

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

**Easter Sunday of
the Resurrection
of the Lord
April 9, 2023**

*"...Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;
to Galilee he goes before you.'
Christ indeed from death
is risen, our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King,
ever reigning!"*

*(From the Easter Sequence:
Victimæ paschali laudes)*

*Mosaic of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ,
Cyprus, Greece*

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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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Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

Phone: 978-346-8604

Email: info@hriccatholic.org

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

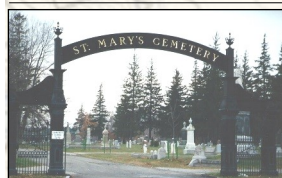
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Each Easter, we are confronted with the central reality of our faith in Christ: that Jesus rose from the dead. Although there are many ways to approach this mystery, two, I think, are essential to our continued faith journey.



To begin with, the resurrection of Jesus Christ occurred on or about 33 A.D. in Jerusalem. After enduring an excruciatingly painful death on the cross at the hands of His Roman executioners, Jesus' body was quickly buried in a borrowed grave not far from the place of crucifixion. A few days later, early in the morning, word began to spread that His tomb was empty and His disciples began to report encounters with His risen and glorified body. Although there were no recorded witnesses to that actual event itself, there are many accounts in the Gospels and Book of Acts of His post-resurrection appearances. That this fledgling and fearful group of disciples were so thoroughly transformed into bold proclaimers of Jesus' resurrection, facing persecution and death because of it, is testimony that *something* highly significant happened shortly after Jesus' death and burial. It was completely transformative for the early disciples—changing them in an instant from insecure and discombobbled fishermen to strong and fearless preachers. Whatever they encountered in those few days after Jesus' death, it totally transformed their lives and began a movement that has spread and endured through

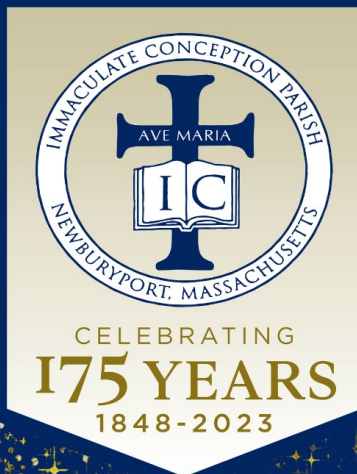
the present age. Currently, there are more than 2 billion Christians in the world.

Although there was no GoPro camera or security footage available in those days, if one believes in the Shroud of Turin, there is a 3-dimensional, holographic photographic image of a scourged, beaten, pierced and crucified male that was somehow recorded onto a linen burial cloth by an instantaneous burst of unknown radiation that came from within. This image of the body also bears the markings of having worn a crown of thorns before His death. Although there have been several scientific examinations of the cloth that have dated it back to at least the Middle Ages, there is sufficient evidence to suggest that these tests were inconclusive and that the cloth could be much older, even containing pollen grains that only existed in first century Palestine. So—hard evidence of the resurrection? Maybe. Was this the real burial shroud of Jesus Christ? We don't know for sure. But modern science hasn't been able to explain fully how the image was made or been able to duplicate it. That it contains every detail from the Gospel accounts about how Jesus died is extremely compelling... including details like the placement of the nails in His feet and wrists, in exactly the way the Romans were known to have done it. If this isn't the actual burial cloth of Jesus Christ, then it is exactly what it would have been expected to look like, were one able to produce a copy of it, right down to wound



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Celebrate with Us!



- ! St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- Crowning of Mary
- Rail Trail Dedication
- Adult Choir Concert
- Father's Day BBQ
- Berry Festival and IC Church Tours
- Yankee Homecoming Food Drive
- All-City Choir Concert
- All Saints Pageant
- IC Feast Day Mass and Celebration of Our Patroness
- 175th Gala
- Visit by Cardinal Séan
- NEC Gospel Concert

Immaculate Conception Parish 175th Anniversary

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marks, first century coins holding the eyelids shut and evidence of blood and water flowing from the gash in His side where the Gospels indicate that Jesus was pierced by the spear after His death.

So, to begin with, Jesus either rose from the dead or He didn't. Some might say it was all an elaborate hoax, that His body was stolen and the disciples simply made the whole thing up, and that we Christians have been living our lives based on this lie ever since. Some have also conjectured that the resurrection was some kind of a metaphorical experience—something accessed in a trance or alternative-reality experience, a dream of sorts. A real experience, but not a physical one. But that doesn't match the testimony of the disciples, who gave witness to encountering the Risen Lord in broad daylight, not in some ethereal dream-like state, but in the flesh and in day-to-day life. In one account, He even cooked breakfast for them....

So, in approaching Easter, we need to either accept the compelling evidence that Jesus actually rose from the dead or not. While this is a matter of faith, it also is a matter of examining what evidence is there, what the first century witnesses of the Risen Christ have told us and how the early Church grew exponentially following their encounters with this resurrected Jesus to see that if Jesus had simply died and that these rumors of His resurrection were simply that, then the Church would not have, could not have grown and spread the way that it did. So, there is first the physical fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter.

But just as important and perhaps even more compellingly, there is the reality of resurrection in each of us—our clinging to hope for our own resurrection from the dead because of Christ being the first-fruits of all those who will rise from the dead to new life before God. As the prayer goes, "Where our brave Shepherd first goes, there we hope to follow." For Easter to be a real source of joy for us, resurrection must be

something that we pine for, long for, hope for, dream about... and plan for each and every day of our lives. The Kingdom of Heaven is much less about a place that we look to go after we die than it is a life-giving and saving relationship with the Risen Christ that we live in the hear and now which will unfold to its fullness in the time to come. If we are not savoring this relationship today, how can we hope to embrace it fully later on? Resurrection must be something that is part of the very fiber of our being, that we are dust without it, that our lives only truly mean something if we are to be eternal with God. The resurrection of Christ must mean that Jesus rises within each of us as well, that through our common bond of Baptism in Christ, we are so connected with our savior and one another, that we die with Christ so as to live with Him! Thus, we hold in our hearts not just the slowly fading memories of those who have gone before us into the certainty of death, but that we engage these relationships in real time, in the present, as we are confident that they are alive in Christ. Thus, in the Communion of Saints, we implore their intercession for us and seek to draw closer to Christ through their encouragement and daily help.

So, Easter means Jesus rose from the dead many centuries ago, but it also means that we live this experience of resurrection each and every day of our lives in the well-founded hope that one day, in a way that we do not completely understand, Christ will call us from our graves to the glory of eternal life with God. On that day, there will be no doubt, no confusion, no uncertainty...only new and everlasting life with the Lord, who is our brother and surest hope for peace in this world and the next.

Let us celebrate Easter with great joy—not only the fact of what happened millennia ago, but also what is happening with our hearts today!

Happy Easter to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Attention All Volunteers

The Archdiocese of Boston is asking all volunteers to fill out a Volunteer Application Form. This is to help us keep better records, improve our current screening process which also includes CORIs, etc., and provide emergency contact information for everyone involved in our various ministries...just in case!

A one-time application form must be filled out by all volunteers. If you are currently a volunteer, you will receive an email from your ministry leader. Please fill it out and return it to the office as soon as possible. All applications received will be retained by our Collaborative offices and kept strictly confidential.

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is April 12

The HRIC Collaborative Soup & Sandwich Program (formerly the HR Sandwich Program) delivers sandwiches on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury, from 7:00–9:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Any questions please contact Jill: dobsondollis@aol.com or Tom at Tom@grellafinancial.com.

Collaborative Offices Schedule

Collaborative offices will be closed on Easter Monday, April 10 and on Patriot's Day, Monday, April 17.

View our weekly bulletin online on our website:
hricCatholic.org.

CPR Training

We are offering a CPR class for anyone interested. Cost is \$50 per person. Pre-registration is required. Sessions are limited to 8 participants each. Please call Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724 and let us know which session you would like to attend.

Nativity Hall:

Saturday, May 6, 9–11 a.m.
Tuesday, May 9, 6–8 p.m.

IC Charity Dining Room:

Wednesday, May 3, 6–8 p.m.
Saturday, May 13, 9–11 a.m.

These training sessions are being offered as an extension of our recent purchase of AED and stop bleed/first aid kits for our worship spaces. If you would like to make a donation to help pay for these potentially life-saving kits, please contact Dennis in our offices. Full or partial donations for these sets are welcome and appreciated. Thank you for your generosity in the care of others!

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (4/8) Holy Saturday

7:30pm IC (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (4/9) Easter Sunday

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

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

9:00am IC Gym (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am IC (Fr. Morin)

Monday (4/10)

9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley)

Tuesday (4/11)

9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley)

Wednesday (4/12)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (4/13)

9:00am IC (Fr. Morin)

Friday (4/14)

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

Saturday (4/15)

4:00pm IC *For the forgotten souls in Purgatory,*

Alexander Basque, Vincent LaConte Sr., John

Larnard (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

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

Sunday (4/16)

8:30am **Nativity** *Jennie & Alden Johnson*

(Fr. Morin)

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

10:00am **St. Ann** *Jerry Mullen* (Fr. Morin)

11:30am IC *Louis & Lena Filomia, Robert & Helen*

Lynch (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember all of 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 live-streamed online through our website: hriccatholic.org and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).

HRIC Playgroup



Join our new HRIC playgroup! Come let your little ones play, read, and sing while meeting other parents of young ones in our Collaborative. We meet on Friday mornings from 9:45–11:15 in the IC Conference Room 209. Open to all

ages including infants! Contact Kim (mom of Max, 2) at kimberly.a.schulte@gmail.com for more information. We would love to see you!

Easter Collections

The Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, April 10

Collaborative Offices Closed, Easter Monday

Tuesday, April 11

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

IC Haiti Board Mtg. 5:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:15pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

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

Wednesday, April 12

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program 7:00–9:00am, St. Ann Hall

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Social Action Committee Mtg. 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, April 13

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, April 14

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

HRIC Playgroup 9:45am, IC Conference Room 209

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

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

Saturday, April 15

Care Package Day 8:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Indoor Yard Sale Dropoff 1:30–3:30pm, Nativity Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, April 16

HR Indoor Yard Sale Dropoff 9:30–11:30am, Nativity Hall

Baptisms 1:30pm, IC Church



Adoration

"Adoration doesn't have instructions, and there's no particular format to follow....It's free time with Jesus, where we don't have to think about kneeling and standing or finding pages in the hymnal. Adoration is our up-close-and-personal time with the Holy Eucharist, where we can focus wholly on our relationship with God." (from *The Handy Little Guide: Adoration* by Michelle Jones Schroeder) Join us! All are welcome.

Enter through the Green Street door only.

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.



Easter Flowers

Next Sunday's bulletin (April 16) will feature the list of this year's Easter flower donations.

Questions of the Week

Adult: What meaning does the Resurrection have for you?

Child: How will you celebrate the new life of Easter this week?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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 the 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."

women at the well

We invite all women to come join us at any time, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. Our study, *Keeping in Balance from Walking with Purpose*, is about managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness rooted in Christ. We meet 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 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.

Collaborative Faith Formation

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

Summer 2023 Faith Formation Week

Grades 3–8 June 26–30, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. each day.

Registration forms available: hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs (Grades K–10)

School year Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation schedules and registration forms are available on the website at (hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

Baptism

We celebrate this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at IC Church. The April baptisms are scheduled for April 16 at 1:30 p.m. due to Easter falling on the second Sunday. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Patricia Baikewicz	Jack Flynn	Douglas Rose
Priscilla Brown	Jeanine Ebacher	Robert Rose
Baby Boyle	Fowler	Maureen Russell
Matthew Breslow	Charmaine Haan	Rob Schweizer
Donald Buckley	Hillar Haan	Yvonne Sloban
Bill Crounse	Jay Hanslig	Tom Tribble
Drew Daubach	Al Hasapis	Michael Tucker
Kristen	Terence Healey	Laurent Vincent
D'Entremont	Sam Kitchen	
Carol Ann Doyle	Arthur LaPointe	
Ann-Margaret	Chet LeBlanc	
Ferrante	Lee Preble	

Social Action Committee

The next meeting of the Collaborative Social Action committee will be Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. in IC St. Louis Hall. The focus of the meeting will be ideas to involve younger collaborative parishioners in social action activities. If you are a parent with school-aged children, consider attending this important meeting. All are invited, so if you'd like to make a difference for someone in need, please come, listen, and contribute! You CAN make a difference.

Catholic Appeal

Faith in Action. It all starts with YOU.

Once a year, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to partner with one another to support their parish and the many outreach ministries by contributing to the Catholic Appeal. Many of you have received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your support of the 2023 Appeal. You can make a gift by returning a pledge card (found in the pews) or by making an online donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now. For those who have already made a gift, thank you for your early support! The Appeal is a primary means by which we care for our brothers and sisters, and it all starts with YOU.

HRIC Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council serves the Collaborative in a consultative role to the pastor. We meet monthly and all are invited to attend our meetings. Consult the bulletin or Collaborative calendar for meeting dates and locations.

Flocknote



Flocknote is a simple, user-friendly service to help our "flock" stay in touch with all the exciting things happening in our parishes. We can text and/or email you important news about parish ministries and events periodically as well as cancellations. This is free and does not involve usernames or passwords or, most importantly spam.

For IC Parish news, text "IC PARISH" to 84576 and for HR Parish news, text "HRPARISH" to 84576. Once you are texted back, you will be able to go to the website "dashboard" to select any other groups you might want to join.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

The Easter collections support Clergy Benefit Trust (See page 5 for details.). The second collection next weekend (April 16) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. 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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See page 6 for details or visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



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HR Indoor Yard Sale

The Activities Committee will be having an **Indoor Yard Sale** in the Nativity Hall on **Saturday, April 29** from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. We are asking you to look around your home and donate those items that you just don't need or use anymore but are still in good condition. We will be accepting your **donations** (no clothing, please) on the 2 weekends before the yard sale: Saturdays, **April 15 and 22 from 1:30–3:30 p.m. and Sundays, April 16 and 23 from 9:30–11:30 a.m.** Please know, we will **not** be able to accept donations the day of the yard sale.

HR Online Giving

It's convenient and safe. To learn more about Online giving (one-time or recurring donation options available), visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724 x 402.

Raffle Tickets to Benefit Autism Awareness of Greater Newburyport/Haverhill

TX Hockey Tournaments, Inc. is holding its annual Spring charity hockey tournament at the Haverhill High School rink on April 15–16. All proceeds will go to Autism Awareness of Greater Newburyport/Haverhill area.

Admission is free. Games on the 15th begin at 1:00 p.m. and on the 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Raffle prize ticket purchases and silent auction bids can be made on the tournament website at <https://shamrockshootout.wordpress.com/>.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Alleluia! He is risen, He is truly risen!



What better way to share the joy of the salvation that we receive from the Resurrection of Jesus than to help our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in whom we see the face of our Redeemer? He is present to us now and always. He walks with us. Join us in our mission of service to the poor in our community. Together we make a difference. Our needs continue beyond the "14th station." Please give generously. Return your **Lenten Mite Boxes** at your convenience. Drop bins will be in the rear of Nativity and St. Ann churches.

Thank you for remembering and helping those in need.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to HR SVdP, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

Don't forget the clothes collection bin behind the Green St., Merrimac rectory and also beside the Food Mart in West Newbury. As always, we appreciate your generosity.

If you know of someone who needs help, please have them call our hotline at 978-346-8604 X4.

Shawls and Lapghans

Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy! We would be happy to deliver to anyone. Or if you personally would like to give one to a friend, relative or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673 or hvktax@aol.com. Come join us. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you!

We will be taking a "winter break" from our meetings until May 4, but will continue to deliver shawls and lapghans to those who need them during our break. When we start again, we meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. **Our next meeting is Thursday, May 4. All are welcome!**

Communion to the Homebound

We would like to offer our Holy Redeemer parishioners the opportunity to receive the Eucharist if you are homebound or unable to attend Mass on a regular basis. If any parishioner knows of someone who might be interested in receiving the Eucharist, please also let us know. This could be a one-time occasion, or a regular schedule could be arranged. Please call Melinda Burrell at 978-462-2724 to schedule a visit.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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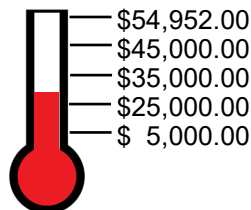
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Newburyport Scouting

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

For more information about Troop 21 or to get information on upcoming troop events, please check out our website at www.nbptroop21.org.

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!

Volunteer for Consolers Circle

Consolers Circle is asking for additional volunteers for one of our three teams. Volunteers are asked to supply a dish for the meal. Please contact Melinda (978-462-2724) if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

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.

Happy Easter

The Immaculate Conception School staff, students and families wish you a very Blessed Easter



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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.

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.

Recitation of the Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. (before 9:00 Mass) in person at IC Church or on Facebook.

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The Pelican Intervention Fund



We provide funding for non-profit, 12-step residential sober homes for economically challenged men and women struggling with addiction. Questions? Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more. Donations can be made to **"The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF"**

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IC Precious Gifts



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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. Also, all are welcome to join us on the first Sunday of every month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the IC parish center for coffee and donuts.

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

Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Scientific Education for IC Parish Students

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

Scholarship eligibility:

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

Completed applications must be postmarked and returned to the Trustees no later than **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**.

Harvest Fair

Join us and make new friends

As part of the 175th anniversary celebration of IC Church, we are planning to hold a Harvest Fair on Saturday, October 21. It will include a bake sale, artisan/craft tables, Grandma's Attic table, a wine rack, raffles, 175th anniversary commemorative items, and much more.

In order to make this happen, we need volunteers—many volunteers! We currently meet once a month. If you'd like to share your talents and have some fun meeting new friends, come to our next meeting on **Thursday, May 4, at 9:45 a.m.** in the IC Charity Dining Room or contact Betty Harrington at 978-595-7776 or hbees@comcast.net.

Attention vendors: Are you a local vendor looking to sell your creative treasures? Our committee is looking for up to 15 vendors to fill our gymnasium with artistic holiday items. If you are interested in reserving a table at our IC Harvest Fair or know someone who may be interested, contact Kathie at Kathie108a@gmail.com and include a picture of the items or crafts you will be selling.

Happy Easter!

Bundle Sunday

Clothing Donation Event June 24–25



Bundle up your old clothes for donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. A collection truck will be in the Immaculate Conception church parking lot. Clothing and shoes of every size will be accepted. No toys or household items. This donation event begins on Saturday morning June 24 and ends early Sunday afternoon June 25. Save the date!

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

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!

IC Parish: 175th Anniversary

Immaculate Conception Parish celebrates 175 years

In celebration of this milestone of faith and service to the greater Newburyport community, the parish is planning a series of events throughout the year.

A committee has formed to create, plan, and execute these yearlong events, focused on celebrating the history of our parish and our patroness. If you would like to be part of the planning, join our next meeting. Watch the bulletin for upcoming times and events.



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.



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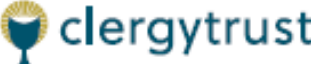
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