

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

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All Are Welcome



The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
(from 1Pt 2:7)



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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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

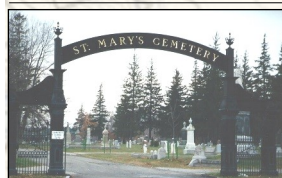
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/6)

4:00pm **IC James T. Stehlin** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

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

Sunday (5/7)

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

9:00am **IC Kathryn Mercier Mscisz, Luke Piscillo** (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:30am **IC Mary Razza, Lena Filomia, Luke Piscillo** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (5/8)

9:00am **IC For the intentions of Peter G. D'Ambrosio** (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (5/9)

9:00am **IC Jean Foley Doyle** (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (5/10)

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

Thursday (5/11)

9:00am **IC Sarah Maria Ramirez** (Fr. Morin)

Friday (5/12)

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

Saturday (5/13)

4:00pm **IC Jean Basque, Maureen Waddell, Jeanne Sheehan** (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (5/14)

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

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

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

11:30am **IC Robert Filomia, Edward Sanchez** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember Mary Leary and 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: hricatholic.org and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).

Adoration is Rest



Maybe use words. Maybe use no words. Simply let the impulse of the Holy Spirit nourish your desire to grow in humility, virtue, age, wisdom and grace. Leave all the rest to the Holy One who calls you to savor rest with Him in Adoration's holy hour.

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.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Rocks are all around us. Whether used as building material or removed to make way for whatever comes next, they line our pathways, wall-up our gardens, and adorn our hearths. Ancient and unmoving, rocks can seem like the deadest of materials.



They are made in the secret processes of the earth—forged in the furnaces of volcanoes, made up of layers of sediment from eons of ocean debris or perhaps compressed in the unbelievable pressures of the underground. Seemingly eternal, they are also as lifeless as can be. Life can only take root, when the rock is broken down into sand and dirt by the wind and waves and sea. Only then can something new and fresh emerge.

It is with curiosity then, that we encounter a chunk of rock being likened to Christ, and not just any old rock, but one that seems to have no other place or use in our human world of buildings and structures. When constructing a wall, we humans carefully choose rocks that fit together well, that complement each other and will work together to strengthen the overall wall or foundation, thus ensuring its longevity and stability. Some are rejected for this purpose, because they just do not fit in, at least in our human estimation. To use them would cause instability, an imbalance in the structure, and likely an inevitable collapse.

That Jesus would be looked upon as this rejected, misshapen stone describes His place well. To the human eye, Christ is not at all what we would be looking for in a King, a Savior, a Messiah and Lord. We want power and strength, victory and conquest! Jesus, rather, was meek and mild, gentle and humble. He was easy to overlook, to marginalize, to falsely condemn and be rid of. Rejecting Him was the simple and easy solution to the subtle yet persistent challenge that He presented to the structure of the whole. His mere presence was destabilizing, lest anyone actually try and build on His words, follow His

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CPR Training

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

(This week's sessions in red)

Nativity Hall:

Tuesday, May 9, 6–8 p.m.

IC Charity Dining Room:

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

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, May 8

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

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

Scout Troop 41 Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, May 9

Women's AA Mtg. 7:00am, St. Ann Hall

Breaking Bread Meal (in-person) 4:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

CPR Training 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

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, May 10

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, May 11

Mysteries of the Rosary Series 9:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

First Communion Rehearsal 4:00pm, Nativity Church

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, May 12

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, May 13

CPR Training 9:00am, IC Charity Dining Room

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day

Crowning of Mary 10:00am, IC Church Grounds

Baptisms 1:30pm, 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.

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. May 14 at 1:30 p.m. is the next scheduled date. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

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example or find strength in His love. Thus He was cast aside in the most dehumanizing of ways so that no one dare follow His lines or place their hopes in His simplicity.

But God's ways are not our ways. Where we see defect, God sees perfection. What we label as refuse and waste, God rejoices in as great luxury and wealth. What we cast aside as useless, God chooses to build with and make it the very cornerstone, the most important part of the whole structure! On it, all of the weight of everything else that will follow will rest securely. God has done this, and it is a marvel in our sight! This gives us great hope today, for how many of us have ever felt out of place, like we don't really fit in or are regularly misunderstood and unwanted? How many of us have ever been overlooked and even rejected outright simply because of who we are? How many of us never feel at home, never seem to be at peace or struggle to find true rest? How many times have we been persecuted for our beliefs, attacked for what we think and feel or just plain marginalized and ignored for who others think us to be? Jesus suffered all of these and more because of His uniqueness before God and all of humanity. He did this willingly, so that you and I could truly live...as last week's Gospel passage put, "Have life and have it abundantly!"

So, the next time you stumble across the humble rock, trip over the occasional cobblestone or dash your foot against a...well, you know!...think of Jesus Christ, the rejected One, the One who was so out of place as to redefine what being in-place in this world and the next would mean. Think of Christ, our true cornerstone and eternal hope.

Continued Easter Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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.

www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

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@outlook.com.

Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us May 7, after the 9:00am Mass, in the IC Parish Center for Hospitality Sunday. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.



Hospitality Sunday

1st Sundays after the 9AM Mass | Parish Center



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Prayers for the Sick

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

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

Choir Concert

Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Adult Choir

May 21, 2023, 2:00–3:30 p.m., IC Church



Join us in celebration of the 175th anniversary of the IC parish and be inspired by the transformative power of music.

Enjoy an afternoon of sacred music, hymns, spirituals and instrumentals performed by the Collaborative Adult Choirs and musicians.

A drawing for various raffle items will be held immediately following the concert. There is no admission charge but a free will offering will be graciously accepted in support of the Music Ministry.

Bulletin Information

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



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A Word of Thanks: Food Pantry Donations

This past weekend you helped fill the food collection bins at our churches. Thank you so much for your generous donations of food and personal care items! Many families in need will be helped in our local collaborative communities. The bins will remain at our parishes on an ongoing basis as the need continues to be there. Thank you again for helping to make a difference.

Recommended items include:

Canned goods—vegetables, soups, pork and beans, fruit (especially pineapples)	Tomato sauce
Cereal	Peanut butter and jelly
Rice, Rice-A-Roni	Soap, deodorant, shampoo
Pasta, ramen noodles	Toothpaste and toothbrushes
	Diapers

IC Haiti: Beginnings Part 3

The Saint Boniface Haiti Foundation (SBHF) has been an invaluable resource for IC Haiti since our inception in 2008, providing us with “eyes on the ground” in the Fond des Blancs area to identify particular needs we can attend to. Starting with small but needed projects, we soon took on the mission of constructing and operating an elementary school in the rural community of Puit Chacha. Our Pastors, first Fr. Marc Piché and then Fr. Tim Harrison, fully supported this mission by having second collections taken up four times a year. The financial and prayerful support of parishioners and other generous donors has proven to be the backbone of IC Haiti’s commitment to its mission in Haiti to the present time. We have been able to meet our financial obligations to support the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school as well as to help fund health programs at the Saint Boniface Hospital in Fond des Blancs and to offer relief and recovery funds following natural disasters (2 earthquakes and 2 hurricanes).

In May of 2012, near the end of the first year in the Fr. Marc Piché school, IC Haiti was able to make two \$20,000 grants to SBHF to help fund two new programs at the hospital: a dental care program and a maternal & child healthcare program. We were also able to complete the construction of the school building, to put down a deep water well on school property, and to have the school painted. On top of that, we covered the school operation expenses for the 2012–13 school year, while donating another \$20,000 in early 2013 to continue to support an expanding maternal and child care program at Saint Boniface hospital.

In the spring of 2013, our Board of Directors made a commitment to fund a hot lunch program the following school year as well as a dental care program for the school children subject to the results of our fundraising. In the 2013–14 school year, administrative problems on the ground in Haiti blocked us from initiating the school lunch program. Fortunately, we were able to rectify that matter for the 2014–15 school year and have been providing breakfast and hot lunches to students ever since. The food program more than doubled our annual operating expenses for the school (from approximately \$12,500 to \$31,000), but we were still able to make two \$25,000 donations to the hospital: one for the hospital’s dental program and one for the hospital’s pharmacy.

IC Haiti’s donors can certainly be grateful to God for the many blessings we have been able to share with our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Clearly both the school community in Puit Chacha and the hospital community in Fond des Blancs can “see” that IC Haiti does indeed “see” them. IC Haiti = I see hope!

Questions of the Week



Adult: As a member of Christ's family, how do your daily actions reflect those of Jesus?

Child: How do you think Jesus wants you to act towards others in your life?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Thank You from Lazarus House Ministries



Parishioners at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on April 30 had the pleasure of hearing from representatives of Lazarus House Ministries on the importance of the care packs provided by the Collaborative during our Lenten collection.

In her remarks to the congregation, Executive Director Carmen Vega, thanked everyone for "doing God's

work" and for our consistent support of their programs. Care packs are distributed by Lazarus House at a rate of 40–50 per day and offer comfort and dignity to their guests who face significant challenges in daily living.

Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative is the "leader of the care pack program for Lazarus House," according to Manager of Stewardship and Advancement, Ellen Bedrosian, and has "inspired other churches to do the same."

If you are interested in learning more and perhaps touring Lazarus House, contact Ellen: ellen@lazarushouse.org. Visit their website at lazarushouse.org.

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is May 10



The HRIC Collaborative Soup & Sandwich Program (formerly the HR Sandwich Program) is asking for volunteers to help make sandwiches for the Lazarus House Ministry. We

deliver on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Thank you to all who have been donating since we started up again. We are delivering over 150 sandwiches every date, and are now bringing 5 gallons of soup.

Sandwiches need to be **individually wrapped or bagged** and returned to the bread wrappers. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are requested at this time, also cold cuts and/or cheese sandwiches. Please, no condiments. **Large** containers of coffee, Adobo, and minced garlic are also welcome. They are also looking for fresh vegetables (not potatoes). 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. (Door on the larger parking lot side of the church).

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

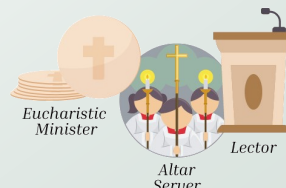
Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

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.

Become a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server

Please consider becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion at Mass. We also continue to encourage new Altar Servers. We will teach you everything you need to know.

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Altar Server and feel the Holy Spirit calling you to serve our Lord, please contact the Collaborative offices at 978-346-8604 or 978-462-2724. No experience necessary.



In the next few weeks we will hold an information session for all interested.

Social Action Committee

The next meeting of the Collaborative Social Action Committee will be Wednesday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. in IC St. Louis Hall.

The purpose of the committee will be to aid those in need in our local communities as well as in the poorer areas of the world. If you or a member of your family is interested in becoming involved, please attend our next meeting. We are particularly interested in getting younger parish members involved, so if your son or daughter has a community service requirement, this would be the perfect opportunity to satisfy it. For more information or if you have suggestions, contact Greg Jablonski: gjabbe@gmail.com.

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.

Mom's Book Club

Are you a mom interested in meeting other HRIC moms? Or a mom looking for a good read? Join Lucia and Kim, both moms of little ones, on June 4 in the IC Parish Center from 10:15–11:30 to discuss Laura Kelley Fanucci's *Everyday Sacrament: The Messy Grace of Parenting*.

From the back cover of the book:

"In *Everyday Sacrament: The Messy Grace of Parenting*, Laura Kelly Fanucci sees the Catholic sacraments through the smudged and sticky lens of life with little ones. From dinnertime chaos to bath-time giggles to never-ending loads of laundry, Laura stumbles into the surprising truth of what the seven sacraments really mean: that God is present always, even in the messes of motherhood. A spiritual memoir of parenting's early years and a sacramental theology rooted in family life, *Everyday Sacrament* offers an honest, humorous, and hopeful look at ordinary moments as full of grace."

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, April 29–30	\$1,535.00
HR Mailed in Offertory, April 29–30	\$ 724.00
HR Online Offertory Giving	\$ 330.00
Total Weekly Offertory	\$2,589.00
Grand Annual Goal: \$25,000	\$19,615

The second collection this weekend (May 7) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (May 14) is the Monthly. Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Holy Redeemer Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

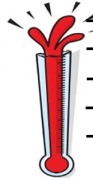
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

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



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Goal: **\$21,665.00**
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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 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 Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724 x 402.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

The Easter story stops short if it is only about Jesus. The full story is the mystery of His presence in us and our mission to extend His healing touch to the suffering people we encounter. Our mission of evangelization demands proof that all this talk of love and mercy is for real. By our faith, we know that it is real. We must show that it is real by the way we live.

Join us in our mission of help for the poor among us. Please contact us if you are interested in joining us. Of course, your donations also demonstrate your support.

Please give as generously as you can.

Please use our poor boxes in the churches or, if you care to mail us a donation, use the envelopes in the pews. 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. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! All are welcome.

Our next meeting is Thursday, June 1. at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.



Thank you to all who were able to set up, donate, work, transport, and clean up for the Indoor Yard Sale. And also thanks to all the shoppers who stopped by!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, April 29–30	\$4,112.00
IC Mailed in Offertory, week ending April 21	\$1,835.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,296.34
Total Weekly Offertory	\$9,243.34
Grand Annual Goal: \$100,000	\$81,825

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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.



IC Catholic Appeal
Goal: \$54,952.00
To Date: \$44,815.00

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Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

To learn more visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 x 402.

May Crowning of Mary

The IC Family and Fellowship Ministry would like to launch our new ministry with our Lady's blessing. Please join us on Mother's Day, May 14, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass to honor and celebrate Mary, our Mother, with prayer, song, and coronation.

We invite our First Communion class of 2023 and all children, families, and parishioners to process to our Blessed Mother outdoor statue (weather permitting) dressed in spring or First Communion attire.

There will be crafts and confections after the ceremony in St. Louis Hall.

Parish Center Elevator

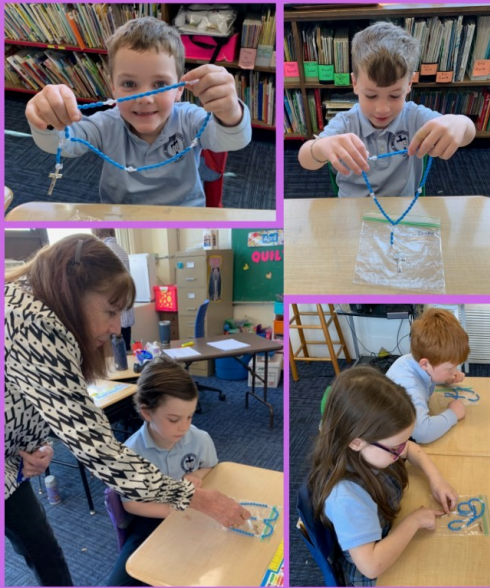
The elevator at the IC Parish Center is out of order until further notice. If you are unable to visit the Parish Center via the stairs, please contact our office at 978-462-2724 and we will make arrangements to connect with you.

Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School first grade students have made their own set of rosary beads for many years. This long-standing tradition is done during the month of May, which is Mary's month. Materials and bead kits have been provided throughout this tradition by a dear friend of the school, Priscilla Arnott.

The students start each school day in May praying a decade of the Rosary. They learn about Our Lady of Lourdes and the Children of Fatima. They learn how to pray the Rosary and learn what a decade is. Math is integrated by calculating how many beads in 5 decades of the Rosary.

Through this wonderful tradition and daily participation in praying the Rosary, honoring Mary will become an important part of the children's lives.



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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.

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Breaking Bread to-go Meal Dining-in Now Available

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner. Supper is served from 4:45–5:30. Those who prefer to continue "Grab & Go" can pick up at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

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.

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, June 1, 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.

IC Berry Festival



Mark your calendars for the **IC Berry Festival** which will be held on Sunday, July 30 on the grounds of IC Church during Yankee Homecoming. This will be our third festival.

Join us for our first Berry Festival **planning meeting** on **Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30** in the IC Charity Dining Room.

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.

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 at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 24** at IC St. Louis Hall. All are welcome.

A New Pastor and a New Church called "Immaculate Conception"

Replacing Father O'Brien on Christmas Eve 1848 was Father Henry Lennon. Fr. Lennon immediately recognized the need for a new church to accommodate the growing congregation. Within a year of his arrival, he was looking for land for a new church. Soon, John Nichols of Salem, acting on behalf of Boston's Bishop Fitzpatrick, purchased land on Green Street for \$1,800.

No time was wasted in building a church. Amid grand ceremonies, the cornerstone was laid by Bishop Fitzpatrick on April 27, 1852. The building contract was granted to Mr. Albert Currier, a master builder from Newburyport. The church was built for a cost of \$20,000.

It was only fitting that a Parish composed of many sons and daughters of Ireland should have its new church dedicated on St. Patrick's Day in 1853. The church was dedicated under the patronage of Mary's Immaculate Conception (referring to dogma that Mary is free of original sin from the very start of her life). The event was attended by at least 1,500 Catholic parishioners and over 1,000 other spectators. On March 18 the *Newburyport Herald* wrote of the event: "The Catholics will have a large and beautiful church and a worthy and beloved pastor to officiate in it. We are glad of this for we honor their faith and respect and love the fervor and sincerity of their devotion."

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