.org

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Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices: 42 Green St., Newburyport 01950 Office Hours: M–F 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Phone: 978-462-2724

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MERRIMAC

St. Mary's Cemetery

NEWBURYPORT

36 Storey Avenue, Newburyport 01950

Immaculate Conception School

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/18)

4:00pm IC Elizabeth J. Hanlon (Fr. Morin) 4:00pm St. Ann Roland Becotte (Fr. McLaughlin) Sunday (6/19), Father's Day 8:30am Nativity (Fr. Morin) 9:00am IC Jacqueline Gibbons, Michael A. Viggiano, Thomas Walter Stearns, Richard Carolan (Fr. O'Brien) 10:15am St. Ann (Fr. McLaughlin) **11:00**am **IC** (Fr. O'Brien) Monday (6/20) 9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin) Tuesday (6/21) 9:00am IC Peter C. Boschetti (Fr. McLaughlin) Wednesday (6/22) 9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin) Thursday (6/23) 9:00am IC (Fr. Morin) Friday (6/24) 9:00am IC (Fr. Morin) Saturday (6/25) 4:00pm IC (Fr. Stanley) 4:00pm St. Ann (Fr. Morin) Sunday (6/26) 8:30am Nativity (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski) 9:00am IC Jacqueline Gibbons, John Murray (Fr. Stanley) 10:15am St. Ann (Fr. Harrison) 11:00am IC Joan Morrison (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember Paul O'Brien and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

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

Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through our website: <u>hriccathlic.org</u> and on Facebook: (<u>Holy Redeemer - Immaculate</u> <u>Conception Collaborative Parishes</u>).

Juneteenth Holiday

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, June 20 in obserance of the Juneteenth holiday. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, June 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to <u>hricbulletin@gmail.com</u>.



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Over the next week and a half, I will be joining together with a number of parishioners to go on a pilgrimage to experience the world-famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. In addition to this one-in-a decade event, we will also enjoy a



cruise down the Danube River, stopping at many significant places that have influenced our Church's faith history, including Salzburg, Vienna, Regensburg, Melk Abbey and Budapest. The Masses that we will have in each of these locations are sure to be highlights of the journey along with the play itself. This pilgrimage was originally scheduled to take place in 2020, but because of COVID, has been postponed until now. Given that the Passion Plav is only performed once every ten years, our planning for this journey had begun in 2018. So, it has been a long time in coming! The Passion Play itself was originally performed by the townspeople of Oberammergau as a thanksgiving for being delivered from the plague back in 1634. There is no small irony in our own journey there as we move forward in dealing with our present pandemic! Please pray for our pilgrimage group as we will for all of you. I look forward to sharing more with you upon our return.

Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



Our pilgrims' departure Mass at IC St. James Chapel

Live Stream Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses on our website:

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

To watch our live-stream Masses on Facebook:

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

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, June 20 Juneteenth Collaborative offices closed

Tuesday, June 21

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, *IC Church* Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00pm, *IC Nazareth Library*

Wednesday, June 22 Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, *IC Nazareth Library* Cub Scout Mtg. 4:00pm, *St. Ann Hall*

Thursday, June 23 Adoration 7:00pm, *IC Church*

Friday, June 24 Adoration 9:30am, IC Church AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, June 25 Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

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

San Marcos Coffee June 18-19



For Father's Day please consider treating Dad to a pound of Father Ray's delicious San Marcos coffee. This specialty coffee is produced by poor farmers in Honduras who benefit greatly from our quarterly sales. It will be freshly roasted and

available for \$10/pound (whole-bean or ground) at all Collaborative Masses on June 18–19.

Please call/text Karen Finnegan to pre-order or to learn more: 978-270-0183.

June 19 Second Collection: Promoting the Gospel

This week's second collection will be shared by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). These two organizations communicate the Gospel by promoting works of justice, education, and the dignity of human life. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes and will support our local communications needs, such as Catholic TV programming.

For more information about these organizations, please visit

- 1. www.usccb.org/cchd
- 2. www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-forgiving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm

While this collection supports national efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local CCHD grants and parish communication efforts.

Collaborative Pastoral Council

We have completed our second full year and are seeking the names of people you think might be good candidates for this Council. We are now looking for parishioners who might be interested in serving in this capacity. At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve the parish in this way. Please list your own name if you are interested and/or list the names of others. No need to ask them at this point—this will be done as the process unfolds. No one will be chosen for this Council until they fully understand what they are being asked to do and the time involved. This is just the initial surfacing of names.

The purpose of the Collaborative Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education, and service activities within the parish.

If you are interested in serving on the Council, consider nominating yourself. All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parish who are 16 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated. Please send the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate and email this information to jimwilliamson35@gmail.com by August 15, 2022. Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council.

Selection of candidates for expiring terms will be chosen by lot in late August.

Faith Formation Summer Program

Online registration is now available. Visit the Faith Formation webpage (<u>hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation</u>) for more information and to register.

We will host our annual HRIC Summer Program at the IC campus for 3rd–8th graders on **August 8–12, 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. each day (M–F)**

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

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

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

Questions of the Week



Adult: When you hear the words "Body of Christ" Blood of Christ," what thoughts occur to you?

Child: What does receiving the Body of Christ mean to you?

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown Bill Crounse Charmaine Haan Hillar Haan Jay Hanslig Terence Healey Sam Kitchen Lori Ouellette Maureen Russell Yvonne Sloban Ruth Sullivan Rob Schweizer Michael Tucker Jim Williamson

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

The Sacrament of the Sick

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

Knights of Columbus



All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month in the IC Nazareth Library.

For more information about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804 or email <u>kofc231@gmail.com</u>.

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FORMED The Catholic Faith. On Demand

Enjoy thousands of books, videos, daily reflections, and talks at home or on the go. Find age-appropriate content for every family member. FORMED is available on ROKU, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, mobile phones, and tablets. Offline playback is now available for your road trips and commutes.

Visit <u>formed.org</u> and click on "Sign up." Our organization name is "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" (or type in code JRNDGP) Follow the prompts to join and log in.

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.

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

Adoration After Pentecost

To listen before speaking gains strength from the release of the Holy Spirit's power via Sacred Silence. Adoration is a Catholic prayer form that places right worship in a unique focal point: Jesus in the Monstrance. We keep IC Church open for you every **Thursday from 7–8 p.m.** Stay for the hour or any part of it. Be blessed by the presence of others who thrive on the abundant graces released like a Pentecost gift when listening to His voice.

Enter from Green Street only, please.

We also offer Adoration on Fridays immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at IC.

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



Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at **bible.usccb.org**. Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.

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

Laudato Si Series

The next Laudato Si Meeting: Monday, June 27

Due to the Juneteenth federal holiday on June 20, we will be meeting at St. Louis Hall from 6:30–8:00 p.m. on Monday June 27. This month's speaker is Dr. Doug Tallamy author of the book *Bringing Nature Home*.

We will resume meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month in July.

IC Haiti

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.

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."

The Pelican Intervention Fund



We provide funding for non-profit, 12-step residential sober homes for economically challenged men and women struggling with addiction. Questions? Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org

to learn more.

Donations can be made to:

"The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF"

Essex County Community Foundation, 175 Andover Street, Danvers, MA 01923

Confessions



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

Juneteenth

In 1863, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued the *Emancipation Proclamation*, which declared more than three million slaves living in the Confederate states to be free. More than two years would pass, however, before the news reached African Americans living in Texas. It was not until Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, that the state's residents finally learned that slavery had been abolished.

The following year, on June 19, the first official Juneteenth celebrations took place in Texas. The original observances included prayer meetings and the singing of spirituals. Within a few years, African Americans in other states were celebrating the day as well, making it an annual tradition. Celebrations have continued across the United States into the 21st century and typically include prayer and religious services, speeches, educational events, family gatherings and picnics, and festivals. Juneteenth became a state holiday in Texas in 1980, and a number of other states subsequently followed suit.

In 2021, Juneteenth was made a federal holiday. The day is also celebrated outside the United States, being used by organizations in a number of countries to recognize the end of slavery and to honor the culture and achievements of African Americans.

Excerpted from the Editors of Encyclopedia Britannica. This article was most recently revised and updated by Amy Tikkanen.

women at the well

Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Seeking a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

Welcome to Women at the Well: A weekly Bible Study for women seeking to grow closer to God and cultivate community!

Mondays 6:30-8:30 p.m.

In-person: IC Charity Dining Room and Zoom: Email <u>hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com</u> for the link.

If you are unable to make it to every meeting, please do not worry! This group is designed to allow you to drop in whenever you are able to join us, no pre-reading necessary from week to week.

Holy Jammers



The Holy Jammers musical group meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the IC Nazareth Library to jam for an hour. All are welcome to join us!

Support after Breast Cancer Loss

Do you know a New England area family who has lost a loved one to breast cancer and is in need of financial and/



or emotional support? Runway for Recovery is a Newburyport non-profit that funds families who have lost a loved one to breast cancer. We aim to reduce the financial and logistical burdens of a loss and bolster families with needed psychological, social,

and financial support. Runway for Recovery is committed to being flexible with families in order to address their specific needs. We encourage you to apply and learn more here:

https://runwayforrecovery.org/familygrants/

Foster Care

Is there room in your home and heart for a foster child?



There is a need for foster homes in our area to provide children a supportive and healing home during a difficult time. Learn more from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) about Foster Care and Adopting through Foster Care.

https://www.mass.gov/guides/upcoming-foster-careadoptioninformational-meetings

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, June 11–12	
Monthly, June 11–12	

:	\$1,2	237.	00
ę	\$1	107.	00

The second collection this weekend (June 19) is Promoting the Gospel. See page 4 for more details. The second collection next weekend (June 26) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

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

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: <u>hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving</u>.



HR Activities Committee Updates

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. All are welcome to join us.

- The Activities Committee is planning a **clean up** for the Merrimac Hall on Wednesday, July 13 at 10:00 a.m. Anyone available to help out is welcomed to join. We are looking to get the hall wiped down and re-organized for our future activities:
- **Organizational/Planning Meeting** on Wednesday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Merrimac Hall. All are welcome. We are always looking for new ideas!
- Welcome Back Dinner Saturday, September 10 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in Merrimac.
- Holiday Fair Saturday, November 19 in Merrimac.

HR Prayer Shawl



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

We're back to meeting in person!!! Come join us. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. **Our next meeting is Thursday July 7. Join us!**





HR Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

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

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Preparation for these sacraments will begin again with the start of the new school year program.

Baptism

We have resumed our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the 2022–23 fall Confirmation Prep schedule for Grades 9 and 10 will be posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: <u>hriccatholic.org</u> in July. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or email Aaron (<u>agiard@hriccatholic.org</u>) or Melinda (<u>burrell@hriccatholic.org</u>).

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your continued generosity to the HR Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. There are addressed SVdP envelopes in at both churches. Please place donations into the envelopes and either mail or place the envelopes in the collection. You can also place donations in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to HR St. Vincent de Paul Society, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

HR Greeters Needed

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

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, June 11–12	\$5	,775.00
Monthly, June 11–12	\$	718.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending June 10	\$	885.00

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IC Online Giving

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

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

Once registered, visit our website, <u>hriccatholic.org</u> and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

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

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

New Hope Family Support Group

This support group is designed to help others navigate relationships with loved ones dealing with addiction.

The group is free and open to all.

Location: IC St. Louis Hall

Day and time: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7:00 p.m.

Call, text, or email with questions: 781-854-2541, <u>3foldrecovery@gmail.com</u>.

Immaculate Conception School



Family Prayer Group



Some of our parishioners have formed a group to pray for families and do so on the last Friday of the month, calling the prayer group "Final Fridays for Families" or "FFF" as a result.

It is not burdensome or time-consuming and simply involves receiving a reminder on the last Friday of each month and saying a prayer for families at a time and place that is convenient to you on that day. The group particularly prays for all members and their families and their special intentions. If you would like to join the group and receive the monthly prayer reminder, please let Linda Temple know in our Collaborative office. Contact her at (978) 462-2724 or email at: info@hriccatholic.org.





The Compassionate Friends



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

Our next monthly support meeting is **June 27** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara with questions:978-697-1349 or 617-410-6309, or <u>barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com</u>. Barbara is also an Advanced Certified GRM (Grief Recovery Method) specialist and founder of A Butterfly's Journey nonprofit. She offers 1-on-1 or group classes in GRM, the only evidence-based methodology for grief.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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Free Hair Cuts

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

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

Newburyport Scouting

Newburyport Scout Troop 21 Invites Youth Ages 11–17 to Join

The Scouts BSA Troop 21 is inviting boys and girls aged 11–17 to join and participate in the adventures of Scouting. Troop 21, led by Leonard Wallace and Dr. Michelle LaFlamme, offers opportunities to learn and develop life and leadership skills, make new friends through a combination of outdoor activities, visits to cultural or historical sites, and much more.

Troop 21 welcomes any youth looking to join; no prior Scouting experience is necessary. If you were previously a Scout and dropped out of the program or did not join Cub Scouts, we'd love for you to drop back in!

For more information about Troop 21 or to get information on upcoming troop events, please check out our website at <u>www.nbptroop21.org</u>.

IC St. Vincent de Paul

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

To donate, you can visit our website to donate online at <u>www.svdpnewburyport.org</u>, or drop your donation (checks payable to "SVdP of Newburyport") 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

Tuesday evenings **takeout only meals** 4:30–5:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

Consolers Circle Meal

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

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.

Cemetery Trash Removal Notice

In order to control rising trash removal fees and to discourage people from littering and leaving trash throughout St. Mary's Cemetery, we will be posting signs within the cemetery grounds that read:

Please respect our consecrated grounds. Remove any trash or discarded items when you leave.

We have also decided not to place trash barrels throughout the cemetery with the hope that this will encourage people to take any trash or discarded items with them. It is also our hope that this will discourage people from littering and piling trash in the barrels because they are under the impression that there is regular trash removal. The cost of regular trash removal would be prohibitive.

Thank you.



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