

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024



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"Behold, the Lamb of God."

Jn 1:36

All Are Welcome

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Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985

Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

Phone: 978-346-8604

Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Nativity

Parish offices and church:
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Office Hours: By appointment

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Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Immaculate Conception

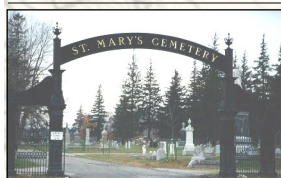
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Confessions

Saturdays 3:00-3:30 p.m., IC Church
Or by appointment. (Call Collaborative
offices to schedule.)



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (1/13)

4:00pm **IC** *Al Hasapis, Will Quirion, For the intentions of Stephen D'Ambrosio* (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (1/14)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)
11:30am **IC** *Angelo Maiello, Paul Michael Doyle* (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (1/15)

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

Tuesday (1/16)

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

Wednesday (1/17)

9:00am **IC** *Douglas Rose* (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (1/18)

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

Friday (1/19)

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

Saturday (1/20)

4:00pm **IC** *Shiela Ramkatawan, Penny Tobias Deschamps* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (1/21)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:30am **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers please remember James H. Moccia, Frances MacDonald, Leonard J. Chiasson, 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: hriccatholic.org.

Holy Hour for Life

Our Collaborative Prays For Life
Monday, January 22, 6:30–7:30 p.m., IC Church



Photo credit: <https://bostoncatholic.org/holy-hour-for-life>

The Collaborative will hold a Holy Hour For Life on the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children at **6:30 p.m. on January 22, 2024** in Immaculate Conception Church. Deacon Dow will lead the evening of Adoration and Benediction while we pray for all those affected by abortion.

The purpose of the Holy Hours is to bring Catholics together in prayerful solidarity for:

- increased respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death
- forgiveness and healing for all those wounded by abortion
- peace for those facing death and terminal illness, and
- holiness within the Church to transform the culture

The Holy Hour for Life, Forgiveness, and Healing is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Office of Diaconal Life and Ministry & the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join us; all are welcome. Invite your friends.

MLK Jr. Day

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, January 15 for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. Offices will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

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/



Bulletin Information

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

Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass will be cancelled if Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Faith Formation classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: hricCatholic.org

Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 16

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

Faith Formation, Grade 2 3:30pm, IC Nazareth Library

Breaking Bread Meal 4:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm, IC Church

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society Mtg. 7:00pm, St. Ann Hall

Wednesday, January 17

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:15pm, IC Church

Thursday, January 18

All-Pilgrimage Reunion Mass & Mtg. 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall/
St. James Chapel

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, January 19

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, January 20

Holy Quilters 8:30am, Nativity Hall

HRIC Baby/Toddler Playgroup 10:00am, IC Charity Dining
Room

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Scout Pack 26 Pinewood Derby 3:00pm, Nativity Hall

Sunday, January 21

Scout Pack 26 Pinewood Derby 12:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Confirmation Prep., Year 2 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Confirmation Prep., Year 2 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

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



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Collaborative Parishes

Adoration Amplifies God's Voice

Silence can intimidate. God's voice reverberating in your heart might, too! Communication requires a speaker and a listener. If God is speaking, listen with reverence. Adoration provides both the sacred space and the necessary sacred silence.

Place: IC Church (enter at Green Street door only)

Time: Thursdays 7:00–8:00 p.m.
Fridays 9:30 a.m.

Adoration



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Christine & Paul Blanchette
Pilgrimage to

Medjugorje

APRIL 8 -16, 2024

Inclusions:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes & surcharges
- 7 nights accommodation
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Transfers, transportation
- Wireless headsets
- Assistance from professional local Catholic guide(s)
- Visit to Community Cenacolo
- Sightseeing and admissions fees
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person), Flight bag

Dubrovnik
2 nights: April 16-18, 2024
\$649 per person
*All pricing is based on double occupancy

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Spiritual Director:
Fr. George Morin

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Flavors of Portugal Duoro River Cruise

October 25 - November 7, 2024

\$8,174 per person from Boston (BOS) in Cabin D

Cabin A: additional \$950 per person
Cabin B: additional \$750 per person

*All pricing based on double occupancy
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- Transfers
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- Tour escort
- Assistance from professional local Catholic guide(s)
- Sightseeing and admissions fees
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Whispers headsets
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person), flight bag

Register Online:
<https://www.206tours.com/blanchette/fatima/>

Contact: alexandra@206tours.com or cat@206tours.com

Fr. Tim Harrison

Category A: Porto Deck-Outside Balcony, 215 sq.ft.
Category B: Lisbon Deck-Outside Balcony, 215 sq.ft.
Category D: Douro Deck-Panoramic Window, 161 sq.ft.

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	Joseph Palumbo
Kathy P. Brodeur	Ferrante	Joanne Pesa
Priscilla Brown	Ed Hardy	Lee Preble
Vasfije Buhali	Jane Harney	Donika Pulake
Martha Collins	Chloe Hequet	Maureen Russell
Autumn Rose	Rosemarie Hines	Rob Schweizer
Coulombe	Linda Hofferty	Frank Siderio
Bill Crounse	Armand Hyatt	Yvonne Sloban
Drew Daubach	Michael Juralewicz	Gary Smith
Kristen	Arthur LaPointe	Arlene Stoddard
D'Entremont	Helen McCance	Tom Tribble
Deb Downie	Patricia Carey	Michael Tucker
Jeanine Ebacher	McCarthy	Maddie Villers
Fowler	Carol O'Neal	Laurent Vincent
Jay Hanslig	Eleanora Paciulan	

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

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.

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, February 1 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.

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.

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. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Mill City Management Corporation, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

AED Kits Update and Thank You!

In 2023, we installed 8 AED (Automated External Defibrillator) kits, as well as "stop bleed" kits and updated first aid kits in our worship spaces and parish halls, including Nativity Church foyer, Nativity hall kitchen, St. Ann Church foyer, St. Ann Church hall, IC Church foyer, IC Church sacristy, IC Pastoral Center St. Louis Hall, and IC Pastoral Center Charity Dining Room kitchen.

We are happy to announce that we have reached our fundraising goal for this project! We have received donations to fully cover the cost of these 8 kits.

A big thank you to all for your generous donations to help cover this cost and to make it possible to have these lifesaving devices installed in both HR and IC spaces.

Collection for the Church in Latin America

January 21

Next week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit <https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-latin-america> for more information.

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.

Our study about women in Scripture, *Discovering Our Dignity by Walking With Purpose*, has begun.

We invite all women to come join us, 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.



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Questions of the Week



Adult: What meaning does your Baptism have in your everyday life?

Child: How does Baptism make you special?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Confessions During Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We have scheduled some extra times for Confession in Lent. All times are 6:30–8:00 p.m. Please join us.

Wednesdays at HR: February 28 (Nativity), March 6 (St. Ann), March 13 (Nativity), March 20 (St. Ann)

Thursdays at IC: February 29, March 7, 14, 21 (During the Eucharistic Revival).

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.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our ministry to the Father Marc Piché school community in south-central Haiti, there is an eight-part historical overview at our website: ichaiti.org. 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."

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.

 (The free App "**Laudate**" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)

Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in the month of **December**:

**Luna Valentina Bellanti • Ava Kennedy Ciaramitaro •
Madelyn Ann Gilbert • Sloane Frances Graydon •
Austin William Joyce • Tess Everly Lemire •
Rosalia Ann Sigmund**

Online Resources

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, hriccatholic.org for information on groups, meetings, faith formation, Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our **calendar**, **Twitter**, **Instagram**, and **Facebook** pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, check out the photos tab, or see our Get Involved tab to see how your talents can be utilized.

Retrouvaille

Marriage can be difficult. We can help. We teach better communication. Join us in one of our upcoming Retrouvaille weekends: February 2 and March 1. Visit HelpOurMarriage.org to learn more.

Bible Study

Some Collaborative members are looking for people who may be interested in joining a Bible study on Wednesday mornings following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at IC. We would meet in the IC parish center weekly. If you are interested, contact Melinda at 978-462-2724.

Community Service of Newburyport



During the Month of January, we will be collecting boxes of tissues (full size), liquid laundry detergent (36 oz or less) and paper towels to restock the shelves at Community Service of Newburyport (CSN).

The mission of CSN is to improve the quality of life by providing economic and social support for the residents of Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury.

Collection bins will be located in all three churches and in the lobby of the Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Personal care products cannot be purchased with federal assistance benefits (SNAP and WIC), and are often sacrificed to buy food. Thank you for your support of this important work. For more information about CSN please visit www.csn1912.org.

Collaborative Faith Formation

**School Year Programs
(K–10, Including Sacramental Prep.**

It's not too late to register your child for class!

Faith Formation schedules and registration forms for the 2023–24 school year are available on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

Baptism

We celebrate this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

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

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IC Offertory Collection

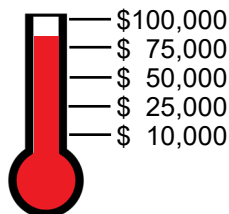
IC Offertory, Jan. 6-7	\$3,185.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Jan 5	\$5,768.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,607.59
Total Weekly Offertory, Jan. 6-7	\$12,560.59
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Jan. 1	\$1,095.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Jan 6-7	\$1,159.00

The second collection this weekend (Jan. 14) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Jan 28) is the Church in Latin America. See page 5 for details.

Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the memo. If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

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

**IC Grand Annual
Goal \$100,000
To Date \$79,795.00**



Pelican Intervention Fund



To date we have placed 135 local men and women into 12-step residential sober living. 12-step recovery programs receive no federal/state funding and insurance won't cover costs due to its faith-based nature. So, your support is more important than ever.

The Pelican Intervention Fund envelopes can be dropped in the collection at any time according to your means. Make checks payable to HR or IC Parish. Totals will be reported quarterly.

Visit our website at www.pelicaninterventionfund.org

The Compassionate Friends



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

Our next monthly support meeting is Monday, **January 22** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Contact Mel Yell, 978-764-2547 or Heidi Damiano, 978-360-7525 with questions.

Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our Collaborative and hope you take an active part in parish life. Registration forms are available online at hriccatholic.org or you can call the Collaborative offices to register.

Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School cultivates a sense of community by fostering relationships across student age groups. Special activities are planned throughout the school year, especially between the 8th grade and the Pre-K students. One beloved celebration is the New Year's Eve party that took place earlier this month after the students returned from Christmas vacation. The children came to school dressed in their fanciest, most glittering outfits, many of the boys wore bow ties. The children wore "2024" crowns and made confetti poppers from paper tubes and brightly colored pom poms. The disco ball and dance party music in the classroom provided a festive ambiance which came to a crescendo when everyone counted down to "midnight." The 8th grade students love the important role they play for the younger children in making memories and carrying on IC traditions.



With today's challenges and stressors, fostering a feeling of belonging is important for children of all ages. The friendships and relationships that occur naturally through purposefully planned events ties directly to Immaculate Conceptions School's mission. Give us a call to learn more about the advantages of an IC education!! 978-465-7780 icsnewburyport.com

Happy New Year!!

Photo courtesy of the 2024 Yearbook Team

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.

You can now make online donations on our website: **www.svdpnnewburyport.org**. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "**Svdp of Newburyport**" and drop it into the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Breaking Bread Meal

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!

IC Online Giving

To get started, you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. You can also register online.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

IC Faith, Fun, and Fellowship Committee

After such a glorious and fun gala on Friday, December 8 to celebrate our 175th Anniversary, a group of parishioners shared our hopes with one another that having that much fun as a parish is something we'd love to do more often.

We are reaching out to all our fun-loving parishioners to join in! We will be having our first meeting of Immaculate Conception Parish's Faith, Fun, and Fellowship Committee after the New Year. If you would like to be a part of our parish's new committee please contact Nancy Rose via text at 978-270-1579. Thank you and let the fun continue!

The God Minute

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



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

IC's 50th Anniversary Celebration

IC's 175th Anniversary History Continued

We last saw Reverend Ryan, our fourth Pastor, preparing the church for the 50th anniversary of dedication in 1903. The original celebration of the Golden Jubilee was scheduled to occur on the exact anniversary date of March 17, but the building renovations were not yet complete. So, on May 3, 1903 with Solemn Requiem for deceased priests, sisters, and parishioners Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Williams. On that same Sunday, 750 children from the parish marched in procession through Washington Street, up Court Street, around the Mall, down Green Street and into the church for Benediction. The climax of the celebration was a banquet at City Hall on Monday evening. The procession to the banquet tables was led by Rev. Ryan and Mayor James F. Carens. Toastmaster for that blessed event was Andrew J. Casey, who introduced the following speakers: Fr. Teeling (past Pastor), Father Halley, Father Nilan, Father Kelly, Father William Casey, Mayor Carens, Robert E. Burke, Esq., and John H. Graham.

Over 100 years later, our Parish enthusiastically celebrated our 175th anniversary this past December with Masses celebrated by Bishop Hennessey, Cardinal O'Malley, a banquet and proclamation from Newburyport's Mayor. Note the similarities!

Photos from the 175th anniversary Mass, Gala, and Feast Day Mass are available on our website: www.hriccatholic.org

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.

Newburyport Scouting

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

The Scouts Troop 21 is looking for boys and girls aged 11–17 to join and participate in the adventures of Scouting! Troop 21 welcomes any youth looking to join; no prior scouting experience is necessary.

Based in Newburyport at the IC Church, Troop 21 is led by Leonard Wallace and Dr. Michelle LaFlamme and offers opportunities to learn and develop life and leadership skills, make new friends through a combination of outdoor activities, visits to cultural or historical sites and much more.

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

175th Anniversary Website Page

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.

Take a minute to visit the IC 175th Anniversary page on the Collaborative Website, www.hriccatholic.org for many upcoming events as well as past events and photo links.

175th Anniversary Prayer

Immaculate Conception Church

1848-2023

Gracious and loving Father, on this 175th anniversary of our Parish, we celebrate our past and rejoice in our present.

We praise You for all the joy we have shared in these years of faith and fellowship. We pray for all who together make up this community of Your people.

Through the guidance and intercession of our Patroness, may we be ever mindful of the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit who renews all things.

May our Parish continue to grow as a home for all who seek Your love and mercy. Mary, Queen of Peace, conceived without original sin, pray for us. Amen

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Jan. 6–7	\$ 998.74
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Jan. 5	\$ 470.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 377.50
Total Weekly Offertory, Jan. 6–7	\$1,846.24
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Jan. 1	\$ 398.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Jan 6–7	\$ 362.00

The second collection this weekend (Jan. 14) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Jan 28) is the Church in Latin America. See page 5 for details.

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: hrccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

**HR Grand Annual
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Activities Committee

Gift Baskets and Christmas Cards Wanted



We are looking to recycle and reuse **gift baskets**.

If you received any baskets this Christmas and have no use for them, the Activities Committee would love to repurpose them for next year's **Holiday Fair**.

Please leave the baskets in the back of either church and we will collect them to paint and spruce up for our fair in November.

Also, we are looking to reuse **Christmas cards**. Please leave Christmas cards in the back of either church and we will reuse them next year too!



HR Online Giving

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.

To learn more visit our website, hrccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 x 402

St. Ann Coffee Hour

Rescheduled to January 14.

St. Ann Church Welcomes All to the Return of Our "Coffee And..."



We welcome all to join us this weekend for St. Ann's "Coffee And..." coffee social. We will meet on **Sunday, January 14**, after the 10:00 Mass. We hope you will join us in the church hall, for coffee and baked goods, to visit with old friends, and to make new ones. For your convenience, the side door on the parking lot side will be open with easier access to the hall.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

As we take stock of the Christmas season we are again both amazed and grateful for the generosity of your donations. Several gift cards and hundreds of dollars poured in to our collections. We could not address the needs of those in Merrimac and West Newbury that are less fortunate. In the coming weeks we will give you summaries of our activities.

Thank you

We first start with Elaine, a single mother of three children ages 2, 7, and 12 who moved to Merrimac this past fall. After first/last month rent and security deposit expenses she was unable to pay her utility bills. We were able to provide for these expenses and assure that she had heat and lights at Christmas. We could not do this without your help.

The ongoing needs of the needy in our community will require your continued support in the form of donations. We ask for your help now and in the new year. Please make use of the envelopes in the pews at St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or placed in the poor boxes. An even easier way to donate would be to scan the QR code or visit to <https://bit.ly/stvincent-holy-redeemer> to donate. As always, anything that you can give is greatly appreciated.



Please keep us and those we serve in your prayers.

Volunteers for Confessions During Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We have scheduled some extra times for Confession during Lent. We are looking for parishioners from St. Ann and Nativity to be present in the churches during Wednesday night Confessions from 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Dates: February 28 (Nativity), March 6 (St. Ann), March 13 (Nativity), March 20 (St Ann)

This is a wonderful opportunity to attend Confession and sit in the silence of the church to pray or read. There is nothing to do—just be a presence in the church during Confessions. To volunteer, contact Melinda (978-346-8604).



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