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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020

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*“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner  
who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. . . .”*  
(Mt 20:1)

*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 (9/19)

4:00pm **IC Carmella Herlihy** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (9/20)

8:00am **Nativity Rich Tolosko** (Fr. Morin)

9:30am **St. Ann For a Special Intention**  
(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am **IC Alan Chu, Dr. Jan Javor, Stanley Baikewicz** (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Rita York, Fred "Ronald" York, 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](#)

## Daily Masses Begin!

Daily Masses will begin this coming Tuesday, September 22, at 9:00 a.m. in IC Church. Fr. Tim will meet with parishioners following Mass to finalize scheduling for the Daily Mass Teams (Lectors, EMs, Greeters, and Cleaners) which will be simplified versions of our weekend Teams. Right now, we are planning on having Daily Mass Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at IC Church. No advanced signup required.

We are still in need of more volunteers to help with Daily Mass for St. Ann and Nativity on Mondays and Fridays respectively. Until we gather more volunteers to help with these churches, we will not be able to offer Daily Mass there as before. If you are able to help with any of these Masses, please contact Sheila Cruise at our Collaborative Offices [scruise@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:scruise@newburyportcatholic.org), (978) 462-2724, or (978) 346-8604.

## Attend a Live Mass

To attend a live, in-person Mass celebrated within our Collaborative, go to the "Attend a Mass" section on our website: [www.hrccatholic.org](http://www.hrccatholic.org) to link to the signup page. Please remember that at this time **a reservation is required to attend** a live Mass.

Our office staff can assist you if you have 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/hrccatholic/>) at the appointed time. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet from the above link.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.



## 12TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE PRIESTHOOD VIRTUAL GALA

September 29, 2020 ■ 7:00 PM

This year, for the first time in its 12-year history, the Celebration of the Priesthood Gala will be a virtual event. **Everyone** is invited to "attend." Registration is free.

Gala guests include:

- Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston
- General Joe Dunford, Jr. (Ret.), Former Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Special appearances by Scott Wahle, Brian Boyle, Mark Wahlberg, and the music of Dion with Patty Scialfa and Bruce Springsteen

With your registration, you will receive exclusive event info., updates, and the chance to win:

- a private tour of the newly renovated Cathedral of the Holy Cross, located in the South End of Boston.
- an invite to join a virtual live Q&A session with General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- an invite to talk hockey virtually with NHL Florida Panther's star Brian Boyle.

This is a unique opportunity to see the important work that our priests do every day. It also highlights how the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust supports our priests in good standing. After all the challenges of the pandemic, this event will afford parishioners across the Archdiocese the chance to come together and celebrate the inspiring work of our priests. Visit [2020cop.org](http://2020cop.org) to learn more and register.

## Tribute to Fr. Broderick

Plans are underway to place a bronze plaque at the tree given to Father Broderick several years ago. The plaque will read:

In honor of Father Jim Broderick  
September 22, 1922–August 31, 2020

"Love One Another"

Your support in this effort could be sent to

Tracy Beattie  
149 Drinkwater Road  
Hampton Falls, NH 03844

or you can drop it off at the IC Parish Office.



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Word On Fire Engage

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 [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.



## 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

## HRIC

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Are you feeling isolated and alone during the pandemic? Neighbors Helping Neighbors volunteers would love to give you a call to chat or send you a note. We know that this is a difficult period for everyone, particularly to those who live alone. Let us help brighten your day! If you would be interested in receiving a call or note, please call the HRIC offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 and leave your name, address and phone number and we will reach out to you.

### 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.

### Follow Us on Instagram

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### America Truly Does Need Fatima Now

Parishioners are invited to join the faithful of the region for the "America Needs Fatima Campaign" on **Sunday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m.** in Market Square, Newburyport for a public Rosary.



Held annually throughout the world on a day close to the anniversary of "Miracle of the Sun," the famed miracle that took place in Fatima on October 13, 1917, people gathered will simply answer the Blessed Mother's call to pray the Rosary. Please consider joining this beautiful public witness of our faith and prayer for the world.

For more information, contact Dave Colby [davecolby724@gmail.com](mailto:davecolby724@gmail.com) or 978-204-7675.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## “Come and Be”

### New Prayer Liturgies in the Collaborative

Given the need for communal prayer and silence during these challenging times and the *Year of the Eucharist* that we are celebrating as an Archdiocese this year, we are opening Immaculate Conception Church for three additional weekly prayer liturgies:

#### Sunday Evening Prayer (Vespers)

Place: IC Church

Time: 5:15 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Dates: October 4, 11, 18, 25

RSVP\*: Participant? Greeter? Disinfectant Team?

#### Tuesday Afternoon Adoration (with Benediction if a priest presides)

Place: IC Church

Time: 1:00 p.m.–1:45 p.m.

Dates: October 6, 13, 20, 27

RSVP\*: Participant? Greeter? Disinfectant Team?

#### Thursday Evening Adoration (with Benediction if a priest presides)

Place: IC Church

Time: 7:15 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Dates: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

RSVP\*: Participant? Greeter? Disinfectant Team?

\*Please RSVP to Mary: [maryschmidthomepro@hotmail.com](mailto:maryschmidthomepro@hotmail.com) if you want to volunteer as cleaner/greeter.

## Mass Scripture Readings

September 20–27, 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](http://www.HRICcatholic.org) and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Sept. 20: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a
- Monday, Sept. 21: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
- Tuesday, Sept. 22: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21
- Wednesday, Sept. 23: Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
- Thursday, Sept. 24: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
- Friday, Sept. 25: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
- Saturday, Sept. 26: Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43b-45
- Sunday, Sept. 27: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

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



## 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.

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Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

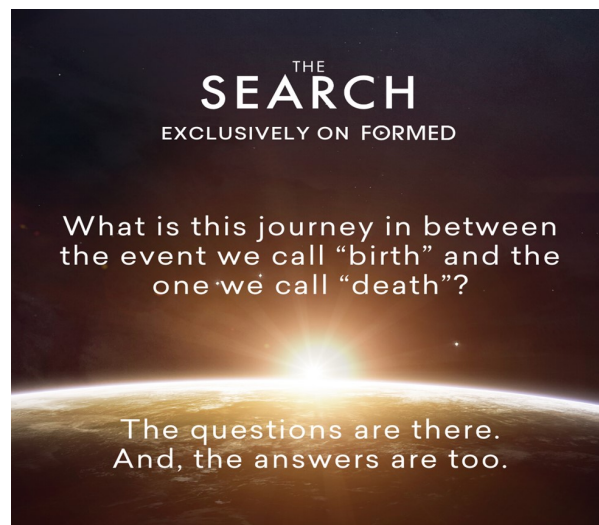


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## Bulletin Information

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



## FORMED: The Search

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**.

It's **free** and **easy** to register at FORMED:

- Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org)
- Click “Sign up”
- Type in “Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative” and follow the prompts from there.

# 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).

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** Is it easy or hard for you to accept a God whose ways are sometimes not our ways?

**Child:** Think about what it means to be fair to others. Is it hard or easy for you to be fair?

## Catholic TV

Visit [www.catholictv.com](http://www.catholictv.com) for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

## 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

## Confessions

We are now offering 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.

## 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.*

INTRODUCING HOLY REDEEMER - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION'S 2020-21 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

## PROJECT NAZARETH

FAITH BEGINS AT HOME



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



*Faith Formation schedules and Registration Forms for all grades are posted on our website at [www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation).*

## Prayers for the Sick

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

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# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

Holy Redeemer Offertory, Sept. 13	\$345.00
Monthly, Sept. 13	\$ 84.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending Sept. 11	\$984.00
90 Days Now Campaign weekly through Sept. 9	\$ 30.00

(See page 6 for details about this campaign.)

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

**Holy Redeemer Parish**  
4 Green Street  
Merrimac MA 01860

## HR St. Vincent de Paul



During these difficult times, we have seen increased requests for food cards, as well as help with rent and utilities. Unfortunately, our major fundraiser, the **Walk for the Poor, has been canceled**. Please consider donating to assist

those in need. Donations can also be put in the poor boxes at both churches. Thank you for remembering those who need our support during COVID.

Please write the check to "HR Saint Vincent de Paul" to help expedite our banking. **If mailing your donations, please send them to**

**HR St. Vincent de Paul**  
4 Green St.  
Merrimac, MA 01860

We assure you that the mail is checked regularly and your funds will be promptly put to use.

## HR Prayer Shawl



In the past, we have waited for requests for a prayer shawl or lap blanket and given it to the person requesting it. It can be for anyone, anywhere—there is no cost, it is free.

We will continue to do this! We want to do more. We would like to drop off prayer shawls or a lap blanket to anyone you know who needs comfort in our Holy Redeemer Parish family. So, if you know of anyone, please email their name to Helen 978-771-4673 or [hvktax@aol.com](mailto:hvktax@aol.com).

If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary.

**We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.**

## HR Sandwich Program



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 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 ext. 7405 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.



You can attend Mass at Nativity on Sunday mornings at 8:00.

Sign up to attend Mass on our website at [www.hricatholic.org/attend-a-mass-registration](http://www.hricatholic.org/attend-a-mass-registration).





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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Sept. 13	\$1,131.00
Monthly, Sept. 13	\$ 128.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending Sept. 11	\$2,887.00
90 Days Now Campaign weekly through Sept. 9	\$ 153.75

(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.

## 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 **September 28**.

Join our free online meeting by going to <http://zoom.us>, click on “Join a Meeting,” enter Meeting ID: 952-104-4920.

A Butterfly’s Journey (ABJ) is a separate non-profit to help a broader set of grievers. Barbara is the founder and an Advanced Grief Recovery Method (GRM) Specialist. GRM is the only evidence-based methodology for grief, 7-week-action-based method. GRM classes as well as a free online Resource Center can be found on [butterflysjourney.org](http://butterflysjourney.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 are now also available.** As always, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405 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.

## 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](http://kofc.org) to become a member today.

## 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 CHURCH

## 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](http://www.pelicaninterventionfund.org) to learn more.

## 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.

## Tribute to Fr. Broderick

Plans are underway to place a bronze plaque at the tree given to Father Broderick several years ago. The plaque will read:

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or you can drop it off at the IC Parish Office.

## 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.

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## Immaculate Conception School

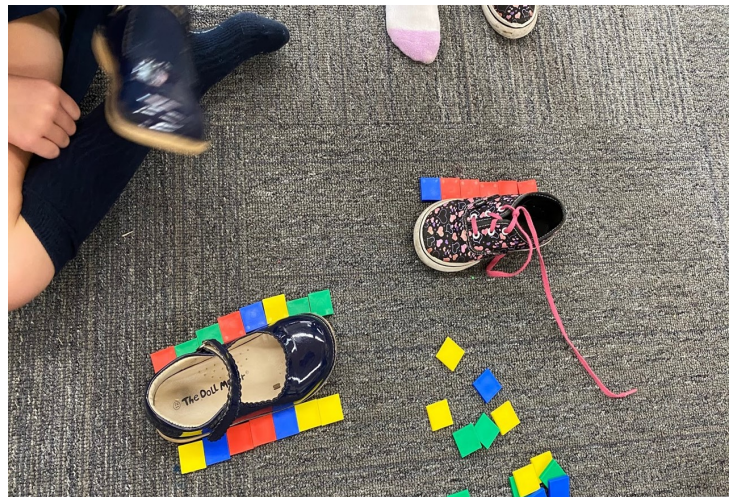
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*Grade 2 visits the Mall on 9-11*



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