# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

# Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 27, 2022

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Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye."

(Lk 6:42)

All Are Welcome



# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

"Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters..."

#### St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985 Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

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#### **Nativity**

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Parish, church, rectory, and offices: 42 Green St., Newburyport 01950 Office Hours: M–F 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Phone: 978-462-2724
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### St. Mary's Cemetery

36 Storey Avenue, Newburyport 01950

## **Immaculate Conception School**

1 Washington Street, Newburyport 01950, K–grade 8, Mrs. Joan Sullivan, Principal, Phone: 978-465-7780, Fax: 978-234-7331, www.icsnewburyport.com



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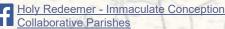
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### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday (2/26)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm IC Joseph Keefe (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (2/27)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow) 9:00am **IC** *Sheldon L. Pollock* (Fr. Harrison &

Deacon Moranski)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon

Dow)

11:30am IC Laurine Sullivan, Faris Abu-Jawdeh,

Louie DellaGatta (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (2/28)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (3/1)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (3/2) Ash Wednesday

7:15am IC Service (Deacon Moranski)

9:00am IC Mass & Live-Stream (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **St. Ann Service** (Fr. McLaughlin)

12:00noon IC Service (Deacon Dow)

7:00pm IC Service (Fr. Morin)

7:00pm Nativity Service (Fr. Harrison)

Thursday (3/3)

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

**Friday (3/4)** 

9:00am IC Jeffrey Stone (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (3/5)

4:00pm Nativity (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

**Sunday (3/6)** 

8:30am Nativity (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

9:00am IC John J. Mosher (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

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10:00am St. Ann (Fr. McLaughlin)

11:30am IC Kristine Schmidt (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Lawrence Twomey Jr. and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through Facebook:

(Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes)

or on our website: hriccathlic.org.

#### From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners.

This past week we received an the update from Archdiocese regarding face mask policies and other liturgical directives that were because changed of COVID. Beginning in March, we will lift the requirement of wearing a face mask Mass and instead simply



recommend that one be worn at the discretion of each person. We will, however, still require those distributing Holy Communion (clergy and EM's) to wear a mask for that moment. Additionally, we will continue to maintain sections in each of our churches where parishioners may sit more distant from each other as well as continue our practice of opening windows to allow for improved airflow and ventilation.

As the cases of COVID continue to drop locally, I anticipate a slow, but steady, return to most of our prior liturgical practices throughout Lent and into the Easter season. Although we are not out of the woods yet, I am encouraged that we are making progress in learning to live with this virus and are in a much better position to handle any new outbreaks going forward. That much being said, I continue to urge personal vigilance in your own choices and how you interact with others. Again, if you are sick or "think you might be coming down with something," please stay home until you feel better or are cleared by your doctor to return to social events. We have made significant improvements in our livestream capabilities in recent weeks, inaugurating a new video system at IC Church to make this outreach to

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# Ash Wednesday



Ashes will be distributed at the following liturgies:

7:15 a.m. @ IC (service)

9:00 a.m. @ IC (Mass, live-stream)

9:00 a.m. @ St. Ann (service) 12:00 noon @ IC (service) 7:00 p.m. @ IC (service) 7:00 p.m. @ Nativity (service)

March 2, 2022

## **Catholic Appeal**

Next weekend, the 2022 Catholic Appeal will be officially announced here in our parishes and across the Archdiocese. In addition to supporting the programs and operations of our parishes, the Appeal also puts faith into action in our schools and in our broader communities. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to this year's appeal. When our parish reaches its goal in paid pledges, a portion of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parishes. To make a gift online scan the QR code or visit <a href="https://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now/">www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now/</a>. Thank you!



Faith into action

TO SUPPORT
OUR PARISHES,
SCHOOLS, AND
COMMUNITIES,
AND IT ALL
STARTS WITH You.

Scan here to make your gift online.



## This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, February 28

AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Boy Scout Den Mtg. 5:30pm, Nativity Hall

Women at the Well Mtg. 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Compassionate Friends Mtg. 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, March 1

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Confirmation Prep, Year 2 6:45pm, Nativity Hall

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, March 2, Ash Wednesday

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

New Hope Family Support Group 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, March 3

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Consecration to St. Joseph Mtg. 8:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Friday, March 4

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

IC Stations of the Cross 5:15pm, IC Church

HR Simple Supper 5:15pm, Nativity Hall

IC Simple Supper 5:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Stations of the Cross 6:00pm, Nativity Church

Ultreya 7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/Charity Dining Room

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, March 5

Holy Quilters 9:00am, Nativity Church

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, March 6

RCIA 9:30am, IC Conference Room 209

Lent Family Festival 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

Synod on Synodality Mtg. 1:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Confirmation Prep., Year 1 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

## **Synod on Synodality Meetings**



A reminder to join us for either a Zoom Meeting on Saturday, **March 5** at 1:30 p.m. or an in-person Meeting on Sunday, **March 6** at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the **Synod on Synodality**.

Please take the survey: <a href="https://forms.office.com/pages/">https://forms.office.com/pages/</a>

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Please read the preparatory document:

https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/document/common/vademecum/Vademecum-EN-A4.pdf

Please contact our Collaborative Offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to receive the electronic Zoom invite for the March 5 meeting.

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our community permanent and available to all. If you are not feeling well, that is a perfect moment to connect with us through the livestream rather than risk going out. A recording of the Mass is kept online during the week for those who cannot watch it "live" at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

We will continue to take up our collections through the wooden boxes at the entranceways to all 3 of our churches for our in-person celebrations. For those unable to attend in-person, I would invite you to make your contributions either through our online giving portals for both parishes on our website, or by mailing in your envelopes. I remain deeply grateful for your donations. Thank you for your generosity!

With Lent beginning this week, I would like to take this moment to invite you to participate in the many activities that are listed in this bulletin, including multiple opportunities for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance (confession) throughout the season. Please do not wait until Holy Week to seek a time for confession. Plan ahead, and join us early in the season that it may be a fruitful experience for you and your family well ahead of Easter.

In the months ahead, a task for us all is to seek to welcome back our many brothers and sisters who have not been able to be with us in-person for Mass because of the lingering effects of the pandemic. Maybe you know a neighbor or a friend who has been hesitating to attend worship in-person and might appreciate a gentle word of encouragement to join us when they are ready? Without judgement, I would urge you to do everything you can to stay connected with those around us, especially those who have yet to return to church. Although there have been many "re-sets" due to COVID, attending to one's spiritual life remains a vital part of living a healthy and well-balanced life. Worshipping God is both a duty as well as a great and joyful privilege. Let us work together to strengthen and rebuild our communities of faith.

Winter blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

## **Live Stream Mass**

#### To watch our live-stream Masses on the website:

- 1. Go to our website (hriccatholic.org).
- 2. Click on the live-stream map on the homepage
- 3. You will be directed to the live stream page. Click the image to begin the video.

#### To watch our live-stream Masses on Facebook:

- 1. Go to our Facebook page (facebook.com/hriccatholic/)
- 2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
- 3. The **IVE** video should be the first one on the list.

### **Bulletin Information**

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

## **Collaborative Lenten Offerings**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Here are some activities the Collaborative is sponsoring.

#### Consecration to St. Joseph

All are welcome to a 33 day, at-home retreat with weekly meetings during Lent

Weekly meetings will provide "followship" with parishioners plus their unique perspectives on how the piety of their "at home retreat" is blessing them!

Thursdays, March 3–April 7, 8:00–8:45 p.m.–IC St. Louis Hall, 1st floor

For more details and to reserve your copy of the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph*, please RSVP to <a href="https://kofc231@gmail.com">kofc231@gmail.com</a>.



#### Stations of the Cross and Simple Supper

Immaculate Conception Parish

Fridays during Lent at IC Church

Stations of the Cross begin at 5:15 p.m. in the church Simple Supper will follow, around 5:45 p.m. in St. Louis Hall

Holy Redeemer Parish

Fridays during Lent at Church of the Nativity Simple Supper is served at 5:15 p.m. in the hall Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the church

#### **Lenten Penance Services**

Monday, March 28, 7:00–8:00 p.m.–Church of the Nativity Monday, April 4, 7:00–8:00 p.m.–St. Ann Church Monday, April 11 (Holy Week), 7:00–8:00 p.m.–IC Church

#### **Lent Family Festival**

March 6, 10:00-11:30 a.m.-IC Pastoral Center

This event is sponsored by and is an important aspect of Faith Formation for those enrolled but any parish family is also invited to attend, even if not enrolled this year.

#### **Adoration**

Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.-IC Church

**Fridays**, 9:30 a.m.–12:00 noon–IC Church (Unless there is a funeral scheduled for that day. Please check the Collaborative calendar for changes.)

#### Online Resources

women at the well

**Welcome to Women at the Well:** A weekly Bible Study for women seeking to grow closer to God and cultivate community!

We meet every **Monday at 6:30 p.m.** If you can't make it to every meeting, please do not worry! This group is designed to allow you to drop in whenever you are able to join us, no pre-reading necessary from week to week.

In-person: IC Charity Dining Room

Zoom: Email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

## **Personal Directed Lenten Retreat**

Jesus calls us to "take up our daily cross and follow him" (Lk 9:23). How will you respond?

Consider a Personal Directed Lenten Retreat that reflects and supports your spiritual practices and your unique relationship with God for your Lenten journey.

What cross are you carrying, what unmet needs are you experiencing, what losses or trials are you suffering, what desires are you holding in your heart?

During Lent, accompany Jesus as he carries his cross. Bring your cross, needs, suffering, and desires to Jesus as you ponder his own time of suffering and trial. A personal directed retreat may support and guide you to share deeply with Jesus his salvific suffering, know and accept his love and healing, and express your love for him. Deepening love and trust in Jesus may strengthen you to take up your cross each day and follow him.

Retreat Opens: March 1 Retreat Closes: April 13

You may schedule direction sessions throughout Lent as desired and at your own pace. We will meet via telephone or Zoom on a day and time convenient for you. During the first session we explore your focus for Lent. I will provide related material for prayer and reflection and meet with you for four additional one-hour individual sessions of Spiritual Direction during Lent as we are led by the Holy Spirit.

Please Call Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director: (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information. Suggested donation: \$80.00

Prayer LENT FAMILY FESTIVAL

Fasting IC PASTORAL CENTER

Almsgiving [0:00-]]:30 A.M.

WHILE FAMILY FESTIVALS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ALL ENROLLED FAMILIES,
ALL PARISH COLLABORATIVE FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND
LEARN MORE ABOUT FOSTERING DEEPER PRAYER, FASTING, AND
GIVING IN YOUR HOMES DURING THIS SPECIAL SEASON.



## **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."

May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Confessions

We offer Confessions Saturdays from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at IC Church. No appointment needed. Confessions are also available at other times and places during the week by appointment only. For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

## **Second Collection February 27**

This week's second collection will support the Church in underdeveloped areas of the world where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe, and three important national Catholic missions: Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity to this collection will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. For more information about each of these organizations go to their websites:

- CRS: https://www.usccb.org/national-collection/catholic-relief -services-collection
- Church in Africa <a href="http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/">http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/</a> opportunities-for-giving/solidarity-fund-for-africa/index.cfm
- 3. Church in Central and Eastern Europe: www.usccb.org/ catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/central-and-easterneurope/collection/index.cfm
- Military Archdiocese: http://www.milarch.org/
- Catholic Home Missions: www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/ opportunities-for-giving/catholic-home-missions-appeal/ index.cfm
- Black and Indian Missions: https://blackandindianmission.org/

## **Prayers for the Sick**

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

Priscilla Brown Susan Gerroir Charmaine Haan Hillar Haan Joe Messina Vincent Oberhofer Maureen Russell

Rob Schweitzer Mary Shachok Ruth Sullivan Mark Thibeault Michael Tucker Jim Williamson

## The Sacrament of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven Sacraments of our Church and is administered by a priest for healing and inner wholeness. Those who are seriously ill, elderly, or are entering the hospital can request to be anointed. Due to varied schedules and availability, it may not always be possible for a priest to come on short notice to offer the Sacrament, therefore it is strongly recommended that you request the Anointing of the Sick before going in for a hospital stay, upon entering a nursing home, or at the beginning of hospice care. Please call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

## Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.

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

## **Collaborative Pastoral Council**

We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings, giving you a chance to listen to our discussions and to comment or ask questions at certain points in the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council or would like to join the meeting, reach out to Jim at Jimwilliamson35@gmail.com.

#### HRIC Pastoral Council Members 2021-2022

IC HR Chris Bergin Greg Jablonski Ann Jaroncyk Steve DiCamillo Sue Coppinger Jim Williamson Jonathan Temple Paula Higgins Robert Postle **Ex-Officio** Lucia Parker Fr. Tim Harrison Carol Robertson Deacon Paul Dow Pat Temple Deacon John Moranski Chris Eagan Aaron Giard

## **Community Service of Newburyport Thank You**

The Board and staff at Community Service of Newburyport, Inc. acknowledge and thank the people of the HRIC Collaborative for their generous support over the winter months to help people and families in need in Greater Newburyport. The personal care items and household products you donated have been in high demand and your support has helped us keep essential items available. These items help people have dignity. We sincerely appreciate your help to support people during these especially difficult times.

### Adoration

We offer Adoration at IC Church two times during the week. welcome. No experience necessary. Note: enter at Green Street door only.

EUCHARISTIC Join us for Adoration on Thursdays from ADORATION 7.00 8.00 m m 7:00-8:00 p.m.



Adoration/Benediction is also available in IC Church on Fridays immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass\*.

\*Note: If a Friday funeral is scheduled, or in the absence of a presider, IC Church will remain open for "Sacred Silence" only. Check the HRIC calendar online for updated information. The calendar link can be found on our website: hriccatholic.org.

### **Ouestions of the Week**



Adult: Reflecting on how you treat others, are you quick to notice the shortcomings of another without noticing your own?

Child: Doing good deeds shows you have a good heart which is what Jesus wants in His followers. What good deeds can you do for others?

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## **HR Offertory Collection**

HR Offertory, Feb. 19-20 \$1.217.00 \$ 330.00 Ongoing Church Maintenance, Feb. 19-20 Mailed in Offertory, week ending Feb. 18 \$1.431.00

The second collection this weekend (Feb. 27) is Support of the Church Around the World. See page 6 for details. The Ash Wednesday collection is Catholic Charities. No second collection next weekend (March 6).

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

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

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

> **HR Grand Annual** Goal \$25,000 To Date \$20,350



### Stations of the Cross at HR

The 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross on Friday March 4 at Nativity will be lead by Roberta Homan. A "simple supper" of vegetable soup will be served in the hall starting at 5:15pm. All are welcome: no reservations needed!

## **HR Prayer Shawl**

If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Helen hvktax@aol.com or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

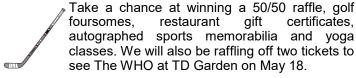
## Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass will move to Nativity, Merrimac for the month of March.

## Raffle Tickets to Benefit **HR SVdP Society**

gift

certificates,



Raffle tickets can be purchased after all HR Masses on March 26-27 and April 2-3. Please support our hockey tournament to benefit the Holy Redeemer St. Vincent DePaul Society. Visit our website to purchase tickets online: https://shamrockshootout.wordpress.com/.

Raffle winners will be drawn at the hockey tournament on April 2-3 at the Haverhill High School rink. Winners need not be present. Admission to the tournament is free.

### **HR Faith Formation**

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

#### School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021-22 schedule for those children entering Grades K-8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

#### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

#### **Baptism**

No Baptisms will be taking place during the Season of Lent. We will resume our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at IC Church beginning in May at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

#### Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021-22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 and 10 has been posted along with forms on the Collaborative registration hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your generosity to the HR Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. We would be unable to help our local clients without your assistance. All donations go directly to those in need.

There are addressed SVdP envelopes in at both churches. Please place donations into the envelopes and either mail or place the envelopes in the collection. You can also place donations in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to HR SVdP, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

## **HR Online Giving**

To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

To learn more visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

## **IC Offertory Collection**

IC Offertory, Feb. 19–20 \$3,401.00 St. Vincent de Paul, Feb. 19–20 \$1,347.00 Mailed in Offertory, week ending Feb. 18 \$2,017.00

The second collection this weekend (Feb. 27) is Support of the Church Around the World. See page 6 for details. The Ash Wednesday collection is Catholic Charities. The second collection next weekend (March 6) is Utility and Energy.

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: <a href="https://hitto.com/richambe.

IC Grand Annual Goal \$100,000 To Date \$102,070



## IC St. Vincent de Paul



If you know someone living in Newbury/ Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are still ready to assist.

You can now make online donations on our website: <a href="https://www.svdpnewburyport.org">www.svdpnewburyport.org</a>. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "SVdP of Newburyport" and drop it into the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

#### **Breaking Bread to-go Meal**

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed at the entrance to the IC Parish Center from 4:30–5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

## **IC Online Giving**

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation.

To get started, register as a member of Immaculate Conception Parish if you are not yet registered. Forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

Once registered, visit our website, <a href="hricatholic.org">hricatholic.org</a> and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish 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.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

#### IC School Calendar Winners

Congratulations to the 2022 "Holiday Calendar" Winners!

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Ryan Cutter 2/15/22

Thank you to Parents, Students, Alumni and our community who helped support this fundraiser to make it a success!

## St. Mary's Cemetery

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.



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## Virtual Rosary



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Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

# IC PARISH

### **IC Faith Formation**

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

#### **School Year Programs**

Information regarding the 2021-22 schedule for those children entering Grades K-8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

#### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

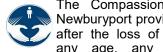
#### **Baptism**

No Baptisms will be taking place during the Season of Lent. We will resume our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month here at IC beginning in May at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for more information.

#### Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021-22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 and 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

## The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or siblingany age, any cause. Visit our website at tcfnewburyport.org.

Our monthly support meetings are held in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30-9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting is February 28. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions at barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

# **Centering Prayer/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, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. 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.

## **COLLABORATIVE NEWS**

#### **ENGAGE & FORMED**

We 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.

To access the resources of Word on Fire's ENGAGE, register at flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

To access FORMED, visit formed.org, click "Sign up," then "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" to log in.

## Family Prayer Group



Some of our parishioners have formed a group to pray for families and do so on the last Friday of the month, calling the prayer group "Final Fridays for Families" or "FFF" as a result.

is not burdensome or timeconsuming and simply involves receiving a reminder on the last Friday of each month and saying a prayer for families at a time and place that is convenient to you on that day. The group particularly prays for all members and their families and their special intentions. If you would like to join the group and receive the monthly prayer reminder, please let Linda Temple know in our Collaborative office. Contact her at (978)

## **Winter Weather Mass Cancellations**



Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if either Pentucket Regional or Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement

weather. Any Faith Formation classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Chanel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.

## **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and want assistance with grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, meal deliveries, or just receiving a call or note from us to cheer your day, please call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 (ext. 1000) and let us know how we can help.

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