# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

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Tile mosaic on the floor of the Church of the Multiplication in Tabgha, Israel

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied...." (Mt 14:19-20)

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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#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday (8/1)

4:00pm Live-Stream Jean Basque

**Sunday (8/2)** 

9:30am St. Ann John Pallone

11:30am IC Raymond J. Haley, Henry Szymura, Flore Dubuc, Peter Kelly, Dick Ring

In your prayers, please remember Paula Kelleher and all the faithful departed.

Saturday Vigil Masses will be broadcast online-only live through <u>Facebook</u> until further notice.



Find us on Facebook: <u>Holy Redeemer - Immaculate</u> Conception Collaborative Parishes

#### **Attend a Live Mass**

vou like to attend a live Would Mass celebrated within our Collaborative? Look for the Mass" section our website: on www.hriccatholic.org Please remember that at this time a reservation is required to attend a live Mass. Information about schedules and 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:

- Go to our Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/</u>) 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:

- In your web browser, go to our Facebook page (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/">https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/</a>) at the appointed time. (The Facebook link can be found on our <a href="website">website</a> 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.

## **IC Office Hours Change**

Effective immediately, Immaculate Conception office hours will be from 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Monday–Friday.

## **Prayer to Overcome Racism**

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.

(www.usccb.org/racism)

## 90 Days Now-For Your Parish



90-Days Now—For Your Parish is an online supplemental offertory giving program which is helping parishes in the short term raise needed funds during this unprecedented public health crisis.

**•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. We are getting closer to that total!

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.

## **Zooming in on Faith**

## women at the well

Are you wondering if there is something more than your day-to-day routine? Looking to dive deeper into your Catholic faith through Scripture and community? Longing to meet other women seeking the same things? Welcome to **Women at the Well**—a community of women just like you!

Earlier in 2020, a group of women began to meet on Monday evenings at the IC Pastoral Center to dive into Scripture, learn about the faith, and enjoy fellowship and friendship as we walk together in Christ. In response to the pandemic, *Women at the Well* has continued to meet virtually each week via Zoom.

Wherever you are in your faith journey, consider joining as we meet each Monday for *Blessed Is She* Bible Study. Don't worry about being late to the party—you're right on time, no prerequisites needed! We provide the materials, so you can dive easily right in when you're able to join. This group is especially helpful if you are interested in returning to, journeying deeper in, or joining the Church, if you have questions about what it means to live out your Catholic faith, if you want to reflect on Scripture with a community, or if you're seeking Catholic friends to walk with you on your journey.

A community of fellow Christ-seekers is fundamental to living out the Gospel. This is an intergenerational group—whether you're in your twenties or in your seventies, single or married, building a career, at home with kids full time or enjoying retirement, you'll find loving peers! Using a variety of Catholic content—from Bible studies, podcasts, videos, books and more—we study, share, pray, and laugh together.

We would love to meet you! Join us any Monday night from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Contact us at <a href="mailto:hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com">hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com</a> to join our email list (did we mention our fabulous weekly emails full of fantastic Catholic content?) and get the link for our next meeting as we continue to Zoom in on Faith!

## **Spiritual Resources**

Visit our website (<a href="https://www.hriccatholic.org/spiritual-resources">https://www.hriccatholic.org/spiritual-resources</a>) for resources and prayers that you can access virtually during our stay-at-home time.

## **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

### **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.

## 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 lesus.

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# 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.

## **Exciting News for You!**



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 <u>flocknote.com/hriccollaborative</u> 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** (<u>formed.org</u>), 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

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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**

August 2-9, 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 <a href="https://www.HRICcatholic.org">www.HRICcatholic.org</a> and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, August 2: Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21
- Monday, August 3: Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:22-36
- Tuesday, August 4: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday, August 5: Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28
- Thursday, August 6: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9
- Friday, August 7: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28
- Saturday, August 8: Habakkuk 1:12-2:4; Matthew 17:14

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- Sunday, August 9: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

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



## Music for Weekend Liturgy

The music program for Saturday's online-only Liturgy will be added to our website. Please visit <a href="https://hrccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a> to download and sing along from home!



## **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 <a href="https://www.hriccatholic.org">www.hriccatholic.org</a> or you can call the Parish offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604to register.

## **Collaborative Website**

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, <u>www.hriccatholic.org</u> 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.

### **Archdiocese Web Site**

Visit <u>www.bostoncatholic.org</u> for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

## 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

#### **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

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





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

## **Bulletin Information**

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to <a href="https://hittps

## **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew**. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14–October 26 from 7:00–9:30 p.m.

Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at https://wwmema.org/.

### **Questions of the Week**



**Adult**: What verse or image from today's Gospel caught your attention or drew you in?

**Child**: How can we follow Jesus' example to feed the hunger of others?



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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.

## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

## **IC Offertory Collection**

IC 11:30 Offertory, July 26 \$ 829.00 Mailed-in offertory, week ending July 24 \$4,394.00

90 Days Now Campaign

weekly through July 22 \$ 536.25

(See page 3 for details about this campaign)

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 Haiti

## The next collection for IC Haiti is scheduled to be taken up on the weekend of August 1–2.

The Board of Directors is pleased to inform you that despite our inability to take up scheduled collections in March and May many parishioners sent in their donations via U.S. Mail. We are most grateful to all who did so.

Back in April we made a donation of \$20,000 to help the hospital in Fond des Blanc build a separate Covid-19 unit. Since that time, parishioner donations have more than made up for that donation. In early July we received the following encouraging update from a representative of the hospital:

The hospital has now seen 136 cases of confirmed or suspected COVID-19, although at the moment there are just three patients hospitalized in the COVID-19 unit on campus. We are also doing contact tracing and surveillance for another 40+ cases at the community level through our network of community leaders and community health workers. Staff and patients/visitors are required to wear masks at all times on campus, and staff working with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients are required to wear PPE including masks, eye shields. face shields, shoe covers, and gowns. I'm pleased to share that we have not had any hospital-based transmission of COVID-19 to staff members, which reflects well on our commitment to infection control protocols. We are in constant contact with infectious disease experts at MGH and Brigham & Women's who are helping us to update our protocols as needed and in accordance with the emerging best practices of health centers around the world on the front lines of the crisis.

Again, thanks to all who have continued to support IC Haiti during these troubling times. We expect to hear soon how the Fr. Marc Piché Elementary School in Puit Chacha will proceed for this coming school year. The Board of Directors has approved the payment of salaries for the teachers and staff even if the school doesn't operate as it normally would due to the pandemic.

If you would like to donate to the August collection, please send in your money or check (made out to "IC Haiti") via U.S. Mail to: IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950

#### **IC Faith Formation**

#### **School Year Programs**

Program information for those students entering Grades K–8 can now be found on our <u>parish website</u>. Registration forms will be available at the beginning of August. As always please contact the Faith Formation office should you have any questions.

#### 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 have been 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 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 <a href="https://www.pelicaninterventionfund.org">www.pelicaninterventionfund.org</a> to learn more.

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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.

## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

## **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 <a href="kofc.org">kofc.org</a> to become a member today.

## 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 August 24.

Join our free online meeting by going to <a href="http://zoom.us">http://zoom.us</a>, 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. <a href="mailto:abutterflysjourney.org">abutterflysjourney.org</a>. Schedule a free call for more info on ABJ or TCF-GN: <a href="http://bit.ly/GRM-call">http://bit.ly/GRM-call</a>.

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#### Catholic TV

Visit <u>www.catholictv.com</u> for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

## **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, <a href="https://hriccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a> 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.

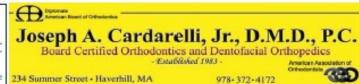




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# Prayer During the Coronavirus Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors

remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close

remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips

remember those that have no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market

remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home

remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,

let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

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#### **School Year Programs**

Program information for those students entering Grades K–8 can now be found on our <u>parish website</u>. Registration forms will be available at the beginning of August. As always please contact the Faith Formation office should you have any questions.

#### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

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

## **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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