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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020



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“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well... ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”” (from MT. 13)

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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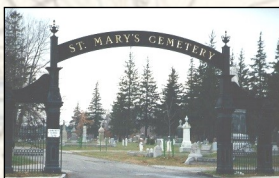
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/18)

4:00pm **Live-Stream**

Sunday (7/19)

9:30am **St. Ann**

11:30am **IC Magdalena Javor**

In your prayers please remember Stephen White, Eva Beliveau, Kenneth Carew, 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. If you need help registering, please call the offices at (978) 462-2724 for IC or (978) 346-8604 for HR.

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.

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2. Click the "videos" link on the Facebook page.
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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,

If there ever were more vexing questions than: "If God is all-good, then how come there is evil in the world?" and, "Why does an all-good God allow evil to continue to exist in the world?"...then I don't know what they are. In some shape or form, we have wrestled with these questions in some form or other from the beginning of time.



This weekend's Gospel gives us Matthew's take on these. In the words of Jesus, Matthew tells us: "Why is there evil (weeds) in the world?" Answer: "An enemy has done this!" and again, "Why does evil continue to exist, why doesn't God eliminate it, or pull-up the weeds?" Answer: "If you pull up the weeds, you might also uproot the good wheat. Let them grow until harvest time and then we can more easily separate them."

These answers are profound in their implications for us as we face again and again, the many problems of sin in our world. God didn't create the weeds that we suffer with, rather, an enemy has done this to try and thwart the good from fully maturing and producing the ripe grain that is the prize of the harvest. We might marvel at how many weeds there are and how delicately and subtly they work their way into the midst of the good wheat. In Jesus' time and place, there was a certain kind of weed that looked almost exactly like the young wheat stalks as they sprout. It would have taken a keen eye to notice the difference. In time, however, the plants become much more distinct and much more easily distinguished from one another. Try and separate them when they first start growing, and you could easily find yourself pulling up good, healthy wheat as much as you might the pesky weeds. The concern, of course, is that if you let the weeds grow freely, they will take too much water and soil nutrients away from the wheat and the whole crop will suffer.

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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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Jesus' wisdom in letting the weeds grow alongside the wheat comes from the complete confidence that He has in the quality of the seeds that were planted. From last week's Gospel passage, we are reminded of the sheer power of God's Word, that even if scattered among the weeds and rocks, it will produce an overabundance of harvest in ridiculous proportions: a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold! It is indeed, "good seed." And as such, it will be able to compete well with the weeds and will be robust enough to grow to a substantial harvest that will be more than sufficient for God's purposes.

It's not that Jesus was opposed to doing any weeding. Where evil is clearly seen, it is to be opposed and exorcised. The challenge is seeing it clearly for what it is. And there are many times that things in this world are various shades of gray rather than black and white. The message for us as disciples is to be patient. In matters where there are questions, it is good to see what fruit they produce—weeds or wheat—before presuming to do any sorting. And we must always remember that it is really God's prerogative to do the ultimate sorting of weeds and wheat, of sheep and goats.

What is growing in your neck of the field these days? And what fruit might it produce for God's Kingdom? Challenging questions for any farmer, or disciple, I think?!

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 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

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

Fr. Broderick Update

Over the weeks, many of you have asked me how Fr. Broderick is doing. I had a chance to speak with him last week and although we had some technical problems with his phone, we were able to chat for a bit. He is doing very well, despite being in a practical lockdown for his safety at the Regina Cleri residence in Boston. He said he feels good and wishes he could come for a visit, but understands that cannot happen for right now until this pandemic passes.

I did receive a call from the Director of Regina Cleri on Fr. Broderick's behalf asking that any visitors be limited right now for the sake of Fr.'s health and that of the workers who care for him. We are told the less exposure to outside visitors the better right now. In the meantime, Fr. Broderick enjoys receiving the many cards and phone calls that people have been sending and looks forward to those continuing.

Hopefully when the virus is under better control and an effective vaccine is available he will be able to receive more visitors. Let us continue to keep him in our prayers as he surely does for us as well.

Fr. Timothy Harrison
Pastor

Fr. Broderick's Address

Fr. Broderick always loves to receive cards and notes from the parishioners. Send him a letter to let him know you are thinking of him.

Fr. James Broderick
Regina Cleri Residence
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Boston, MA 02114

Confessions



Now that the weather is improving, we will begin to offer face-to-face, individual Confessions by appointment. 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.

Bulletin Information

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

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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.

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

Mass Scripture Readings

July 19–July 26, 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 19: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43
- Monday, July 20: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42
- Tuesday, July 21: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50
- Wednesday, July 22: Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18
- Thursday, July 23: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17
- Friday, July 24: Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23
- Saturday, July 25: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28
- Sunday, July 26: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

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



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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, 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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Zooming in on Faith

We have all become very comfortable with shopping, communicating, and even working online as the Internet expands our ability to reach out globally for a variety of needs. But, who would have imagined that we would be forced to rely so heavily on the Internet for the majority of our communications during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic?

More importantly, who would have imagined that the only access to Mass and other faith related ministries would be only on line for such an extended period of time?

The challenges of "shelter at home," home schooling, and the associated isolation has tried everyone's mettle, but it has also provided opportunities to become creative, ensuring our faith community continues to receive the spiritual nourishment so essential to our daily lives.

In the coming weeks, the bulletin will offer a series of insights into the creativity of our Collaborative parishioners and ministries, connecting with their members and constituents through the use of virtual meeting platforms. Live-stream Mass, weekly prayer groups, reunion groups, and rosary have all taken advantage of cyber tools in order to maintain connections and "feed our sheep."

The first in the series can be found in this week's bulletin highlighting the "**Wednesday Witness**" initiative on the HRIC Facebook page.

Please reach out and share your story as we continue to discover new ways of Zooming in on Faith.

Questions of the Week

Adult: Jesus spoke of the weeds and the wheat growing together. How hard or easy is it for you to live alongside those whose beliefs are very different from yours?



Child: Jesus taught us that God can work wonders from the smallest of things. What little thing can you do to make things better for someone else?

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 and our personal relationship with God.

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

Zooming in on Faith

Wednesday Witness

The Office of Lifelong Faith Formation has initiated an opportunity for parishioners to share their faith walk on the HRIC Facebook page. Each week, "**Wednesday Witness**" highlights the faith journey of various parishioners from the Collaborative in a brief video.

Parishioners respond to the question "How do you experience God in your everyday life?" and/or "How has encountering Jesus transformed/impacted your life?" as an introduction to the meaning of faith in their lives.

Over the last few months, David Colby, Michael Colletti, Mary Polcari, Chris Eagan, Rachel Smith, and Christine Blanchette all have shared their answers and given us examples of how faith is maintained as a focus in their lives. Access to all of these recordings is available on the [Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Facebook page](#).

Our faith journey is often a very private undertaking and personal testimony or witness is a new concept for many Catholic Christians. But our witness to the gifts of the love of Jesus is one of the highest forms of praise we can offer. We are reminded by John in Chapter 4:15 "*Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.*"

Perhaps your story will help someone as they deal with the challenges of the pandemic. It may even invite someone to return to the Faith. Anyone at either Immaculate Conception or Holy Redeemer, who feel compelled to share a "**Wednesday Witness**" is asked to contact Aaron at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org. God bless you in your journey.

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 from home!



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.

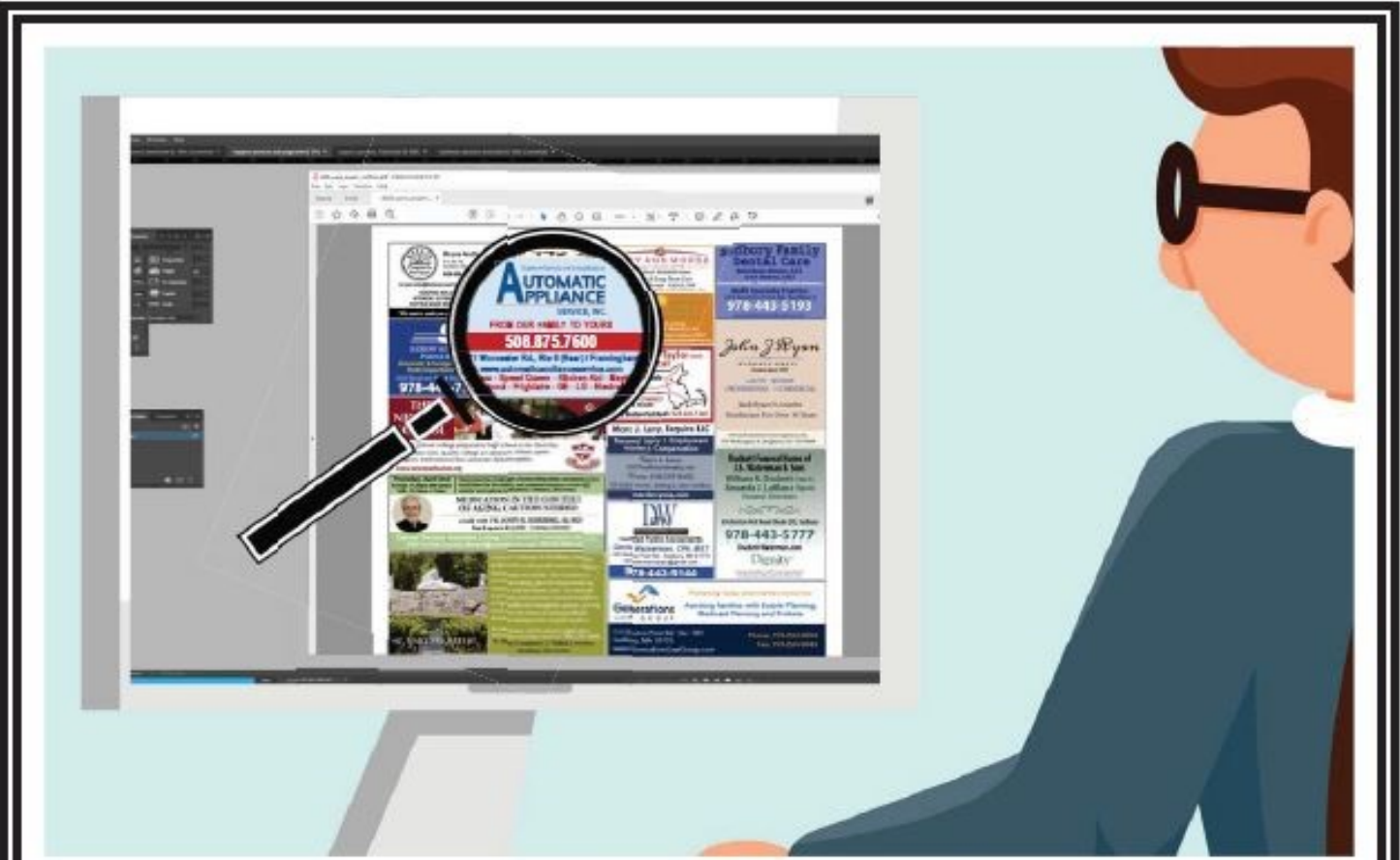
Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Looking for a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

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women just like you

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



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(See page 3 for details about this campaign)

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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>.

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. **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.

In these times we turn to St. Teresa of Avila:
"Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you, all things are passing, God is unchanging. Patience gains all; nothing is lacking to those who have God: God alone is sufficient."

Catholic TV

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

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.

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.

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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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90 Days Now Campaign weekly through July 7	\$3,041.00
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Or read below to sign up for online giving.

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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, hriccatholic.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.

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.

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

School reopening is, expectedly, an involved conversation. Knowledge and understanding of the coronavirus changes daily, which underscores the importance for flexibility and adaptability as we approach the 2020–2021 school year. Understanding the needs and feelings of the IC community was the purpose of a survey that was sent to school families on July 8. One hundred responses were received with feedback from every grade level. Fifty percent of parents shared that their ability to go to work was dependent on their child's attendance in school. When asked about their interest in a distance learning option for the fall, 15% were completely in favor, while 63% were not. Parents' feedback on a hybrid model, where students alternate learning in school and from home revealed that 35% were in favor while 48% were not. The hybrid model addresses the issue of classroom capacity when the spacing of desks does not allow for all students to be in the classroom at the same time. Given the choice of what hybrid model was most appealing, 64 families felt an alternating day schedule would work for them, such as in-school learning on Monday and Wednesday and at-home learning on Tuesday and Thursday. Twenty-seven families felt that an alternating week in-school, week at-home schedule would work. Given the option of a morning only or afternoon only schedule, while learning from home for the remainder of the day, 23 and 8 families, respectively, would find those options workable. And lastly, 23 families did not find any of the given options workable, which suggests that a full-time, in-school scenario is the only workable alternative for them.



We continue to wait for the final guidelines from Governor Baker and the MA Department of Education. Immaculate Conception is committed to offering families options for September and the school year to come. Our ability to pivot quickly and remain adaptable to best serve our school families is central to our approach during this very unprecedented time. With God's grace and our collective Pelican Pride, we will tackle this challenge as a team!!

Immaculate Conception School Admissions Office 978-465-7780 or icsnewburyport.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.

Archdiocese Web Site

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

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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 pickup 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.

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

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.

Year of the EUCHARIST



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

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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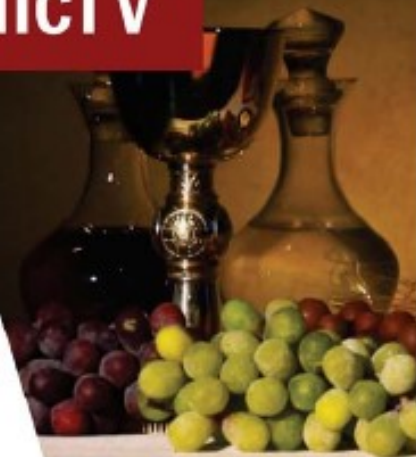
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