

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

The Most Holy Trinity

June 7, 2020

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who
believes in him might not
perish but might have
eternal life.

John 3:16

All Are Welcome

Celebrating Together Once Again—June 7

In accordance with the directives of the Archdiocese of Boston and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we are able to offer the first Masses at Immaculate Conception and St. Ann on June 7 and June 14! How wonderful it will be to see one another and to share in this initial celebration.

These directives, however, will change the face of our celebrations for the foreseeable future and we pray for everyone's patience as this re-entry unfolds safely and practically. The future Mass schedule will be determined by how successfully we manage these first two celebrations. Important considerations are listed briefly below. Please read [Father Tim's letter](#) of May 23 for full details.

Health and Safety Protocol

Attendees are asked to wash hands prior to arrival, wear a mask, and bring hand sanitizer in order to gain entry. Please do not wear gloves.

Please enter through the designated door.

Volunteers will be on hand to assist you with seating.

Offertory boxes are located at the entrance to each church.

There will be no offertory collection by row.

There will be no congregational singing. A cantor and organist only will provide the sacred music.

There will be no joining hands while praying the Our Father and no offering of a sign of peace.

There will be a single procession during communion with parishioners spaced 6 feet apart in line. Receipt of the Eucharist will be by hand only. The cup will not be offered. You are asked to extend both hands toward the Eucharistic Minister, receive the Host, step away from the Eucharistic Minister, lift your mask to receive and then return to your seat.

Exiting the church will be by row and volunteers will again be there to assist.

There can be no social gathering before or after Mass.

The churches will be cleaned and disinfected after every Mass and professionally disinfected every Friday in order to accommodate funerals or other sacramental activities through the coming week.

Attending Mass

Attendance will be limited through the online reservation system, [Eventbrite](#). This system will allow for reservations up to the determined capacity of each church and will automatically place people on a priority wait list for the following weekend.

In order to make a reservation, please go to the [HRIC website \(hriccatholic.org\)](#) and click on the [Eventbrite link](#) provided under the heading "Attend a Live Mass."

Select the Mass you wish to attend (either IC or St. Ann). Should you encounter a problem with registering, please contact the office at 978 462 2724 for IC or 978 346 8604 for HR.

We understand there will be those who are not yet comfortable with in-person attendance at Mass. That is a choice which is welcomed and respected. It is important for those who are in a high-risk category for COVID-19 (the elderly, those who have compromised immune systems, or those with multiple risk factors) to consider staying home at this time and enjoy our live-streamed Mass. Live-streamed Mass in St. James Chapel will continue at 4:00 p.m. every Saturday and will be available as a recording on the [Facebook page](#) and through our [website](#) on Sunday morning for those who wish to view at home. For the time being, the 10:00 a.m. live-streamed Mass will be suspended temporarily. Please be assured that we have pursued diligently all of the health and safety protocols of Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, West Newbury, the Archdiocese, and the Commonwealth in order to protect the safety of all those in attendance.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, June 7. May God bless us all as we engage in this new approach to congregational worship.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/6)

4:00pm **Live-Stream**

Margaret Cohane, Kevin Jackson

Sunday (6/7)

9:30am **St. Ann**

11:30am **IC Domenico & Caterina Maiello, Regina M. Stronge**

In your prayers please remember Gerald Foley, James Gallagher, and all the faithful departed.

Saturday Vigil Masses will be broadcast online-only live through [Facebook](#) until further notice.



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

Attend a Live Mass

Would you like to attend a live Mass celebrated within our Collaborative? Please look for the "Attend a Mass" section on our Collaborative website: www.hriccatholic.org Please remember that at this time **a reservation is required to attend** a live Mass. Updated information about schedules and attendance requirements will be posted there. Additionally, our office staff will be able to assist you if you have any questions.

Watch Mass on Facebook

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.

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.

Collaborative Website

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.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This past week I received a letter formally assigning Deacon John Moranski to the parishes of our Collaborative! Many of you may have seen Deacon John and his wife Jo Ann at a number of masses earlier this year. It is a pleasure to finally welcome him as the newest member of our Collaborative Staff! Deacon John's work will take him to all of the different churches in our Collaborative in the months and years ahead. He joins Deacon Paul Dow as the second Permanent Deacon assigned to our Collaborative. What blessings the Lord has bestowed on us! Please take a moment to read his introductory letter below and make it a point to greet him personally (socially-distanced, of course!) when you see him.

May the Lord bless us all in the weeks ahead.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



Dear parishioners of Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative,

My wife & I are so pleased that our prayers have been answered and that I have been assigned as a Permanent Deacon to this parish collaborative.

Jo Ann & I have been married for 46 years. I was humbled & honored to witness the marriages of our son John & his wife Lauren, our daughter Amy & her husband Myk, and to baptize our grandchildren: Oliver, Cecilia, Finley, & Rose.

I was ordained a Deacon on June 8, 1991 at Saint Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport, Connecticut by the late Cardinal Edward M. Egan. We continued to be active in our diaconate community, also serving as Assistant Director of Diaconate Formation for 19 years as well as serving as an instructor in Homiletics and Rites and Ceremonies. I am a practicing attorney in Connecticut and now in Massachusetts. I am also a Superior Court Magistrate in Connecticut. Our good fortune has brought us to Rowley to be closer in distance to my daughter, son-in-law and grandsons who live in Newbury. My son and daughter-in-law and granddaughters live in Texas.

We have met quite a few parishioners at St. Ann, Immaculate Conception, & Nativity churches and you have been very welcoming to us. We look forward to becoming part of this faithfilled community.

I want to thank our Lord, Cardinal Sean, Bishop Hennessey, Father Tim, & parishioners of our Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative for the opportunity to be a channel of His peace & a servant of Christ, especially in these trying times.

God Bless you all.

Deacon John Moranski



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Confessions



Now that the weather is improving, we will begin to offer face-to-face, individual Confessions by appointment in the weeks ahead. These will take place by an individual appointment with one of our priests and will be held outside in the fresh air. The weather must be amenable for the appointment, both priest and penitent **must wear a face mask** and practice proper social-distancing during the Confession.

For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, please contact our Collaborative Office at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for thirty 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 thirty 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 and our personal relationship with God.

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

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 hricatholic.org to read Fr. Tim's letter to the Collaborative to learn more about this project. It is not too late to donate.

“90 Days Now” link:

<https://bcatholic.sites.bostoncatholic.org/90DaysYourParish>

Bulletin Information

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

EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has got you covered. Check this link daily for news about the Catholic Church, and the latest issues in Catholicism. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource.

www.ewtnnews.com/

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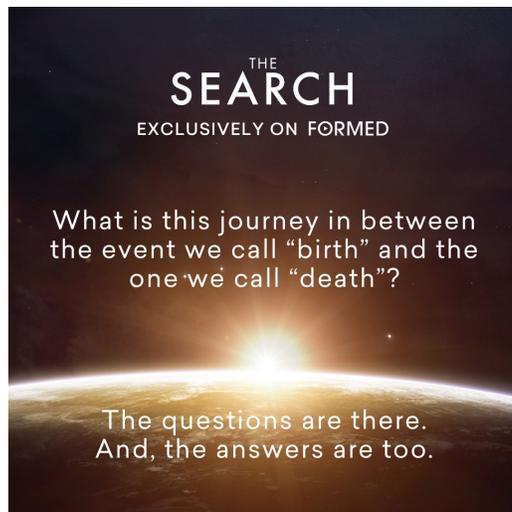
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- You will receive an email that links you to the site



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Exciting News for You!

WORD on FIRE ENGAGE

We are excited to announce that our Collaborative parishes now have access to the premium digital video content from **Word on Fire**, a service known as **ENGAGE**. Everyone in our two parishes 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** who has been hailed as "one of the Church's greatest messengers" and is 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 parishes 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!

Established groups in the Collaborative, such as the St. Vincent DePaul Societies, Women at the Well, and Cursillo reunion groups, will be able to share within their group the video resources of Word on Fire tailored to their particular needs.

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.

Once again, we're excited to bring ENGAGE to your attention. Along with **FORMED** (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.

The Forming Intentional Disciples Priority Team

Virtual Rosary

Join Aaron Giard, our Faith Formation director, for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook during our stay-at-home time. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook.

www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.

Thursdays 7:00 p.m.



Mass Scripture Readings

June 7–June 14, 2020

Praying with the Scriptures during the time of Pentecost can help us to develop a more intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. What do each day's Scripture passages reveal about our loving Father, our saving Lord Jesus, and our 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, June 7: Exodus 34:4B-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18
- Monday, June 8: 1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12
- Tuesday, June 9: 1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16
- Wednesday, June 10: 1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19
- Thursday, June 11: Acts 11:21B-26; Matthew 5:20-26
- Friday, June 12: 1 Kings 19:9A, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32
- Saturday, June 13: 1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37
- Sunday, June 14: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14B-16A; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

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



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Collaborative Parishes

Women at the Well Bible Study

We Are Meeting Virtually

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.

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.

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Catholic TV

Visit www.catholictv.com for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

HRIC Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program

As the challenges of COVID-19 continue to evolve, Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Collaborative is formalizing its “*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 unfolds.

The program is designed to respond to requests received by the Collaborative parishes for assistance with fundamental needs such as grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, and meal deliveries. Phone calls to the homebound and creation of cards to console or comfort are also ways in which we can support our neighbors during this difficult time.

The link below describes the program in detail and provides a form for those interested in volunteering to help this effort. Volunteers will be contacted only by members of the *Neighbors Helping Neighbors* team to determine availability to respond to a particular request.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cou0I5DOFLP_rhhBqDaMAQZ-Z4ED9-WpxRGBWc9XMI0

Please join in helping our Collaborative show the face of Jesus to our parishioners and our communities. God bless you.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown	Ruth Sullivan
Brett Burkinshaw	Ron Sylvester
Eunice Campbell	Michael Tucker
Joe Messina	

Collaborative Pastoral Council

Chair: Father Tim Harrison
Vice Chair: Jim Williamson
Secretary: Mary Bragg

Council Members

Kathy Betz	Marin Fortune	Lucia Parker
Sue Coppinger	Amy Friend	Mary Schmidt
Deacon Paul Dow	Aaron Giard	Jonathan Temple
Chris Eagan	Tom Hankins	Pat Temple

Questions of the Week



Adult: Do you have a relationship with all three Persons of the Trinity? If not, why not?

Child: Describing all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity, how are they the same?

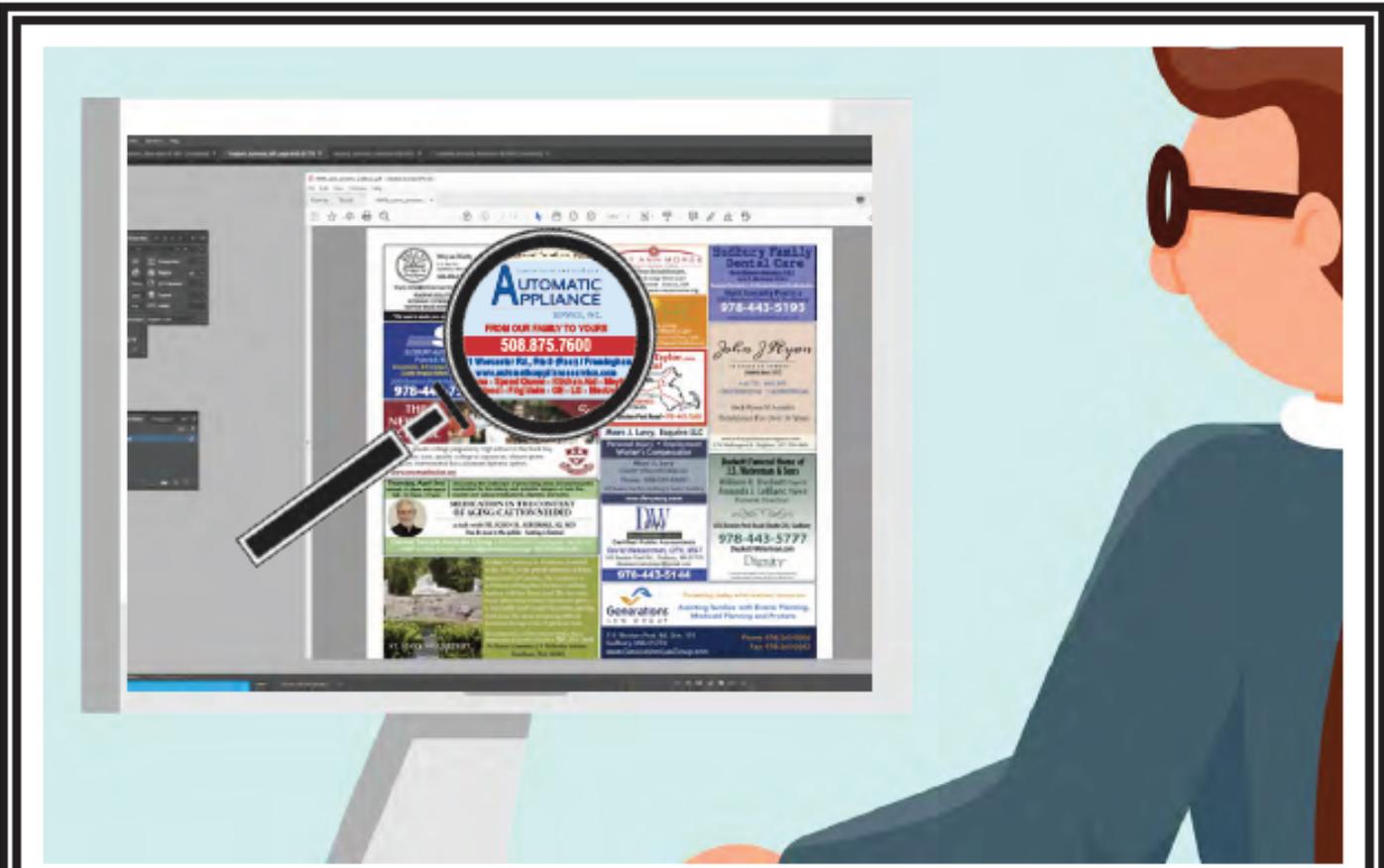
IC PARISH

Immaculate Conception School 2020 Graduates

Congratulations to the 8th grade graduates of Immaculate Conception School

Ryan V. Azzi
 Grace Hailan Belknap
 Alexander John Brescio
 Matthew John Burgess
 Savannah Kelley Colbert
 Stephen Joseph D’Ambrosio
 Maeve Maclean DeLisle
 Caroline Comeau Gray
 Ian Alexander Herndon
 Samantha Austen Leary
 Lilian Grace LeDuc
 Nicolette Leigh Licare
 Rudy Harrington McQuaid
 Lucas J. Michals
 Catherine Ann Navarra
 William A. Navarra
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ALSO, VISIT THEIR WEBSITES TO SEE HOW THEY CAN ASSIST YOU WITH ANY OF THEIR SERVICES YOU MAY NEED THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Mailed-in offertory, week ending May 29 \$4,790.00
90 Days for Now Campaign
weekly through 5/26/2020: \$ 525.00
mailed in: \$ 300.00
(See page 4 for details about this campaign)

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to
Immaculate Conception Parish
42 Green Street
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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.



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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.

Immaculate Conception School

The Class of 2020 is just days away from graduation! Governor Baker’s announcement that churches can reopen provided the IC with the opportunity to hold a private baccalaureate mass and distribution of diplomas for graduates and their immediate families. Graduation speeches and awards will be pre recorded and released ahead of the June 12 event. Although other traditional IC graduation dinners and award ceremonies have been put on hold, we are thankful to have the opportunity to gather after almost 12 weeks of distance learning. We are very proud of how our graduates embraced online learning and know that the experience will be valuable as they begin high school. The Class of 2020 found new ways of staying connected with classmates despite the distance of learning from home. Their reflections about their time at the IC are heartwarming and speak to lessons learned that go far beyond reading, writing and arithmetic. I recently asked them to think about how their time at the IC has helped them to become a better person. Many graduates spoke about the academic abilities they have developed over the years. The pride our students have in their faith, personal strength and character is what they spoke of most poetically. Immaculate Conception School students are poised young men and women who reflect the values of our faith and school community. We ask God’s blessing upon them, always.

“Being a part of this community taught me how to make connections with people.”

“I have learned to not judge people.”

“I have learned how to help other students when they need it, and I have learned how to be empathetic when someone has something go wrong.”

“I have learned that before success comes failure, and that everything happens for a reason because there is a plan for you.”

“Even when things might be tough, God will always be there for you. You are never alone.”

“My teachers have really influenced me to make the right decisions and to always be kind.”

“I always felt welcome and now I do my best to make others feel welcome too.”

“I have learned to help others when they need it.”

“The teachers have taught me so much about respect.”

“I have become a better person as a result of my time and education at the IC because my relationship with God is stronger now.”

“The IC has shown me how to put my faith to work in the real world.”

“IC helped instill meaningful values that I will use throughout my life.”

“My teachers and coaches have helped me learn from my mistakes.”

“I have learned to truly experience God’s love, and stand up against adversity.”

“I have become a better role model, student, classmate, and friend.”

“I have learned to never give up and to keep on trying until I know I have done my best.”

“Always be kind because you never know when someone might need it the most.”

“I have learned to be a leader.”

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Cookies for Haiti

Hello, my name is Margot Anderson-Song and I have had the pleasure of running the "Cookies for Haiti" bake sale for the past 6 years, benefitting the Fr. Marc Piché School in Puit Chacha, Haiti. Inevitably, this year's sale is a little different, as most aspects of life are. In place of a cookie sale, there are 2 ways to get involved:

1. Donate directly through the IC Haiti website at ichaiti.org/donate/ or by sending a check made out to IC Haiti (forward to IC Haiti, 42 Green St. Newburyport, MA). I can also accept any donations directly and will get them to IC Haiti!
2. If this is not possible for you, or you want to further your donation, you can also forward a photo of hope to Margot@a-snet.com or upload a photo to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/ueR5qdHxN1vaSHuREBGS>



A local company has agreed to contribute \$10 for every photo sent in up to \$7,000! Please send photos like the one you see here with a message to the children of Puit ChaCha! You can send more than one! We will get \$10 for each photo!

The generosity I have witnessed through this sale is truly inspiring. Let's show the people of Puit Chacha that we are with them during this unprecedented time.

Margot

IC St. Vincent de Paul



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is here to help. So many people are experiencing hardship now and will continue to struggle during the months ahead as we recover from the impact of COVID-19. Residents of Newburyport and

Newbury can call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for help with food, clothing, rent, utilities, gas, and other necessities. Call 978-518-0728 and let us know how we can help you get back on your feet again.

Donations made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be used immediately in response to the calls for help that are received. **Please send checks payable to "Society of St. Vincent de Paul" to Immaculate Conception Church, 42 Green Street, Newburyport MA 01950.**

Thank you for helping us to help others!

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

IC Faith Formation

School Year Programs

We are currently working on program options for Fall 2020 for those students entering Grades K–8. Details will be announced along with registration information as soon as they are finalized. Please stay tuned!

Summer Programs

The past few weeks found us struggling with how best to continue with a summer program that we have come to look forward to providing every year. We have regretfully decided that, in light of all of the COVID guidelines that are in place to insure everyone's safety, a program such as ours is just not possible. We are working on options for the Fall that we hope will be beneficial for all of our families. Please watch for further details.

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.

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.

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.



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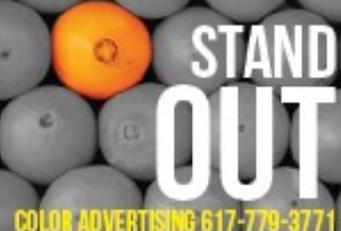
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The past few weeks found us struggling with how best to continue with a summer program that we have come to look forward to providing every year. We have regretfully decided that, in light of all of the COVID guidelines that are in place to insure everyone's safety, a program such as ours is just not possible. We are working on options for the Fall that we hope will be beneficial for all of our families. Please watch for further details.

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. 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.

HR Sandwich Program Update



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.

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Nativity Update: Interior painting has begun.



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