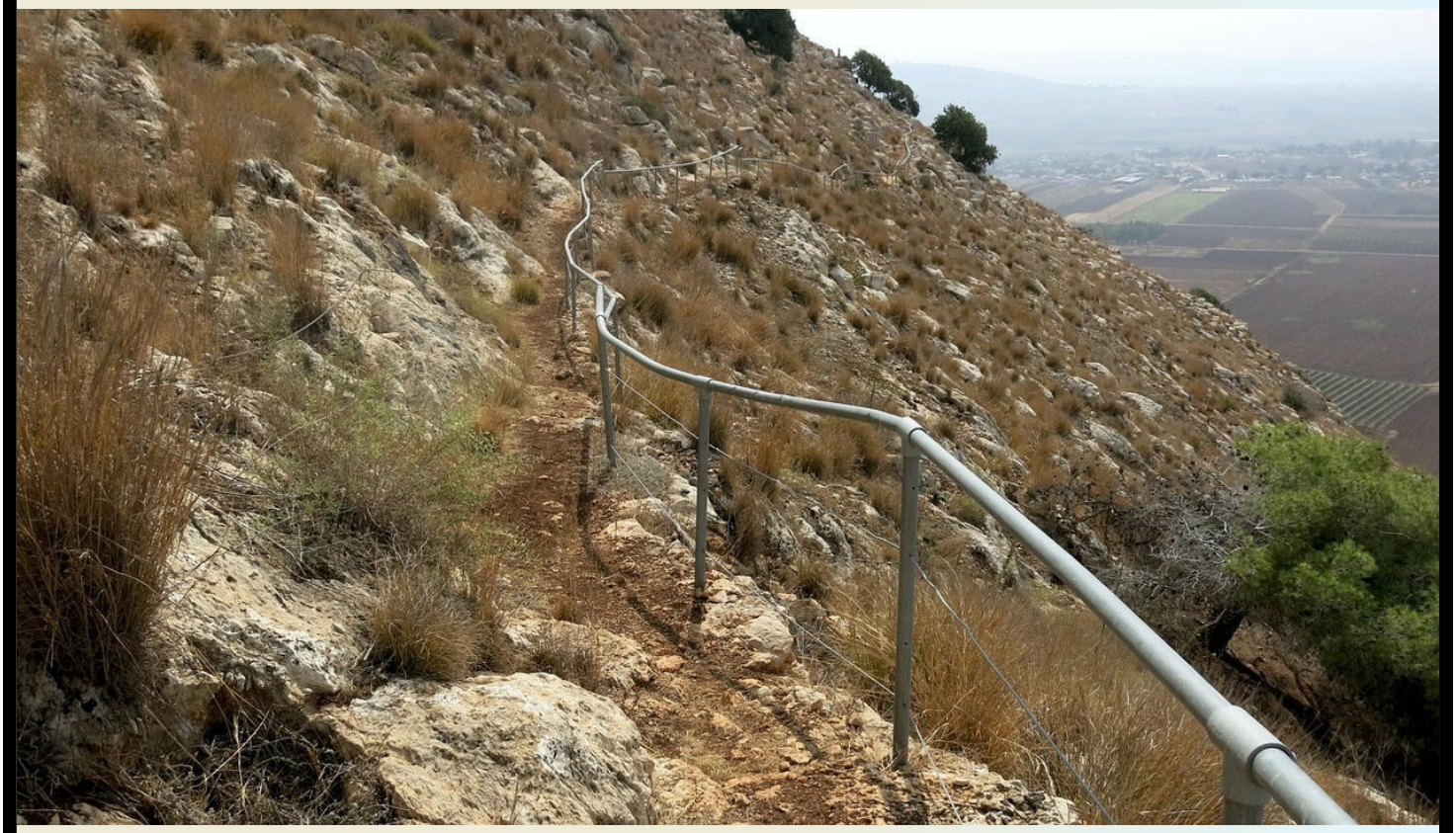
Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

Serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2022

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The side of the hill on which Nazareth was built

"They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away."

(Lk 4: 29-30)

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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Phone: 978-346-8604
Email: info@hriccatholic.org

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Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (1/29)
4:00pm **IC** *Bunny Connors, In memory of Joseph H. Brown Jr., Denise Foley, Andrea Cormier* (Fr. McLaughlin)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)
Sunday (1/30)
8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)
9:00am **IC** *Mary Frances Weiner* (Fr. Morin)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)
11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
Monday (1/31)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
Tuesday (2/1)
9:00am **IC** *Eileen C. Packard* (Fr. Harrison)
Wednesday (2/2)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
Thursday (2/3)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)
Friday (2/4)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)
Saturday (2/5)
4:00pm **St Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
4:00pm **IC** *Peggy Rice, John Gerard Stack* (Fr. Stanley)
Sunday (2/6)
8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
11:30am **IC** *Berta Moore* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Leo J. Finnegan and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
Nativity—Merrimac
St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through Facebook: (Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes)

Adoration



We offer Adoration at IC Church two times during the week. All are welcome. No experience necessary. ***Note: enter at Green Street door only.***

Join us for Adoration on **Thursdays from 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Adoration/Benediction is also available in IC Church on **Fridays immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass***.

**Note*: If a Friday funeral is scheduled, or in the absence of a presider, IC Church will remain open for "Sacred Silence" only. Check the HRIC calendar online for updated information. The calendar link can be found on our website: hriccatholic.org.

From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

I wish I had a dollar for every time that I have witnessed St. Paul's treatise on Love used as a reading at a wedding or even a funeral! I believe that this passage from his First Letter to the Corinthians is the most eloquent passage in the whole Bible. It cuts through our human pretense and distills anything superfluous from our speech when we consider what love truly is.

A most-overused word in our modern day, true love cannot be reduced to an affection or momentary "like." It cannot be seen as a transitory attachment to an object nor a superlative emoji. Love isn't a feeling at all, but rather an action that speaks louder and more clearly than any words ever could. Love has both as its source and end, God. While human emotions may react to its living manifestation in our lives, it is not required to "feel" love in order for love to be truly present. Just ask any parent what they are feeling when they get up at 3 a.m. to change a dirty diaper! A guarantee: they are not feeling anything pleasant or joyful at that moment!! Ask them why they do it, almost certainly they will say that it is done out of love.

Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross was not joyful or pleasurable in any way, yet it was clearly the greatest act of Love we will ever witness. In His flesh, Jesus gave birth to St. Paul's words as He bore all of our sins, believing in His heart that God would be faithful, clinging to the hope that God would save Him and endured the very worst of this world, so great was His faithfulness. Jesus showed us that love never fails by His resurrection from the dead.

It has been said that no matter how much wealth or blessings we accumulate in this world, "You can't take it with you into Heaven." St. Paul would disagree, reminding us that there are three things we can take with us: "In the end, there are three things that last—faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is love!" (I Cor 13:13)

With Jesus' example and St. Paul's words to inspire us, may we seek to love God and others to the very best of our ability so that hearts may be rendered and new grace bestowed on those who await God's mercy.

Winter blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Facebook Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses:

1. Go to our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/) at the appointed time. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet using the above link.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The LIVE video should be the first one on the list.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, January 31
AA Meeting 10:30am, *IC St. Louis Hall*
Women at the Well Meeting 6:30pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*

***Tuesday,* February 1**
Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*
IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, *IC Church*

***Wednesday,* February 2**
Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, *IC Nazareth Library*
Cub Scouts #26 Meeting 5:00pm, *St. Ann Hall*
New Hope Family Support Group 7:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*

***Thursday,* February 3**
Adoration 7:00pm, *IC Church*

Friday, February 4
Adoration 9:30am, *IC Church*
First Penance Service 4:00pm, *IC Church*
AA Meeting 7:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*

Saturday, February 5
Holy Quilters 9:00am, *Nativity Hall*
Confessions 3:00pm, *IC Church*

Sunday, February 6
RCIA 9:30am, *IC Conference Room 209*
IC Faith Formation 10:00am, *IC Parish Center*
Cub Scouts #26 Pinewood Derby 12:00pm, *Nativity Hall*
IC Confirmation Prep, Year 2 3:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*

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

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.)*

Bulletin Information

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

Collaborative Pastoral Council

Invitation to Participate in the Collaborative Pastoral Council Meetings

We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings, giving you a chance to listen to our discussions and to comment or ask questions at certain points in the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom**. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council, you can reach out to Jim at Jimwilliamson35@gmail.com.

HRIC Pastoral Council Members 2021–2022

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Steve DiCamillo
Sue Coppinger
Paula Higgins

Ex-Officio
Fr. Tim Harrison
Deacon Paul Dow
Deacon John Moranski
Aaron Giard

ENGAGE & FORMED

We have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.

To access the resources of Word on Fire's **ENGAGE**, register at flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

To access **FORMED**, visit formed.org, click "Sign up," then "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" to log in.

Face Masks Required

January 6 Update



The Archdiocese of Boston is requiring all people attending public Masses to wear a face mask for the duration of the service. Children under the age of 5 are not required to wear masks. Children under the age of 2 should not wear masks.

This applies to weekend Masses as well as Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, and any indoor prayer services. This requirement will be in place **until at least March 3** (Thursday after Ash Wednesday). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Face masks will be available at the doors of all of our churches in case any parishioner needs one. In addition, we will continue to provide a designated area in which social distancing is respected for those who want to use it.

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Synod on Synodality

Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in the Synod on Synodality. What does that mean? Here in Boston it means that we will be gathering, as parishes and as a diocese to pray together and to invite the Holy Spirit to help us to listen deeply to one another, and we will talk together about how best to do that.

So, for instance, a parish council may get together and ask, "How can we as a parish council do a better job of letting the voices of all our parishioners be heard, even those who are not a part of an inner circle or who might be marginalized for whatever reason?"

The archdiocese and the church around the world will be engaging in the same sort of conversation. We pray that the Lord will open our hearts to Him and to all of our people.

Winter Weather Mass Cancellations



Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if either Pentucket Regional or Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Faith Formation classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Chanel 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.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and want assistance with grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, meal deliveries, etc., please call the Collaborative offices at **978-462-2724** or **978-346-8604 (ext. 1000)** and let us know how we can help.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors volunteers would love to give you a call to chat or send you a note. We know that this is a difficult time for everyone, particularly to those who live alone. Let us help brighten your day! If you would be interested in receiving a call or note, please call the HRIC offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 (ext. 1000) and leave your name, address, and phone number and we will reach out to you.

Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception Collaborative Staff Announcement



Please welcome our newest staff member, Christine Breslow (*pictured right*).

Christine joins our office staff at the Newburyport Parish Center as Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper. She has years of experience working in administrative and financial positions at several other parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston.

In addition to Christine joining us, Melinda Burrell will be taking on some additional administrative duties at the Newburyport Parish Center. Both Christine and Melinda will be in 1st floor offices along with Linda Temple and Dennis LaMalfa.

Please feel free to stop by to say hello.

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.

Support after Breast Cancer Loss

Do you know a New England area family who has lost a loved one to breast cancer and is in need of financial and/or emotional support? Runway for Recovery is a Newburyport non-profit that funds families who have lost a loved one to breast cancer. We aim to reduce the financial and logistical burdens of a loss and bolster families with needed psychological, social, and financial support. Runway for Recovery is committed to being flexible with families in order to address their specific needs. We encourage you to apply and learn more here:

https://runwayforrecovery.org/familygrants/

Virtual Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook twice every week. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook. www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

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women at the well

Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Seeking a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social, or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

Welcome to Women at the Well: A weekly Bible Study for women seeking to grow closer to God and cultivate community!

*We meet every **Monday at 6:30 p.m.** If you can't 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.*

In-person: IC Charity Dining Room
Zoom: Email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

Holy Communion in the Hand

One COVID-related restriction we are still being asked to do by the Archdiocese is to *receive Holy Communion only in the hand*.

Those distributing Communion on the tongue would be required to stop and sanitize their hands after every person whom they gave Communion to. So at this time everyone is being asked to only receive Communion in the hand. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

IC Haiti

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."**

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.

Join the Knights!

Second Tuesdays at 7pm
IC Parish Center Library

For More Info:
Matt Blanchette
978.697.5135
kofc231@gmail.com

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Afghan Resettlement Project

"Helping the stranger" and welcoming Afghanistan refugee families

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."
Matthew 25: 31–40

As many may know, three local churches are sponsoring refugee families from Afghanistan—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport; First Religious Society Unitarian Church, 26 Pleasant Street, Newburyport; and West Newbury Congregational Church, 308 Main St, West Newbury.

Three families are here and are settling into temporary housing in the area. As you may expect, they need help to sustain these families while they try to find employment.

To make a donation to assist the families visit onrealm.org/frsuu/-/form/give/now, choose an amount, then go to the fund line and select "Afghan Resettlement" from the menu.

The Congregational Church in West Newbury needs donations in the form of gift cards from stores like Walmart, Target, CVS, Walgreens, Market Basket, Shaw's, etc. They can also accept checks. Anyone wanting to help in this way, can send donations to West Newbury Congregational Church, 308 Main Street, West Newbury 01985. Please attach a note stating the donation is for the Afghanistan Resettlement Project.

Questions of the Week

Adult: Consider the meaning of the proverbs Jesus quoted to the people of Nazareth. How do they relate to your own family?

Child: The people of Nazareth did not always want to listen and do what Jesus said because it could be hard. What are some things Jesus asks us to do that might be hard?

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown
Fr. Drew Christiansen
Susan Gerroir
Charmaine Haan
Hillar Haan
Joe Messina
Jerry Mullen
Vincent Oberhofer
Maureen Russell
Rob Schweitzer
Mary Shachok
Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker
Jim Williamson

RCIA

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? RCIA is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or for youth that have not yet received the sacraments in the traditional years. If you would like to learn more about this program, contact Deacon John Moranski, 978-432-1443, jmoranski51@gmail.com.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Jan. 22–23	**$1,185.00**
Church in Latin America, Jan. 22–23	**$ 360.00**
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Jan. 21	**$ 530.00**

No second collection this weekend (Jan. 30). The second collection next weekend (Feb. 6) is Fuel.

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.

HR Grand Annual Goal $25,000
To Date $20,020.00



Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** for the month of **February**.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

The HR Society of Saint Vincent de Paul thanks you for your ongoing generosity. We would be unable to help our local clients without your assistance. All donations go directly to those in need.

You will find addressed SVdP envelopes in the pews at both churches. Please place donations into the envelopes and either mail or place the envelopes in the collection. You can also place donations in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

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

Stations of the Cross at HR

Stations of the Cross will cycle between Nativity and St. Ann throughout the **Fridays during Lent.**

We are looking for interested parishioners to help:

- make simple, meatless meals
- as readers
- as cross-bearers or candle holders

Anyone interested can contact Aaron Giard (978-462-2724 x7405) or agiard@hriccatholic.org by February 11.

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HR Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021–22 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, February 13, at 1:30 p.m. No Baptisms will take place during Lent. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021–22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 and 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

HR Prayer Shawl

If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Helen hvktax@aol.com or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.



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, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

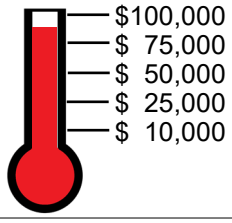
IC Offertory, Jan. 22–23	**$2,712.00**
Church in Latin America, Jan 22–23	**$ 600.00**
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Jan. 21	**$ 920.00**

No second collection this weekend (Jan. 30). The second collection next weekend (Feb. 6) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

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 $91,555.00



IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation.

To get started, register as a member of Immaculate Conception Parish if you are not yet registered. Forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

Once registered, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

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

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.

To donate, you can visit our website to donate online at www.svdpnewburyport.org, or drop your donation (checks payable to "SVdP of Newburyport") into the collection box at Mass, or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

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

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

Immaculate Conception School



Immaculate Conception School is very excited about the reopening of our Pre-Kindergarten program, planned for September 2022. We are thrilled to announce that Mrs. Marybeth O'Keefe, our current 2nd grade teacher, will be our lead Pre-K teacher beginning in September. Mrs. O'Keefe joined our school faculty in February of 2020 after ten successful years teaching at the prestigious Spruce Street Nursery School in Boston. In addition to a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education, Marybeth is certified as an Early Education Director and has extensive background in teaching and curriculum development for Pre-K programs. With this new appointment, Marybeth achieves personal and professional goals, and our community will be greatly enhanced by her knowledge, experiences, and dedication. She is a graduate of the IC and it was in Sister Mary's 2nd Grade class that Mary Beth decided that she wanted to become a teacher.



Pictured is Marybeth O'Keefe with Sister Mary Braley on Sister's 80th birthday.

Immaculate Conception is currently accepting registrations for preschool-age children who will be 3 years old by September 1, 2022. The Pre-K program hours are 8:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m. with the option of adding additional days by choice so Pre-K children can stay until the whole school dismissal time of 2:40 p.m. A four or five day option is available to families. Pre-K aged students are also welcome at Before Care starting at 7:00 a.m. and at Aftercare until 5:30 p.m. The Pre-K program curriculum is play based and includes Religion, Spanish, Music, Art, and Physical Education. Our Pre-K children will be included in all-school events such as school Masses, Advent Concert, FunRun, Read-A-Thon, and service projects. We look forward to all that Mrs. O'Keefe will bring to our Pre-K program and the joyful sounds of young children's voices within your halls.

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

IC PARISH

IC Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021–22 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org\

Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, February 13, at 1:30 p.m. No Baptisms will take place during Lent. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021–22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 and 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

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The Pelican Intervention Fund



The Pelican Intervention Fund was established in 2015. We are a non-profit, grass roots, all-volunteer group dedicated to supporting local men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. Our Mission is to provide funding for non-profit, 12-Step residential sober homes for economically challenged men and women struggling with addiction.

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Ecumenical Taizé

Groveland Congregational Church invites the community to attend the upcoming Taizé candlelight meditation service which will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 6, at the church (4 King St., Groveland). The theme will be trust and hope in God's loving care for us. During these uncertain times, it is good to take some quiet time to pray and meditate on how we are always held in God's care. We gather in the candlelit sanctuary to listen to scripture, offer petitions, sing simple refrains, and enjoy an extended period of silent meditation. Give yourself this gift of peace in God's presence, with renewed hope for the future. The service is also live-streamed on the church's Facebook page. If you plan on attending in person, check first with the church's Facebook page to make sure Covid restrictions have not closed the church.

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