

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

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“Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth...so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.” (Is 55:10-11)

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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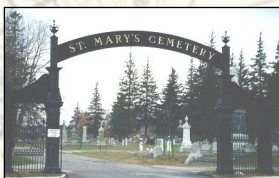
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/11)

4:00pm **Live-Stream**

Sunday (7/12)

9:30am **St. Ann**

11:30am **IC Albert Vincent, Stanley Baikewicz,**
For the intentions of Rozalia Benca

In your prayers please remember Mary Kelleher 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? Look for the "Attend a Mass" section on our website: www.hriccatholic.org Please remember that at this time **a reservation is required to attend a live Mass.**

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 or need assistance making a reservation.

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.

Virtual Rosary

Join Aaron Giard, our Faith Formation director, 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.



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

One of the clearest ways to understand this weekend's Gospel passage about the sower and the seeds is simply to do the math. In Jesus' time and place, a good and skilled farmer could expect to yield a harvest six or seven-fold for every seed planted. Jesus makes it clear that when God plants the seed of His Word, even if it seems to be scattered in the worst way possible over every improbable surface and with careless abandon...it will yield a harvest of 30- or 60- or 100-fold! Now that's good seed! That's potent seed! That's hearty seed! That's, well, simply amazing!

And so it is with the Word of God. It never returns to the Lord without bearing a rich harvest of much fruit for God's purposes. God's methodology will always be inaccessible and subject to human ridicule. From our mere human perspective, the way that God looks to bring new life about in our world will never appear to our limited minds to be ordered and proper. God just scatters good seed everywhere. It will grow where it will. It will not always grow where we want it to. It will not always grow how we want it to. It will not always grow when we want it to. It just does what it does. And God's beauty and grace will shine forth in the abundance of that which is collected for the Kingdom at the end of time.

The only thing we really can do is till our own small plot of soil—that is, prepare our hearts, our minds, and lives to welcome this seed when it comes our way and do our best to nurture it and allow it to grow. When we do, even if we are not perfect at it, it will be an amazing blessing for ourselves and for others.

Do the math: God wants to bless us abundantly and accomplish great things through our faithfulness. Let's not let anything get in the way!

Fr. Timothy Harrison

Pastor



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.

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.

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 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** 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

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.

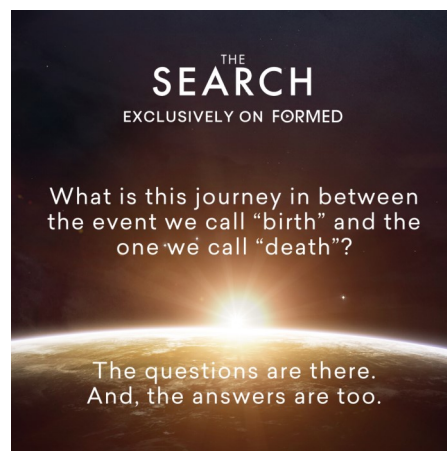
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- Add your name and email and click “sign up”
- You will receive an email that links you to the site



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

Bulletin Information

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

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

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.

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.hriccatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to register.

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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

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown	Ruth Sullivan
Brett Burkinshaw	Ron Sylvester
Joe Messina	Michael Tucker

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!



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Questions of the Week



Adult: What can hinder or keep us from being good soil for God's Word?

Child: What simple things can we do to be like the good soil and produce good?

Mass Scripture Readings

July 12–July 19, 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, July 12: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23
- Monday, July 13: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1
- Tuesday, July 14: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24
- Wednesday, July 15: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27
- Thursday, July 16: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30
- Friday, July 17: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8
- Saturday, July 18: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21
- Sunday, July 19: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

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



True or False Readings Quiz

1. God's word returns to him void; empty.
2. Seed that falls on good ground yields a good harvest.
3. The sufferings of the present are as nothing compared to our future glory.
4. Creation was made subject to futility.
5. We do not care about the redemption of our bodies.
6. Jesus walked along by the lakeshore.
7. He spoke to the people in parables.
8. He told a parable about a farmer sowing seed.
9. None of the seed was any good.
10. Some of the seed failed to flourish.

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Answers: 1 false, 2 true, 3 true, 4 true, 5 false, 6 false, 7 true, 8 true, 9 false, 10 true.

Catholic Apps



iBreviary — iBreviary is the Catholic app that has everything you need: the texts of the Missal, readings from Mass, a vast number of prayers, and a spiritual diary that you can create.



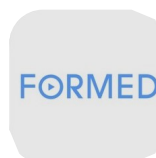
Laudate — This app features daily Mass readings, Bible (NAB), Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, prayers, podcasts for daily meditations, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Confession apps, Vatican documents, Daily Mass live video stream, and more.



Relevant Radio — This app is live-streaming of Relevant Radio programming giving you access to all the shows produced by Relevant Radio. It also includes audio and text prayers, a Confession "helper," daily readings, and Catholic news. Downloadable apps for long commutes or travel.



Magnificat — Access daily readings along with various articles, hymns for the month, Lectio Divina, and resources for blessings and prayers. Set alerts to remind you of morning, evening, and nighttime prayer. (This app is free to *Magnificat* printed version subscribers, non-subscribers pay a fee after download.)



Access thousands of Catholic video-based study programs, movies, documentaries, audio talks, and audio books. Let these materials facilitate your spiritual journey as you try to more fully understand, live, and share your Catholic faith.



The Word Among Us — This is a great tool for Mass readings, daily meditations, and articles. Fee charged to access content.

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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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC 11:30 Offertory, June 28	\$1,130.00
Mailed-in offertory, week ending June 26	\$1,355.00
90 Days Now Campaign	
Weekly through June 30	\$1,541.25
Mailed in:	\$ 500.00
IC 11:30 Offertory, July 5	\$1,555.00
Mailed-in offertory, week ending July 3	\$5,346.00
90 Days Now Campaign	
<i>(See page 3 for details about this campaign)</i>	

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

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.



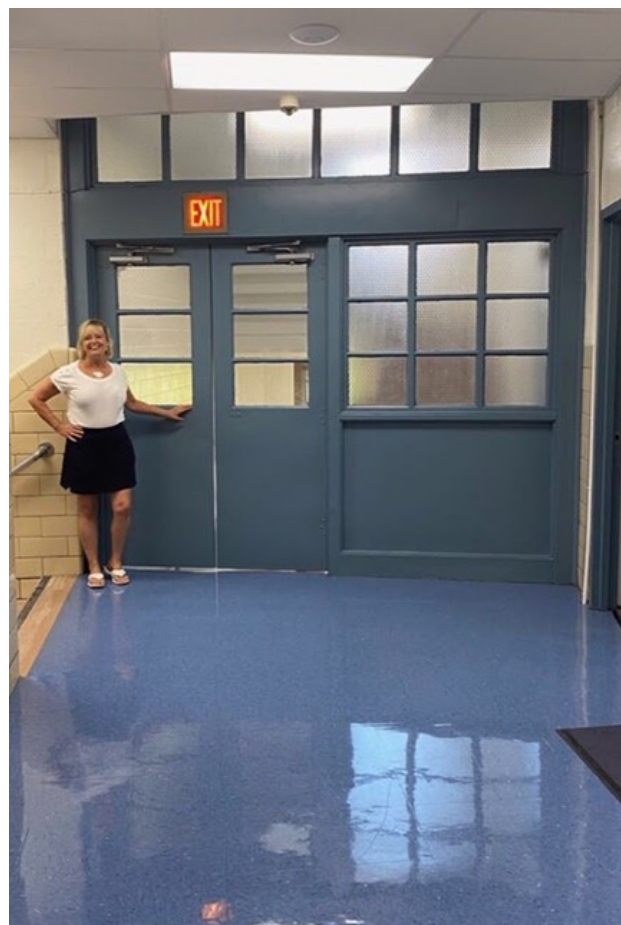
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Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

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. 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.

Immaculate Conception School

The summer months provide the Immaculate Conception School Maintenance Crew with an extended period of time to freshen up the building after the long school year. A well-synchronized schedule determines when floors are polished, carpets are shampooed, walls are painted and tile is scrubbed. The COVID closing in March enabled the IC staff to jump on the summer to-do list months in advance. Although our summer break has just begun, the school building is already gleaming. What a blessing as the IC prepares for adjustments to the building that will be required under school reopening guidelines. Floor markings for friendly 6' distancing reminders, an outdoor drop off zone for forgotten homework and lunches, and the installation of hand sanitizing dispensers are just a few of the items on the school reopening to-do list. Our Maintenance Crew takes amazing care of the school building which is a source of Pelican Pride for all of us!



The Maintenance Crew spruced up the trim in the stairwells and around doorways and with a fresh IC blue, pictured.

Archdiocese Web Site

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC St. Vincent de Paul

Breaking Bread to-go Meal



Our weekly Immaculate Conception Breaking Bread meal has transitioned to a to-go only meal format. The time for pick-up is Tuesdays from 4:30–5:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish Center.

If you would like to donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, **please send checks payable to “Society of St. Vincent de Paul” to Immaculate Conception Church, 42 Green Street, Newburyport MA 01950.**

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.

Collaborative Website

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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 butterflysjourney.org. Schedule a free call for more info on ABJ or TCF-GN: <http://bit.ly/GRM-call>.

Catholic TV

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

IC Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Program information for those students entering Grades K–8 can now be found on our [parish website](#). Registration forms will be available August 1. As always please contact the Faith Formation office should you have any questions.

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

If you have a child planning on being confirmed this Fall or you need information regarding upcoming Fall classes for a child entering grades 9 or 10, information has been posted on our parish website. Should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation office.

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.



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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.

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HR Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Program information for those students entering Grades K-8 can now be found on our [parish website](#). Registration forms will be available August 1. As always please contact the Faith Formation office should you have any questions.

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

If you have a child planning on being confirmed this Fall or you need information regarding upcoming Fall classes for a child entering grades 9 or 10, information has been posted on our parish website. Should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation office.

"A sower went out to sow..."

Some seed fell on the path...

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