HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 17, 2022



Icon of Abraham's Philoxenia or Hospitality offered to the Strangers, from Cyprus

"Abraham got some curds and mílk, as well as the steer that had been prepared, and set these before the three men; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate."

(From Gn 18:8)

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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

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

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

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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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/16)

4:00pm IC Ellen Taplin, Margaret Horgan

(Fr. Stanley)

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

Sunday (7/17)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow) 9:00am **IC** Steve Lucas (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

10:15am Luella LeBlanc, For the intentions of Chester LeBlanc St. Ann (Fr. Morin)

11:00am IC William "Lee " Kenney Jr., Robert Urzi (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (7/18)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (7/19)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (7/20)

9:00am IC Peter Kelly (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (7/21)

9:00am IC (Fr. Morin)

Friday (7/22)

9:00am IC Adrienne T. Mosher, Leo S. Burke (Fr. Stanley)

Saturday (7/23)

4:00pm IC Jeremiah Dwyer (Fr. Stanley &

Deacon Moranski)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Erwin Batchelder* (Fr. Harrison)

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In your prayers, please remember John Larnard, Elizabeth Armstrong, 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: hriccathlic.org and on Facebook: (Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes).

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
- 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 Video should be the first one on the list.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners.

This weekend's bulletin cover picture is taken from a classic Orthodox icon of what is called *Abraham's Philoxenia*, or "Abraham's offering of Hospitality," as heard in our First Reading. What sets this passage aside from others is that it is often



read by scholars as a moment when God visited Abraham directly, and because of the interplay of pronouns used—sometimes the 3 strangers are referred-to the in the plural, sometimes in the singular, it is often seen as an early indication of Trinitarian language, prefiguring the full revelation of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that would come in the Christian Scriptures.

All that being said, it is a beautiful image that raises the tantalizing possibility of God visiting us in the person of a stranger. This is later brought home, full-force, in chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel, when the damned cry out, "'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me." (From Mt 25:44-45). The expectation that we care for the stranger is unambiguous and clear. From ancient times, unless a stranger posed a threat to a particular village, it was expected that basic hospitality be offered—food, shelter, and protection. In reality, their lives depended on this. Given the rigors of travel in antiquity, it was near impossible to carry all of the needed provisions to survive for very long in an arid and hostile environment like Palestine. Water was scarce, food was rationed, and the extremes of hot and cold were at times lethal. Robbers and wild animals were rampant on the few roadways that existed between towns and villages. So, offering a little food and water to a weary stranger was not simply a nice thing to do, but essential, live-saving help at a moment of extreme need.

It is no wonder then, that we encountered a few weeks ago, a rather grumpy Jesus after they were refused hospitality from a Samaritan town, "As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds

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Phone System Installation



HRIC Collaborative offices and IC School will have a new phone system installed on **Thursday**, **July 21**.

Installation will take most of the day. Please note we may be without phone service that day for a period of time.

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to <a href="https://hittps

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hriccatholic.org to view our online calendar.

Monday, July 18

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

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

Laudato Si' Series Lecture 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Tuesday, July 19

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Wednesday, July 20

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

Thursday, July 21

Eucharistic Minister Training 5:30pm, IC Church

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, July 22

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, July 23

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

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

Laudato Si'



The Laudato Si' group will be hosting a talk by David Moon of Mass Audubon Society on Monday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m. in IC St. Louis Hall. His talk will be on the importance of our local marshland and its wildlife. All are welcome.

Adoration

Come & Be

Did you know that Adoration is the 21st century grace that releases the same impelling gift of the Holy Spirit—as Jesus promised? See the rays of fire (cast in gold) with Jesus abiding among us in a monstrance as our Guest throughout Adoration. He is present and will hear the private intentions of your heart. Please Come & Be. We're keeping IC Church open for you every Thursday from 7–8 p.m. and every Friday from 9:30–noon. No instruction necessary. Just bask in dusky silence, candlelight, and expectant graces.



Place: IC Church (rain or shine)
Time: Thursdays: 7 p.m.–8 p.m.
Fridays 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

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.

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of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." (Lk 9:57–58) The Lord refused to allow His disciples to call down fire from Heaven to consume this hostile village, but He was clearly not happy with having to spend the night in the wilderness.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews would go on to say, "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." (Hb 13:2). All this leads us to consider our own response to those unknown to ourselves. Having been a frequent beneficiary of the kindness of others in the places I have visited, there is a strong compulsion to "pay it forward," never knowing when you will be on the receiving end of people's kindness. And, in light of how God sees these sort of things, we best get it right, for you never know who you might be serving!

May we open our hearts this day and always to the needs of those around us, responding to them generously, as if it were The Lord Himself who was visiting us.

Summer blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Collaborative Pastoral Council

We are looking for parishioners who might be interested in serving on the Pastoral Council. At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve the parish in this way. Please list your own name if you are interested and/or list the names of others. No need to ask them at this point—this will be done as the process unfolds. No one will be chosen for this Council until they fully understand what they are being asked to do and the time involved. This is just the initial surfacing of names.

The purpose of the Collaborative Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education, and service activities within the parish.

All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parish who are 16 years of age or older are eligible. Please send the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate and email this information to jimwilliamson35@gmail.com by August 15, 2022. Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council.

Selection of candidates for expiring terms will be chosen by lot in late August.

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.

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 Crounse
Ann-Margaret Ferrante
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.

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.

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."

The God Minute

Every morning a small group of priests, nuns, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called *The God Minute*. It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free.

Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. www.thegodminute.org

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.

Faith Formation Summer Program

Online registration is now available. Visit the Faith Formation webpage (hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation) for more information and to register.

We will 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).

If your family is 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).

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- Add your name and email and click "sign up"
- · You will receive an email that links you to the site

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!

Pelican Intervention Fund



Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you The Pelican Intervention Fund reaches an important milestone

In 2015, we invited Fr. George and Fr. Tim to our home to hear stories from local young people who struggled with addiction. The young people shared their journeys from addiction to recovery by living the 12-Step Program. Since then, with your support, we have raised over \$500k and supported over 100 men and women into 12-Step, longterm sober living programs! This would not have been possible without your generous donations, support, and prayers.

We have even more exciting news to share regarding this year's Newburyport Yankee Homecoming Parade which will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2022.

The Pelican Intervention Fund has been named the Grand Marshall of the 2022 Yankee Homecoming Parade!!

The Pelican Intervention Fund marchers will be leading the entire parade, this selection was based upon the impact our team had at last year's parade in terms of the energy and enthusiasm our marchers brought to the parade. This is a significant acknowledgement to all the work and support you've provided PIF and the community.

How can you get involved in the parade you ask? There are many options: we need people to march, helping with signs, water, and candy donations. Most importantly, mark your calendar for Sunday, August 7 for the Yankee Homecoming Parade in Newburyport. Our goal is to have over 100 marchers that represent the 100+ men and women PIF has funded into 12-Step Programs over the last 7 years.

For those interested in marching or helping, please contact Kim Keene (978-430-1408).

Donations can be made to:

"The Pelican Invention Fund at ECCF" **Essex County Community Foundation** 175 Andover Street Danvers, MA 01923

New Hope Family Support Group

This support group is designed to help others navigate relationships with loved ones dealing with addiction.

The group is free and open to all.

Location: IC St. Louis Hall

Day and time: 1st and 3rd Wednesday

of every month, 7:00 p.m.

Call, text, or email with questions: 781-854-2541, 3foldrecovery@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus



All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month in the IC Nazareth Library.

For more information about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@gmail.com.

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! We meet Mondays 6:30-8:30 p.m.

In-person: IC Charity Dining Room and Zoom: Email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

If you are unable to 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.

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.)

Foster Care

Is there room in your home and heart for a foster child?



There is a need for foster homes in our area to provide children a supportive and healing home during a difficult time. Learn more from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) about Foster Care and Adopting through Foster Care.

https://www.mass.gov/quides/upcoming-foster-

careadoption-informational-meetings

Ouestions of the Week



Adult: Which of Jesus' teachings has touched you profoundly? Did it change you in any way?

Child: What can you do to help make sure everybody around you is included in all things as Jesus wanted?

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, July 9-10 \$1,526.00 Monthly, July 9–10 \$1,490.00 Mailed in Offertory, week ending July 8 \$2,256.00

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

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



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\$21,640.33

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\$15,000.00

\$10,000.00

\$ 5,000.00

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.



We Have Air Conditioning!

The systems at both St. Ann and Nativity are installed. Join us for Mass in July:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Nativity Sunday, 8:30 a.m., Nativity

Sunday, 10:15 a.m., St. Ann

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your continued 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

HR Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

2022-23 Information regarding the schedule those children who will be in Grades K-8 in the Fall will be posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in the coming weeks. 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

Preparation for these sacraments will begin again with the start of the new school year program.

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 the coming weeks.. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or email Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

HR Activities Committee **Updates**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. All are welcome to join us.

- Organizational/Planning Meeting on Wednesday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Merrimac Hall. All are welcome. We are always looking for new ideas!
- Welcome Back Dinner Saturday, September 10 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in Merrimac.
- Holiday Fair Saturday, November 19 in Merrimac.

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, August 4. Join us!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

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



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 Online Giving

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

Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, 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.

Immaculate Conception School



Newburyport Scouting

Newburyport Scout Troop 21 Invites Youth Ages 11-17 to Join

The Scouts BSA Troop 21 invites boys and girls aged 11–17 to join and participate in the adventures of Scouting. Troop 21, led by Leonard Wallace and Dr. Michelle LaFlamme, offers opportunities to learn and develop life and leadership skills, make new friends through a combination of outdoor activities, visits to cultural or historical sites, and much more. Troop 21 welcomes any youth looking to join; no prior Scouting experience is necessary.

For more information about Troop 21 check out our website at <u>www.nbptroop21.org</u>.

Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser for over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

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Cemetery Trash Removal Notice

In order to control rising trash removal fees and to discourage people from littering and leaving trash throughout St. Mary's Cemetery, we will be posting signs within the cemetery grounds that read:

Please respect our consecrated grounds. Remove any trash or discarded items when you leave.

We have also decided not to place trash barrels throughout the cemetery with the hope that this will encourage people to take any trash or discarded items with them. It is also our hope that this will discourage people from littering and piling trash in the barrels because they are under the impression that there is regular trash removal. The cost of regular trash removal would be prohibitive.

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 ready to assist.

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Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Tuesday evenings **takeout only meals** 4:30–5:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

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.

It is not burdensome or time-consuming 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) 462-2724 or email at: info@hriccatholic.org.

Support after Breast Cancer Loss

Do you know a New England area family who has lost a loved one to breast cancer and is in need of financial and/



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https://runwayforrecovery.org/familygrants/

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website tcfnewburyport.org.

Our next monthly support meeting is **July 25** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 from 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara with questions: 978-697-1349 or 617-410-6309, or barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com. Barbara is also an Advanced Certified GRM (Grief Recovery Method) specialist and founder of A Butterfly's Journey nonprofit. She offers 1-on-1 or group classes in GRM, the only evidence-based methodology for grief.

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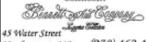


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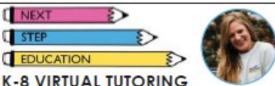
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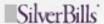
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