

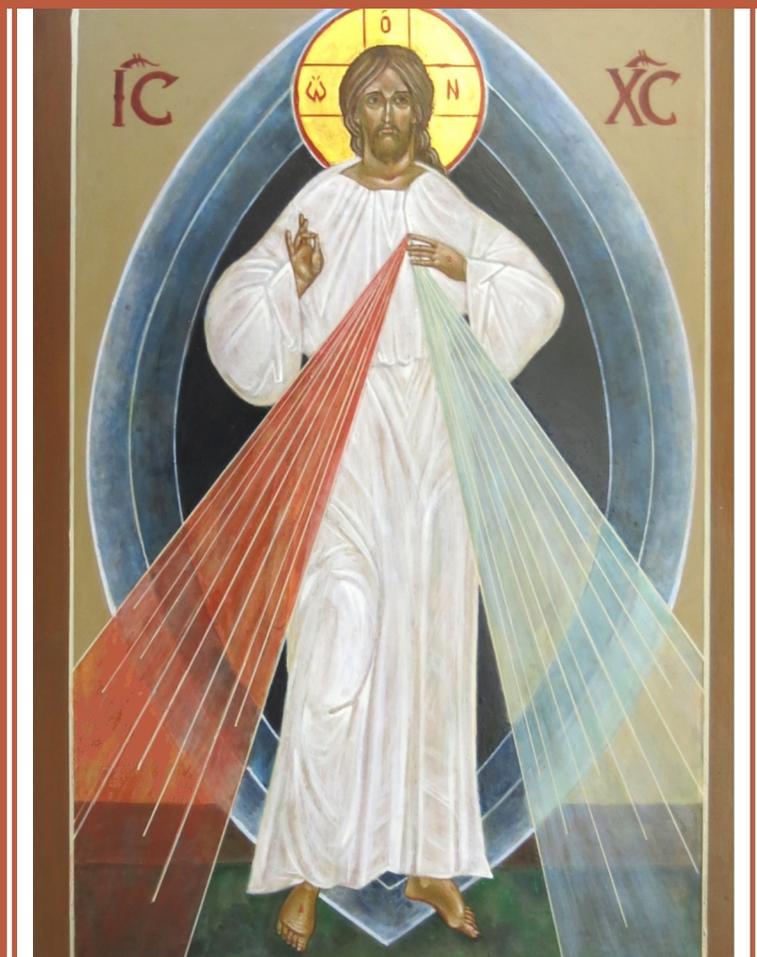
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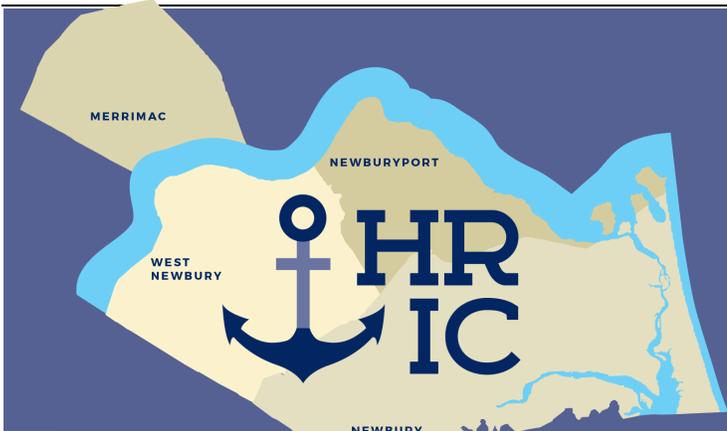
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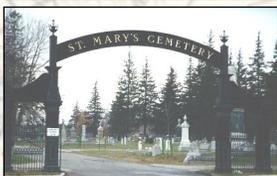
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Online-Only Mass Schedule

Saturday (4/18)

4:00pm Linda O'Brien

Sunday (4/19)

10:00am Delores Gonzales, Louis & Lena Filomia,
For the intentions of those recently married

Saturday (4/25)

4:00pm John Boress

Sunday (4/26)

10:00am Nicola, Angelina, Francesco Maiello

In your prayers please remember Maureen Adams, James McCobb, Linda O'Brien, Barbara Miller, and all the faithful departed.

All Masses will be broadcast live through Facebook Live until further notice.



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Visit our **Collaborative website**, www.hriccatholic.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.

Learn about the Mass

Aaron Giard, our Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, will be offering a walk-through teaching on the Mass during the 30 minutes before Mass on Sundays.

Tune in on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. via Facebook Live to learn more about the beauty of Mass and the whys behind the words and gestures we perform each week.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

It is my sincere hope that each of you were able to enjoy a blessed Easter celebration this past week!

That word, "blessed" or blessing has taken on some new meaning this year, hasn't it? In times past, we might have used a variety of descriptions for these blessings. Family gatherings, a festive church service with a lively choir and bombastic music, flowers galore, a feast well-prepared and laid out for dozens, the joy of a group-outing...the embrace of neighbors and friends. But my suspicion is that our blessings this year were of the more subtle variety, to be found in the simplicity of our present self-isolation and social distancing.

Although our Holy Week liturgies were a pale shade of what they normally are, there was comfort to be found in some familiar music and the power of hearing God's Word. Although it has always been an option, reading the Passion accounts as a straight text rather than breaking them into parts brought the rawness of this Word to bear in a new way for me. The proclaimed Word has an energy and claim on us in a way that simply reading the text privately does



Fr. Tim blesses all with the new holy water on Easter Sunday

Watch Mass on Facebook Live

To watch our 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.

90 Days Now—For Your Parish

"90 Days Now—For Your Parish" is a new, three-month campaign created by a member of the laity to help support our parishes while we are temporarily closed. The funds raised go *directly* to your parish. Please visit our website at hriccatholic.org to read Fr. Tim's letter to the Collaborative to learn more about this project.

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not. It was a joy, too, to welcome a few (very few) parishioners to accompany our Masses as Lectors and Music Ministers. For safety reasons and to allow for proper social-distancing in our tiny Chapel, we tried to keep this to an absolute minimum, but it was refreshing to see some familiar faces and get the updates on how various families were doing during this time of pandemic. Resiliency was a word that came to mind, as people shared their stories and brought their own joy to each of these moments. It made me hunger for more—a true longing to be able to gather our faith communities for public prayer once again. That longing, I think, is a blessing from God—a holy desire that will bear much fruit in the months ahead.

I have found myself giving thanks for the gift of being able to live with two fine priests, to share this extraordinary time with. The simple blessing of cooking and enjoying a meal together has been a rich reward on many a night. It has sensitized me, too, for the needs of others who might be alone and trying to cope with the isolation of these days. I've found myself making many more phone calls and engaging in texting and social media more than I ever have before. There is a real blessing to be found in staying connected, using whatever means we have. I even participated in my first "Zoom cocktail hour" with a few old friends from Connecticut this past week! A blessing, indeed.

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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There are more and more people who want to serve and give and help in our community and who are just itching to find a way to be more involved in reaching out to those in need. Although our Collaborative Parish Council took a break from “meeting” (video-conferencing) on the Easter weekend, we will continue to meet regularly in the weeks to come. Our prime topic of conversation is finding new ways to connect those who are able to help with those who have needs. We are well underway to creating an interactive system for enabling that in a greater way within our communities. More information will be available soon about how you can access help or offer assistance. This will be a blessing for all.

Although I have technically had more time for prayer this past month than ever before, I’ve been finding that my prayer has been different, uncomfortable and awkward at times. Maybe you have had that experience as well. When we go through something new, if unwelcome, we ought not expect that our conversations with those we love will be the same as they were before, when there was no crisis. If we are honest with the people we love and care for, these conversations can reveal our inner anxiety and even fear about what is going on. These moments will never be feel-good experiences, nor should they gloss over our real concerns. They can be hard and halting moments of soul-baring. They can even be bitter and at times unsatisfying, with the answers we crave elusive at best. We must not think that our conversations with God will be any different if we engage Him in prayer. Although we can take great comfort and consolation with talking with a loved-one or an old friend, sometimes even those conversations do not have the clarity or resolution to them that we want. And yet, the blessing is in having the conversation, not in getting the answers. This is why we turn our hearts, raw and wounded, to our Creator and ask again and again for His grace and help. The trick here is not to give up. Just as our human family and friends don’t have any clear answers about this present crisis, we don’t stop talking to them because of it. So, too, it must be with God.

The difference, however, will be found in the object of the prayer, rather than the subject of conversation. It may seem that God hasn’t figured this whole thing out, or is powerless to stop it, or maybe uninterested in our suffering. It might seem that God just doesn’t care...surely if He did, He would have healed our world of this viral scourge long-ago, right?! But what if God’s answer to all of this was so complicated and intricate, what if His intensely-thought-through response to this crisis was so detailed that no earthly computer or human mind could ever process it all... what if God’s answer to our need was just so far beyond our human capacity to understand that He made the proper decision to not try and burden us with an explanation we could never grasp...an explanation that would only confound us and lead us to despair?

What if God simply asks us in this present moment to trust in His love?

You know, that’s all God has ever really asked of us anyway—that and to be faithful, even if we don’t understand. There’s a true blessing in trusting and being

faithful. Has not that blessing been present in our midst these days as well? Have we not all been brought to a moment or two these past few weeks when we have had to trust in God’s love without the comprehension of the why of it all? Haven’t we all been called to a faithfulness of prayer and charity, of care and concern, even though we don’t know the greater purpose of every act of love we offer? And is there not a rich blessing in not knowing? Can we see that?

This Easter, as always, we are called to confront the empty tomb as the first sign of Resurrection—not trumpet blasts, not cosmic light shows, not million-strong angel choirs belting out more Alleluias than there are stars in the sky... just the musty emptiness of a tomb that once held the sacred body of our Lord who gave His life for us. There is an immeasurable blessing in that absence, if we open our hearts to believe. That same blessing is here and present for us today. God showers the gift of faith on those who ask for it. Perhaps our prayer this Easter season ought to be: “Lord, I believe, help my unbelief?!”

May the true blessings of this Paschal Season be ours in abundance!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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Prayer During the Coronavirus Pandemic

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

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

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

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Women at the Well Bible Study

We Are Going Virtual

We will be meeting virtually until further notice. All are welcome to join in, whether you are a new face or have come before.

Please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com to join us.

Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Looking for a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

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Mass Scripture Readings

April 19–April 26, 2020

Praying with the Scriptures during this Easter season while we are all socially distancing ourselves for the common good can bring us into a more intimate relationship with the Lord and with the Communion of Saints here and in heaven. What do each day's Scripture passages reveal about our loving Father, our saving Lord Jesus, and the empowering Holy Spirit? What do they reveal about our vocation 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, April 19: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
- Monday, April 20: Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 2; John 3:1-8
- Tuesday, April 21: Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93; John 3:7b-15
- Wednesday, April 22: Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34; John 3:16-21
- Thursday, April 23: Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34; John 3:31-36
- Friday, April 24: Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27; John 6:1-15
- Saturday, April 25: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Psalm 89; Mark 16:15-20
- Sunday, April 26: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

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



Collaborative Pastoral Council

New Collaborative Pastoral Council Is Here to Help

At the request of the Archdiocese of Boston, all Collaboratives are forming Pastoral Councils (PPC) to assist the pastor in his leadership role with the planning, coordinating, and initiating of all programs and service activities within a Collaborative.

The pastor serves as the Chair of the PPC and the membership is comprised of volunteers who have been nominated by their fellow parishioners. Given the need to redirect our efforts due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the role of the PPC has become increasingly important. The (PPC) for the Holy Redeemer – Immaculate Conception Collaborative is designed to address the needs of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception parishes.

I have mentioned at our weekly live streamed Masses that our Council has been meeting virtually to discuss the needs of the Collaborative community during this difficult time. While we were only recently formed, this group has been meeting in an advisory capacity on important matters facing our Collaborative. I am pleased to introduce the members of the PPC as I am sure these are all familiar faces within our faith community. I will be relying on their counsel in the coming months.

Please join me in welcoming our new Council members. They are here to help and welcome your questions, input and concerns. Most importantly, we ask for your prayers as we embark on this important journey responding to the implications of the pandemic on our spiritual community and our communities at large.

Chair: Father Tim Harrison
Vice Chair: Jim Williamson
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Virtual Resources

During our stay-at-home time, we offer some suggestions for you to continue to connect with and learn about your faith. These apps can be found in the app store and downloaded to your phone or tablet.

Catholic Apps



iBreviary — iBreviary is the Catholic app that has everything you need: the texts of the Missal, readings from Mass, a vast number of prayers, and a spiritual diary that you can create.



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Virtual Triduum

Although we all were only able to watch from home, the 2020 Triduum was beautiful and moving.



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday

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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In these times we turn to St. Teresa of Avila:

"Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you, all things are passing, God is unchanging. Patience gains all; nothing is lacking to those who have God: God alone is sufficient."

"There will come a time

when this work, which God is

demanding so very much,

will be as though utterly undone.

And then God will act with great power,

which will give evidence of its authenticity.

It will be a new splendor for the Church,

although it has been dormant in it

from long ago." ~ Saint Faustina

HR Faith Formation

School Year Programs

At this time we wish to thank all of our volunteers who have contributed in any way to the success of the school year program. We could not do it without you!

Please watch for future announcements regarding Fall 2020.

Summer Programs at IC

We are looking forward to the HRIC Summer Program which will take place on the IC campus the week of **July 13-17** for those children entering grades 3-6 in September, and **July 27-31** for students entering grades 7-9.

Please contact the Faith Formation office to request a registration form and/or to have more information sent to you.

Summer Program Volunteers

We are once again asking for assistance in making our Summer Program a reality.

Many families depend on this week of formation for their children, but it cannot happen without you. We are in need of **catechists** and **classroom assistants** for all grade levels. Please contact the office of Faith Formation (978-462-2724) for further information.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Please don't hesitate to contact the Faith Formation Office should you have any questions or concerns regarding the postponement of our First Eucharist celebrations.

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 Prep Classes

As we continue to receive guidelines from the Archdiocese, we will keep families informed of any pertinent information.

Work Begins!

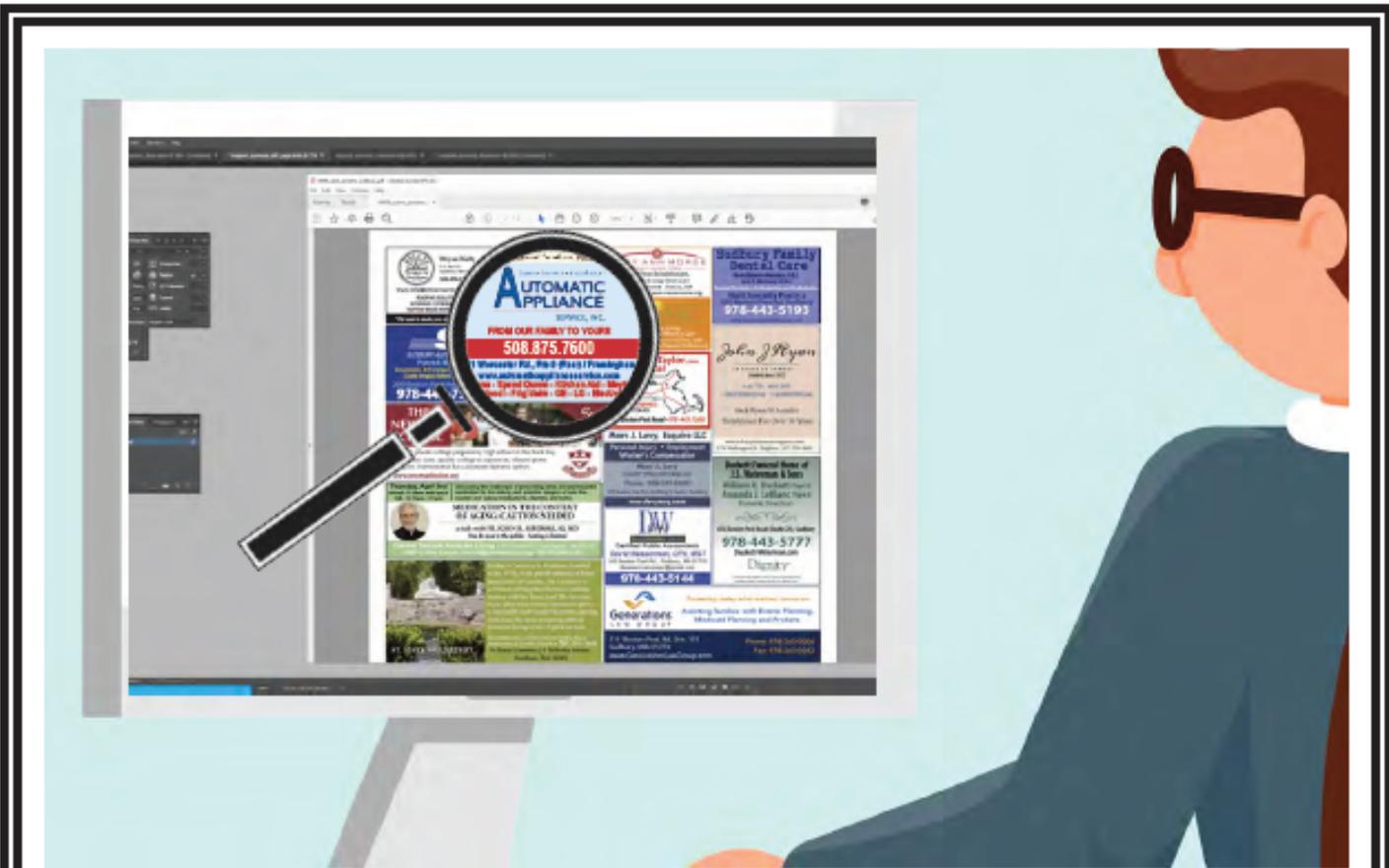
Workers have been taking advantage of the church shutdown to begin some long-anticipated pointing work on the foundation of St. Ann Church in West Newbury. This is part of the Capital Campaign that began in earnest several years ago and was scheduled to start this spring when the weather got better. Work on the steeple of Nativity Church in Merrimac is scheduled to take place mid to late summer.

HR Sandwich Program Update



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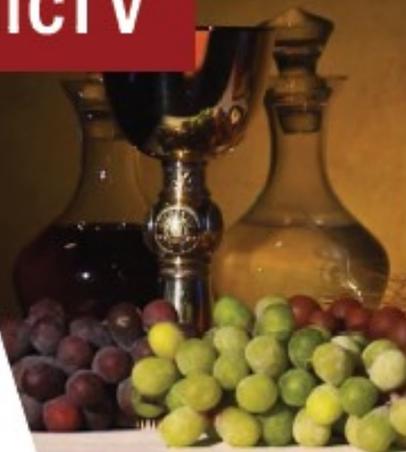
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Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the “Links” tab or the Online Giving link on our homepage, then click on “Online Giving” to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

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Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

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Immaculate Conception School



Our efforts to stay connected during social distancing are working, and then some. The Google Meet video conferences that IC teachers host with their students start with several minutes of delightful shrieking as the students see their classmates' faces pop up on the computer screen. They are thrilled to see their teachers and each other. The IC faculty has weekly video conferences that evoke a similar feeling—joy from being in each other's company and comfort in hearing familiar voices. With the help of technology, Father Tim and the IC community were able to celebrate a school mass together. Even though we are navigating through a very unsettling time, I have come to appreciate everyone's effort to send a kind word, a message of love, or well wishes. Emails and phone calls of all types start and end with hopes for good health. Easter messages were shared by the IC school community through an “Easter Parade” slideshow—family photos and heartfelt Easter messages were submitted for everyone to enjoy. Perhaps some of the strategies we are using to maintain our bond and sense of togetherness are worthy of continuing well into the future. In this challenging time we draw strength from our faith and are reminded of the importance of family, community, and sharing our appreciation for one another.



Isla grade 1



*Brittany, Caroline,
 and Will with the
 Easter Bunny.
 (Gr 6, K, and 4)*

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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 to learn more.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What do you believe because you have seen? What do you believe without having seen?

Child: What things can help us to believe even though we can't see Jesus face to face?

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.

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

IC Faith Formation

School Year Programs

We want to take this time to thank all of our volunteers who have contributed in any way to the success of the school year program. We could not do it without you!

Please watch for future announcements regarding Fall 2020.

Summer Programs

We are looking forward to the HRIC Summer Program which will take place the week of **July 13–17** for those children entering grades 3–6 in September, and **July 27–31** for students entering grades 7–9.

Please contact the Faith Formation office to request a registration form and/or to have more information sent to you.

Summer Program Volunteers

We are once again asking for assistance in making our Summer Program a reality. Many families depend on this week of faith formation for their children and it cannot take place without you!

There is a great need for **catechists** and **classroom assistants** at all grade levels. Please contact the office of Faith Formation for further information.

Confirmation

As we continue to receive guidelines from the Archdiocese, we will keep families informed of any pertinent information.

Please feel free to call or email the Faith Formation Office with any questions or concerns you might have. We will respond as soon as possible.

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

Please don't hesitate to call or contact the Faith Formation Office should you have any questions or concerns regarding the postponement of our First Eucharist celebrations.

Act of Spiritual Communion

We cannot receive Communion right now but we are all encouraged to make an act of Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



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