HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 3, 2022

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Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger.

(Jn 8:6)

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

> Phone: 978-346-8604 Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Nativity

Parish offices and church: 4 Green St., Merrimac 01860 Office Hours: By appointment

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Collaborative Staff

Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices: 42 Green St., Newburyport 01950 Office Hours: M–F 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday (4/2)

4:00pm St. Ann (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm IC Lawrence Twomey Jr., Jack & Mary

Graham (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (4/3)

8:30am Nativity Jennie Alden Johnson

(Fr. Morin)

9:00am IC Paul Kolman (Fr. Harrison)

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon

Moranski)

11:30am IC Leo Finnegan, Laura Meader Hartman, Paul Kolman, Melinda Carey, Linda Sullivan

O'Brien (Fr. Stanley)

Monday (4/4)

9:00am **IC** Jeffrey Stone, Joseph P. Messina (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (4/5)

9:00am IC Joseph P. Messina (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (4/6)

9:00am IC Joseph P. Messina (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (4/7)

9:00am IC Joseph P. Messina (Fr. Morin)

Friday (4/8)

9:00am IC Joseph P. Messina (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (4/9)

4:00pm St. Ann (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm IC Jo Minalio, Noreen Driscoll & Parents

(Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (4/10) Palm Sunday

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am IC Jack & Kate Grealish (Fr. Morin)

10:15am St. Ann Johanna Scanlon Prindiville

(Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am IC Lawrence Twomey Jr., Richard &

Robert Ring (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Jeanne Thomas and all the faithful departed.

Attention: Mass time change for Sundays

Because of the closure of the Rock's Village Bridge due to a trucking accident, we are moving the Sunday Mass at St. Ann to 10:15 a.m. until further notice.

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 our website: hriccathlic.org and on Facebook: (Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes).

Virtual Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook twice every week. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook.www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

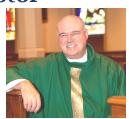
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Sacred Doodling.

At least that's what I'd call it. In ancient Mediterranean culture, men, when pushed to the edge, often had a lash-out or shut-down response. So inclined to violence was Jesus'



society, this "escape valve" was critical to preventing constant fighting. So, instead of lunging at the nearest offender (and this crowd that Jesus was facing in the Gospel account was full of offenders) the Lord simply bent down and traced on the ground as a sign of His great anger and displeasure at what He was being drawn into.

If He agreed that this woman should be stoned or put to death, He made Himself an instant enemy of the occupying Roman army, who forbade capital punishment (except, of course, when it was handed down by them). If He disagreed and offered the opinion that the woman (who was conveniently caught in the very act of adultery) should not be stoned, then He made Himself an enemy of the Mosaic law, which prescribed this gruesome punishment for just such an offense. It was the classic case of, "damned if you do, damned if you don't." So, Jesus took a deep breath and traced on the ground. We don't know if He simply made mindless doodles in the sand to buy Himself some thinking time or whether He did it to make a visible protest against the pressures of the crowd. He could have been writing verses from the Psalms or the Prophets for all we know. But Jesus was deeply disturbed by what was going on right in front of Him. His doodling expressed it perfectly!

Of course, what was really happening in this scene, was that those who were plotting against Him were trying to trap Him and discredit Him either before the crowd of believers or their Roman overlords. Either would do. It didn't really matter. Jesus would be seen as a fraud or a misplaced zealot. No matter what the outcome. He would be quickly removed from any position of authority or importance, cast aside to suffer the fate of His answer. To accomplish this, they had waited for just the right woman who had been known as a sinner to fall into a familiar habit. They set her up and waited for just the right moment and then with absolutely no care for her or her safety, they dragged her before the crowd and publicly accused her. There was no effort to spare her dignity, no attempt to hold her partner-incrime accountable. They just needed a victim, and she was left vulnerable before the rising hatred of the crowd. To them, she was just an object, a means to get to Him.

So, Jesus bent down and traced on the ground. He was, no doubt, so angry that He could spit! Yet back and forth he moved His finger through the sand, praying for an alternative to this massive injustice that He was being swept into. Yes, she had been caught doing something she ought not have. Yes, she was as much a victim of their plotting as a perpetrator of sin. No, she was not innocent,

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This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, April 4

Women at the Well Mtg. 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room Scouts Troop 41 Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Lent Penance Service 7:00pm, St. Ann Church

Tuesday, April 5

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall HR Confirmation Prep., Year 1 6:45pm, Nativity Hall IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, April 6

ICS PTO Mtg. 8:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library New Hope Family Support Group 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, April 7

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

ICS First Communion Parent Mtg. 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall Consecration to St. Joseph Mtg. 8:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Friday, April 8

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

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Saturday, April 9

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Scout Bake Sale After 4:00 Mass, St. Ann Church

Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday

Scout Bake Sale After all HR Masses

RCIA 9:30am, IC Conference Room 209

Holy Week Family Festival 10:00am, IC Parish Center

IC Confirmation Prep., Year 2 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

To schedule your group's in-person meeting, contact Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.









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but neither was anyone else in this crowd. All were ready to shed blood over this construed violation of the Law.

So Jesus, when He finally stood up, did what He was the absolute master at doing: He created a third option on the fly. Looking forcefully, piercingly at every person in this crowd-turned mob, He made eye contact and then uttered the famous line, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (Jn 8:7) Then, more sacred doodling. I'm not sure that Jesus breathed much over the next few moments as, one by one, the crowd began to disperse, beginning with the elders. His answer turned the trap that they were trying to catch Him with upon themselves. If anyone dared to throw a stone, they would have immediately violated the Roman Law against capital punishment. And yet, by inviting them to publicly declare themselves innocent before God and righteous by the Law, each and every person who dared to throw a stone would have been laid bare to public scrutiny as to whether they were as righteous as they think they are. Jesus knew that no one would have to dig very deeply to see the error of their ways or the hatred in their hearts. All of them had sinned by even attempting this ill-conceived lynching. And, true to the wisdom of their years, the elders knew they had lost and walked away, no longer wanting to be party to a violent act that was never going to have succeeded in shaming anyone but them.

And so, in the end, Jesus was simply left alone with the poor woman who by now must have been badly traumatized and overwhelmed by everything that had just occurred. Without excusing her sin, but neither condemning her for it, the Lord gently offered His forgiveness and challenged her to go and sin no more. In this simple interchange we encounter the true depth of Jesus' compassion and mercy that is offered to every sinner, whether publicly accused or privately convicted. It is an opportunity to begin again, strengthened not by condemnation, but by the gift of mercy and hope.

This is an essential Lenten lesson for us all—that when we confront sin in our lives, God freely chooses through Christ not to condemn us, but to challenge us to go and sin no more. There is relief and joy in this encounter. That which could have ended in death instead is transformed into new life. There is healing in the midst of compassion and forgiveness. Mercy, when offered at the moment when it is needed the most, is sweet and rejuvenating!

So, as the weather gets better and we have the opportunity to enjoy more time outdoors, doodle in the sand if you must, particularly if there is a temptation to offer an angry outburst. But when you stand up, do so with the confidence of being a son or daughter of the Lord, forgiven, redeemed and made new by God's grace. May we draw great strength from the Lord's abundant love.

Lenten Blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

New Office Hours

Office hours at IC Parish Center are M-F 9:00-3:30.

Collaborative Lenten Offerings

Here are some activities the Collaborative is sponsoring.

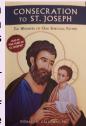
Consecration to St. Joseph

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!

Last gathering: Thursday, April 7, 8:00–8:45 p.m., IC Charity Dining Room

For more details and to reserve your copy of the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph*, please RSVP to kofc231@gmail.com.



Stations of the Cross and Simple Supper

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

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

Lenten Penance Services

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

We also offer individual Confessions every Saturday from 3:00–3:30 at IC. No appointment necessary.

Confessions During Adoration

A priest will be available at IC Church to hear Confessions during adoration on April 7.

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

Adoration: Watch and Pray



IC Church opens every Thursday 7–8 p.m. and Friday 9:30–12:00 noon* for private prayer in the presence of the Lord. Can Jesus hear if your heart speaks a broken or unspoken language? Can you hear Jesus if nothing obstructs? Find the answers at Adoration. This Hour of Power in sacred silence is unlike any other Catholic prayer.

Lent is the perfect time to embrace His love for you. Your response will be Adoration.

*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.

Online Resources

Visit our website for more resources: hriccatholic.org/lent-2022.

Bulletin Information

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

Lenten Guidelines

All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Good Friday is a day of fastng and abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by anyone 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. (When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.



TICKETS:

After April 1, 2022: \$49
*Boxed lunch available at extra cost

For more information, visit

JesusIsHereBoston.org



Helping Our Homeless

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

As in past years, the homeless in our Collaborative need our help, and the pandemic has brought new suffering to many. We again will be collecting Homeless Care Packs at all three churches. This is a one-gallon Ziploc bag filled with personal care items for men, women, and children. They will be distributed to local agencies serving our homeless, including Pelican Intervention Fund, St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army, YWCA, Community Service, and others.

Easy to carry, travel-size personal care items are best and can be found in many local stores. There will be a collection box at the entrance of each church and in the lobby of the IC Parish Center through Easter, or you can contact a member of our Confirmation classes.

Please, no clothing, used or damaged goods, as these are discarded. For more information or to help, contact Aaron Giard at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org, or Jonathan Temple at jntemple@comcast.net Thank you for your generosity and compassion. *Items needed:*

Shampoo Toothbrush Toothpaste Deodorant Razor Socks Gloves

Shaving Cream

Cough drops
Protein bars
Soap
Life Savers candy
Disposable face
cloths
Kleenex packs
Hand sanitizer

Feminine hygiene products (Women) Umbrellas Antiseptic Wipes

No mouthwash or loose items please



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.

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.
- The IVE video should be the first one on the list.

Questions of the Week



Adult: How easy is it to focus on someone's faults and not show love and mercy as God does?

Child: Is there someone you could show more love and kindness to either at home or in school?

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Barry
Priscilla Brown
Fr. Drew Christiansen
Susan Gerroir
Charmaine Haan
Hillar Haan
Jay Hanslig

Vincent Oberhofer Maureen Russell Rob Schweitzer Ruth Sullivan Michael Tucker Jim Williamson

Contact the Collaborative offices to add someone to or remove someone from our prayer list: 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

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.

A Lenten Mission

April 4-8 at 7pm ET on CatholicTV



The CatholicTV Network will air a 5-day Lenten Mission from Monday, April 4 through Friday, April 8. The Mission will include Mass at 7:00pm followed by a talk at 7:30pm. Each night a speaker from the Archdiocese of Boston will share how they have responded to God's call in their lives and reflect on how every Catholic can make a full response to the Lord. Cardinal Seán will conclude the Mission with the final talk on Friday.

Tune in on cable: https://www.catholictv.org/ways-to-watch.html#get-catholictv

<u>CatholicTVLIVE.com:</u> <u>https://www.catholictv.org/watch-live.html</u>

These presentations will also be available on demand on YouTube and at https://www.catholictv.org/



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, March 26-27 \$1.089.00 IC Haiti, March 26-27 125.00 Mailed in Offertory, week ending March 25 470.00 **Grand Annual** \$20.350.00

The second collection this weekend (April 3) & next weekend (April 10, Palm Sunday) is Ongoing Church Maintenance (Note: second collection is the same two consecutive weeks.) Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Holy Redeemer Parish with the second collection noted in the

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 Catholic Appeal To Date \$7,600.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



HR Easter Flowers



We are now taking donations and memorials toward the purchase of Easter flowers. Simply mail in or place an envelope in the offertory box with the names of those you wish to be remembered or make a donation for the flowers. Please make sure your gift is

received by noon on Monday, April 4 so that the names can be included in our Easter bulletin

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 Activities Committee Meeting

The Holy Redeemer Activities Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. in Nativity Hall. We are always happy to see new faces. All are welcome to attend and help plan the 2022 HR activities such as bingo night, dinners, and the November holiday fair, to name a few. All are welcome to join us.

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 Greeters Needed

Would you like to serve as a welcoming presence at Mass? We are looking for additional greeters at Holy Redeemer, particularly at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both churches and the 10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Ann.

All are encouraged to volunteer if they wish—men, women, and high school students. If you are able to serve, please contact Sue Noves at susaninoves@gmail.com.

Stations of the Cross at HR

The 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross on Friday April 8 at

Nativity will be lead by Cindy Quinn. A "simple supper" of tuna salad and deviled eggs will be served in the hall starting at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome.

Pictured: March 25 Simple Supper participants.



HR Parish

HR Online Giving

Holy Redeemer now provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish community. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

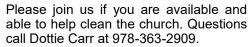
Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then on "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

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 at 978-462-2724 x7404.

Prepping St. Ann for Easter

It's that time of year again. St. Ann will be preparing the church for Easter on Tuesday, April 12 at 10 a.m.





Raffle Tickets to Benefit HR SVdP Society

Take a chance at winning a 50/50 raffle, golf foursomes, restaurant gift certificates, autographed sports

memorabilia and yoga classes. All tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 We will also be raffling off two tickets to see The WHO at TD Garden on May 18. Tickets for concert chances will be \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00.

Raffle tickets can be purchased after all HR Masses on **April 2–3**. Please support our adult 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 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.

IC PARISH

IC Faith Formation

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School Year Programs

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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: www.svdpnewburyport.org. 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.

Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Scientific Education for IC Parish Students

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Fund. Email your request for an application to maryakscholarship@gmail.com.

Scholarship eligibility:

- Young man or woman parishioner of IC Parish
- High school graduate in pursuit of a scientific education

Completed applications must be postmarked and returned to the Trustees no later than Monday, April 18, 2022 (Note date change).

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IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, March 26–27 \$6,200.00 IC Haiti, March 26–27 \$3,102.00 Mailed in Offertory, week ending March 25 Grand Annual \$102,070.00

The second collection this weekend (April 3) & next weekend (April 10, Palm Sunday) is Ongoing Church Maintenance (Note: second collection is the same two consecutive weeks.) Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

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

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IC Easter Flowers



We are now taking donations and memorials toward the purchase of Easter flowers. Simply mail in or place an envelope in the offertory box with the names of those you wish to be remembered or make a donation for the flowers. Please make sure your gift is

received by **noon on Monday, April 4** so that the names can be included in our Easter bulletin

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

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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Retreat begins any time during Lent and 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.

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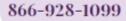


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