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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27, 2021

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*He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum,"
which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl,
a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around.*

(Mk 5:41-42)

All Are Welcome



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

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/26)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **IC** *John Murray* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (6/27)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** *E. Joseph Saillant, Paul R. Salmi* (Fr. Stanley)

9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

11:00am **IC** *William F. LaPierre, Jr.* (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (6/28)

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

Tuesday (6/29)

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

Wednesday (6/30)

9:00am **IC** *Lillian M. Foley* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (7/1)

9:00am **IC**

Friday (7/2)

9:00am **IC**

Saturday (7/3)

4:00pm **IC** *Mary E. Lefebvre*

4:00pm **Nativity**

Sunday (7/4)

8:30am **Nativity**

9:00am **IC**

10:00 **St. Ann**

11:00am **IC**

In your prayers, please remember Patricia A. Wilson, Robert J. Mannix, and all the faithful departed.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

 **Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through Facebook:** ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#))

New HR Mass Times

Great News

Beginning in July, the Mass schedule at Holy Redeemer will change. Please mark your calendars.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.—rotating every month starting at Nativity in July (then St. Ann in August, etc.)

Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m. at Nativity and 10:00 a.m. at St. Ann every week.

This scheduled will be reevaluated by the PPC in the fall.

Parish Membership

Welcome! We invite you to become a member of our Parish communities. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at www.hrccatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to register.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

We don't know most of the actual words that Jesus spoke during His earthly ministry. All of the Gospel accounts and even the writings of St. Paul were composed after a period of oral proclamation and remembering that lasted at least decades after His resurrection from the dead. That's a lot of time where the stories of His miracles and interactions with others were told and re-told over and over again, person to person and from one generation to the next. When these stories were finally written down, they were put together not in an exact historical, chronological retelling of precisely what He said and did each day, but rather in a narrative form that was, by design, to call forth the gift of faith from the hearer, listener, or reader. These accounts, too, were rendered in Greek, which was the scholarly language of the time. Jesus, however, would have likely spoken Aramaic as his common tongue, though He surely must have known some Greek, Latin and, of course, Hebrew.

This weekend, however, we encounter one of the few occasions which many scholars agree, offer the actual words spoken by the Lord. "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I tell you, arise!" contain what is believed to be the spoken formula used by Jesus to completely heal the girl and restore her to her family. Care was taken by the Gospel writer to preserve these actual words in Aramaic, as it was thought their original configuration in the native spoken language contained the healing power of God. The intensity of this moment is preserved in this careful attention to detail.

Zooming in on these small but important forensic points of the story should not distract us from also seeing the bigger picture of these healing miracles pointing to the greater reality of the coming of God's Kingdom. The story of the "woman with a hemorrhage" being paired with the healing of this little girl both point to restoration of wholeness that is a sign of the fullness of the Kingdom. Human "doctors" and healers in Jesus' time usually had no formal medical training and relied on traditions and incantations to provide some relief from the various illnesses that afflicted people.

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IC Rectory Painting

Please be aware that over the next week or so, the IC Rectory will be undergoing a long-needed painting and exterior repair project. Parishioners coming and going on the property should be cautious around the building while any workers are present. Thank you for your attentiveness to safety.

Independence Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, July 5 for the Independence Day holiday.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

In-person activities & meetings this week:

Monday, June 28

HR Activities Committee Meeting 10:00am, Nativity Hall

First Eucharist Mass 6:00pm, IC Church

Tuesday, June 29

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Wednesday, June 30

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, July 1

Adoration 7:15pm, IC Church

Friday, July 2

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, July 3

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, July 4, Independence Day

If you would like to schedule your group's in-person meeting, please contact the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.

Bulletin Information

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

Relaxing COVID Restrictions

As of June 1, most COVID restrictions within our churches are being relaxed:

- Facemasks are optional for all fully-vaccinated parishioners and are still recommended for the unvaccinated and anyone at a higher risk for severe COVID.
- It is no longer necessary to register ahead of time for Mass.
- Strict social distancing requirements have been lifted; however, we will still keep some pews available where those who wish to remain further apart may sit.
- Communion will continue to be offered under the form of Bread only and in the hand for the time being.
- At the Sign of Peace, a wave or nod of the head may be offered in place of a hand shake for non-family members.
- Although we anticipate a full return of music to our Masses this fall, parishioners may sing as they choose this summer.
- All parishioners are encouraged to continue good hygiene practices and to stay home if they are sick or experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID.

Please see the full list of all changes [HERE](#) or visit our [website](#) for the link.

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It was likely that this woman who approached Jesus while he was on his way to see Jairus' daughter had some form of cancer that no medicine—real or imagined—in that time and place could cure. Only faith in what God could do would make a difference. The same was to be found with the little girl who apparently had just died or slipped into the deepest of comas when Jesus arrived. Again, what made all the difference was the call to have faith.

Faith healed completely. It wasn't simply the case that the woman with the hemorrhage started to feel better, but that she was totally healed from her affliction and thus restored to her proper place in her community—one that she had been alienated from because of her illness. She could now worship with others, go the marketplace with the other women from her village, she could take her rightful place among her family, and perform her role in society with dignity and joy. There was a wholeness in body, mind, and spirit that was reborn in her healing. The same is true for the raising of Jairus' daughter. The little girl was shown to get up and run around—her healing wasn't partial. Jesus' command that she be given something to eat meant that she would then take her proper place among the rest of her family, share in their meals and participate in the fullness of their family life. God's plan of salvation is thus seen to be complete as well. What God accomplishes through Jesus will be complete and total with absolutely nothing lacking. It is a wholeness that we can barely comprehend.

A few little words and faith as large as a mustard seed are all that it takes for us to see and participate in what the Lord continues to do in our midst today. May we open our eyes, lend our ears and rend our hearts that the gift of faith may bring us the true and lasting healing that is God's will for us all. Remember Jesus' words: "Do not be afraid, Just have faith."

Summer blessings for us all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Ordinary Time Welcomes Extraordinary Time with Jesus



As we enter Ordinary Time, if you are a visitor to Newburyport or a HRIC parishioner who seeks an extraordinary moment of inner transformation, join us in Sacred Silence any or every Thursday this summer for a serene moment of prayer. No experience required. All ages welcome.

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 presider:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament only.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina

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

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

Word On Fire Engage

Everyone in our Collaborative now has 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/hriccatholic or by texting **HRIC** to **84576**. Once you register, you will have access to ENGAGE.



We are excited to bring ENGAGE to you. 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.

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.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Dan Bedard
Priscilla Brown
Brett Burkinshaw
Joseph Buonomo
Jackie Gibbons
Charmaine Haan
Bridie Hubley

Joe Messina
Vincent Oberhofer
Mary Shachok
Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker
Chase VanDorne

Facebook Mass

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.

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- Visit formed.org
- Click "Sign up"
- Click "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" (or type in code JRNDGP) and tap "next"
- Add your name and email and click "sign up"
- You will receive an email that links you to the site

Questions of the Week



Adult: Does your faith ever lead you to expect miracles? Why or why not?

Child: Jesus performed many miracles. What does that tell you about Him?

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.

Confessions

We are now offering Saturday afternoon confessions from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at Immaculate Conception Church. No appointment necessary. 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 only.

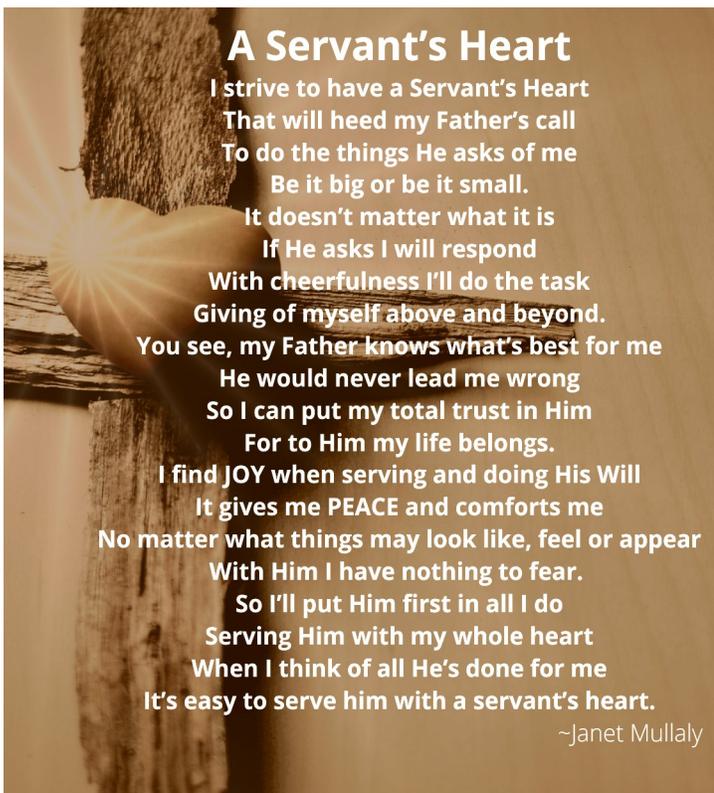
For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, please contact our Collaborative Offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Celebrating our Collaborative Staff and Volunteers

This weekend we are celebrating the work and sacrifices made by our Collaborative staff and volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Their selfless efforts allowed our parishioners to worship safely both through live stream and in person at daily and weekly Mass, funerals, weddings, and baptisms. Collaborative operations continued despite shortened work weeks and our capacity for technology certainly increased as everyone accommodated to the world of Zoom meetings and ministries.

A servant's heart is what we are called to show to the world. We are grateful for these servants who gave us help and hope during these past many months. Please join in thanking them for sharing their time and gifts and join in this prayer so that we all may embrace the faith and trust of a servant's heart.



A Servant's Heart

I strive to have a Servant's Heart
That will heed my Father's call
To do the things He asks of me
Be it big or be it small.
It doesn't matter what it is
If He asks I will respond
With cheerfulness I'll do the task
Giving of myself above and beyond.
You see, my Father knows what's best for me
He would never lead me wrong
So I can put my total trust in Him
For to Him my life belongs.
I find JOY when serving and doing His Will
It gives me PEACE and comforts me
No matter what things may look like, feel or appear
With Him I have nothing to fear.
So I'll put Him first in all I do
Serving Him with my whole heart
When I think of all He's done for me
It's easy to serve him with a servant's heart.

~Janet Mullaly

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and want assistance with fundamental needs such as grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, meal deliveries, etc., please call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 (ext. 1000) and let us know how we can help.



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.

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.



[mass.gov/foster-care](https://www.mass.gov/foster-care) | 1-800-kids-508

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Women at the Well Bible Study

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. We meet Monday nights, 6:30–8:00. All are welcome.

Please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com to join us.

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

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

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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,

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HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, June 20	\$3,243.00
Promoting the Gospel, June 20	\$ 330.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending June 18	\$ 300.00
Grand Annual	\$25,580.00

No second collection this weekend or next weekend.

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

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

HR Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

Information regarding the fall 2021 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 will be posted here as well as on our Collaborative website: hricatholic.org in the coming weeks. Contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email agiard@newburyportcatholic.org with questions.

Thank you to all those who helped in any capacity with the programs held this past academic year.

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

First Eucharist Liturgies have begun to take place! We are so pleased to be able to celebrate this occasion with all of our First Communicants and their families.

Baptism

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

Confirmation

Information regarding the fall 2021 Confirmation Prep. schedule for grades 9 and 10 will be posted here as well as on the Collaborative website: hricatholic.org in the coming weeks.

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HR provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring donation. To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

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

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

HR Prayer Shawl



If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please give their name to Helen hvktax@aol.com or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Our conference continues to help those in need and could not do this without your generous offerings. We help with rent, utilities, and food and gas cards; these are the biggest needs right now.

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 Holiday Fair Update



The Activities Committee is planning on having a “scaled down version” of our Holiday Fair, keeping a watchful eye on the CDC recommendations.

The fair will be held **Saturday, November 20**, in the Nativity Hall.

We will be meeting to discuss this fair on **Wednesday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Nativity Hall**. All are welcome to join our group!

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, June 19–20	\$4,431.00
Promoting the Gospel, June 20	\$ 654.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending June 18	\$1,910.00
Grand Annual	\$104,360.00

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Newburyport, MA 01950

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Catholic Appeal

Goal \$53,820.00

To Date \$31,575.00

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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.

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 28**.

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

Immaculate Conception School



Immaculate Conception School finished the school year in style on June 16, despite the pandemic! The IC successfully provided in-person learning for the entire school year, activating school-wide remote learning only once as a planned effort to protect the school community from possible covid exposures the week after Thanksgiving. Throughout the year, the IC redesigned beloved annual student events to meet COVID restrictions while keeping the traditions alive.

Several to speak of are the FunRun and Field Day, which were held on campus rather than off-site as in past years. Our 8th grade students led activities and games for smaller groups, which ended up being far more meaningful and personal for everyone involved. Our annual Spring Auction, which in the past has been an evening event for the adults, was held virtually and included



Pictured: 5th grader Patrick Solomon hugs his teacher, Mrs. Bridget Lacefield.

the children, as we knew that everyone would be at home together. All throughout the year, our school families took covid protocols seriously and accepted responsibility in taking precautionary measures for the good of the community. As time wore on and school remained open, a sense of gratitude became tangible. Thanks and appreciation were expressed often by the PTO and families through lovely cards and flowers sent to teachers, delicious lunches, donuts, and other delights were delivered to school for the staff, and a final send-off last Tuesday (*pictured above*). As the staff shared a final lunch together on June 15, school families gathered on the school property to surprise them with flowers, balloons, thank you cards, and a plaque that bears the names of every school employee who shepherded us through this very difficult year. There were lots of hugs, tears, and thankful sentiments shared by families and staff. The Immaculate Conception School community has endured a difficult journey together—but successfully made it to the finish line because of courage, poise, love for each other, and FAITH! Pelican Pride at its finest!

Free Hair Cuts



Donna Koen, a parishioner and licensed hairdresser of 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.

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IC Faith Formation

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

Information regarding the fall 2021 schedule for those children entering grades K–8 will be posted here as well as on our Collaborative website: hricatholic.org in the coming weeks. Contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email agiard@newburyportcatholic.org with questions.

Thank you to all those who helped in any capacity with the programs held this past academic year.

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

Information regarding the fall 2021 Confirmation Prep. schedule for grades 9 and 10 will be posted here as well as on the Collaborative website: hricatholic.org in the coming weeks.

Baptism

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

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

First Eucharist Liturgies have begun to take place! We are so pleased to be able to celebrate this occasion with all of our First Communicants and their families.

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Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month. Our next meeting is July 13. Please email us for a detailed schedule and the location kofc231@outlook.com.

IC Haiti

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

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

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

IC Eucharistic Ministers

Are you being guided by the Holy Spirit to come forward to serve as a Eucharistic Minister for our parish? Perhaps you know someone who has expressed interest in this ministry?

We'd like to compile a list of people who might be willing to serve in this capacity. All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parish who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated.

A Eucharistic Minister serves at weekend and Holy Day Masses. They may also choose to participate by taking the Eucharist to the hospital, nursing homes, or to parishioners who are homebound.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please call Sheila in the parish office at 978-462-2724, ext. 7403 or email her at scruse@newburyportcatholic.org and provide your name, telephone number, and email. **Please respond by July 1.**

Once these names are submitted, each prospective person will be contacted to ensure that they understand what is required and the necessary training will be provided. All names submitted must be approved by the pastor.

During this "Year of the Eucharist," we look forward to welcoming new members to our team of Eucharistic Ministers.

IC St. Vincent de Paul



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

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

If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "**SVdP of Newburyport**." You may drop it into the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Our weekly Immaculate Conception Breaking Bread meal has transitioned to a to-go only meal format. We continue to serve our weekly meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed from 4:30–5:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

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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