

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2020

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“Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.”

(Mt 21:28)

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 (9/26)

4:00pm **IC Daniel Bradley, Michele Bradley**
(Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (9/27)

8:00am **Nativity John R. Minihan** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

11:30am **IC For the intentions of Marek Javor, Maureen Sullivan Fitzgerald** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Tuesday (9/29)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (9/30)

9:00am **IC Regina M. Stronge** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (10/1)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)

In your prayers, please remember Rhoda Gardrel, Josephine Minalio, William Hersey, 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 have begun at 9:00 a.m. in IC Church. 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, (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.hriccatholic.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.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

What is your most treasured possession? It is a challenging question! A friend was recently asked this question in the process of buying insurance for her home. Her response was, "My faith, of course!" (Yeh! Somebody was paying attention in church!) This was not quite what the insurance agent had in mind, but being a believer herself, entertained the question for a while, also managing to secure the proper coverage for her and her family. The agent, no doubt, was looking for something like, "my pearl necklace," or "our original Rembrandt painting." But the question is a haunting one. What do we cling to and value more than anything else?



While people in Jesus' time and place certainly had material possessions and the wealthy clung to gold and silver...the greatest commodity that was ever traded or possessed was: Honor. A certain amount of honor was ascribed to everyone by birth. For example, as John and Mary's son, you followed in the honorable trade or livelihood of your family. Thus if your father was a carpenter, you became a carpenter as well. Do something different, and you might well lapse into shame by rejecting your given honorable familial occupation. Honor could also be acquired, if a person were to win an argument in the public arena. In a culture where everyone knew everyone else's business and everyone was always watching what everyone else was doing and saying, if a dispute came up (as they often did) to win the riposte was to gain honor and esteem from all those around you. Do this often enough and your "net worth" increased greatly in the eyes of others. Treat others, especially family and friends with proper respect, you maintained your honor. Gain even more honor by virtue of your generosity towards those in need or your mercifulness to those in debt to you...well, then you became a truly wealthy person in ancient times regardless of how many shekels might be in your bank account.

It is in this light that this weekend's "Parable of the Two Sons" must be heard. Given that true wealth was not found so much in the quantity of commodities that one possessed, but rather in always maintaining, seeking and gaining honor before others, this Gospel passage was likely very disturbing for Matthew's audience to engage. While working in the vineyard was important, what was even more vital was honoring your father—especially in public where everyone could see and hear. It was egregiously disrespectful and grossly shameful to say "no" to your father in front of others. This was so offensive, no matter what else happened after that, even if that son worked the next 20 years tirelessly in the field without complaint, he

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Additional Sunday Mass

9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at IC Begins in October

We plan to add a 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at IC starting October 3.

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would always be known as the one who shamed his father. His fate was sealed.

The other son, however, even though he did not ultimately obey his father that day, would have preserved his honor and that of his father. No work in the vineyard would get done, but everyone went home in peace that night, though there may have been a private conversation between father and son later about why the grapes were wilting on the vine....

This is the human, earthly take on the parable. But Jesus is always inviting us to look for more than mere human wisdom in considering these time-honored stories. God, who is the father-figure in the parable, really wants the work to get done in the vineyard! It is not just a nice, secondary thing if it were to happen, but is an essential, critical action that must be performed...even in the face of shame, anger, disappointment and disgrace. It is all about actually doing the father's will, not just maintaining the appearance of such before others. Anybody can look good from time to time, especially when they know others will be watching... but can they do the good that is required of them when no one is looking? That is the real challenge!

For Matthew's Jesus, doing the Will of His Heavenly Father is the ultimate honorable action, no matter how many times we have said, "no" in the past. And when we truly honor the Lord, then we gain something of immeasurable value that no earthly crowd...or insurance company could ever put a price tag on: faithfulness. That, we will see, opens the door to every other blessing that God might ever shower upon us—now or in the life to come.

So, what is your most treasured possession?

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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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. (note time)**, in Market Square, Newburyport for a public Rosary.

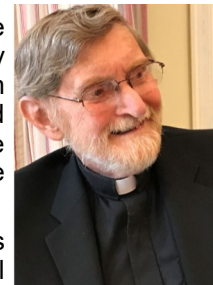


Held annually throughout the world on a day close to the anniversary of "Miracle of the Sun," the famed miracle that took place in Fatima on October 13, 1917, people gathered will simply answer the Blessed Mother's call to pray the Rosary. Please consider joining this beautiful public witness of our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

For more information, contact Dave Colby davecolby724@gmail.com or 978-204-7675.

Meet Fr. Stanley

I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is already known by some, Fr. Charles Stanley; and I am probably known as "the new retired priest" living in the rectory. I spent the last 17 years in Peabody MA, in the position of pastor.



Let's go back to the beginning: I was born in Lynn, MA, went to a parochial elementary school and parochial high school there: St. Jean Baptist.

After ordination to the priesthood, my first assignment was in Dracut at Ste. Therese. From there I entered the Missionary Society of St James the Apostle and served in Peru in the high altitude towns of Andahuaylas and Huancarama.

I returned to an assignment here in the archdiocese, in Waltham, and a short stint in the diocese of Springfield, MA. That was followed by assignments in Lakeville, MA, and Pepperell, MA.

I then returned to the missions, to Paria, Bolivia, the oldest parish in that country, whose history went back to the 1500s. It was high altitude "altiplano" populated mostly by Quechua speaking indigenous people.

After a Sabbatical year in Rome, including time with the Jesuits in Cambridge, I returned to Huarmey, Peru which was coupled with Malvas Peru. Later I worked in Santa Cruz in Bolivia.

The missionary "goes where he is sent" trusting that his superiors understand his talents. My ability in the Quechua language led me to some of the most isolated parts of Peru and Bolivia. They were wonderful years with wonderful people.

In the year 2002 I needed to come home to Boston to be part of the care giving team for my mother who had recently left her "only" home in Lynn. That enabled me to be assigned to Winthrop for a couple years. After my mother's death I took the assignment of pastor at St. Ann's in Peabody.

Now I am here...with more stories than any of you can imagine. Mostly, I'm here at the invitation of Fr. Tim who hopefully knows something of my talents, and would like those talents to benefit the collaborative. Believe me, I am 75 years old, although the face may be deceiving. I'm not as quick as I used to be; but I usually get to where I am going. (For your benefit, *getting* to the END of the sermon.)

Bye for now. Father Stanley.

Virtual Rosary

Join us 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/hricatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.



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: maryschmidhomepro@hotmail.com if you want to volunteer as cleaner/greeter.



Bulletin Information

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

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.

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
- Click “Sign up”
- Type in “Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative” and follow the prompts from there.

Confessions

We are now offering face-to-face, individual Confessions by appointment. These will take place by an 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.

Mass Scripture Readings

September 27–October 4, 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, Sept. 27: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32
- Monday, Sept. 28: Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50
- Tuesday, Sept. 29: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51
- Wednesday, Sept. 30: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62
- Thursday, Oct. 1: Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12
- Friday, Oct. 2: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
- Saturday, Oct. 3: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24
- Sunday, Oct. 4: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

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



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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.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Dan Bedard
Priscilla Brown
Brett Burkinshaw
Joe Messina

Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker



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.

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 to learn more and register.



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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.

Collaborative Pastoral Council

New Members and Election of Officers

The Pastoral Council for the Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative recently welcomed new members, established terms of service for members, and elected officers. The Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Pastor on matters of importance to the Collaborative. Since February, the original members have been focused primarily on addressing sacramental needs and safety during the pandemic.

Members serve one year, two year, or three year terms and are eligible for limited additional terms. Please join us in welcoming the members of the Pastoral Council and include us in your prayers as we continue to address the physical and spiritual needs of our Church and the faithful during these challenging times.

IC Members & Terms

Kathy Betz, 1 yr
Mary Bragg, Secretary, 1 yr
Beth Brennan, 3 yrs
Chris Eagan, 2 yrs
Lucia Parker, 3 yrs
Carol Robertson, 2 yrs
Jonathan Temple, 3 yrs
Pat Temple, 2 yrs
Jim Williamson, Vice Chair, 1 yr

HR Members & Terms

Sue Coppinger, 3 yrs
Steve DiCamillo, 3 yrs
Amy Friend, 1 yr
Paula Higgins, 2 yrs

Ex Officio Members

Father Tim Harrison, Chair
Deacon Paul Dow
Aaron Giard
Deacon John Moranski

May God keep you and your loved ones in the palm of His hand as we weather this pandemic together with faith in his love and mercy.

Members of the Pastoral Council 2020

Questions of the Week

Adult: Which brother do you identify with? How do you show your obedience to God by your words or your actions?



Child: At Mass, we hear God's Word to love one another. We say we will. Do your actions match your words after you leave church?



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS IN SEPTEMBER

Very often when people are in crisis, we find a priest standing nearby to help. Our priests are often at the center of efforts that build strong support systems for all of us.

In addition to their daily pastoral responsibilities, they help establish social service organizations, offer spiritual support and guidance for first responders, operate food pantries out of their parishes, and recently, in response to the pandemic, put their lives at risk to provide comfort and peace for those suffering with COVID-19.

Healthier priests build stronger communities. And the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust (CHRT) is dedicated to keeping our priests healthy.

This September, you can support the CHRT's mission by giving to the special collection at Masses on September 19/20. Every gift makes a difference and is a symbol of gratitude for all our priests who don't just observe need in our communities; they seek it out so that they can respond.

Donate now online at clergytrust.org or scan the QR code to give with Venmo, Apple/Google Pay, and PayPal via Givebutter.



clergytrust.org

Funds from the September collection are managed by the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust, an independently managed trust with a majority lay board of trustees. The funds are used for the sole benefit of active and senior priests in good standing.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Sept.20	\$1,898.00
Clergy Benefit Trust	\$1,230.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending Sept. 18	\$2,001.00
90 Days Now Campaign weekly through Sept. 23	\$ 296.25

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

IC Faith Formation

Faith Formation schedules and Registration Forms for all grades are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Program information for those students entering Grades K–8 can 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) should you have any questions.

Confirmation

If 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 have been made for those children who were not able to receive the sacrament this past Spring.

Please reach out to the Faith Formation Office for further 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 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

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 can be sent to

Tracy Beattie
149 Drinkwater Road
Hampton Falls, N H 03844

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

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.

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

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Immaculate Conception School

Making real life connections is important for students when learning a difficult concept. That was the focus of a recent assignment in grade 6 math class. The students were calculating perimeter and area. To bring the lesson to life, the class measured the perimeter of the outdoor spaces on the school and parish campus. By using a walking measuring tape, which is used by surveyors and engineers, the students measured the property to record their findings. The measurements helped students find the perimeter and area of the spaces. The new protocols that the school follows due to coronavirus requires use of outdoor spaces on a daily basis for mask breaks. The constant focus of remaining 6' apart has us thinking about distance and space on a new level. The math students at the IC are gaining an understanding of how to apply math concepts to their own lives.



Pictured: Colton, Ali, and Olivia measure the school parking lot with a walking tape measure.

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."**

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HR Faith Formation

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School Year Programs

Program information for those students entering Grades K–8 can 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 aqiard@newburyportcatholic.org) should you have any questions.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Optional plans for the celebration of First Eucharist have been made for those children who were not able to receive the sacrament this past Spring.

Please reach out to the Faith Formation Office for further 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.

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If 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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