

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

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*“What profit would there be for one to gain  
the whole world and forfeit his life?”*

(MT 16:26 )

*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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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (8/29)

4:00pm IC *Jamie Grabowski, Derek Hines, For a Special Intention* (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** *Dick & Priscilla Shepard, Jamie Grabowski, Derek Hines* (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (8/30)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

11:30am IC *Lillian M. Foley, Jim Kelsey* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Barbara Miller and all the faithful departed.

**Saturday Vigil Masses from St. James Chapel are broadcast online through [Facebook](#).**

 Find us on Facebook: [Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Having just returned from a little time away from the Collaborative, I was able during my vacation to enjoy some saltwater fishing. A friend was kind enough to invite me out on his boat and over several days on the waters of Cape Cod Bay and Nantucket Sound we caught stripers, bluefish, black sea bass, and flounder. Oh, and few dogfish along the way, miserable little mini-sharks that they are! Since I rarely have the opportunity to do this, it was refreshing and relaxing in a wonderful way, despite the “o-dark-thirty” launch time. The amazing sunrise over water, refreshing salt air, the constant balancing effort on a moving boat, the ever-so-slight finesse of coaxing that first nibble on the line, then the furious reeling-in and final, frenzied capturing of the prized-catch and its eventual journey to my dinner plate later that day...all combined to make for a thoroughly pleasing experience.



You know, I suspect that there are a very large number of moments like this that I would enjoy and even find myself engrossed in regularly, if given the chance. Surely, I would eventually tire of one and move on to the next, but our world is so big and varied and our lives so relatively short, it is not inconceivable that a person could spend their entire lifetime moving from one activity or distraction to the next, enjoying the momentary satisfactions as they came. This would be a mostly satisfying way to live one's life, I think.

I say mostly satisfying because anyone who has ever seriously tried to do this (the classic definition of hedonism) inevitably runs into the reality that there are some desires and inner longings that no worldly endeavor or activity could ever fully quench. St. Augustine captured this reality well when in his *Confessions*, he says, “You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, until they can find

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## Additional In-Person Masses

**Saturday 4:00 p.m. at IC • Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Nativity**

We have added additional in-person Mass times Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at IC and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. at Nativity. (We will still have the online Facebook Mass broadcast from St. James Chapel Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.)

As with all live, in-person Masses, you must register to attend the Mass. You can find the registration link on our website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) or you can call the offices to register: IC: (978) 462-2724, HR: (978) 346-8604.

## 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](http://www.hriccatholic.org) to link to the signup page. Please remember that at this time a **reservation is required to attend** a live Mass.

Information about schedules and attendance requirements are posted on our website. Our office staff can assist you if you have any questions or need assistance making a reservation. 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.

**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.

## Daily Masses Coming Soon!

After Labor Day, we are hoping to reintroduce Daily Mass in each of our churches as we are able to. In order for this to happen, we need volunteers who will be able to assist us with seating parishioners, serving as a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and be part of a cleaning team following Mass.

We are looking to offer a consistent Daily Mass time of 9:00am, Monday through Friday, but celebrate Mass on Mondays at St. Ann Church in West Newbury, Tuesday through Thursday at IC in Newburyport and Fridays at Nativity in Merrimac.

If you are able to help and be part of our Daily Mass teams, contact Sheila Cruise at [scruise@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:scruise@newburyportcatholic.org) or by phone at (978) 462-2724 or (978) 346-8604.

## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## HRIC Collaborative Pastoral Council

Since last fall the Collaborative Pastoral Council has been meeting and getting itself organized. Now we are about to begin the formal process of selecting and appointing members for distinct terms. Current members will continue on the Council if they wish, but we will need some more members who are willing to attend one meeting a month and are able to virtually participate in the meetings through access to ZOOM or by telephone. At least for the upcoming year we will be meeting virtually.

At this time, we are seeking the names of people, not already on the Council, that you think might be good candidates for this Council. At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve the parish in this capacity. Please list your own name if you are interested and/or list the names of others. No need to ask them at this point—this will be done as the process unfolds. No one will be chosen for this Council until they fully understand what they are being asked to do and the time involved. This is just the initial surfacing of names.

The purpose of the Collaborative Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education, and service activities within the Collaborative.

If you are interested in serving on the Council, consider nominating yourself. All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parish who are 16 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated. Please record the name, email address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate on a piece of paper. You can then place this in the weekend collection; mail to, or drop, at the Parish Office; or email it to [jimwilliamson35@gmail.com](mailto:jimwilliamson35@gmail.com) by **Monday September 7, 2020**. Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council.

**Once we have compiled the list of people interested, we will announce the next steps in the process of forming our Council.**

### Current Pastoral Council Members

Kathy Betz	Amy Friend	Mary Schmidt
Mary Bragg	Aaron Giard	Jonathan Temple
Sue Coppinger	Tom Hankins	Pat Temple
Dcn Paul Dow	Fr. Tim Harrison	Jim Williamson
Chris Eagan	Dcn John Moranski	
Marin Fortune	Lucia Parker	

## 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/](http://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/)

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.**



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rest in you.” In short, he points to the inescapable truth that no matter how hard we may try, there is an indelible mark of our Creator etched into every human heart that can only be completed by union with the Divine. In other words, if you want to live a fully-authentic, completely-satisfied human life...you must actively seek and embrace God’s presence in the midst of every other good thing. And seeking that presence means that from time-to-time, it will be necessary to forgo a temporary, earthly good to pursue an eternal one. Sacrifice is essential to the life of a disciple.

Jesus speaks to this in this weekend’s Gospel passage when He says, “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” (Mt 16:26) Our life, then is found not in a seemingly endless pursuit of distractions—no matter how wonderful or refreshing they may be—but rather in opening our hearts to God’s love and following the perfect expression of that love, Jesus Christ. Only there do we find the ultimate and eternal joy of being in communion with the God who can give us all things and enable us to be truly alive.

While I do hope to eventually do some more fishing and open myself to many other wonderful experiences that life in the years ahead may offer, the greatest blessing any of us will ever have is the one that we have already received—that inner longing for our Creator given at birth that will lead us home. May no earthly distraction prove to be an obstacle to our following the true path that leads us to life.

Late Summer Blessings to all,  
Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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## Women at the Well Bible Study

*We Are Meeting Virtually*

Please email [HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com](mailto: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.

WE ARE MEETING VIRTUALLY  
DURING THE PANDEMIC  
EMAIL US TO JOIN!

MONDAY NIGHTS  
6:30PM-8PM  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

please email [HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** Peter expected Jesus to have a different plan. Do you ever get discouraged because God doesn’t act the way you expect in your life? Do you sometimes forget to let God be God?



**Child:** Peter was disappointed when he heard Jesus’ plan for what was to happen. Have you ever been disappointed like Peter when an adult has talked to you about plans?

## Looking for Volunteers

The Pastoral Council, with Fr. Tim, are preparing to write a Pastoral Letter to the parish and to the local community about issues currently facing our country and our community. The letter will be based on the Church’s teaching on Social Justice with focus on Racism and poverty along with other social issues. We are looking for a small committee of parishioners who would be willing to attend a few meetings on Zoom to help write this important letter. If you are interested please email Jim Williamson at [jimwilliamson35@gmail.com](mailto:jimwilliamson35@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

## Sign up for

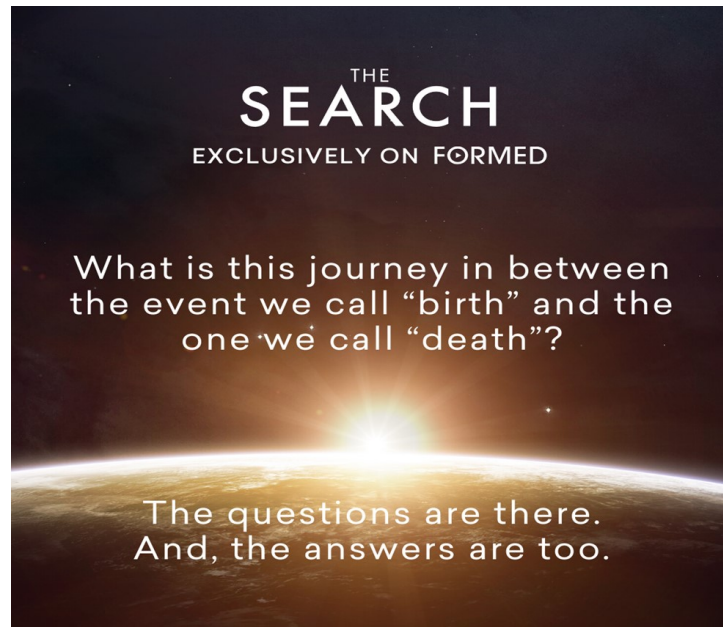
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- Click “I belong to a parish or organization” and type in “Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative” (or type in code JRNDGP) and tap “next”
- Add your name and email and click “sign up”
- You will receive an email that links you to the site



### Why are we here? What’s life all about?

Sometimes we get so caught up in the depth of our faith that we forget what it was like to first wrestle with the big questions—*Who am I? What am I searching for? What’s our shared story? Who is Jesus? Why do we need a Church? Is there a God?* We all need to get back to the basics to make sure the foundation is strong.

We are excited to introduce *The Search*, a new seven-part Augustine Institute original series with the goal of lighting that first fire in those who don’t yet know the faith or reigniting the fire in those who need a primer on the foundational questions. *The Search* is now on our Collaborative FORMED subscription at **no charge**.

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## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### 90 Days Now—For Your Parish

All funds go directly to our two parishes.



90-Days Now—For Your Parish is an online supplemental offertory giving program which is helping parishes in the Archdiocese 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](http://www.BostonCatholic.org/donate).

### Mass Scripture Readings

August 30–September 6, 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.HRICatholic.org](http://www.HRICatholic.org) and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, August 30: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27
- Monday, August 31: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30
- Tuesday, Sept. 1: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37
- Wednesday, Sept. 2: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44
- Thursday, Sept. 3: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11
- Friday, Sept. 4: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39
- Saturday, Sept. 5: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5
- Sunday, Sept. 6: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

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



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### 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.

### 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 our personal relationship with God.

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

### HRIC

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

How can we help you?

Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes



NEIGHBORS Helping NEIGHBORS

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**





**DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK,  
BUSINESSES AND CONSUMER BEHAVIOR  
ARE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED.**

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

**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 Offertory, Aug. 23 \$1,684.00  
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending Aug. 21 \$4,850.00  
90 Days Now Campaign  
weekly through Aug 19 \$ 116.25  
(See page 6 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 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](http://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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 are now also available.** As always, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 or email [agiard@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:agiard@newburyportcatholic.org)) 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.

INTRODUCING HRIC'S GRADES PRE-K - 5  
2020-21 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

## PROJECT NAZARETH

FAITH BEGINS AT HOME



FIND OUT MORE AT: [HRICATHOLIC.ORG/FAITH-FORMATION](http://HRICATHOLIC.ORG/FAITH-FORMATION)



## 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.

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## Prayer to Overcome Racism

Mary, friend and mother to all,  
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to unite himself to every human being,  
called to be one people,  
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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,  
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pray for us.  
Amen.

[www.usccb.org/racism](http://www.usccb.org/racism)

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

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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/>.

## 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 are now also available.** As always, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 or email [agiard@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:agiard@newburyportcatholic.org)) 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.

### 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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