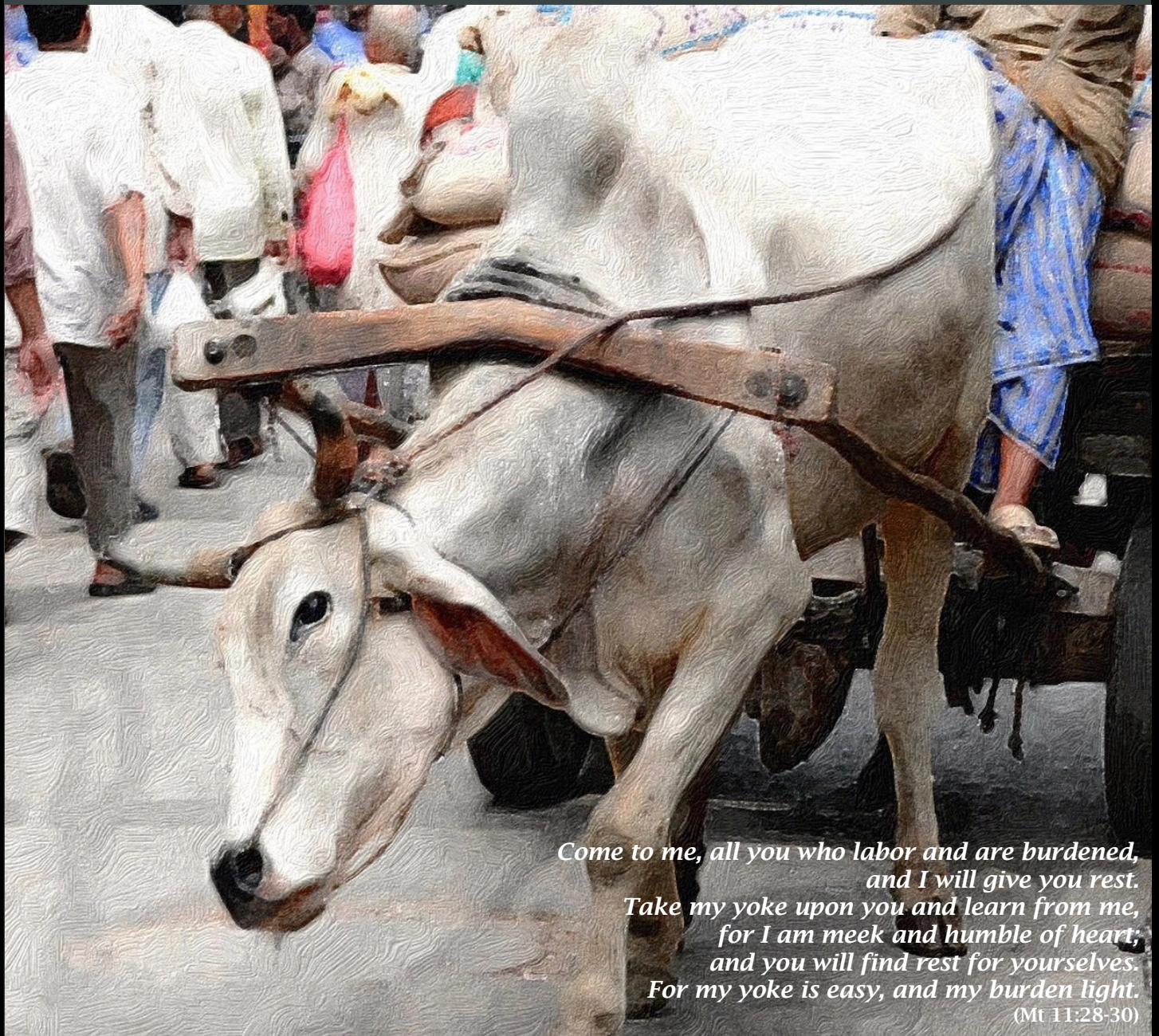


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COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 5, 2020



*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.
(Mt 11:28-30)*

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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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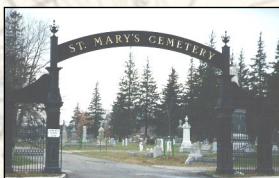
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/4)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** Regina M. Stronge,
Ann Richebourg, Sandy Lambert

Sunday (7/5)

9:30am **St. Ann** Joseph Derro
11:30am **IC** Sandy Lambert, Margaret Nichols,
Regina M. Stronge

In your prayers please remember Aidan Davis, Linda O'Brien, Matthew Bryant, 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 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.



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The image of a yoke—that instrument by which beasts of burden are connected together to drag or carry heavy loads—is one that conjures up pastoral scenes of imagined farm life and other rural settings. How quaint, we might think?! Last year, members of my family had gathered at Sturbridge Village out in Western Massachusetts for an engagement party for my cousin. After the meal and celebration, we had the opportunity to tour the village which was a throwback to life in the early 19th century: no electricity, no internet and no air conditioning! Did I mention that it was a hot day? But at one point we encountered a few of the staff working in the field and they were using two yoked cows to move a wagon of hay. In the age before internal-combustion engines, this was how it was done. The cows didn't seem to mind it too much. They even seemed bored out of their minds. Eventually, they would get some water and hay to eat, I imagined. But it was no way to live, I thought to myself. Cows ought to be free to do...well, what cows do, right?! Then again, who am I to say. I know absolutely nothing about cows or 19th century farm life, even after a very interesting afternoon in Sturbridge.

Yokes have been around for millennia. They helped transform human labor when our ancestors realized that they could combine the strength of many animals to transport things that we only dreamed about moving before. Then, too, yokes have been also used on our fellow human beings from century to century as slaves were once bound together to common work.

It is perhaps this latter notion of a yoke—that which binds and burdens—that we most recoil from. If someone is feeling as though they are bound by a yoke, it means that they are not free to act on their own, that some external power has them captive and they have lost their most cherished freedom. It evokes feelings of despair and hopelessness. The human spirit dies when we are yoked. Sometimes our modern burdens are referred to in this way: the yoke of debt, taxes, family obligations, and work responsibilities—all these can stifle our inner quest for relief and freedom. We sometimes refer to the heavy burden of governing as the yoke of office. Which one of us hasn't felt like a yoke was placed upon everyone in this time of pandemic? Yokes restrict, coerce, and force us to follow a path not our own.

With all these negative connotations of yokes, it can seem curious, then, that Jesus would invite us to rejoice in willingly taking on His yoke. Wouldn't He rather have us run free? Why use the image of forced labor to draw people to Himself? So what if His yoke is easy and burden light—it's still a yoke, isn't it? Why not run away from God who would yoke us and run free? Well, haven't we tried that for millennia? Haven't we tried to live our lives "our way," whichever way that was from one age to the next? Haven't we tried to build a better world, improve upon the condition of our human nature, grow and evolve into something



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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.

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

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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better? How’s that working for us these days? Are we really better off when we do our own thing with no reference to what God would have us do? I’m not sure that any one of us could honestly say that we human beings are better off on our own. Sure, we might have refrigerators and karaoke, but those things only get us so far.

One of the aspects of yoking that merits our attention is the fact that together, we can accomplish more than if we were each left to do our own thing. Historically, we have come together time and again to accomplish great tasks that otherwise would be impossible. We grew crops through domestic cooperation. We built cities through a willingness to become interconnected with the varied skills and talents that no one individual could alone possess. Whether lashed together or not, our working in concert with one another enables us to do the great things that individuals could not fathom or ponder alone. Which one of us, by ourself, could ever fly into space and land on the moon?

I think it is in this way that the Lord invites us to take on His yoke—a light burden to bear, if we all work together in His name. Unlike the many domesticated animals we have pressed into service over the years, the Lord gives us a choice whether to accept this responsibility of following Him. With the Lord guiding or ordering our efforts, it is always done with love and mercy, compassion and forgiveness. With the Lord directing our work, we labor for something greater than ourselves. With God as the true Master of the Universe, our efforts go to build something that will truly last. Working together, in harmony for the Kingdom, we see that our true citizenship lies in Heaven. With God as the Master builder, we can be confident that we do not labor in vain. No cow ever had it this good!

As we enjoy these lazy summer days and celebrate the birth of our nation, let us reflect on the many freedoms we enjoy in our country and the even greater blessings that are to come through sharing in the yoke of discipleship in Jesus Christ.

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

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.

Open for Worship

Notes from the Parish Council

What a joy to celebrate Mass together again and what an interesting several months it has been as we worked to ensure a safe return to worship. It has been wonderful to see everyone and to once again be together at the Lord's Table.

A great deal of work has gone into reopening for worship and it was certainly timely of the Parish Council as this group has been working diligently behind the scenes for several months. While Parish Council was initially formed to advise on matters of the Collaborative, Providence stepped in to provide willing hands to respond to the challenges of the pandemic in our communities.

Helping with the live stream Mass from St. James Chapel, developing the *Neighbors Helping Neighbors* program to reach out to those in need, continuing our spiritual education with the introduction of Flocknote and Engage/Word on Fire have resulted from the Council's early work. We are grateful indeed for the expertise which resulted in the development and launching of the Mass registration tool where we now can welcome up to 80 people at Immaculate Conception and 25 parishioners at St. Ann each week.

Reopening for Mass would not have happened so soon had it not been for the many other volunteers who have stepped in to ensure a smooth and safe return. From greeting and the management of weekly attendance to the health and safety protocols which dictate how the church is cleaned, your brothers and sisters have made it possible for all of us to be in physical communion, despite the challenges of face masks and social distancing.

There have been a few bumps along the way and we thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we work through these issues. Many of these protocols are dictated by the Commonwealth and the Archdiocese and we will continue to see changes until we can safely return to whatever our "new normal" will be.

So, for now, don't forget to register each week on the [website](http://www.hriccatholic.org), the [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/hriccollaborative), or by calling the offices. Sanitize before coming to Mass, wear your mask and respect the 6 ft. social distancing guidelines. Stay tuned for future updates on changes to the Mass schedule and the reopening of a newly renovated Nativity Church.

And please take a moment to thank all the volunteers who ensure our continued participation in Mass. We can always use more workers in the Vineyard so please contact us if you can help or if you have any suggestions or concerns. Please stay safe and may God bless you and your loved ones.

~Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Parish Council

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: Can you name any heavy burden or cross that turned out to be a blessing?

Child: Jesus tells us that He is gentle and humble of heart. Who models this spirit for you?

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown
Brett Burkinshaw
Joe Messina

Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker

Mass Scripture Readings

July 5–July 12, 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 5: Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30
- Monday, July 6: Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26
- Tuesday, July 7: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38
- Wednesday, July 8: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7
- Thursday, July 9: Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15
- Friday, July 10: Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23
- Saturday, July 11: Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33
- Sunday, July 12: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

(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.

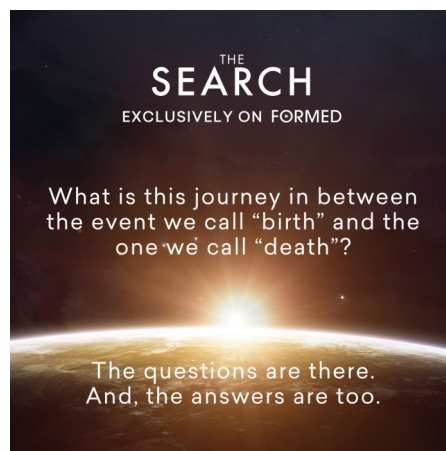
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- Add your name and email and click “sign up”
- You will receive an email that links you to the site



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.

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.

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



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PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE SPONSORS ON THE BACK PAGES TO HELP KEEP THE LOCAL ECONOMY STRONG.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Due to printing deadline changes for the Independence Day holiday, offertory collections were not able to be published this week. Please see next weekend's bulletin for collection totals.

Please consider donating to phase II of the 90 Days Now Campaign. See page 4 of this bulletin for details.

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, 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.

Archdiocese Web Site

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

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



Immaculate Conception School wishes you and your family a Happy 4th of July!

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.

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.*

Follow Us on Instagram

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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 to register.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC St. Vincent de Paul

Breaking Bread to-go Meal Time Change



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.

SVdP Thank You

This week we had two young ladies, Zoe and Scarlett, come to the IC office and give Sheila Cruise, our receptionist, multiple bags of freshly washed lettuce, snap peas, and herbs that they had grown in their garden. They wanted to donate their produce to our “to-go” meal project. The lettuce came at a perfect time as we were planning on giving our guests a salad with their baked ziti meal that night! We used every bit of produce to serve our guests! The girls had also sold their produce at their garden stand and raised \$70 which they donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to help people in need. We want to thank both Zoe and Scarlet for being so generous and caring. By their sharing, our guests were able to enjoy vegetables fresh from the garden! The money that they donated will buy gasoline or groceries for a family in need. We are so blessed to have these two very generous girls living in our parish. They are an inspiration to all of us! Thank you Zoe and Scarlet!! God bless both of you.



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.**

Catholic TV

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

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>.

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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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 regrettably 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.

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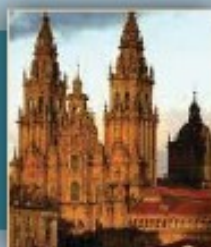


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