

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2022



*This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners... To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."*

*(1Tim1:15, 17)*

*All Are Welcome*

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serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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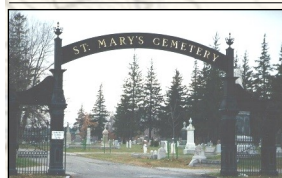
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 Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception  
Collaborative Parishes

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (9/10)

4:00pm **IC** Rose Rowe, Lorin Jangrow (Fr. Morin)  
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

### Sunday (9/11)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)  
9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
**11:30am IC** Thomas McDermott, John Hynes,  
James E. Doyle (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

### Monday (9/12)

9:00am **IC** For a special intention (Fr. Stanley)

### Tuesday (9/13)

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

### Wednesday (9/14)

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

### Thursday (9/15)

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

### Friday (9/16)

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

### Saturday (9/17)

4:00pm **IC** Carmella Herlihy, Josephine Minalio  
Laurie Ann Freeman (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)  
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (9/18)

8:30am **Nativity** Joseph Kardas (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)  
9:00am **IC** Elaine Pagliarolo, James Carew  
(Fr. Stanley)  
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
**11:30am IC** Cathy Sheehan (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

*In your prayers please remember Karen Hoskins, Joseph Donnelly Sr., Anne Marie Manson, 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](http://hricatholic.org) and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).

## Fall Mass Schedule Change

**Don't forget that the later Sunday Mass at IC is now at 11:30 a.m.**

This schedule will be in effect until the spring.

**The Sunday Mass schedule at IC is as follows:**

Sunday at IC: 9:00 a.m.  
**11:30 a.m.** (note time change)

## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

St. Paul's first letter to Timothy cuts right to the chase: it answers the "what" of God's actions on our behalf. "This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1Tim1:15) The rest of our Scriptures go on to answer the "why" and "how" of it all. The "why" part is fairly simple—because it is God's will. No way to argue around that one! God gets what God wants. Plain and simple. But the "how," now that is where all the drama and intrigue come in!

Playing out in the fullness of our human history, God patiently sets in motion His plan of salvation, tolerating even for a time, the most egregious of sins, that in the end, all righteousness may be fulfilled. Exactly "how" God does all this will play out differently for each person, yet all are grounded in the fundamental mission of Christ which is echoed in the much-loved story of the Prodigal Son: "But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." (Lk 15:32)

Whether it was Moses interceding on behalf of the "stiff-necked" rebellious people, a shepherd rejoicing over a lost sheep that has been found, a woman celebrating over a found coin or the context of it all—Jesus eating and spending time with sinners and tax collectors—the result is the same: Jesus is out to save sinners. Jesus is out to find that which was lost. Jesus is out to bring healing where there was illness and disease. Jesus is out to restore trust, where there was once suspicion. Jesus is out to bring forgiveness where once there was only sin and division. Jesus is out to bring back to its proper place all who had strayed.

The "how" has captured our imagination and hearts over the millennia, but let us not forget about the "what" of it all. It is amazing to witness the many varied ways and the extreme lengths that our God will go to accomplish His Saving Will. It is breathtaking to see the vast diversity of ways that God works to bring home that which has been scattered. It is deeply encouraging to realize the unfathomable depths of depravity and shame from which God can call us to reconciliation and new life. That any one of us might hope to be the beneficiary of God's Grace is itself a gift from the Lord.

So, three little questions—"why," "what," and "how." The answers to which all point to a Who, Whom we are called to be in an eternal and life-giving relationship with. The rest of it is all details. . . wonderful, life-changing, magnificent details! But let's not get so caught up in the details that we lose the "what" of it all. Jesus came to save us. Period. Full-stop.

May we find peace and lasting consolation in the simple truth of it all.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor





## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) to view our online calendar.

#### Monday, September 12

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

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

#### Tuesday, September 13

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

**Knights of Columbus Mtg.** 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

#### Wednesday, September 14

**Holy Jammers Practice** 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

#### Thursday, September 15

**Faith Formation Catechist Mtg.** 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

**Adoration** 7:00pm, IC Church

#### Friday, September 16

**Adoration** 9:30am, IC Church

**Collaborative Staff Mtg.** 1:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

#### Saturday, September 17

**Confessions** 3:00pm, IC Church

**San Marcos Coffee Sales After All Masses**

**HR Dinner & Trivia Night** 5:00pm, Nativity Hall

#### Sunday, September 18

**San Marcos Coffee Sales After All Masses**

**Faith Formation K-8** 10:00am, IC Parish Center

**RCIA Meeting** 10:00am, IC Conference Room 209

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

### Free Concert

**Featuring HRIC Adult Choir Sunday, September 25  
1:30-3:00 p.m. IC Church**

An afternoon of sacred music, hymns, spirituals, and instrumentals performed by the HRIC Adult Choir and musicians.

Led by Music Director Donna Postle, the choir will perform a variety of music from choral to contemporary accompanied by acclaimed organist Tim Richard and flautist Judy Manning.

Join us in celebration of the human voice and the transformative power of music.

A free will offering will be graciously accepted in support of the Collaborative Music Ministry.

### San Marcos Coffee

**After All Masses, September 17-18**



We will roast a large order of Honduran coffee for purchase at all collaborative Masses on Sept 17th and 18th. As Catholics, we are called to help the poor to rise out of poverty. Your purchase makes it possible for the poor coffee farmers

in Honduras to receive a fair wage for coffee beans grown on their small family-owned farms. Call or text Karen with questions or to place advance orders 978 270 0183.

**Muchas Gracias!**

FILL OUT YOUR CORI AFTER MASS

# CORI time

SEPTEMBER 10-11

**THIS WEEKEND!**

We will be sponsoring a "CORI Blitz" after all Masses for all volunteers, new and returning, on **September 10-11, 2022.**

For your convenience we will have tables set up at all three churches that weekend for all volunteers to stop by and fill out their yearly CORI forms for 2023.

The Archdiocese of Boston requires that all volunteers in the church who are 18 years of age and older fill out a CORI form every year. We appreciate the cooperation of all those required to complete the CORI and we particularly thank you for keeping the pledge to protect those among us who are most vulnerable.

### Collaborative Pastoral Council

This past Sunday we had the drawing by lot of candidates to fill expiring terms on our Collaborative Pastoral Council. After prayerful consideration, the following parishioners were chosen for the Council:

#### Holy Redeemer:

Veronica Laite—three-year term

#### Immaculate Conception:

Patty Olds, Rich Ryan, and Alan McEmber—three-year terms.

Corey Beaver—one-year term to fill vacancy

Congratulations to our new members. Thank you to all who were willing to have their names placed for consideration.

### Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown  
Cindy Calcina  
Pat Connolly  
Bill Crounse  
Ann-Margaret Ferrante  
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler  
Charmaine Haan  
Hillar Haan

Jay Hanslig  
Terence Healey  
Sam Kitchen  
Maureen Russell  
Rob Schweizer  
Yvonne Sloban  
Michael Tucker

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

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Phone System Installation



Completion of the new phone system installation will take place at HR Parish offices on Thursday, September 15.

Installation will take most of the day on those days. Please note we may be without phone service for a period of time. If you are unable to contact us by phone, please email us at [info@hriccatholic.org](mailto:info@hriccatholic.org) and we will get back to you.

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** To whom do you find it difficult to show mercy and forgiveness?

**Child:** How do you show people that you forgive them?

## Live Stream Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses on our website:

1. Go to our website ([hriccatholic.org](http://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/](https://facebook.com/hriccatholic/))
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

## Adoration

**Abandon Yourself to Adoration**

EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION



When prayer feels empty, rejoice that prayer is no longer about you! God is Love, not perpetual solace. Bless what seems to be His absence so you advance in holiness by not clinging to feelings. He abides in you by grace. Come & be.

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: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

## 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/](https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/)

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.**

## HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program



The HRIC Collaborative Soup & Sandwich Program (formerly the HR Sandwich Program) is asking for volunteers to help make sandwiches for the Lazarus House Ministry. The food will be delivered on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. For more information, please contact either Tom Grella (978-423-0631) or Jill Dobson (978-994-4467).

We deliver about 150 sandwiches each time and we also have been delivering 5 gallons of soup/salad.

## Collaborative Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at [www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation).

### School Year Programs

School year Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation schedules and registration forms are now available on the website at ([hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation)). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron ([agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org)) or Melinda ([burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto: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 1:30pm 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 is now available along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or email Aaron ([agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org)) or Melinda ([burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org)).

## Laudato Si



The **Laudato Si** group invites you to join us in witness of God's glorious creation and our beautiful local ecology for a relaxing 2 1/2 hour excursion aboard the **Yankee Clipper Tour**: National Wildlife Refuge Boat Tour. Please log in to the Yankee Clipper Harbor Tours website and schedule and purchase your tickets on-line: [harbortours.com](http://harbortours.com) for the **Friday, September 16, 3:30 p.m.** ecology tour. Tickets are \$35.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. There are a limited number of seats, so please book early. At this time the tour meets at the kiosk on the boardwalk near the old Black Cow restaurant in Newburyport. But we expect to board at the Plum Island lighthouse on Harbor St. Please email Carol: [carolr@gardenimprint.com](mailto:carolr@gardenimprint.com) with any questions or if you want to be notified of any changes. All are welcome.

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### 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.

### women at the well

Are you 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.

**Join us for an information session about the new fall study on September 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the IC Parish Center.**

We invite all women to come join us at any time, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. The group meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in-person at the IC Parish Center and virtually on Zoom. If you have any questions, or would like to join via Zoom, please email [hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.)

### Walk for Life

**Come Support the Pregnancy Care Center by Walking on Saturday, September 17**

Mark your calendar, build a walk team and join us! The Pregnancy Care Center needs your support. The Knights of Columbus Council 202 are hosting a **Walk for Life** benefitting the Pregnancy Care Center. It will be held Saturday, September 17 at 9:00 a.m. at Swansey Field Park in Haverhill. The walk route is only 2 miles—families are welcome. Visit [www.PCCFriends.org](http://www.PCCFriends.org) for more information, to register, and start fundraising—it's easy! Pledge forms are also available by emailing us at [events@pccnortheast.org](mailto:events@pccnortheast.org). Receive a free t-shirt by raising \$150.00 in pledges or building a team of 5 walkers. We hope to see you there.

### 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.

### Sign up for FORMED

**FORMED** The Catholic Faith. On Demand

Enjoy thousands of books, videos, daily reflections, and talks at home or on the go. Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) and click on "Sign up." Our organization name is "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" (or type in code JRNDGP) Follow the prompts to join and log in.

### 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.

### Emmaus Ministry Retreat

**Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents**



Emmaus Ministry is Catholic ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us for a one-day spiritual retreat. All are welcome.

**Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents, Archdiocese of Boston Pastoral Center, Braintree, MA**

**Retreat date:** October 15, 2022

For more information on this and other retreat times and locations, call (800) 919-9332 or visit [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org).

### 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."



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Sept. 3–4 **\$1,411.00**  
 Mailed in Offertory, week ending Sept. 2 **\$ 655.00**

*The second collection this weekend (Sept. 11) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Sept. 18) is Clergy Trust. 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](http://hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving).



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## HR Online Giving

HR provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring donation. To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

Once you register, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

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

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## 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](mailto: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, October 6. Join us!**

## HR Holiday Fair

**Holiday Fair, November 19: Helpers Needed**

Our committee is in need of **helpers for the fair**. We do not have enough members to work our tables at the fair. Please consider helping out at this fun event by lending a needed hand. Questions can be emailed to [Cynwinquinn@aol.com](mailto:Cynwinquinn@aol.com).

## Second Collection Sept. 17–18

Next week's second collection supports the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit [www.clergytrust.org](http://www.clergytrust.org).

## 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.

## We Are Making Progress, but Greeters Are Still Needed

We have had some people volunteer as greeters to welcome Mass-goers, but we could still use a few more.

High school students as well as adults are welcome for this position. In particular, we need folks to greet at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both Nativity and St. Ann.

This little task simply involves smiling and saying hello, handing out bulletins, or perhaps giving directions to the restroom or the ramp.

Would you like to help? Please contact Sue Noyes at [susanjnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:susanjnoyes@gmail.com).

## The God Minute

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## IC Offertory Collection

**IC Offertory, Sept. 3–4** **\$6,507.00**  
**Mailed in Offertory, week ending Sept. 2** **\$2,603.00**

*The second collection this weekend (Sept. 11) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Sept. 18) is Clergy Trust. 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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Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://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.

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## Second Collection Sept. 17–18

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### Bundle Sunday October 15 & 16

Bundle up your old clothes and bring them to church. Saint Vincent de Paul's **Bundle Sunday** donation program is starting up again this fall. A donation trailer will be provided in the Immaculate Conception church parking lot on Saturday, October 15 from 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Sunday October 16 from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. to collect clothing and shoes only. *No toys, household goods or other non-clothing items can be accepted.* All clean, usable clothing or shoes, bagged or boxed, will help people in need while fulfilling the mission of the Society by putting the Gospel message into action:

*As long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me. (Matthew 25:40)*

### 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!



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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 have posted signs within the cemetery grounds that read:

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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.

## Knights of Columbus



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

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For more information about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804 or email [kofc231@gmail.com](mailto:kofc231@gmail.com).



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School has a great team of educators and support staff who are eager to welcome the children for the 2022–23 school year. The pandemic has certainly highlighted the difficulties of staffing all types of businesses, especially schools. The IC has deliberately worked to remain a caring community under “the new normal” which is recognized and valued by veteran and new employees. We extend a warm welcome to our entire team!



Our Pre-K program, The Pelican's Nest, reopens this year, and includes 3- and 4-year-old children. We are excited that *Mrs. Marybeth O'Keefe* will teach this group, with the help of *Mrs. Karen Kent*, Instructional Aide. Mrs. O'Keefe is a graduate of the IC, and has been at the IC as a teacher since 2020. Mrs. Kent is starting her 20th year at the IC.

*Mrs. Kristen Connelly* is our Kindergarten teacher, starting her 20th year. She is joined by *Mrs. Trish Gorman*, Instructional Aide, who has been with the IC for 16 years. Both Mrs. Connelly and Mrs. Gorman's own children graduated from the IC, as classmates.

*Mrs. Evelyn Pike* starts her 24th year as our 1st grade teacher. In late July she had elective surgery on her foot, so the crutches are soon to be tossed to the side. She will be helped out by Instructional Aide *Mrs. Mary O'Toole* who starts her 4th year at the IC.

*Ms. Liz Ronca* joins our team as the 2nd grade teacher. She is excited to be back in Massachusetts to be closer to family after many years in Maine. Ms. Ronca, who is a devout Catholic, is excited to teach in a Catholic school, and will oversee the Sacramental Preparation of her students who will make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year.

*Ms. Kristen Predka* joins the IC as the 3rd grade teacher with many years of experience in Catholic education on the North Shore, especially in grade 3. Also joining grade 3 is *Ms. Kelsey Little* who will be the Instructional Aide.

*Ms. Kelly Hague* returns to grade 4 for a second year. Ms. Hague will teach Spanish to grades PK–4 in addition to her 4th grade class.

*Ms. Erin Whitney* joins the IC as the 5th grade teacher. Ms. Whitney has been an educator in Boston for the past 23 years so the short commute from Amesbury is a welcome change.

*Mrs. Katie Fallon* is returning for a second year as our Middle School Science teacher. She is the 6th grade homeroom teacher as well.

*Mrs. Cristina Meissner* has been our Spanish teacher for 19 years. She will begin the year teaching grades 5–8. Mrs. Meissner is also the 7th grade homeroom teacher.

*Mrs. Bridget Lacefield* is starting her 9th year with us. She is the 8th grade homeroom teacher and teaches Middle School Religion. Grades 1–5 will have a spiritual retreat led by Mrs. Lacefield. She also oversees the Middle School Leadership Team.

*Mrs. Kim Nguyen* is returning for a second year as our Middle School Social Studies teacher. She is excited that her son and daughter will be students at the IC this year.

*Mr. Eli Donis* joins the IC as the Middle School Language Arts teacher. Mr. Donis brings a wealth of experience to his teaching from theater, history, and a love of literature.

*Mrs. Jenn Godfrey* has been with the IC for over 10 years and is our Middle School Math teacher.

*Mrs. Lauren Mosher* returns for a second year as our Music teacher for all grades.

*Mrs. Marina Michaelidis* will lead our Physical Education classes for all grades.

*Mrs. Trish Richard* joins us as our Art teacher for all grades. She is an accomplished artist herself and has taught art in school settings for many, many years.

*Mrs. Shayne Ostrowski* will teach grade 5 Religion and a Math Literacy class for grades 1–4. The Math Literacy class is “story hour-ish” in nature, but with a “math detective” twist to help students listen and search for the mathematics hidden within a literary piece.

*Mrs. Barb Bailey* is our Curriculum Coordinator and has done a great deal of work over the summer in preparation for our upcoming NEASC accreditation.

*Mrs. Laura Capobianco* is our Technology Coordinator and Coach. She helps our teachers integrate technology into classroom learning in meaningful ways which is a unique support system that our school offers, especially for our new teachers.

Ninety percent of educators at Immaculate Conception hold Masters Degrees in Education.

*Mrs. Thora Aziz*, RN is back for a 3rd year as our beloved School Nurse.

*Ms. Maria Lucas* returns as our Day Porter.

Our Before Care moderator is *Mrs. Karen Kent*.

After Care moderators are *Ms. Liz Ronca*, *Ms. Kelsey Little*, *Mrs. Song Daw* and *Ms. Suellen Welch*.

*Mrs. Monique Labrecque* will keep everything running from the front desk.

*Mrs. Kelley Pappalardo* will be in the office to oversee Admissions and all student concerns.

*Mrs. Jess Perkins*, Bookkeeper is back, and has moved her office to the Parish Center.

*Mr. Dennis LaMalfa* is our Business Manager.

Our Buildings and Grounds crew includes *Eddie Martinez* and *Bud Kent*.

*Mrs. Joan Fowler Sullivan* is in her 6th year as Principal. *Father Tim Harrison* is the Pastor.

With God, all things are possible. Please pray for Immaculate Conception School, by name.

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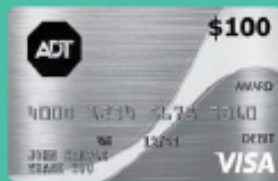
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