

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 13, 2024

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All Are Welcome



*Fill us at daybreak with your mercy,  
that all our days we may sing for joy.*

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Immaculate Conception Church

# Harvest Fair

Saturday, October 19

9am - 3pm

I.C. School Gym

Crafters    Grandma's Attic Table    Wall of Wine  
Raffle Prizes    Lunch    Bake Sale    Holiday Table

Lots of **crafters** showcasing Christmas items and more.

Visit our "gently used" **Grandma's Attic** section for that **antique** or **collectible** you've been looking for.

Take a chance on the **Wall of Wine** and perhaps win a "valuable" bottle of wine.

Buy a **raffle ticket** and win one of over 3 dozen prizes including **homemade dinner for 6 with Fr. Tim cooking, Celtics jersey autographed by #0, Jayson Tatum**, NBA champion and Olympic gold medal winner, a special **Taylor Swift basket** full of everything "Swiftie," and **scratch ticket tree raffle**.

*(Tickets for these raffles also available after all IC Masses.)*

Stay for **lunch** and enjoy our soul-warming fish chowder, hot dogs, chili, beverage, and then visit the **bake sale** table for dessert.

**Everyone is welcome. Hourly door prizes. Admission is free.**

Invite your friends and neighbors.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (10/12)

4:00pm **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
4:00pm **St. Ann** *Kimberly Anne O'Hara*  
(Fr. Stanley)

### Sunday (10/13)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)  
9:00am **IC** *Janice Nathanson, Michael Sforza*  
(Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)  
10:00am **St. Ann** *Barbara & Dick Hanley*  
(Fr. McLaughlin)  
11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

### Monday (10/14)

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

### Tuesday (10/15)

9:00am **IC** *Margaret & Henry James Powis*  
(Fr. Harrison)

### Wednesday (10/16)

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

### Thursday (10/17)

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

### Friday (10/18)

9:00am **IC** *Paul Neil Kane* (Fr. Harrison)

### Saturday (10/19)

4:00pm **IC** *Alan Maxwell, Robert Cynewski, Jeremiah & Jean Doyle* (Fr. Stanley)  
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

### Sunday (10/20)

8:30am **Nativity** *Jennie & Alden Johnson and family* (Fr. Harrison)  
9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)  
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
11:30am **IC** *Stanley Baikewicz* (Fr. Stanley)

*In your prayers please remember Josephine Smith 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.

## Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

We have so many wonderful volunteers who minister in various ways in our Collaborative. The Collaborative Ministry Committee would like to say thank you by sponsoring an **Appreciation Luncheon** for all who volunteer in any capacity on **Sunday, November 10 at 12:30 p.m.** It will either be held in IC St. Louis Hall or in the IC School gym, depending on the number of reservations we receive.

Ministry leaders will be sending out invitations over the next week or so and we ask that you respond to them if you are attending. Look for further information from your ministry leader or watch the bulletin for more information.

## Confirmation at HRIC

We were pleased to welcome Most Reverend Robert F. Hennessey for two Confirmation ceremonies on October 5: one at St. Ann and one at Immaculate Conception. We celebrated the 45 young men and women who received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

It is always wonderful to have Bishop Hennessey celebrate with us because he makes Confirmation a very special celebration for all those being confirmed as well as their families and friends. May these newly confirmed be assured of our continued prayers as they take their next step in their journey of faith.



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## Columbus Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, October 14 for the Columbus Day holiday. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, October 15 at 9:00 a.m.

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

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

**Monday, October 14, Columbus Day Holiday**

**Collaborative Offices Closed**

**Tuesday, October 15**

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

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

**HR Activities Committee Mtg.** 6:30pm, St. Ann Hall

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

**IC Choir Rehearsal** 7:00pm, IC Church

**Laudato Si Mtg.** 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**Wednesday, October 16**

**Holy Jammers Practice** 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

**IC Youth Choir Rehearsal** 4:30pm, IC Church

**Thursday, October 17**

**Adoration** 7:00pm, IC Church

**Friday, October 18**

**Adoration** 9:30am, IC Church

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

**Saturday, October 19**

**Quilters Mtg.** 8:30am, Nativity Hall

**Pastoral Council Mtg.** 9:00am, Nativity Lower Hall

**IC Harvest Fair** 9:00–3:00, IC School Gym

**Confessions** 3:00pm, IC Church

**IC Haiti Quilt Raffle Tickets on Sale after all IC Masses**

**Sunday, October 20**

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

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

### All Souls Day Envelopes

In your monthly envelope packets for October is an All Souls envelope. If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones this year, please return your envelopes to the churches by **Monday, October 21** so that we can publish the names in the bulletin.

### Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in the months of **August and September**:

**Veronica Eileen Beevers • Elinor Mary Bligh •  
Teresa Grace Brouillard • Benedetta Ann Cresta-  
Devine • McKenna Ann Cutter • Olivia Ray Cohen •  
Benjamin August Cyr • Lily Marie DeMelo •  
Annie Virginia Henault • Logan Connor Lane •  
Maya Cathleen Lariviere • Steven Gerard Murray III •  
Aria Antonia Musco • Gemma Rose Smith**

### Catholic World Missions Special Collection

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit [www.propfaithboston.org](http://www.propfaithboston.org) for more information.

### IC Haiti in Need of a Translator

IC Haiti's all-volunteer Board of Directors is looking to expand the Board with the addition of a volunteer who can read and write in Haitian Creole. Our goal is to have more direct communication with the administrators of the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school in Puit Chacha.

If you are interested in joining the IC Haiti Board of Directors as our communication liaison to the school, please contact HRIC Administrative Assistant Melinda Burrell by phone 978-462-2724, by email [burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org), or in person at the IC Parish Center at 42 Green Street in Newburyport. Melinda will put you in touch with IC Haiti's Board president Nancy Rose.

### 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 Holy One who calls you to savor rest with Him.

**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)

### Project Rachel

**Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreat (Nov. 16)**

*Are you—or someone you know—seeking peace after an abortion?*

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat on Saturday, November 16 (9 a. m. –5 p.m.). Location is confidential. For more information on retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## It's CORI Time

You can pick up a form in the back of any of the churches and have a priest or deacon verify it with your ID or stop by the IC parish offices and fill one out there. CORI forms are also available on our website so you can download one and fill it out ahead of time.

Remember that the Archdiocese of Boston requires all volunteers in the church, 18 years of age and older, to fill out a CORI form every year. We appreciate the cooperation of all those required to complete the CORI and we particularly thank you for keeping the pledge to protect those among us who are most vulnerable.

## Collaborative Faith Formation

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

Faith Formation schedules and registration forms for the 2024-25 school year are now 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

We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on the second Sunday of each month at IC Church at the 11:30 Mass. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

### Confirmation

In January, Cardinal Seán announced his decision to move the Sacrament of Confirmation from 10th grade to 8th grade. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation process will be changing. While we are working on how this change will be rolled out, please help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not yet be aware.

## 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!



They will be on sale at the IC Harvest Fair (October 19) and the HR Holiday Fair (November 23).

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** What is your most important possession? Would you be willing to sell it for the sake of the poor?

**Child:** What do you think Jesus wants you to do in order to be happy with Him in Heaven?

## Rosary Cancellations

Recitation of the Rosary on Facebook is taking a break. Please join us again on Tuesday, October 30 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/).

## Prayers for the Sick

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

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

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, November 7 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.



## 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.

**Please email any bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).**

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

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|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| IC Offertory, Oct. 5–6                     | \$6,125.00         |
| IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Oct. 4 | \$1,966.00         |
| IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving          | <u>\$3,160.34</u>  |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory, Oct. 4–5</b>    | <b>\$11,251.34</b> |
| Peter's Pence, Oct 5–6                     | \$ 504.00          |

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

## 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](http://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!

## St. Vincent de Paul Annual Walk for the Poor



Save the Date:  
**November 2, 2024**

Watch the bulletin for more details.

## IC Haiti Raffles

On the weekends of October 12–13 and October 19–20 there will be raffle ticket sales after each Mass, at the back of Immaculate Conception Church, for both a beautiful **handmade quilt** and **wall hanging** expertly made, and generously donated by, our fellow parishioner, Carol Robertson. Both gorgeous works of art will be on display at the ticket sales table. Tickets are \$10 each or 3/\$20.

The drawing for the raffles will be at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 20. Proceeds from the raffles will benefit the students of Father Marc Piché School in Puit Chacha, Haiti.

## Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School PTO (Parent Team Organization) recently concluded its annual fundraising efforts to support activities for the students that extend beyond classroom learning. During the last few days of September, the school children participated in the FUN RUN, which incorporates physical fitness, community, and classroom spirit! Family and friends from near and far were provided with a donation link—sent to IC supporters in 5 countries and 23 states. Participation was very high at 97% of students seeking donations—resulting in \$23,740 raised! These funds will be used for class field trips, whole school assemblies, and special visitors who bring learning to the classrooms. The PTO also organizes many family gatherings during the school year, such as



the upcoming Halloween party. The students at the IC thank everyone who contributed to the Fun Run and look forward to some wonderful experiences this year. We also want to thank the many IC parents who are involved in the PTO — they constantly seek engaging experiences that will create lasting school memories for the children.

*Grade 2 celebrates the FUN RUN with ICY the school mascot.*

## 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." Visit our website: [ichaiti.org](http://ichaiti.org) to learn more about this organization.

## Cookies for Haiti Thank You

The Davis family wishes to extend a very sincere thank you to all of the wonderful school and parish families for stepping up with amazing contributions for the IC Haiti bake sale. This fundraiser simply would not be possible without so many generous bakers, or without our parishioners, who so generously purchased the baked goods.

With this in mind, we say a big **Thank you!!** The bake sale raised an astounding \$8,500, and we are thrilled to let you know the funds raised in the bake sale for IC Haiti have been matched (and then some) by a former parishioner and his wife, making the bake sale fundraising total \$18,500. We are so grateful for your prayers and support—it really does take a village and we are thankful for this special community.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Harvest Fair 2024

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, October 19 • 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

It will include a bake sale, artisan/craft tables, the popular Wall of Wine, scratch ticket tree raffle, Grandma's Attic table, an all-holiday table, a raffle table, door prizes, and several special raffles including a **dinner for 6 with Chef Fr. Tim** raffle, a **Celtics jersey raffle autographed by #0, Jayson Tatum** NBA Champion and Olympic gold medal winner, and also, for all the Taylor Swift fans, we have a special raffle item of a **Taylor Swift basket full of everything a Swiftie could want**. Tickets for these raffles also available after all IC Masses.



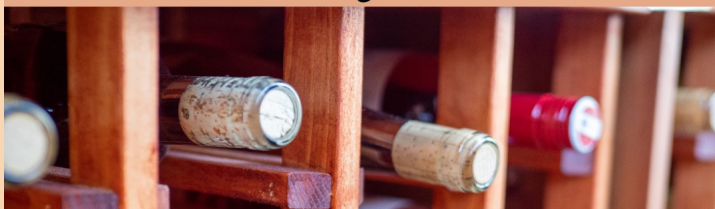
### Baked Goods Are Needed!

Cakes, cookies, breads, pies, and confections are most welcome. We would also appreciate **gluten-free** goods. All goodies should be in containers with clear tops. Cookies or bars can be individually bagged: 2 to a bag. Please include a description and whether nuts are included. You may bring your baked goods to the IC gym on Friday, October 18 from 3:00–5:00 p.m. or on Saturday, October 19 from 7:00–9:00 a.m. Contact Betty with questions: 978-595-7776.

### Harvest Fair Items Needed

We continue to need **gift cards** to area restaurants, donations of wine and baked goods! However, due to your generosity, we can no longer take items for the Grandma's Attic and Holiday tables.

## Wall of Wine



### We Need Wine!

Last year the Harvest Fair Wall of Wine was a tremendous hit, emptying the wine rack in only 2 hours.

Please consider donating a bottle worth \$15 or more. Bring it to church and place it in the "wine bin" in the Green Street entrance. You will be helping fill our wine rack at the Fall Festival.

We are hoping to have some premium wines (\$40+) donated to enhance everyone's choices.



### Don't Miss This!

We are very excited to offer as a special raffle at the **Harvest Fair**:

A dinner for 6 people hosted by our very own Father Tim!

The date to be mutually agreed upon.

## 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.

## IC Youth Choir

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"

The IC Youth Choir is open to all students grades 2–8.

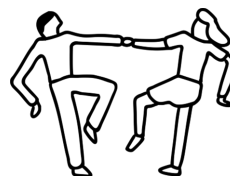
We practice every Wednesday from 4:30–5:30 in the IC Church.

For more information please contact:

Paula Quann, (609) 519-3236 or  
Donna Postle, (978) 317-8903



## Save the Date



Do you love to dance?

Did you watch American Bandstand?

Do you enjoy socializing with your fellow parishioners?

Join us for a

"Friendsgiving Dance"

November 23, 2024

7:00–10:00pm

IC School Gym

Informal attire

Check upcoming bulletins for more details.

...and take note former Philadelphians!

Sponsored by the Faith, Fun, and Fellowship Committee.



## HRIC MINISTRY FAIR NEWS

### St. Ann October Coffee and Ministry Fair

The Collaborative Ministry Committee has sponsored Ministry Fairs in all three churches over the last month. Thank you to all of the ministry leaders and members who have participated and thank you to all parishioners who attended. Our purpose was to educate the Collaborative members about all the good things happening in our Collaborative and to recruit new volunteers for our ministries. We think we were successful. Thank you. Look for similar events next fall.



*Photos from our most recent ministry fair at St. Ann Church, combined with the monthly coffee social.*

## SR. MARY RETIRES

*Thank You*

Sr. Mary Braley sends a sincere thank you for the many kind expressions of gratitude, respect and much love shown at her farewell celebration. "It was truly a heartwarming experience!" She greatly appreciates your generous donations to the missionary activities of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.

If you would like to contact Sr. Mary, please use this address:  
Sr. Mary Braley  
Motherhouse  
PO Box 3000  
Nazareth, KY 40048



*The organizing committee would like to thank all who contributed sandwiches, desserts, time, and effort making Sister Mary's tribute luncheon so special. We are SO grateful for the generosity of our parishioners!*

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

|                                            |                   |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| HR Offertory, Oct. 5-6                     | \$2,328.00        |
| HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Oct. 4 | \$ 685.00         |
| HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving          | \$ 353.00         |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory, Oct. 5-6</b>    | <b>\$3,366.00</b> |
| Peter's Pence, Oct 5-6                     | \$ 412.00         |

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## HR St. Vincent de Paul

### The Teachings of St. Vincent DePaul

The words of our patron Saint sum up our ministry: "Since God surely loves the poor, he also loves those who love the poor. For when one person holds another dear, he also includes in his affection anyone who loves or serves the one he loves. That is why we hope that God will love us for the sake of the poor. So when we visit the poor and needy, we try to understand the poor and weak. Therefore, we must try to be stirred by our neighbors' worries and distress. We must beg God to pour into our hearts sentiments of pity and compassion and to fill them again and again with these dispositions. It is our duty to prefer the service of the poor to everything else and to offer such service as quickly as possible. Offer the deed to God as your prayer."



Please consider donating using our on-line connection. All funds will go directly to our account. <https://bit.ly/stvincent-holy-redeemer>.

Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes in the pews at St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or placed in the poor boxes. Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to **HR St. Vincent de Paul**.

## Adoration at Nativity Church

Adoration at Nativity will be taking a break for the next few weeks. Please join us again on Wednesday, October 23.

## Coffee and Conversation



Join us for coffee and conversation after the 8:30 Mass on **Sunday, October 13 at Nativity Hall**. Come join us and see what we are serving up!

## Holiday Fair News

### Save the Date. The HR Holiday Fair is Saturday, November 23.

The Holiday Fair is a long-running tradition at Holy Redeemer. It is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving at Nativity Hall. Gift baskets, homemade soups, silent auction items, and nearly new items are available.

**Bake sale table donations:** Our bake sale table could use some homemade treats. Bake now and freeze them to avoid the rush! Please package donations in individual serving sizes (2-5 cookies per bag, 1 brownie per bag, etc.) and label it so we know what it is (chocolate chip cookies, lemon bars, etc.) and if it has nuts. We also welcome gluten-free items. Questions? Contact **Pauline: 978-504-1792**.

Donated items for the **Nearly New Table** may be brought to Nativity hall after the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, October 27 and after the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3 after the 8:30 Mass. **We will not be able to accept donations for the Nearly New Table after November 3.**

The **Silent Auction Table** is also looking for donations. If you have questions, please call **Carole: 978-346-9031**. If you have pieces of art, collectables, sport tickets, a weekend getaway, **new** small appliances, etc., consider donating it to the Silent Auction. Most any donation is fun to display on the table and watch the bidding.

**Homemade soups** are served for lunch. Please contact **Marie Greeley (508-523-0404)** to tell us your soup donation and receive your crock pot liner. Drop off your hot soup the day of the fair by 9:00 a.m.

**Gift basket donations** are needed for our fair. Themed gift baskets at our annual fair are always a huge success. Pick a theme, purchase 3-4 related items and put them in a basket. The committee will wrap them up. Basket donations may be brought to Nativity Hall starting Sunday, November 10. Volunteers will be in the hall for 2 weeks preparing for the fair. More donation times will be posted on the hall's glass doors. Donations may also be left in the back of St. Ann, please label donations **"FAIR."**

This year we will not be mailing **raffle tickets** as the process has become too costly. Instead, we are holding a **50/50 raffle**. Tickets for the 50/50 raffle will be available after Masses on November 2-3 and during the fair. The winning ticket will be drawn at 2:00 p.m. the day of the fair.

The Activities Committee will be setting up the **Nativity hall for the fair** after our coffee with the veterans on **Sunday, November 10**. Please plan on helping move tables, cart boxes, push wall units and more! **Muscle** will be needed!!

## Activities Committee Meeting

The next Activities Committee meeting is **Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Ann, West Newbury**. We will be working and preparing for the November 23 Holiday Fair.



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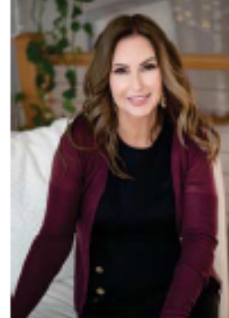
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