

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

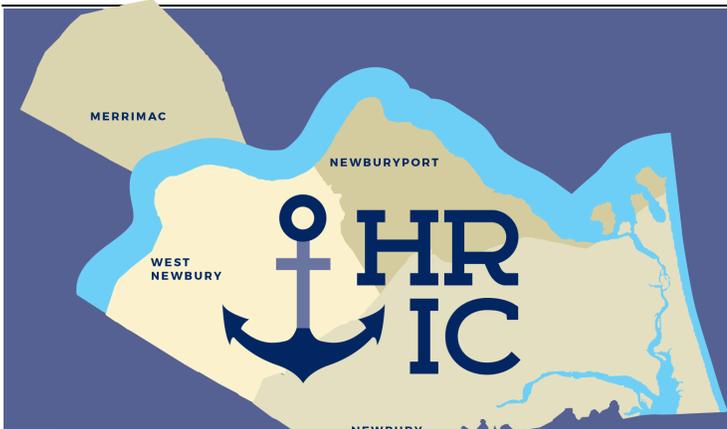


Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.

(Jn 17:3)

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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

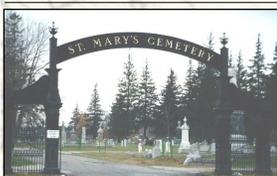
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/28)

4:00pm **IC** *Joseph Buonomo, Alex Basque*
(Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St Ann** Daniel Brodie, Maurice James
Crouse (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (5/29)

8:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

9:00am **IC** *Robert J. Welch* (Fr. Morin)

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** *Shawn Cass, Betty Harrington, Achille Leone Jr., Florence & John Leone* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (5/30) Memorial Day

9:00am **St Mary's Cemetery**

Tuesday (5/31)

9:00am **IC** *Billy Donovan, For the intentions of Paul Graebert* (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (6/1) I

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

Thursday (6/2)

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

Friday (6/3)

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

Saturday (6/4)

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

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

Sunday (6/5)

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

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

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

11:00am IC *Guy D'Ambrosio, Anna Niles, George & Dorothy Niles, Stephen Niles, Mary Turner*
(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember Pamela Donahue 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 our website:

hricatholic.org and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).

All HR Masses at St. Ann This Weekend

All Masses at **Nativity** will be moved to St. Ann, W. Newbury, from **Monday, May 23 through Memorial Day weekend.**

All Masses scheduled within that timeframe will be moved to St. Ann due to the Nativity furnace replacement. **This includes all Memorial Day weekend Masses.** At this time, we anticipate that Mass will return to Nativity Church on Sunday morning June 5 at 8:30 a.m.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

There is a difference between head-knowledge and heart-knowledge. On the one hand, a person can spend most of their life learning about a particular topic, learning its history, the intricate mechanisms of how it works and be able to give a rather substantial lecture or presentation on the whole thing. It will likely be interesting, informative, and perhaps helpful, depending on the subject matter.

However, there is a world of difference between that former, head-knowledge experience and the one that comes from someone who gives personal witness from what they have seen and heard. Their credibility and the resulting interest it will generate comes from a much different, deeper level of "knowing." It is what we often refer to as a "primary source" of information. It is the difference of listening to a history teacher describe the Great Depression in America's past and sitting at the feet of a great grandparent who lived through it all and describing the day-to-day impact it had on their life. One is full of facts, the other is full of description and emotion, of sounds, sights and smells that go to make up the richness of human experience. At the end of the day, which impacts your life more, the classroom lecture or the quality time spent with an ancient relative full of stories and anecdotes? Although there are some pretty darn good teachers out there, I suspect that the occasional conversations with a beloved grandparent will not only convey a few facts, but may well go so far as to help you know what it was like to have lived through certain experiences and make a bridge for them into your heart.

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IC summer Mass schedule change reminder

**The 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at
IC will move to 11:00 a.m.
during the summer months.**

• SATURDAY VIGIL IS STILL AT 4:00 P.M. •

*The schedule will remain in effect through
Labor Day weekend.*

Starting June 5

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Memorial Day Office Hours

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, May 30, Memorial Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Cemetery Mass 9:00am, St. Mary's Cemetery

Tuesday, May 31

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, June 1

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

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

Thursday, June 2

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, June 3

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

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

Saturday, June 4

Holy Quilters 9:00am, Nativity Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, June 5, Pentecost Sunday

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

Live Stream Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses on our 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 **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Jesus wanted His disciples to continue on with His work on earth. How do you continue His work in your life?

Child: Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be a guide for us. What does a guide do?

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Jesus says in today's Gospel for the Seventh Sunday of Easter that eternal life consists of this: "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." (Jn 17:3) In this case, "knowing" is not about head knowledge alone, but rather from opening one's heart to the real and significantly life-changing experience of being in a dynamic relationship with the Lord. It means we "know" the Lord as an intimate part of our lives, not simply being able to quote a few Bible verses or throw out a few facts about God. It means we can describe how God has personally impacted my life, how my life has been permanently changed because of knowing the Lord.

Real and true love has the power to change the course of our lives, redirect our life's purpose and enable to embrace great change and sacrifice for those that we love. Our "knowing" the Lord invites us to experience these very same things in our pursuit of this saving relationship. Reflecting on how much God has loved us through Christ, we ought to be ready to give testimony to the great movements of that love in our lives, and how it has enabled us to become who we are more completely.

Just as we might speak significantly and at length about someone who we love very much, so, too, we must be ready to speak of our relationship with God, that others may come to know and love the God who has first loved us. The treasured and enduring presence of God in our daily lives is a gift that we must share richly when the opportunity arises. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, we give testimony not simply to what we know about God, but who we know God to be for us. And THAT makes all the difference! So much so, in fact, that it gets us into Heaven! Nothing else, and no one else, can make a claim like that!

Continued Easter Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison,

Pastor

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.

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 NEWS

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown
Bill Crouse
Charmaine Haan
Hillar Haan
Jay Hanslig
Terence Healey
Sam Kitchen

Lori Ouellette
Maureen Russell
Yvonne Sloban
Ruth Sullivan
Rob Schweizer
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.

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.

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.



New Hope Family Support Group

First & Third Wednesday of every month

For More Info:
Corey Beaver
781.854.2541
3foldrecovery@gmail



HOSTED BY Corey Beaver
INTERVENTIONIST & RECOVERY COACH



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.

Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 30



Mass will be offered on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 30**, at St. Mary's Cemetery, 36 Storey Avenue (Rte. 113), Newburyport. The Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather and pray for all those who have given their lives in service to our country as well as remember all who have been interred here at our local Catholic Cemetery. Please bring a chair, sunscreen/bug spray, sunglasses, and a hat if you need them.

The regular 9:00 a.m. Mass at IC is transferred to the cemetery on Memorial Day. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be moved back to IC Church. Please check our website for any updates: hriccatholic.org.

Faith Formation 2022 Summer Program

We plan to host our annual HRIC Summer Program at the IC campus for 3rd–8th graders on:

**August 8–12, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
each day (M–F)**

Note:
Date change

If your family is simply unable to make Sunday morning Faith Formation during the school year, this may be a good option for you. There is a strong teaching component, but also mixed in there are skits, crafts, songs, and communal prayer. The kids have a blast learning about our beautiful, rich faith.

If you choose this option, we ask that you still make the effort to attend our liturgical season family festivals during the school year in order to maintain a connection with the other parish families. Festivals include:

- All Saints Day Festival (Oct. 30)
- Advent/Christmas Festival (Dec. 11)
- Lent Festival (Feb. 26)
- Holy Week/Easter Festival (Apr. 2)

Visit the Faith Formation webpage (hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation) for more information and registration forms.

Adoration

Join us for Adoration at IC Church two times during the week. All are welcome. No experience necessary.



Note: enter at Green Street door only.

Thursdays from 7:00–8:00 p.m.

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

women at the well

Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Seeking 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 Women at the Well: A weekly Bible Study for women seeking to grow closer to God and cultivate community!

Starting June 6 we will begin a new Bible Study from *Walking With Purpose, Reclaiming Friendship!* We invite all women, no matter where you may be in your relationship with Christ to come join us. We can't wait to meet you!

Mondays 6:30–8:30 p.m. .In-person: IC Charity Dining Room and Zoom: Email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

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.



FORMED 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.

Bulletin Information

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

Gospel Night at the Pops



After a 2+ year hiatus, Gospel Night at the Pops will take place once again on **June 11 at 8:00 p.m.** at Boston's Symphony Hall, featuring guest artist Pastor Smokie Norful.

Immaculate Conception choir members Pat and Jon Temple will join in singing with over 60 members of the Pops Gospel Choir, led by internationally acclaimed conductor, Charles Floyd.

Members of the HRIC Collaborative are eligible for discount tickets ordered online, by phone, or at the box office. Please use the code **GOPEL50** prior to selecting your tickets.

Since 1993, Gospel Night at the Pops has closed out the Pops' Spring Season with its energetic ministry. This year's return promises to be a sold out night of joyful song and praise. Come and raise your voices!

HR PARISH

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 2022–23 schedule for those children who will be in Grades K–8 in the Fall will be posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in July. 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

We were so happy to celebrate with our students as they received the Eucharist for the first time. Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Baptism

We have resumed our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the 2022–23 Fall Confirmation Prep schedule for Grades 9 and 10 will be posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in July. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or email Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda

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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 Noyes at susanjnoyes@gmail.com.

HR Prayer Shawl



Prayer shawls are given freely as a gift. If you know of anyone needing a prayer shawl or lapghan or you would like to give one to a friend, relative, or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673 or hvktax@aol.com.

We're back to meeting in person!!! Come join us. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. **Our next meeting is Thursday June 2. Join us!**

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, May 21–22 **\$1,352.00**
 IC Haiti, May 21–22 **\$ 296.00**
 Mailed in Offertory, week ending May 20 **\$1,043.00**

No second collection this weekend (May 29). The second collection next weekend (June 5) is Seminarians

Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Holy Redeemer Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

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: hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

Temporary Closure of Nativity Church



All Masses at Nativity will be moved to St. Ann, W. Newbury from **Monday, May 23 through Memorial Day weekend.**

All Masses scheduled within that timeframe will be moved to St. Ann Church in West Newbury. At this time, we anticipate that Mass will return to Nativity Church on Sunday morning June 5 at 8:30 a.m.

To allow for the installation of the new furnace in Nativity Church, Merrimac, it is necessary to remove part of the flooring. This will require the closure of Nativity Church for a short while, hopefully no more than a week. Right now, this is scheduled to take place the week of **May 23 through Memorial Day weekend.**

The new furnaces and future air conditioning units in both HR churches are the final part of our Capital Campaign begun approximately 6 years ago. While your generous response to this multi-year fundraising effort enabled many repairs and significant improvements to be made in both of our churches, we need an additional \$14,000 to complete the air-conditioning components for the churches. There are bright yellow envelopes in the entranceways of both churches marked "Furnace Replacement." These can be used to make contributions towards completing the air conditioning components of the HVAC projects in both churches. Once our goal has been met, the air conditioning will be installed in each church. The current funds raised through the Capital Campaign have been sufficient to allow for the new furnaces to be installed at this time in each church. Because of the different structure and access to the basement of St. Ann Church in West Newbury, the new furnace will be installed there in the weeks ahead without interruption of weekend worship.

Please watch the bulletin and our website for any updates.



HR Catholic Appeal
 Goal **\$21,640.33**
 To Date **\$18,025.00**



Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.

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

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, hricatholic.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.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your generosity to the HR Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. 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 St. Vincent de Paul Society, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

Air Conditioning for Both Churches
 Goal **\$14,000**
 To Date **\$6,445.00**



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Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** for the month of **June**.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, May 21–22 **\$3,885.00**
 IC Haiti, May 21–22 **\$3,127.00**
 Mailed in Offertory, week ending May 20 **\$ 838.00**

No second collection this weekend (May 29). The second collection next weekend (June 5) is Seminarians.

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**

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

Immaculate Conception School



Immaculate Conception School Grade 7 and 8 Spanish classes held a Spanish Fair in early May. This annual event is designed to showcase research projects on Spanish speaking countries as well as famous Spanish speaking people. With their younger schoolmates in mind, the middle school students created colorful tri-fold posters that highlighted factual information, handed out coloring pages, and gave away fake currency and mini flags for each country.

Pictured, 3rd grade students visit tables for Venezuela and Honduras as they compete in a scavenger hunt.



Digital components were added to entice the adult audience that visited the Spanish Fair. Slideshows, video clips, and photographs depicted the countrysides and cityscapes of the countries represented. Portraits, video clips, and interviews enriched the student presentations about famous Spanish speaking people. Upon entering the fair, parents used their cell phones to scan QR codes for the countries and people represented. As the parents toured the tables they clicked into links on their phone to hear audible presentations by the IC students. These links also accessed video clips for historical people.

The Annual Spanish Fair is an interactive event for the whole school. Providing opportunities for students of all ages to interact in an academic setting reflects the IC's practice of purposeful relationship building within the community. Seeing the pride in the 7th and 8th grade students and the interest of visiting parents and younger schoolmates makes this IC tradition a favorite yearly event. A special "Thank You" for teacher Señora Cristina Meissner and her Spanish students!!



IC Catholic Appeal
Goal **\$55,028.70**
To Date **\$40,022.00**



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Would You Like To Be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister?

We are seeking additional Lay Ministers to assist at Mass.

What is an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**? Often referred to as simply a "Eucharistic Minister" or "EM," they are lay people who assist the priest in distributing Holy Communion at Mass. Our priest or deacon is viewed by the Church as the "ordinary minister of Holy Communion," and because of the large number of people attending Mass, it is impractical or impossible for our clergy alone to offer Communion to so many. For this reason, EMs are trained to help. At most Masses at IC, we need 4 or 5 trained EMs which allows the Communion procession to go smoothly. It is an important role! EMs may also volunteer to take the Blessed Sacrament to those who are ill or otherwise unable to attend Mass (nursing homes, hospital, homebound, etc.).

What is a **Lector**? A Lector is a lay person who assists at Mass by reading passages from the Old and New Testament and, when a Deacon is not present, by leading the Universal Prayer or "Prayers of the Faithful."

Both Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church and living a life of prayer and service within our community. If you or someone you know is interested in serving in either of these two ministries, please contact Melinda in the parish office at 978-462-2724 x7420 or via email burrell@hriccatholic.org.

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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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 2022–23 schedule for those children who will be in Grades K–8 in the Fall will be posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in July. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to either Aaron or Melinda (agiard@hriccatholic.org / burrell@hriccatholic.org).

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

We were so happy to celebrate with our students as they received the Eucharist for the first time. Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Baptism

We have resumed our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. here at IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the Fall schedule for Confirmation Prep classes will be available late July. Meanwhile, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions you might have or email Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

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, hriccatholic.org 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.

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.

IC Summer Mass Schedule

Beginning **June 5**, the 11:30 a.m. **Sunday Mass at IC will move to 11:00 a.m. during the summer months** (Memorial Day–Labor Day).

Cookies for Haiti

Bake Sale Thank You

The Davis and Anderson-Song families wish to extend a very sincere thank you to all of the wonderful school and parish families for stepping up with amazing contributions for the IC Haiti “Cookies for Haiti” bake sale. This fundraiser simply would not be possible without so many generous bakers, or without our parishioners who so generously purchased the baked goods.

With this in mind, we say a big THANK YOU!! We raised over \$3,600 last weekend—100% of this money goes directly to the Father Marc Piché School in Haiti. We are so grateful for your prayers and support. It really does take a village and we are thankful for this special community.

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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!

Holy Jammers



The Holy Jammers musical group meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the IC Nazareth Library to jam for an hour. All are welcome to join us!

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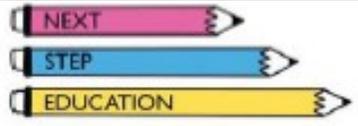
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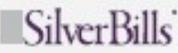


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