

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

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Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. (Mt 10:29-31)

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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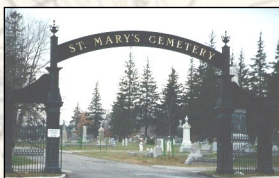
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/20)

4:00pm **Live-Stream Alexander Basque, Edward Ernst**

Sunday (6/21)

9:30am **St. Ann**

11:30am **IC Margaret Nichols, Ruth Gannon, Peter C. Boschetti**

In your prayers please remember Eunice Campbell, James Young, Ruth Gannon, John McDonald, Emile Guy, and all the faithful departed.

Saturday Vigil Masses will be broadcast online-only live through [Facebook](#) until further notice.



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

Attend a Live Mass

Would you like to attend a live Mass celebrated within our Collaborative? Please look for the "Attend a Mass" section on our Collaborative website: www.hriccatholic.org Please remember that at this time **a reservation is required to attend** a live Mass. Updated information about schedules and attendance requirements will be posted there. Additionally, our office staff will be able to assist you if you have any questions.

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.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The LIVE video should be the first one on the list.

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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Questions of the Week



Adult: What strikes fear into your heart? What helps you deal with this fear?

Child: The disciples were afraid at times. Have you ever been afraid to stand up for what you knew was right?

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Several years ago I had the chance to vacation in the Smokey Mountains of North Carolina. Having rented a house through Airbnb, I spent many hours relaxing on its back deck that overlooked a mountain range and the valley below. The Smokey Mountains are well-named, as there always seemed to be a magical wisp of cloud that slowly wrapped itself around the rounded hilltops. The sunsets, as you might imagine, were epic!



In addition to the spectacular view, there also was a bird-feeder on the corner of the deck that attracted an endless array of our feathered-friends, who literally followed a precise "pecking order" for their turn at the feeder. First came the bigger birds—the Blue Jays, Crows and Grackles, all cawing their way to the feast. Then some of the smaller birds could find their way in, Robins, Cardinals with their flash of color, House Finches, Tufted Titmice and Chickadees. Finally, at the bottom of the heap, last to the feast and being clearly intimidated by all the rest, were the common Sparrows who got the leftovers.... I always felt badly for the Sparrows. They were the gentlest of birds, not rude and obnoxious like the Blue Jays and only a third the size of the Blackbirds. They were not spectacularly arrayed like the Bluebirds or Goldfinches of this world. They lacked the curiosity factor of the Hummingbirds who could hover in midair, not quite a bird, yet bigger than an insect. No, the common Sparrow was just that: common and uninspiring, so plain that they could be ignored, so bland that they blended into the backdrop.

Then, fiddling with my camera, I took a closeup picture (which I included on the cover of this bulletin) and it revealed just how beautifully made even this most mundane of God's creatures is. Look at the intricate pattern of feathers on its breast. See the twinkle in its eye. The structure of its beak is perfectly made to grasp a seed. Its delicate legs precisely balanced to grasp a twig, or in this case the edge of the feeder. When you take the time to look closely, you can see the handiwork of the Creator even in the most common and average of birds. Even here, God did not skimp in His design or fail in elegance. The Sparrow is magnificent, if one only takes the time to look!

So what must that say about us? Are we not made in God's image, little less than gods ourselves? Have we not been redeemed in Jesus Christ, given the promise and pledge of eternal life? Has not God's Holy Spirit been poured-out upon us, dwelling within us, that we might more closely follow God's paths, might ever better reflect the great love of God back into the world? Have we not been adopted as sons and daughters of the Most High? Is our inheritance not to be found in Heaven? Is our destiny not to be seated at the great banquet table in God's Kingdom?

From a distance, we human beings can sometimes be crass and insufferable. We judge each other, make generalizations that blur our distinctiveness. We inflict pain and suffering upon countless others, all in the name of

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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.

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 thirty 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 thirty 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 and our personal relationship with God.

For more information please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462 7483.

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/hricatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

Note new time for Thursday's rosary.



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 partially 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. It is not too late to donate.

"90 Days Now" link:

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

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personal gain or momentary advantage. We reduce each other to a number or a statistic, we objectify, stereotype, and profile. The strong lord it over the weak, the clever seek the upper hand over the humble. We suffer from tunnel vision, myopia, and a lack of imagination. We act without thinking and over-think without acting. Sometimes fear paralyzes us. Sometimes we allow misunderstanding to replace critical thought and reflection. Sometimes we see the world in terms of black or white, when the reality is many shades of gray and every color of the rainbow. Sometimes...we just don't bother to care.

And yet, when you look at every human being up close, there is a marvelous work of art that truly exhibits the Master Craftsman's best work. Our bodies are resilient despite their fragility. Our spirits are irrepressible. Our minds can ponder the depths of the oceans, the expanse of the skies, and the vastness of the universe. When we work together, combine our strengths, and compliment the gifts each of us bring to any enterprise...we accomplish greatness and aspire towards a perfection that beckons to us. Within our very souls lies the spark of eternity, a homing beacon to God. We do not rest until we quench that hunger and satisfy that thirst. There is a profound beauty within each human being that manifests the greatness of the God of love. Because in our flesh, we have the amazing capacity to love God back.

Sometimes, we have to look beyond the common ways that we view each other, the very common ways that we think about each other or the oh-so-common ways that we treat each other...to be able to see our brothers and sisters the way that our Creator sees us: as singular, beautiful, unique, dazzling expressions of His love. Having zoomed in, even a little, do we dare ever look at another person the same way again?

In the days ahead, let us remember that we are worth more than many Sparrows in God's estimation. Maybe it ought to be so in ours as well.

A shout-out to all of the dads out there as we honor the love you have shared with us so richly! Happy Father's Day to all!

Summer blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Exciting News for You!

WORD on FIRE ENGAGE

Our Collaborative parishes have access to the premium digital video content from Word on Fire, a service known as ENGAGE. Everyone in our Collaborative 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, "one of the Church's greatest messengers" and 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 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!



To access the resources of Word on Fire's ENGAGE, please register at flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting **HRIC** to **84576**. Once you register, you will have access to ENGAGE.

We are excited to bring ENGAGE to 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

Learn about the Mass

Aaron Giard, our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, will be offering a walk-through teaching on the Mass on Sunday mornings.

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

Mass Scripture Readings

June 21–June 28, 2020

Praying with the Scriptures can help us to develop a more intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. What do they reveal about our vocation as Christians and 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, June 21: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5: 12-15; Matthew 10:26-33
- Monday, June 22: 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Matthew 7:1-5
- Tuesday, June 23: 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Matthew 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday, June 24: Isaiah 49: 1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80
- Thursday, June 25: 2 Kings 24:8-17; Matthew 7:21-29
- Friday, June 26: 2 Kings 25:1-12; Matthew 8:1-4
- Saturday, June 27: Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Matthew 8:5-17
- Sunday, June 28: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

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



Collaborative Pastoral Council

At the request of the Archdiocese of Boston, all Collaboratives are forming Pastoral Councils (PPC) to assist the pastor in his leadership role with the planning, coordinating, and initiating of all programs and service activities within a Collaborative.

The pastor serves as the Chair of the PPC and the membership is comprised of volunteers who have been nominated by their fellow parishioners. Given the need to redirect our efforts due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the role of the PPC has become increasingly important.

Our Council has been meeting virtually to discuss the needs of the Collaborative community during this difficult time. This group has been meeting in an advisory capacity on important matters facing our Collaborative.

Our Council members are here to help and welcome your questions, input, and concerns. Most importantly, we ask for your prayers as we embark on this important journey responding to the implications of the pandemic on our spiritual community and our communities at large.

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

Council Members

Kathy Betz	Marin Fortune	Lucia Parker
Sue Coppinger	Amy Friend	Mary Schmidt
Deacon Paul Dow	Aaron Giard	Jonathan Temple
Chris Eagan	Tom Hankins	Pat Temple

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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-WpxRGBWc9XMI0

Please join in helping our Collaborative show the face of Jesus to our parishioners and our communities. God bless 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
Brett Burkinshaw
Joe Messina

Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker

Catholic TV

Visit www.catholictv.com for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

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.

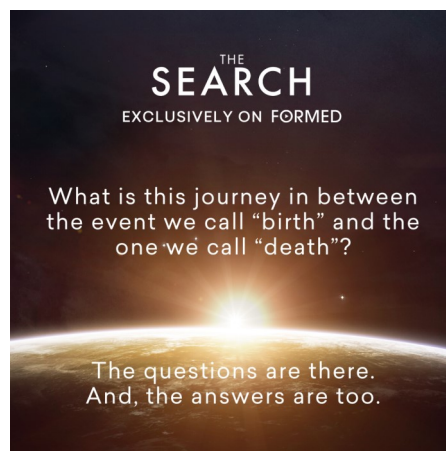
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Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

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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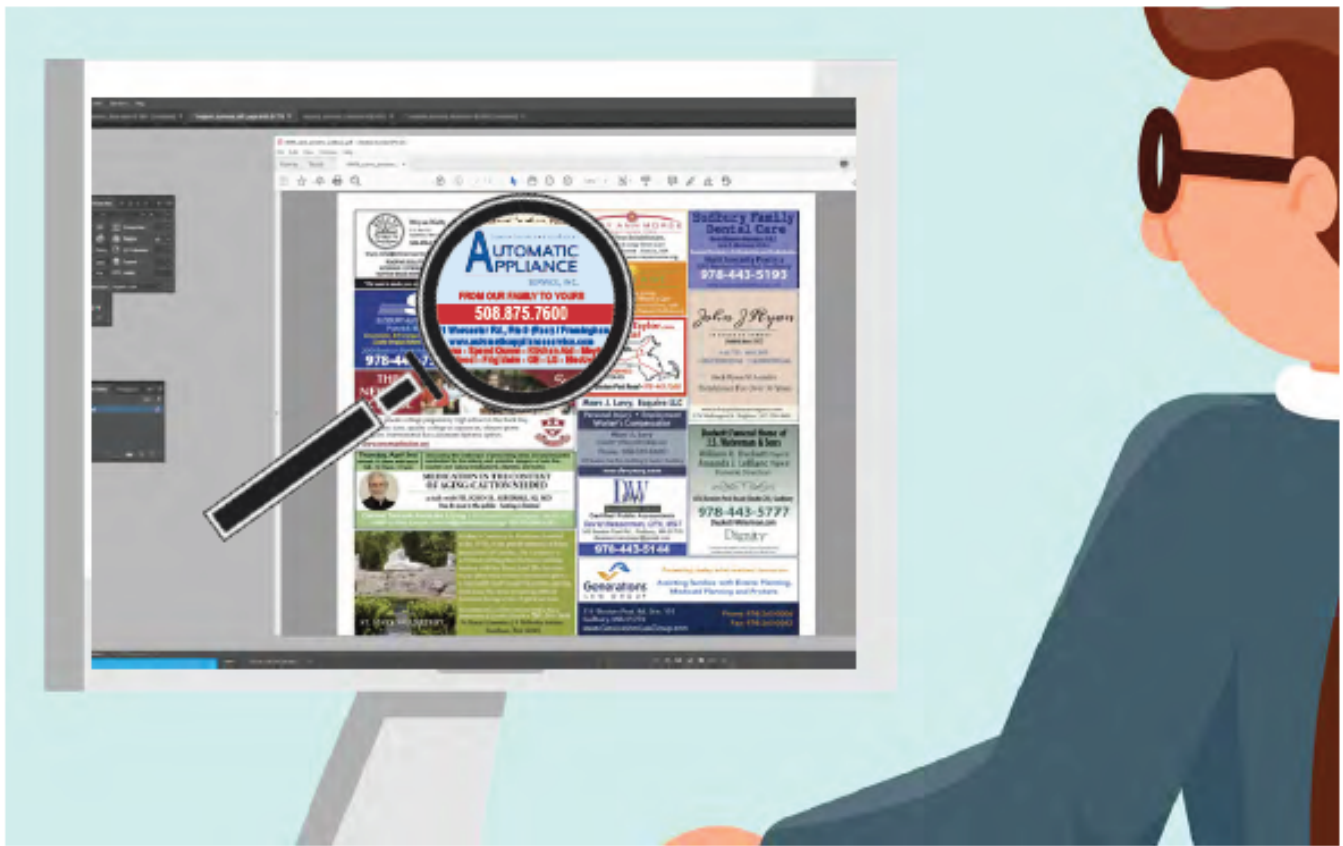
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weekly through 6/9/2020: \$ 179.00

(See page 4 for details about this campaign)

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

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HR St. Vincent de Paul



The current pandemic impacts all of us but even more so those living at the margins of society economically. We at the HR St. Vincent de Paul conference remind you that our needs to help those people continue in earnest during these extraordinary times.

Our poor boxes are empty. Please continue to find ways to donate to support our efforts. Sending your Mite Box donations in the form of a check perhaps? **Please send your donations to HR St. Vincent de Paul, 4 Green St., Merrimac, MA 01860.** Please write the check to "HR Saint Vincent de Paul" to help expedite our banking. We assure you that the mail is checked regularly and your funds will be promptly put to use.

Year of the EUCHARIST



Learn more about the Year of the Eucharist in the Archdiocese of Boston at www.bostoncatholic.org/yearoftheeucharist

HR Faith Formation

School Year Programs

We are currently working on program options for Fall 2020 for those students entering Grades K–8. Details will be announced along with registration information as soon as they are finalized. Please stay tuned!

Summer Programs at IC

The past few weeks found us struggling with how best to continue with a summer program that we have come to look forward to providing every year. We have regretfully decided that, in light of all of the COVID guidelines that are in place to insure everyone's safety, a program such as ours is just not possible. We are working on options for the Fall that we hope will be beneficial for all of our families. Please watch for further details.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Please don't hesitate to contact the Faith Formation Office should you have any questions or concerns regarding the postponement of our First Eucharist celebrations.

Baptism Dates to Remember

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

Confirmation Prep Classes

As we continue to receive guidelines from the Archdiocese, we will keep families informed of any pertinent information. Please feel free to call or email the Faith Formation Office with any questions or concerns you might have. We will respond as soon as possible.

HR Sandwich Program Update



We received a call from Good Shepherd and they are not allowed to take things made off site at this time per order of the CDC. We will not be delivering until further notice.

Please consider making a financial donation at <https://lazarushouse.org/ways-to-give/#donate-financially>.

EWTN: Catholic News

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Act of Spiritual Communion

Those who cannot receive Communion right now are all encouraged to make an act of Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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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.

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 Newbury can call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for help with food, clothing, rent, utilities, gas, and other necessities. Call 978-518-0728 and let us know how we can help you get back on your feet again.

Donations made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be used immediately in response to the calls for help that are received. **Please send checks payable to “Society of St. Vincent de Paul” to Immaculate Conception Church, 42 Green Street, Newburyport MA 01950.**

Thank you for helping us to help others!

Bulletin Information

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

Immaculate Conception School

June 12 was a celebratory day at Immaculate Conception as Pre-K, Kindergarten, and the 8th Grade graduated! The Pre-K and Kindergarten children processed through the parking lot for a “drive-up” graduation. Teachers and staff lined the route with signs, clanging cow bells, and loud cheers of “Congratulations” and “Happy Summer.” Extended family took pictures from a distance. Several grandparents arrived to surprise their graduate with balloons and waves. The 8th grade officially ended their elementary school years with a Mass in the church and distribution of diplomas. Although the IC graduation traditions were not held in full, we were very grateful to have the opportunity to bestow God’s blessing on the Class of 2020 and give the honor of standing on the altar with diploma in hand. Congratulations to all our graduates!!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Cookies for Haiti

Hello, my name is Margot Anderson-Song and I have had the pleasure of running the "Cookies for Haiti" bake sale for the past 6 years, benefitting the Fr. Marc Piché School in Puit Chacha, Haiti. Inevitably, this year's sale is a little different, as most aspects of life are. In place of a cookie sale, there are 2 ways to get involved:

1. Donate directly through the IC Haiti website at ichaiti.org/donate/ or by sending a check made out to IC Haiti (forward to IC Haiti, 42 Green St. Newburyport, MA). I can also accept any donations directly and will get them to IC Haiti!
2. If this is not possible for you, or you want to further your donation, you can also forward a photo of hope to Margot@a-snet.com or upload a photo to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/ueR5qdHxN1vaSHuREBGS>



A local company has agreed to contribute \$10 for every photo sent in up to \$7,000! Please send photos like the one you see here with a message to the children of Puit ChaCha! You can send more than one! We will get \$10 for each photo!

The generosity I have witnessed through this sale is truly inspiring. Let's show the people of Puit Chacha that we are with them during this unprecedented time.

Margot

Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

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. 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.

Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protections for you or your family, or just connecting with other Catholic men, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. Nationally, the Knights of Columbus have recently moved from in-person initiation to an online only membership process. Please visit kofc.org to become a member today.

IC Faith Formation

School Year Programs

We are currently working on program options for Fall 2020 for those students entering Grades K-8. Details will be announced along with registration information as soon as they are finalized. Please stay tuned!

Summer Programs

The past few weeks found us struggling with how best to continue with a summer program that we have come to look forward to providing every year. We have regretfully decided that, in light of all of the COVID guidelines that are in place to insure everyone's safety, a program such as ours is just not possible. We are working on options for the Fall that we hope will be beneficial for all of our families. Please watch for further details.

Confirmation

As we continue to receive guidelines from the Archdiocese, we will keep families informed of any pertinent information.

Please feel free to call or email the Faith Formation Office with any questions or concerns you might have. We will respond as soon as possible.

Baptism Dates to Remember

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

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Please don't hesitate to call or contact the Faith Formation Office should you have any questions or concerns regarding the postponement of our First Eucharist celebrations.

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild or sibling—any age, any cause. Our monthly support meetings are temporarily being held online (due to coronavirus) via Zoom at 7:30-9:00 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month. Barbara J Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Our next meeting is June 22.

Join our free online meeting by going to <http://zoom.us>, click on "Join a Meeting," enter Meeting ID: 952-104-4920.

A Butterfly's Journey (ABJ) is a separate non-profit to help a broader set of grievers. Barbara is the founder and an Advanced Grief Recovery Method (GRM) Specialist. GRM is the only evidence-based methodology for grief, 7-week-action-based method. GRM classes as well as a free online Resource Center can be found on abutterflysjourney.org. Schedule a free call for more info on ABJ or TCF-GN: <http://bit.ly/GRM-call>.

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