

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES
SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020

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*And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—
amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward. (Mt 10:42)*

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

June 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well. I want to take a moment to thank you for your ongoing support of our parishes, especially during these difficult days of the pandemic. I am especially grateful for your generous help during the initial phase of the **90-Days Now – For Your Parish** initiative. As you may be aware, **90-Days Now** encourages parishioners to rally around their parish, or another parish of their choice, by making a special daily offertory commitment for the next 90 days. This effort is intended to supplement weekly offertory gifts, given the challenges of the current crisis. In Phase 1, the program raised more than \$450,000 for 236 parishes. The parishes of our Collaborative have received already more than \$15,000 from your generosity through this initiative!

As we launch phase 2 of the program, a generous anonymous benefactor has stepped forward to pledge a match gift when the overall campaign reaches \$700,000. I want to thank all those who gave through the program and to encourage your continued support to help reach the donor’s match.

Should you choose to participate in this effort for Phase 2, the Archdiocese has created an easy- to-use link to donate. Please note: ALL FUNDS GO DIRECTLY TO OUR PARISHES. The link is available by going to www.BostonCatholic.org/donate.

I understand these are challenging times and many individuals and families may not be able to contribute to this special offertory collection right now. However, I remain extremely grateful for your prayerful support for our parish communities and the wider Church.

Remembering you and your loved ones in my prayers daily,

Fr. Timothy A. Harrison
Pastor



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/27)

4:00pm **Live-Stream**

Sunday (6/28)

9:30am **St. Ann**

11:30am **IC Adolf Benca, Eunice Campbell,
Lillian M. Foley, Lucia Vincent**

In your prayers please remember 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:

1. In your web browser, go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) at the appointed time. (The Facebook link can be found on our [website](#) also.)
2. Click the "videos" link on the Facebook page.
3. The LIVE video should be the first one on the list.

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Questions of the Week



Adult: In what ways does your parish show hospitality to newcomers? What can you do to improve on it?

Child: Jesus said the giving of a glass of water is a small act of love. What small acts of love can you practice?

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In my younger years, I guess I was accustomed to using the phrase, "Whatever," more than I realized among my friends. This was brought home to me one day when a friend gave me a t-shirt with that word emblazoned across the front. We all had a good laugh and then I proceeded to wear the shirt until it practically disintegrated into rags years later, pointing to it every time I was tempted to utter the phrase. Hey, if you can't be honest and laugh among your friends, then you are just taking life too seriously! The phrase, "whatever" seems to imply a non-commitment or indifference. "What flavor ice cream do you want?" Whatever. "Do you want to watch TV or read a book?" Whatever. "What do you feel like having for dinner tonight?" Whatever... (unless it is liver! Never liver! Yuk!) Most of the time, the innocent, detached, occasional, "whatever" is harmless and unimportant. In some ways, it conveys an easy, casual approach to life. Perhaps it even communicates an agreeableness, a willingness to take direction from others or an openness to simply "go with the flow." Good friendships are built with such amicability from time to time, I think.



In this weekend's Gospel passage, we encounter a similar word that Jesus apparently had a penchant for using over and over again, "Whoever." In today's excerpt alone, Matthew quotes Jesus as saying it ten times. It is a curious word, less easygoing or non-committal than "whatever." "Whoever" seems to imply a connection that an individual might make with the accompanying action or gesture, embracing the consequences of such an identification. In this case, Jesus speaks of an unworthiness for anyone who might love father or mother, son or daughter more than Him, or anyone who might be unwilling to pick up His cross and follow. He proclaims a paradox that anyone who might try and save his life in this world will lose it, while losing it for His sake will preserve it. Whoever in their right mind wants to look-at or try and follow Jesus according to any earthly convention will be disappointed and rejected.

On the other hand, there are great rewards and blessings for those who can see themselves offering hospitality and an openness of mind and heart to Jesus' followers. Jesus and the full revelation of God the Father are offered to whoever receives the disciples. "Whoever" fits into this category will receive the same blessings as those who are righteous and have given their lives to a prophetic proclamation of God's Word. Even the one who humbly offers a cold cup of water to one of Jesus' disciples will be rewarded. "Whoever" is really such an open invitation, isn't it? "Whoever" puts Jesus first in their lives and cares for those who minister in His name will reap rich rewards.

Rather than pointing out individuals, Matthew invites us all to consider what our own response to Jesus is. What commitment have I made in my own life to follow the Lord? Do I really put my faith and trust in Jesus first, even as I embrace many other good and holy relationships in my life?

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.



90 Days Now–For Your Parish

90-Days Now–For Your Parish is an online supplemental offertory giving program started by the laity to help support parishes during the pandemic.

- Phase 1 raised \$450,000 for 236 parishes.
- Phase 2 offers a match gift from a generous anonymous benefactor when the overall campaign reaches \$700,000.

Should you choose to join in this effort, or give again to help reach the match, the Archdiocese has created an easy-to-use link to donate at www.BostonCatholic.org/donate.

All funds go directly to our two parishes.

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Do I do enough to care for those that journey through life with me? How do I care for the stranger or the one who is in my path? What about those who hurt and grieve? How about those who cry out for justice and reform? What about those who have no voice, the weak and the vulnerable? How do I respond in Jesus' Name to their needs? Using Jesus' own words, do I ever see myself in them, identify with them, see myself in relationship to them? Do I ever become the "who" in "whoever"?

There is a great danger in our world today to succumb to a detachment that places the vast number of needs at arms-length and de-personalizes the pain and anguish that is echoing through our Church and world. So many are hurting. So many are hungry and thirsty—not simply for the basic necessities of life but also for the basic dignity of being human and the freedom to live their lives as such. What are our responses to these cries? Are they an indifferent, non-committed "whatever," or do we dare offer a "whoever"—a connection with great consequences and rewards for those who can see the Holy One in themselves and in their brothers and sisters? "Whatever." "Whoever." The choice is ours to make.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

HRIC

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

How can we help you?

Some in our Collaborative may have challenges getting everyday needs accomplished during the COVID-19 emergency.

Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Collaborative has created a "*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 continues to pose a threat.

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and need 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** and let us know how we can help.

"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
Joe Messina

Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker



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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

Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information on what is happening in the Collaborative during these changing times. You can also find links to our Facebook, Instagram, and twitter pages.

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

Mass Scripture Readings

June 28–July 5, 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 28: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42
- Monday, June 29: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19
- Tuesday, June 30: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27
- Wednesday, July 1: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34
- Thursday, July 2: Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8
- Friday, July 3: Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29
- Saturday, July 4: Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17
- Sunday, July 5: Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

(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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Virtual Resources

Here are some suggestions for you to continue to connect with and learn about your faith.

- Sign up for the Word on Fire ENGAGE program. We now have a subscription. To access the resources logon at flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting **HRIC** to **84576**.
- Sign up for FORMED. We have a subscription that allows you to access its contents for free. Visit formed.org to log on.
- Archdiocese of Boston Year of the Eucharist website with introduction video: (bostoncatholic.org/yearoftheeucharist)

Music for Weekend Liturgy

The music program for Saturday's online-only Liturgy will be added to our website. Please visit hriccatholic.org to download and sing along!



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.

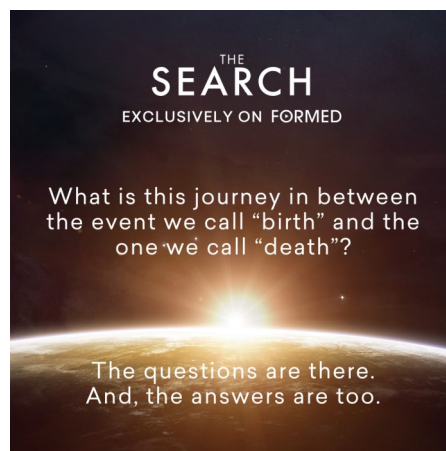
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- You will receive an email that links you to the site



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

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.

Please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com to join us.

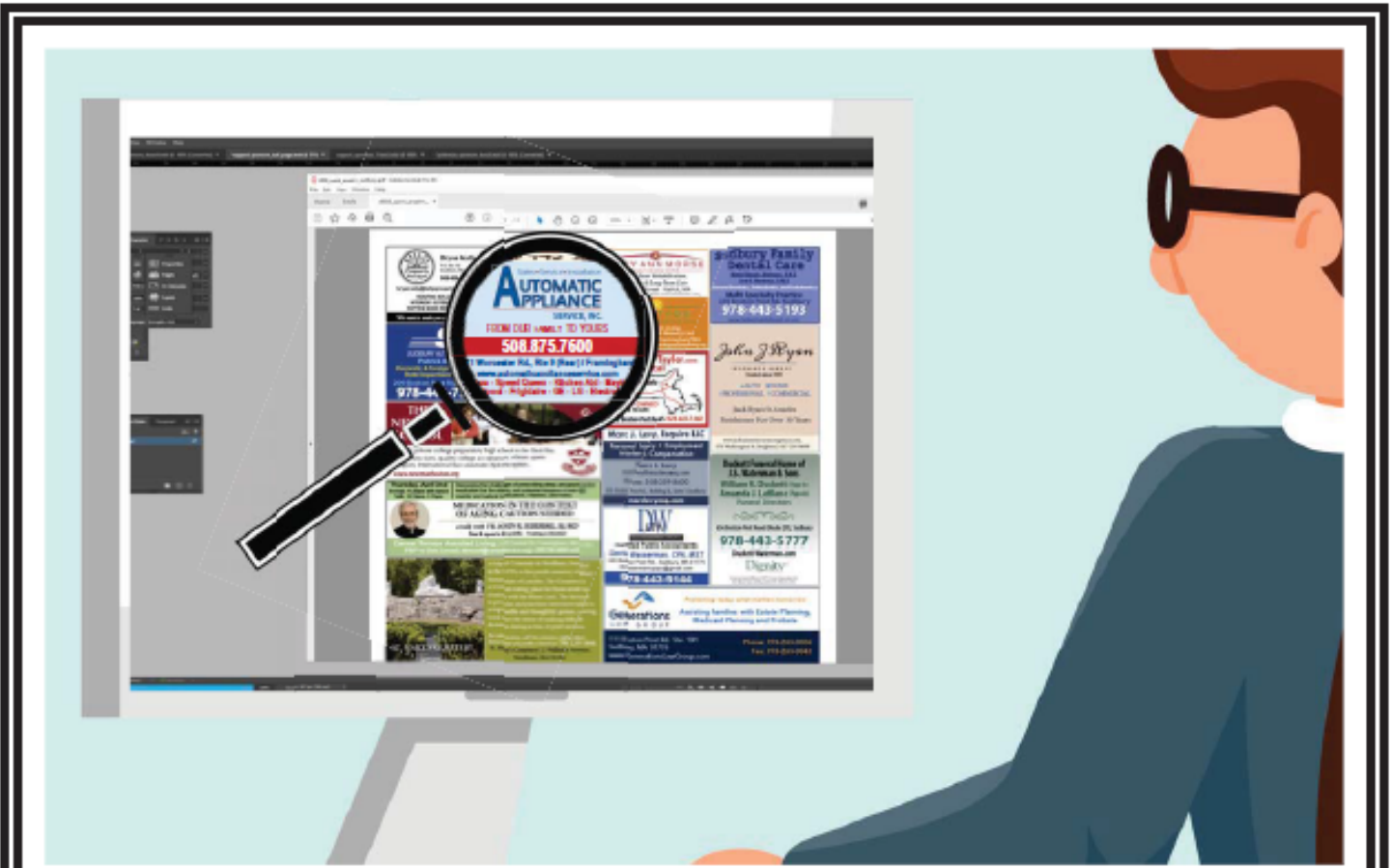
Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Looking for a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

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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.

please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com if you have any questions



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ALSO, VISIT THEIR WEBSITES TO SEE HOW THEY CAN ASSIST YOU WITH ANY OF THEIR SERVICES YOU MAY NEED THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Holy Redeemer 9:30 Offertory, June 21 \$1,049.00

Mailed-in offertory, week ending June 19 \$2,135.00

90 Days Now Campaign
weekly through 6/23/2020: \$ 84.00

(See page 4 for details about this campaign)

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

Holy Redeemer Parish
4 Green Street
Merrimac MA 01860

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.

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

Optional plans for the celebration of First Eucharist for those families who have been patiently waiting these past few weeks are currently being made.

Please reach out to the Faith Formation office if you have not received any updated information and/or if you are not sure if all paperwork has been submitted.

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>.

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.*



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

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IC Offertory Collection

IC 11:30 Offertory, June 21	\$1,014.00
Mailed-in offertory, week ending June 19	\$4,926.00
90 Days Now Campaign weekly through 6/23/2020:	\$ 295.00
<i>(See page 4 for details about this campaign)</i>	

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Immaculate Conception Parish
42 Green Street
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.

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

Class of 2020 Graduation Awards

Awards are presented each year to graduates who have made significant progress in a variety of areas. This year’s awards ceremony was held virtually on the evening of June 11, 2020. Members of the Class of 2020 and their families were in attendance as Mrs. Joan Sullivan, Principal, presented the awards.



CHRISTIAN SPIRIT AWARD

The Christian Spirit Award is presented to the graduate who demonstrates the Christian qualities of kindness, thoughtfulness, and concern for others. This award was presented to:

Katherine Powers **Lucas Michals**

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

The Principal’s Award is presented to a graduate whom the principal feels has demonstrated an outstanding spirit of service throughout the school year. This award was presented to:

Caroline Gray **Alex Herndon**

2020 ALMA AND ARMANDO GARVILLE SCHOLARSHIP

The 2020 Alma and Armando Garville Scholarship, given in loving memory of Alma and Armando Garville is presented to a graduate, entering a Catholic High School, who gives witness to the Gospel, has a sense of responsibility and focus in life, and is a living sign of the mission and identity of a Catholic School. This award was presented to:

Rudi Pryor

LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award was presented to the Leadership Council:

Stephen D’Ambrosio **Alex Herndon**
Flynn Plowman **Katherine Powers**

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

The Awards for Educational Excellence are presented to graduates who have achieved academic excellence, demonstrate high motivation, initiative, integrity and exceptional judgment.

The Educational Valedictorian award: Grace Belknap

The Educational Salutatorian award: Flynn Plowman

2020 MICHAEL F. DOYLE AWARD

The Michael F. Doyle Award is presented to a graduating athlete who demonstrates outstanding character, integrity, and stewardship. This award is given in honor of Athletic Director, Mike Doyle, who had a profound impact on our school, our athletic program, and our students for a decade. The award was presented to:

Katherine Powers **Maeve DeLisle**
Alex Herndon **Rudy McQuaid**

THE JIM BOWERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In honor of a wonderful husband, father, and coach who dedicated so much of his life to creating a truly special experience for the children of the Immaculate Conception School. This award was presented to:

Flynn Plowman

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.

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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

Optional plans for the celebration of First Eucharist for those families who have been patiently waiting these past few weeks are currently being made.

Please reach out to the Faith Formation office if you have not received any updated information and/or if you are not sure if all paperwork has been submitted.

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 July 27.

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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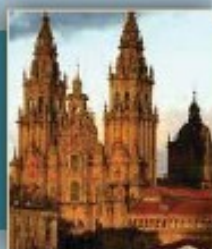


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