

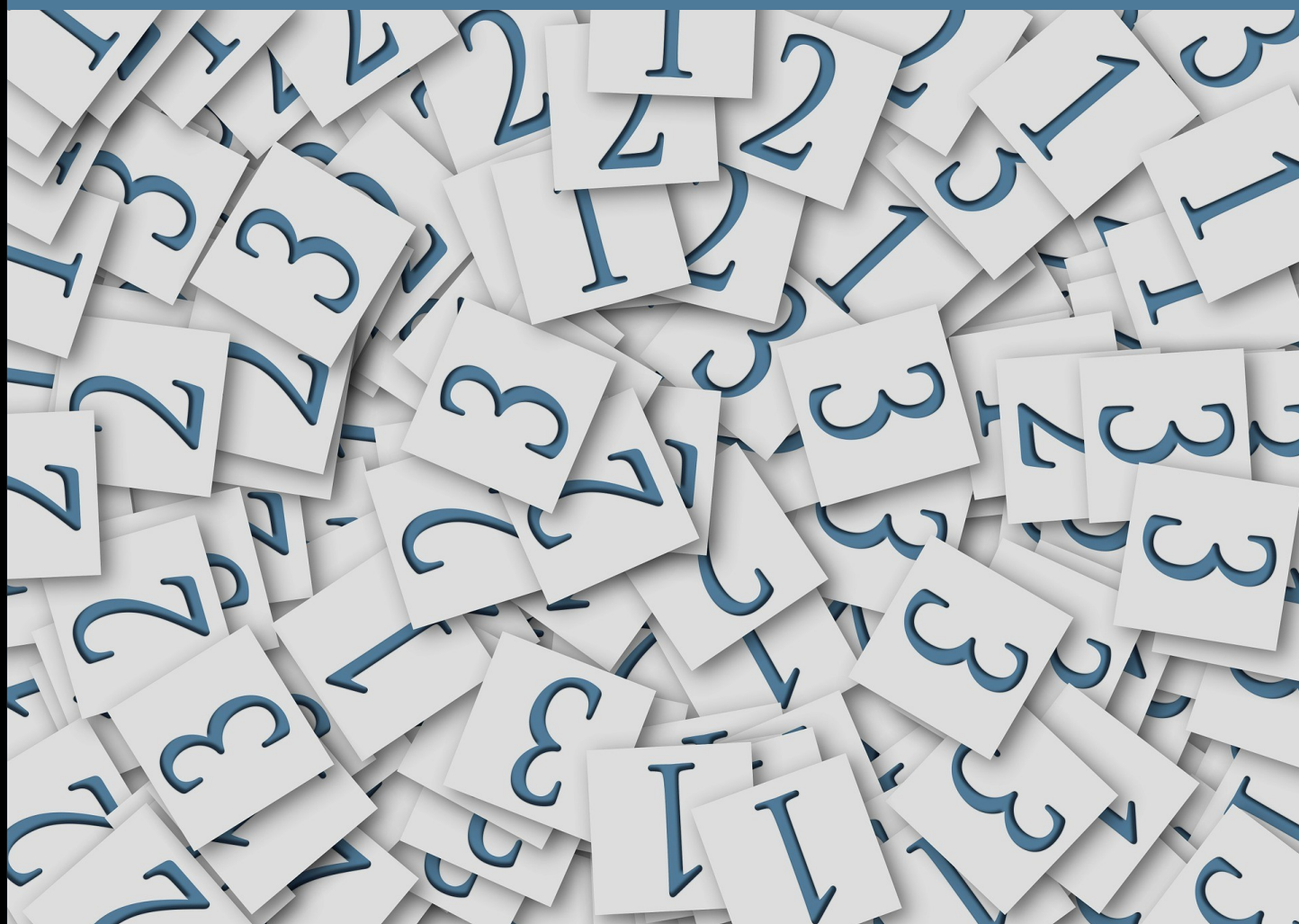
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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020

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*“For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.”*

(Mt 18:20)

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/5)

4:00pm **IC Virginia Reardon** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

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

Sunday (9/6)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

9:30am **St. Ann The Pendergast Family**
(Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

11:30am **IC Michael Filomia, James Edward Doyle, Mrs. Magdalena Javor** (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Rev. James Broderick, Beverly Tierney, Frances LaPierre, Michael Hines, 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](#)

Attend a Live Mass

Would you like to attend a live, in-person Mass celebrated within our Collaborative? Look for 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 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.

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 or you can call the offices to register: IC: (978) 462-2724, HR: (978) 346-8604.



The Reverend James Broderick 1925-2020

May He Rest in Peace

San Marcos Coffee Thank You

Thank you to all who purchased San Marcos Coffee to support the Honduran farmers. We sold out the 120 pounds so apologies to anyone we missed. A fresh shipment of beans has arrived at the roasters in Orange, MA so we will be roasting and selling another batch in a couple of months. Call Karen Finnegan 978-465-4173 with any questions about this project.

Labor Day Office Hours

Collaborative Offices will be closed Monday, September 7 for the Labor Day holiday. Offices will reopen Tuesday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m.

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 or by phone at (978) 462-2724 or (978) 346-8604.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This week we joyfully welcomed Fr. Charley Stanley to join us in living at the IC Rectory in Newburyport. Fr. Stanley is retiring from being Pastor at St. Ann's Church in Peabody as well as many active years in ministry within the Archdiocese of Boston. Like Fr. Broderick before him, he also was involved in the St. James Missionary Society in South America. Hopefully we will have a few words of introduction and a good picture of Fr. Stanley to share with you in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, if you see him wandering around the streets of Newburyport and beyond, please give him a warm welcome.



This past weekend, I celebrated the first Mass at Nativity Church in Merrimac in almost 6 months. During the pandemic shutdown, we began some long-anticipated work of painting and refinishing the flooring in the church. It was a joy to gather for Mass in a beautifully refreshed space! Because the renovations included adding more hard flooring, the acoustics of the building have greatly improved, so the music truly soars and fills the space!



Nativity's recent improvements

Congratulations to all who helped contribute to our recent Capital Campaign that helped make this happen. On Monday of this week, work will begin on repairing the steeple at Nativity, also part of the scope of the Capital Campaign projects for Holy Redeemer Parish.

As we open up more of our churches and add Masses to our schedule, we are continuing to look for volunteers who can help with greeting and seating parishioners, serving as Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and cleaners to disinfect the church after each Mass. Our ability to offer even more services is contingent on the number of volunteers who sign-up to help. If enough people make themselves available, we hope to begin offering some Daily Masses soon. If you are able to help either on a weekend, weekday or both, please contact Sheila Cruise in our Collaborative Office. We would love to have you join our volunteer teams.

This week, Immaculate Conception School opened its doors for the first time since the spring to welcome back our student body for in-person classroom learning. Additionally, some families were opting to start the year with remote-learning on their computers and still others were embracing a hybrid approach of both in-person and remote learning. Although many school systems around the country have put forth a one-size-fits-all approach to the fall semester, IC School is doing its best to be flexible and tailor our programs to meet each family's needs. Even though our total capacity is reduced this year due to the needs of social-distancing under COVID-19, we still have a few openings in certain grades and have waiting lists in others. If you are interested in learning more about what a Catholic School can offer your family, please give our Principal, Mrs. Joan Sullivan, a call at **978-465-7780**.

Finally I just want to offer a word of caution for all who drive as schools all over our area open up for a variety of programs. Particularly as the daylight begins to shrink and the shadows on the roadways lengthen, please be extra careful and on the lookout for our young people as they return to classes. Combined with the on-going construction on various streets in our communities, it is good to proceed with caution and as safely as possible.

Labor Day Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Word On Fire Engage

Exciting News For You!

Our Collaborative parishes have access to the premium digital video content from Word on Fire ENGAGE.

The films and video presentations that make up ENGAGE feature Bishop Robert Barron, "one of the Church's greatest messengers."

You and everyone in our Collaborative now have free access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library. You can watch any of Bishop Barron's films or study programs whenever you want, on any device!

To access the resources of Word on Fire's ENGAGE, please register at flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting **HRIC** to **84576**. Once you register, you will have access to ENGAGE.

*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.*

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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.

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DURING THE PANDEMIC
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MONDAY NIGHTS
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

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 Collaborative 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 Collaborative 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 Offices; or email it to 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	

Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative website**, www.hricatholic.org for up-to-date information on what is happening in the Collaborative during these changing times. You can also find links to our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) pages.

Update from the Collaborative Pastoral Council

It is hard to believe that so many months have gone by since we first began the live-stream Masses at HRIC and the pandemic continues to keep us cautious about Mass attendance, wearing masks, social distancing, and hand washing.

The Pastoral Council has continued to meet bi-monthly to closely monitor the situation and to look for additional ways to stay connected and enrich the spiritual lives of everyone in our faith community. We were pleased to return to the 11:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception and the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Ann. Last weekend we began the 4:00 p.m. Mass at IC and 8:00 a.m. Mass in the newly renovated Nativity Church. The live stream Mass continues every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. as well. As Father George says, "It is good for us to be together!"

We are grateful to the many volunteers who assist with organizing, greeting and seating, cleaning the churches, and the scheduling of Extraordinary Ministers and lectors. It is not an easy task and we are blessed to have so many willing to commit to welcoming everyone and ensuring our safety. We hope to add more Sunday Masses to the schedule and to commence daily Mass later in the fall. We are also exploring the possibility of Eucharistic Adoration and a Vespers service. Again, all is dependent upon the availability of volunteers.

Other initiatives discussed and launched are the Word on Fire/Engage program which has been highlighted on the website and in the bulletin (see page 4). This program offers a wealth of information, videos, and reflections designed to educate and inspire as we learn more about the history and beauty of our Catholic faith.

As you will note in the first column of this page, the Pastoral Council is seeking additional members and would appreciate your input and nominations of potential candidates from both Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer. The Council's role is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Pastor and, during this pandemic and the ever changing landscape around Mass attendance, the advice and service of this group has been invaluable.

We are also determining how best to include all interested parishioners in the monthly Pastoral Council meetings while we continue to engage virtually. Stay tuned for further information. As always, your interest and input are most welcome.

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones as we pray for a conclusion to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members of the Collaborative Pastoral Council

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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.

Mass Scripture Readings

September 6–13, 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. 6: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20
- Monday, Sept. 7: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11
- Tuesday, Sept. 8: Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:18-23
- Wednesday, Sept. 9: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26
- Thursday, Sept. 10: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38
- Friday, Sept. 11: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42
- Saturday, Sept. 12: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49
- Sunday, Sept. 13: Sirach 27:30-38:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

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



Confessions

Now that the weather is improving, we are 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.

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.

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

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Zooming in on Faith

On Line with Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is rooted in Jesus' teaching on prayer. "When you pray, go into your private room, shut yourself in, and pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you" (Matt 6:6). In Centering Prayer, we enter our private room where God is always waiting with love.

The Old Testament too, affirms the way of silent prayer. In Psalm 46:10 we hear, "Be still and know that I am God." This ancient Christian prayer of silence was practiced by the Desert Fathers and Mothers and those in monastic life. They sought an intimate relationship with God through a contemplative path of silent communion that is deeper than communication with words.

Responding to a desire among Christian seekers for a more contemplative path, Frs. Thomas Keating, Basil Pennington, and William Meninger, Trappist monks at St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts created a simple but powerful way for people from every walk of life to be in communion with God who dwells within us. They chose the name Centering Prayer for this practice that provides an opportunity to enter one's private room, abandon attachment to thought, leave the noise of the world behind and with an open heart, surrender with faith and rest silently in God's unconditional love.

Centering Prayer is a practice and a discipline. One to two daily periods of letting go of all thoughts during silent prayer fosters self-emptying. As God fills this space, He shifts our focus from self to God. Practitioners are also encouraged to attend weekly group Centering Prayer sessions that provide support, education, and the blessings of a community. As God becomes the center of our life through faithfulness to the practice, life's vicissitudes and storms affect us less. Living out of God as our Center we experience the peace the world cannot give. Silently resting in God, we assent to the Holy Spirit's presence and action in our lives. This act of faith and surrender opens hearts and minds to God. As we continue to pray, the Holy Spirit moves in the activities and interactions of our daily lives and within us. Over time as we respond to the Spirit's work in us, we are transformed.

Commissioned by the Contemplative Outreach organization, Elizabeth McCarthy began the Centering Prayer group at Immaculate Conception in 2013 and serves as facilitator. Since then the group has met weekly on Wednesday evening from 6–7 p.m. at the HRIC Pastoral Center. Centering Prayer groups are usually small and weekly attendance at HRIC varies from 6–12. Total group membership is approximately 20. Group meetings begin with 30 minutes of Centering Prayer. Silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action opens minds and hearts to hear God's words read from Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina that follows.

For the next 30 minutes members listen to God's words through four readings of a scripture passage. After each reading, they ponder and share: what words have come to their attention, what they experience the Lord saying to

them here and now, and how God's personal message might guide choices and actions.

Since March, 8–10 members have met via Zoom as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions. The weekly meeting format remains the same. Praying and sharing in one's personal space but remaining in community via the Internet has allowed this group to continue its prayerful reflection, so necessary during these uncertain times.

If you are looking for a quiet, safe place to pray and reflect, a way to find the peace the world cannot give, ease the anxieties brought on by the continuance of the COVID-19 pandemic, are in recovery or a 12-step program, or if you are interested simply in engaging in a new path to continue your spiritual journey, all are welcome. Contact Elizabeth at 978-462-7483 and let Centering Prayer help you to Zoom in on Faith!

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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.



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.



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Aug. 30	\$2,370.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending Aug. 28	\$3,109.00
90 Days Now Campaign weekly through Aug. 26	\$ 116.25
Mail in	\$ 500.00

(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.

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) should you have any questions.

Confirmation

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

Preparation for Confirmation

ONLINE OR IN-PERSON SESSION MODEL



FIND OUT MORE AT: HRICCATHOLIC.ORG/FAITH-FORMATION



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.

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.**



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Questions of the Week

Adult: Today's Gospel outlines how we should handle solving disagreements. When you have a conflict with someone, do you follow Jesus' advice? If not, why not?



Child: Jesus said sometimes we might need help to solve a problem we are having with someone else. Who might you go to for help in solving a problem at home or with a friend?

HR Sandwich Program Update



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HR Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Program information for those students entering Grades K–8 can now be found on our [parish website](#). **Registration forms 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.

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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