

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Epiphany of the Lord  
January 5, 2025

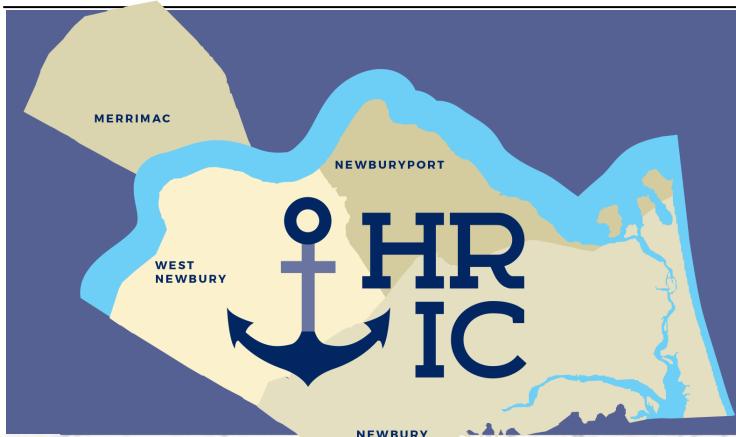
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All Are Welcome



*“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”*

Matthew 2:2



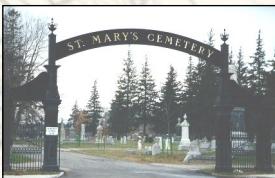
# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

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**  
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## St. Mary's Cemetery

36 Storey Avenue,  
Newburyport 01950

## Nativity

Parish offices and church:  
4 Green St., Merrimac 01860  
Office Hours: By appointment  
**Phone: 978-346-8604**  
Email: [info@hriccatholic.org](mailto:info@hriccatholic.org)

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Parish, church, rectory, and offices:  
42 Green St., Newburyport 01950  
Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.  
**Phone: 978-462-2724**  
Fax: 978-234-7399  
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978-317-8903

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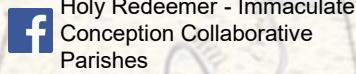
Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir

609-519-3236

### Confessions

Saturdays 3:00–3:30 p.m., IC Church

Or by appointment. (Call Collaborative  
offices to schedule.)



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (1/4)

4:00pm **IC** *Carmella Herlihy* (Fr. Morin)  
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

### Sunday (1/5)

8:30am **Nativity** *Maria Kardas* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)  
9:00am **IC** *Gilda Labarba, Irene Palaimo, Martha R. Collins* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)  
10:00am **St. Ann** *Jerry Mullen* (Fr. Morin)  
11:30am **IC** *Diana Perruccio* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

### Monday (1/6)

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

### Tuesday (1/7)

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

### Wednesday (1/8)

9:00am **IC** *Michael S. Bashaw, For the Niles, Keefe, Swochak, Macri families Stephen & Carol Marvin* (Fr. Stanley)

### Thursday (1/9)

9:00am **IC** *John & Katherine Kelley* (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (1/10)

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

### Saturday (1/11)

4:00pm **IC** *Jerry Lischke* (Fr. Harrison)  
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

### Sunday (1/12)

8:30am **Nativity** *Maria Kardas* (Fr. Harrison)  
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)  
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
11:30am **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

*In your prayers please remember Lillian Brown, Barbara Brodie, Curtis Gerrish, Rosemary Anderson 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](http://hriccatholic.org) as well as our Facebook page.

## Adoration: Make It a Weekly Ritual

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ADORATION



Routines subdue chaos. Weekly morning rituals like Friday Adoration define the attitudes you'll take into daily tasks. Weekly evening rituals like Thursday Adoration, wash away the dross and dial in weekend duties performed as intentional, prayerful encounters with Christ. Adoration is the interior access door! Leave the chaos outside.

**Wednesdays** 3:00–4:00 p.m. Nativity Church

**Thursdays** 7:00–8:00 p.m., IC Church (*enter at Green Street door only*)

**Fridays** 9:30 a.m., IC Church (unless a funeral is scheduled)

## What is the HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program?

Parishioners in the three churches of our Collaborative donate food to the Good Shepherd Center & Soup Kitchen twice a month. The food donated is mostly sandwiches: cold cuts and cheese or PB&J. Some of the food donated by our generous parishioners is in the form of casseroles or soup. Others donate drink mixes, cookies, chips, or fruits and vegetables. Your donations make a huge difference in helping people find a nourishing meal and a glimmer of hope in their challenging lives.



The Good Shepherd Center and Soup Kitchen, part of Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence, MA houses a community day center and a soup kitchen. The soup kitchen serves a continental breakfast and a hot, nutritious noontime meal to anyone who comes through its doors. For many of the guests, the meals they eat at the soup kitchen may very well be their only food of the day. Meals are served by volunteers within the community who generously donate their time, compassion, and a listening ear. **The nutritious and comforting food and beverages that are offered at the soup kitchen come exclusively from donations by individuals, businesses, synagogues, churches, schools, civic organizations and many others.** It is through the generosity and compassion of many that they are most gratefully able to provide these much needed goods and services.

The Good Shepherd Soup Kitchen provides freshly prepared hot meals for more than 300 people a day at breakfast and lunch sittings. The soup kitchen program also offers the community a safe place to gather, interact, pick up some personal care items, and work with a Community Resource Specialist to get help with accessing services and navigating the steps to complete government or agency forms and applications.

Please consider being part of this important initiative. If you are interested in feeding the hungry by donating sandwiches, soups, casseroles, drink mixes, goodies, or any other items, just drop by St. Ann Church Hall from 7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month with your much needed offering. No need to sign up! Volunteers take care of driving the donations to The Good Shepherd Center. It's easy and fulfilling!

Containers for soup donations and foil pans for casserole donations will be provided. Pick up the container and/or foil pan(s) for the next delivery date, at the St. Ann Church Hall from 7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Someone is always available at this time to answer any and all questions you may have and offer you support and encouragement to get involved in a very rewarding ministry.



*Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you? ... And the Lord will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."*

## This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: [hricCatholic.org](http://hricCatholic.org).

### Monday, January 6

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

First Penance Service 4:00pm, St. Ann Church

### Tuesday, January 7

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

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

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

### Wednesday, January 8

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

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Cub Scout Pack 26 Mtg. 5:45pm, St. Ann Hall

Ministry Committee Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Thursday, January 9

Catechist Retreat 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

### Friday, January 10

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

### Saturday, January 11

Baptism Ceremony 1:30pm, IC Church

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Fr. George Birthday Celebration 5:00pm, Nativity Hall

### Sunday, January 12

Faith Formation, Grades K–8 10:00am, IC Parish Center

Fr. George Birthday Celebration 12:30pm, IC School Gym

DAR Mtg. 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Faith Formation, Grade 10 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Faith Formation, Grade 10 6:30pm, 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.

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** Following the example of the Magi, how do you follow the Light of Christ in your life?

**Child:** If you were one of the Magi, what gift would you have wanted to bring to Baby Jesus?

## Online Giving

Both HR and IC offer Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of one of our parish communities. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the Collaborative offices.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org), and click the "Links" tab, then on "HR Parish Online Giving" or "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the appropriate site.

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 Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724 x 402

## HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

### Next delivery is Wednesday, January

 This program delivers soup, sandwiches, and casseroles to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month.

We ask that sandwiches be cut and individually wrapped, then placed in the bread wrapper. Please label the bread wrapper with the variety of sandwich. Cold cuts—with or without cheese—and peanut butter & jelly are favorites. Please do not use condiments.

Homemade soups and casseroles are always gratefully accepted. You can pick up soup containers and/or foil baking pans during the drop off dates/time.

Party-sized powered drink mixes such as iced tea, lemonade, and Kool-Aid, along with fresh fruits and goodies (cookies, chips, candies, etc.) are greatly appreciated!

Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from 7–9 a.m.

## Collaborative Calendar



Did you know we have an online Collaborative calendar? It lists Mass times and all Collaborative events and activities. Access it through the calendar tab on our website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) or you can scan the QR code.

## Collaborative Faith Formation

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

Faith Formation schedules and registration forms for the 2024–25 school year are available on our website at [www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation). Please be sure to check out the new information for Confirmation prep.

### Baptism

**Please note that in January and February 2025 the schedule for celebrating the sacrament of Baptism will have changed. No Baptisms will take place during the 11:30am Mass. Please contact the Collaborative office (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) to review what Baptism dates are available in 2025 prior to the Lenten season.**

### Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation moved from grade 10 to grade 8. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation process have changed. Help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not be aware.

### First Reconciliation Reminder to Parents

Our First Reconciliation Penance Services are coming up: Saturday, January 4, 10:00 a.m. at IC and Monday, January 6, 4:00 p.m. at St. Ann.

## 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. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## All-Pilgrimage Reunion Mass

Join us for an All-Pilgrimage Reunion Mass and social on **Thursday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m.** in Nativity Church and Hall. Anyone who attended one of our pilgrimages is invited to join us.

## 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.

## Prayers for the Sick

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

Patricia Baikewicz	Ed Hardy	Joseph Palumbo
John Bourque	Jane Harney	Joanne Pesa
Kathy P. Brodeur	Chloe Hequet	Elizabeth Pettingell
Priscilla Brown	Armand Hyatt	Donika Pulake
Vasfije Buhali	Justin Johnson	Rose Raimo
Autumn Rose Coulombe	Michael Juralewicz	Rob Schweizer
Bill Crounse	Arthur LaPointe	Yvonne Sloban
Drew Daubach	Michael	Gary Smith
Kristen D'Entremont	Lichtenstein	Arlene Stoddard
Deb Downie	Johannah Lord	Taylor
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	Monica Maguire	Captain Bill Taplin
John Flynn	Sia Mahalati	Tom Tribble
Renee Fowler	Ovidio Martinez	Michael Tucker
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler	Patricia Carey	Maddie Villers
	McCarthy	Laurent Vincent
	Carol O'Neal	
	Eleanora Paciulan	

Contact Collaborative offices to **remove** 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 6 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us!**

### Looking for Yarn Donations

We are always looking for **yarn donations**. Do you have some leftover yarn from an old project? Maybe a family member who no longer knits or crochets? We are asking for **only full skeins and no wool yarn** (we have some who are allergic to wool.). Contact Helen at 978-771-4673 and she will arrange to pick it up.

# MEDJUGORJE



**Spiritual Director:**  
Fr. George Morin



**Group Leaders:**  
Paul & Christine Blanchette



**206 TOURS**  
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**\$2,949 per person from Boston (BOS)**

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Pricing available from any airport:  
[www.206tours.com/airports](http://www.206tours.com/airports)

**Optional 4 nights Post Tour to Dubrovnik and Split:**  
May 06 - 10, 2025  
\$1,873 per person

**April 28 - May 06, 2025**

**SCAN** 

The HRIC Pilgrimage Ministry is excited to announce two Pilgrimages for 2025. Website registration is open now for both of these fantastic itineraries (links below).

**Medjugorje:** [www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/medjugorje/](http://www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/medjugorje/)  
(Booking Code PB042825)

**France:** [www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/france/](http://www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/france/)  
(Booking Code: PB101325)

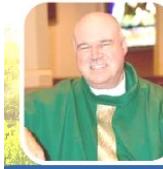
# Great Shrines & Saints of France

**October 13 - 25, 2025**

**\$7,149 per person from Boston (BOS)**

All prices based on double occupancy.  
Pricing available from any airport: [www.206tours.com/airports](http://www.206tours.com/airports)

**SCAN** 



**Spiritual Director:**  
Fr. Tim Harrison



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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## St. Vincent de Paul Clothing



### Drop Box

Immaculate Conception SVdP now offers a St. Vincent de Paul clothing drop box. We are accepting **clothing and shoes only** in the drop box.

The box is located behind the IC Parish Center, nearest Green Street.

## Knights of Columbus

Men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

## DISCOVER YOUR MISSION. BECOME A KNIGHT.

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For more information visit:  
[kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join)



## 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."

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](http://ichaiti.org).

## Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website at [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org). There you will find the daily readings, be able to listen to them on podcast, and have the opportunity to watch a short reflection piece on the readings offered by a Catholic priest, deacon, religious, or lay person.

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. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to [www.HRICcatholic.org](http://www.HRICcatholic.org) and click on Lectio Divina.

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



## HRIC Pastoral Council

In 2019 a Pastoral Council was formed in our Collaborative to assist the Pastor in his responsibilities as the leader of the Collaborative. They serve in a consultative role and there are members from both of our parishes. Please feel free to contact them with any questions.

### Pastoral Council Members 2024–25

Fr. Tim Harrison (Chair)

#### IC

Alan McEmber, Co-Chair IC  
Nancy Rose  
Joseph Cox  
Tom Welch  
Mike Corbett  
Colleen Mulholland  
Patty Olds  
Amanda Barcus

#### HR

Greg Jablonski, Co-Chair HR  
Bob Belmont  
Thomas Grella  
Veronica Laite  
David Olds  
Kathy Peavey

#### Ex-Officio

Deacon Paul Dow  
Deacon John Moranski  
Aaron Giard

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



## Christmas Flowers

**IC:** Donations from/in memory of: Marjorie E. Tulloch

## 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 woven 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](http://www.thegodminute.org).

## 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.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## The Pelican Intervention Fund

Fellow Parishioners,

We are writing to express our gratitude for your financial support. In the last 12 months, we funded 31 people into 12-step residential sober living programs.

Through the collaboratives optional *Pelican Intervention Fund envelopes*, you've donated over \$21,000 which supported 15 men and women into long-term 12-step sober living programs. This brings our total to 173 clients that you've helped support since our founding in 2015.

All donations go directly into the charitable holding company (Essex County Community Foundation) which provides our non-profit status. Funds reside in ECCF's money market account, these funds are used to place clients into 12-step residency programs. 98% of donations are used to place clients (the remaining 2% pays for website domain and hosting fees, ECCF holding fee, envelopes, stamps, etc.)

There are no paid employees at the Pelican Intervention Fund, we are a totally volunteer-based organization.

Your generosity allows us to continue our mission of supporting men and women struggling with addiction by funding them into residential 12-step sober living programs.

As you may know, Federal, State, and Private insurance companies only fund medically based treatment (i.e., Suboxone / methadone / etc.) and won't fund or support 12-step recovery due to its faith-based approach.

While it's difficult to find exact success rates of all the treatment options, there's growing evidence that 12-step programs are more effective than medically based and psychotherapeutic programs.

You've probably heard Kim and me talk about the Pelican Intervention Fund and the 12-step recovery program, but I don't think we ever presented the actual 12 steps, Fr. Tim suggested we take this opportunity to share them with you.

### The 12 Steps

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol / drugs—that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Decided to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we carry this message to those in recovery, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Thank-you again for your continued donations.

We are truly humbled and grateful for your overwhelming generosity and support. May God bless you and your loved ones this new year!

Steve & Kim Keene

*Picture of the August 2024 Yankee Homecoming parade; at that time, we had supported 160 clients into 12-step recovery.*



## Parish Membership

Welcome! We invite you to become a member of our Parish communities and take an active part in parish life. Registration forms are available at the IC office or online at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org).

## Bulletin Information

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

View our weekly bulletin online on our website: [hricCatholic.org](http://hricCatholic.org).

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

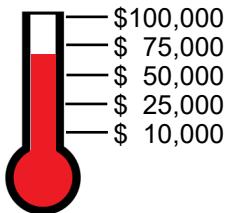
IC Offertory, Dec. 21-22	\$5,992.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Dec. 20	\$2,812.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$2,768.27
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, Dec. 21-22</b>	<b>\$11,572.27</b>

The second collection this weekend (Jan. 5) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (Jan. 12) is the Monthly. *Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.*

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

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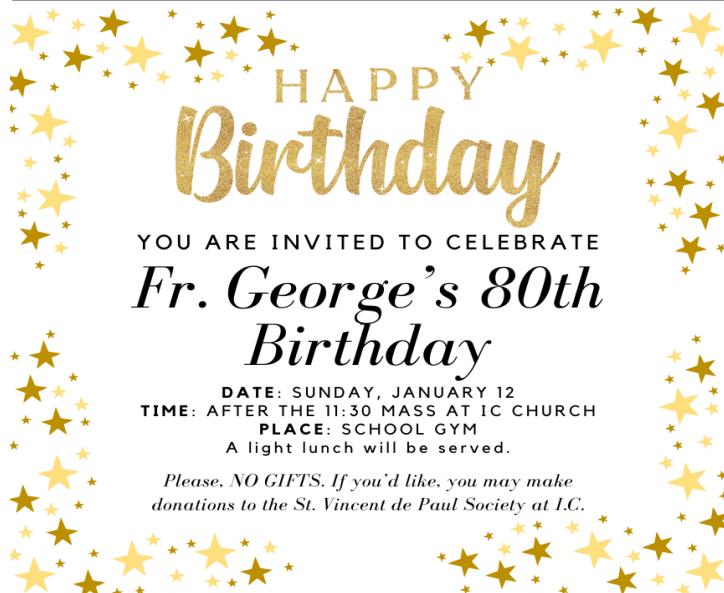
## Newburyport Scouting

*Newburyport Scout Troop 21 Invites  
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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/>.



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### 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!

## Free Hair Cuts

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## Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **Sunday, January 5, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC St. Louis Hall for Hospitality Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.



## Hospitality Sunday

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## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Dec. 21–22	\$2,447.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Dec. 20	\$ 215.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 277.00
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, Dec. 21–22</b>	<b>\$2,939.00</b>

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You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: [hrccatholic.org/hr-online-giving](http://hrccatholic.org/hr-online-giving).

**HR Grand Annual  
Goal \$25,000  
To Date \$23,510.00**



## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

An appreciation dinner for all Holy Redeemer volunteers will be held on **Saturday, March 8 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass** at Nativity. It will be held in Nativity Hall. As the date gets closer, we will send out invitations and ask for an R.S.V.P. The dinner is sponsored by the Collaborative Ministry Committee.

## HR Cookbooks for Sale

If you would like to purchase a copy of the HR parish cookbook, they are available in the IC parish offices during business hours. Stop in and ask for Melinda. They are \$15 each and make great gifts!



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## St. Ann Coffee Social

Join us for St. Ann's Coffee Social on **January 5** following the 10:00 Mass in the church hall.

 Please join us—young and old and in between—for coffee and baked goods, to visit with old friends, and to make new ones!

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If you are interested in hosting a coffee, or baking your favorite treat, please call or text Donna Pallone, (978) 886-1621.



## Save Your Baskets for the Fair

The "Basket Table," for next year's Holiday Fair, would like you to save any baskets you may get this Christmas. Please leave them in the back of either church and we will recycle them for next year's fair. Also, we like to use 1½ – 2" wired ribbon for our bows. If you come across any good bargains at Christmas!

Also, please remember to return your Fair lawn signs so that we can use them again next year.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

### Happy New Year

Our conference offers sincere thanks for your generosity during Advent. We ask for your blessing in the new year. Our prayerful requests for your help continue as the needs in our community continue. Do not forget the poor.

*Rise up, Lord! Do not forget the poor.*

*Rise up, Lord! God, lift up your hand! Do not forget the poor!*

*Why should the wicked scorn God, say in the hearts, "God does not care"?*

*But you do see; you take note of misery and sorrow; you take the matter in hand.*

Psalm 10

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 at St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or placed in the poor boxes. As always, anything that you can give is greatly appreciated.

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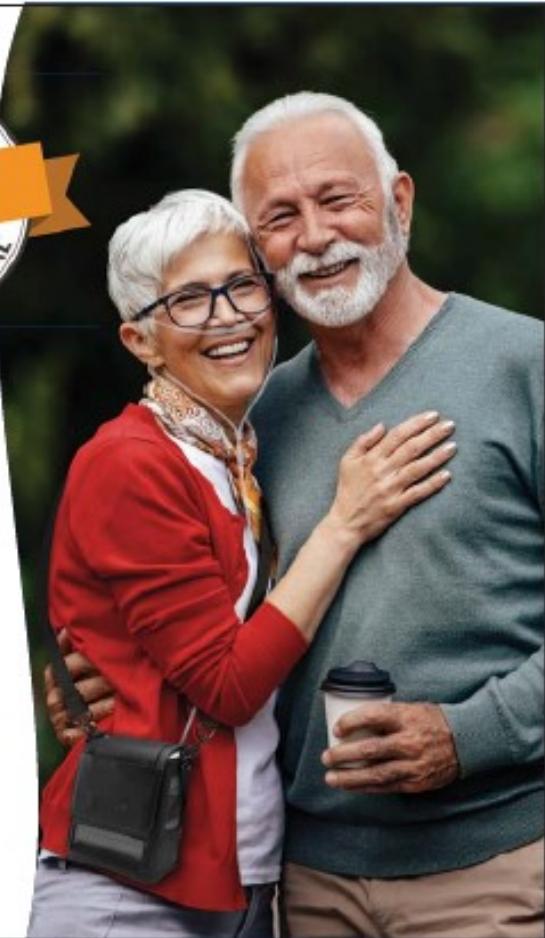
  
  
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