

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24, 2022



"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

(Lk 11:9-10)

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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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Nativity

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Immaculate Conception

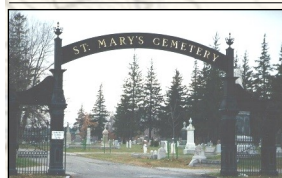
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 Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/23)

4:00pm **IC Jeremiah Dwyer** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

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

Sunday (7/24)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

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

11:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Monday (7/25)

9:00am **IC Paul Herbert** (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (7/26)

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

Wednesday (7/27)

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

Thursday (7/28)

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

Friday (7/29)

9:00am **IC John Boress** (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (7/30)

4:00pm **IC Henry Szymura, Jean Basque, Carroll Lalley** (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (7/31)

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

9:00am **IC Kevin D. Mahoney** (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)

In your prayers, please remember Ellen LaBrecque, William Pappalardo, Dennis L. Fowler, 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: hriccatholic.org and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](https://www.facebook.com/HolyRedeemer-ImmaculateConceptionCollaborativeParishes)).



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2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Sometimes when preparing a homily, I would run it by a few of my priest-friends and get their take on it. Some would offer kind words or a few occasional suggestions or edits. One of my friends, however, was usually blunt: He would immediately demand that I tell him the "so-what?!" of the homily in one sentence. "Tell me in one sentence," he would say, "what's the take-away?" "What's the point that people should take home with them that will change their life and bring them closer to God?!" He was brutal! Many a finely-prepared sermon went down in flames as I struggled to respond to his questioning....His line of inquiry did tend to chasten and redact my homily writing, however. Now, I never ask him to review my homiletical thoughts unless I have that question clearly in focus: "What's the point?"

So, one might ask, "What's the point of this long Gospel all about prayer, anyway?" And, "Why bring in Sodom and that whole scene? What's that got to do with anything?"

Well, here's this about that:

Prayer is not about barraging God with so many words that the Lord gets tired of hearing us and gives in to our demands. We are not kindergarteners; God is not a strung-out parent barely making it through the day.

Prayer is not about bargaining with God, negotiating a deal that might be mutually beneficial for each. God is not some supernatural merchant looking to sell divine favors if He can only extract the right price of some penance or good works from us. We deserve nothing from God. God does not benefit in any way from our gratitude. God needs absolutely nothing from us. God doesn't need in any way. God simply is.

Prayer is not about getting God to do anything. Genuine prayer does not manipulate, cajole, pressure, influence, control, sway, force or otherwise change God's mind in any way.

The point of prayer is this: prayer changes us!

Prayer helps us to understand God better, not the other way around. Prayer drives us to be honest with God about our needs and wants (and the difference between them!). Prayer invites us to open our minds and hearts to embrace God's Will more completely, to follow His commands more carefully, and to love Him more deeply. Prayer immerses us into an already-rich relationship with the One who has literally loved us into being, knit us in our mother's womb, as the Psalmist would say (from Ps 139). Prayer helps us to claim our proper place before the Lord of being a son or daughter of God. Prayer helps us to better understand what that highly-exalted status means when it comes to our day-

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Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hricatholic.org to view our online calendar.

Monday, July 25

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

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

Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, July 26

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

Wednesday, July 27

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, July 28

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, July 29

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, July 30

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.



St. Ann, W. Newbury

Nativity, Merrimac

IC, Newburyport

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.

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to-day lives...that nothing, absolutely nothing hasn't already been thought about and already handled by the Lord. Prayer helps us to take great comfort in knowing that we will never be abandoned, never ignored, never cast apart, never be misunderstood, never be unjustly condemned. Prayer tells us that God knows and loves us completely and totally, without deficit and that through God's loving plan for each of us that our every need will ultimately be fulfilled in the fullness of that love. Prayer is real and tangible and it never fails to connect us to the One who first loved us.

So, the next time you go to pray, start by praising God and recalling that God's Will is the highest blessing we can ever receive, because it will always be the right and best thing for us. Next, present your true needs before the Lord, not because God is unaware of them, but because we sometimes need a reminder that God knows them even before we ask. Seek to model yourself after God, meaning we forgive others because God has first forgiven us. And finally, seek God's strength in avoiding those things that lead us away from God and all that is good.

Anticipating our need for an easy way to commune with our Creator, Jesus gave us words that have resonated in hearts ever since:

*Our Father, Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name!
Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done,
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil. (from Mt. 6:9-13)*

Through our regular prayer, may we become better images of our Creator and enjoy the blessings of a right-relationship (which is the very definition of true peace) with our God!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Adoration

To listen before speaking gains strength from the release of the Holy Spirit's power via Sacred Silence. Adoration is a Catholic prayer form that places right worship in a unique focal point: Jesus in the Monstrance. We keep IC Church open for you every Thursday from 7-8 p.m. Stay for the hour or any part of it. Be blessed by the presence of others who thrive on the abundant graces released like a Pentecost gift when listening to His voice.



Enter from Green Street only, please.

Place: IC Church

Time: Thursdays: 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Also: 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: hricatholic.org.

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	Lori Ouellette
Bill Crounse	Maureen Russell
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	Yvonne Sloban
Charmaine Haan	Ruth Sullivan
Hillar Haan	Rob Schweizer
Jay Hanslig	Michael Tucker
Terence Healey	Jim Williamson
Sam Kitchen	

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."

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.

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 (hricatholic.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!

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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, long-term 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/guides/upcoming-foster-careadoption-informational-meetings>

Questions of the Week



Adult: Did you take the time this week to talk to God, to pray and to listen to what He had to say?

Child: Where do you talk to God and how do you listen to what God says to you?

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, July 16–17	\$1,147.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, July 16–17	\$ 382.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending July 15	\$2,365.00

No second collection this weekend (July 24) or next weekend (July 31).

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: hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.



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HR Greeters Wanted

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.



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

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 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 the comfort of 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

IC Offertory, July 16–17	\$4,842.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, July 16–17	\$1,160.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending July 15	\$1,365.00

No second collection this weekend (July 24). The second collection next weekend (July 31) is *Electrical Cooling Costs*.

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



SAVE THE DATE!

4th Annual Immaculate Conception School
Golf Outing and BBQ Dinner

Monday, October 3, 2022

Renaissance Golf Club
Haverhill, MA

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.
Tee Off at 11:30 a.m.

All IC families (whether you golf or not) are invited to join us under the Renaissance Tent for a Classic American BBQ served 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit the
Immaculate Conception School of Newburyport



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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.

To donate, you can visit our website to donate online at www.svdpnwburyport.org, or drop your donation (checks payable to "SVdP of Newburyport") 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

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

Coffee & Muffins



The Knights of Columbus Council 231 will be hosting coffee and muffins after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, August 7**, in IC St. Louis Hall. All are invited to stop by after Mass for some refreshments.

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.

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.

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.

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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 the coming weeks. 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

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. 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 shortly. 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).

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.

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 www.nbptroop21.org.

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.

North Shore Catholic Young Adult Group (NSCYAG)



All young adults, age 18–35 are welcome to join our next event. We meet for rosary and social twice a month on Monday nights at St. Adelaide Church Hall, 708 Lowell St., Peabody, as well as additional activities and events such as bowling, Mass, ice cream social, beach BBQ, mini golf, and laser tag. Visit us on the St. Adelaide website (www.NSCatholic.org) to learn more or email us at nscyag@gmail.org.

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.

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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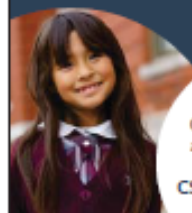
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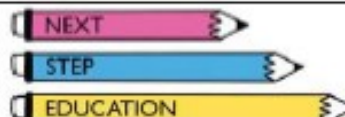
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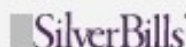
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