

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20, 2024

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All Are Welcome



*Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days;
through his suffering, my servant shall justify many,
and their guilt he shall bear*

(Is 53:11)



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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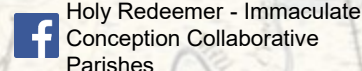
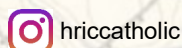
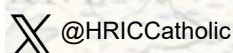
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Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (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** Helene, Anthony Joseph II, &
Anthony Joseph III Cannatelli (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** Stanley Baikewicz (Fr. Stanley)

Monday (10/21)

9:00am **IC** David R. Rock and deceased members
of his family (Fr. McLaughlin)

Tuesday (10/22)

9:00am **IC** Mary J. Shoulder Healey, Vincent Davey
(Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (10/23)

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

Thursday (10/24)

9:00am **IC** For the intentions of Elizabeth Pettingell
(Fr. Stanley)

Friday (10/25)

9:00am **IC** For the needs of families (Fr. Stanley)

Saturday (10/26)

4:00pm **IC** Katherine Doyle Kelley & John E. Kelley
(Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (10/27)

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

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

11:30am **IC** Kyle Roche (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers please remember Francis O'Brien, William Whitmore, Philip Gaeta, 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: hrrcatholic.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.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Growing up, I was only vaguely aware of the many sacrifices that my parents made so that my brother and I could grow up with the widest possible experiences and education. Taking us on family vacations, carting us to sports practices, scouting events, school activities and outings with friends were just to name a few. They enabled us to attend Catholic High School. They indulged us in our meager attempts at playing musical instruments—clarinet, saxophone, guitar, and drums. Budding musicians, we were not! Nonetheless, we were encouraged to try all these things and more, all with the hope of growing and learning. Yet these things all came with great sacrifices on their part—time and treasure, patience and forbearance. I'm sure at times, there were moments of genuine suffering because of it all. Just think about it—your kid learning to try and play the clarinet or drums! Headaches must take on new meaning in those moments, I think! Of course, we can never truly repay our parents for all that they do for us. Help, assist, and care for them as best we can as we and they age...certainly. But repay, no. The best we can do is to commit ourselves to "paying it forward," that others might benefit in some way from our sacrifices and be formed by our own efforts to help others.

The idea of suffering for the sake of someone else's benefit is not new. Parents have been doing it since the beginning of time. With great altruism, we champion those who endure great pain or make great sacrifices so that others may live their lives in greater dignity, freedom, and comfort. When sin enters into the picture, however, that is: suffering because of some one else's malfeasance or neglect, the sacrifice that must be endured by those who are injured by such actions takes on a different character. It is seen in many cases as a debt that must be repaid—sometimes by means of a monetary judgement or maybe by time spent incarcerated, loss of freedoms, privileges, or all of the above. It is a suffering that is forced upon a victim, not willingly embraced, but maliciously coerced. Justice demands that it be made right somehow, or at least some proportional action done to counteract the wrong that was inflicted. Though imperfect, human justice can help people heal from these afflictions and keep our society in general in balance. Or at least that is the hope.

But what if the wrong done was so great, so immense, so unbelievably vast...that no amount of money, no quantity of punishment, no level of sacrifice could ever make up for the evil that was done? How then, does anyone live, never

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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 NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, October 21

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

Cub Scouts Mtg. 4:30pm, St. Ann Hall

Tuesday, October 22

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 St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:15pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, October 23

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

IC Harvest Fair Mtg. 9:45am, IC Charity Dining Room

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Cub Scouts Mtg. 5:30pm, Nativity Hall

Thursday, October 24

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, October 25

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, October 26

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

IC Haiti Quilt Raffle Tickets on Sale After All IC Masses

Sunday, October 27

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All Saints Day Festival 10:15am, IC St. Louis Hall

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, 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



Join us this week for Adoration. All are welcome.

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

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

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mind grow and flourish in every way that we ought to be able to? When the One who was “offended,” who was “injured,” who was “wronged” is God, how can we mere human beings, we meager creatures ever “make it up” to our Creator? When the injury is to the eternal, how can the finite pretend to make amends?

Although we don't tend to walk around thinking in these categories, this is the theological framework for understanding the sufferings of Christ and how He came “to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (Mk 10:45). If God has been offended, if God has “suffered,” then only the equivalent sacrifice of the divine would be able to make up for so great an offense as our collective and individual sins and disobedience. Here, with the Son of God willingly, innocently and freely offering Himself as a sacrifice for the life of the world, do we find an ultimate excellence in His sufferings that benefit all of humanity by the complete and total forgiveness of our sins. Jesus freely offered Himself on the Cross so that His suffering might enable us to live and have life to its fullest before God for all eternity. The Paradise that we lost through our sins is regained by His faithfulness and steadfast love.

In imperfect ways, we make sacrifices with varying degrees of freedom, sometimes gladly, sometimes begrudgingly, sometimes without truly understanding the needs of others or considering the true cost of what we offer. Sometimes in our generosity, we are taken advantage of or even victimized. We do not always know whether these offerings will be appreciated or not, whether they will actually benefit the person we are trying to help or possibly even make things worse. With our hearts to guide us and our God-given gift of reason to keep us from sliding too far off into the weeds, we live and love and hope and try. We pay the love we have received from God forward to others who, in turn might be inspired to do so in their own lives. Thus we participate in our own unique way in the Cross of Christ, trusting in the completeness of God has done for us in the Lord Jesus. In all of this, we have the model and example of Christ's perfect sacrifice to guide us, giving us confidence that God's great love for us will not be undone by even the greatest of our human failures. As last week's Gospel reminded us, “For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.” (Mk 10:27).

Autumnal Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

2024 Grand Annual Appeal

Next weekend is our Grand Annual Commitment Weekend.

The parishioners of the Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Collaborative have a long history of generous support for the Grand Annual Appeal. This year is no different. Once again, we turn to you for your financial support to care for our parish. The Grand Annual collection allows us to continue capital improvements and ongoing maintenance that we are not able to cover from our regular operating account.

Your participation in this year's Grand Annual Collection will help us greatly in furthering that necessary outreach to those in our wider community. To help us meet our expenses and offer quality programs and services, we are asking each family to contribute \$500.00 or more which can be gifted also over time in the form of several partial payments or through our online portal on our website. However, please know that any contribution, no matter the amount is most appreciated.

In your generosity, please return your Grand Annual pledge card **next weekend** indicating your gift. As in the past, we offer the opportunity to make your contribution over two payments, which helps many make a more substantial contribution to the parish. You may place the pledge card in the Sunday Collection or return it to the parish by mail.

Thank you for your support!

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 to learn more about this organization.

Catholic World Missions Special Collection

This 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 for more information.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What would you "demand" of Christ today if you were able to do so?

Child: What is the one thing you most want Jesus to do for you?



ALL SAINTS DAY FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 27 AT IC MASS AT 9:00 (COME IN SAINT COSTUME)
FESTIVAL FOLLOWS AT 10:15-11:20 A.M., IC PARISH CENTER

FOOD, GAMES, CRAFTS THEME: "A KID'S PATH TO BECOMING A SAINT"

ALL COLLABORATIVE FAMILIES WELCOME!

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.



Please email any bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, October 23



This program delivers soup and sandwiches to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday 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 and peanut butter & jelly are favorites. Please do not use condiments.

If you have abundant garden produce or are able to pick up a few extras at the supermarket, fresh peppers, onions, carrots, and corn are most welcome!

Casseroles are still needed as well as party-sized powdered drink mixes such as iced tea and Kool-Aid, along with fresh fruits and goodies!

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

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. 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.



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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.

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.

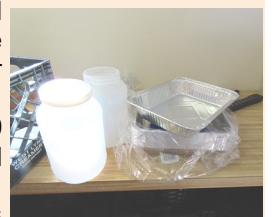
The Good Shepherd Soup Kitchen provides freshly prepared hot meals for more than 300 people a day at breakfast and lunch sittings. The soup kitchen program also offers the community a safe place to gather, interact, pick up some personal care items, and work with a Community Resource Specialist to get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



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Oct. 12–13	\$2,563.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Oct. 11	\$ 550.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 353.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Oct. 12–13	\$3,466.00
Monthly, Oct 12–13	\$1,675.00

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 20) is World Mission Sunday. See page 5 for details. The second collection next weekend (Oct. 27) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

*Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to **Holy Redeemer Parish** with the second collection noted in the memo.*

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

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Help Us, Help Neighbors



The conference is busy helping neighbors! Recently we've helped with car repairs, plumbing hazards, and furniture replacement.

Can you imagine not having a mattress to sleep on? Would you want water leaking into your basement every time you took a shower? Could you live without a car because it wouldn't pass inspection? If your answer is "NO!", consider helping us help others!

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

The back-to-school campaign for Walmart gift cards was very successful! Thank you very much.

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**.

HR Online Giving

It's convenient and safe. To learn more about online giving (one-time or recurring donation options available), visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724 x 402.

Coffee & Quiche at Nativity

There will be coffee, quiche, and conversation at Nativity following the 8:30 Mass on Veterans Day Sunday, November 10.

After being nourished, we will be moving, lugging, and pushing items in the hall to start getting the hall set up for our **fair**. Please plan on helping. Workers will be busily preparing for the fair the following two weeks. Check out our **calendar** posted on the hall's glass doors and drop by to lend a hand!

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, baked goods, 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 the 2 weeks prior to the fair, 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 fair committee is looking for CVS plastic **bags** (with the handles). These are a good size for us to use for our "to go" lunches. Please leave your donations in the back of either church labeled "fair."

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

HR PARISH



Coffee and Conversation at Nativity

Pancakes and sausage were served last weekend for our coffee and conversation. Plan on joining us in November to see what we serve up!

Bake Sale at Merrimac Library

The Friends of the Merrimac Public Library will sponsor a Fall Craft Fair and Bake Sale on Saturday, October 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This indoor event will feature handmade items by local artisans, and a bake sale with a variety of treats, all individually wrapped and labeled. Donations of baked items are gratefully accepted. Bakers can sign up in the library.

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 HR Holiday Fair (November 23).

Visit our **Website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information in the Collaborative. Find links to our bulletins, our live stream Masses, and our social media pages.

Communion to the Homebound

If you are a Holy Redeemer parishioner who is homebound or unable to attend Mass on a regular basis, we would like to offer you the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. Please let us know. If any parishioner knows of someone who might be interested in receiving the Eucharist, please also let us know. This could be a one-time occasion, or a regular schedule could be arranged. Please call Melinda Burrell at 978-346-8604 to schedule a visit.

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.

IC PARISH

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Walk for the Poor

November 2, 2024



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Newburyport/Newbury will hold its Annual *Friends of the Poor Walk* on Saturday, November 2, rain or shine.

This is the major fundraiser for the Society. We need walkers/runners and sponsors in order to make this event a success. Please consider joining your fellow parishioners!

This weekend and next, there will be a table at the Green Street door of the IC church where you may sign up in advance. Or you may simply pick up the registration and sponsor forms, bring them home to complete them and return them to the registration table the day of the walk—November 2 at 9:00 a.m. The walk will begin promptly at 10:00—beginning and ending in the IC parking lot.

This is approximately a 3-mile walk that is easy enough for all ages. Even our clergy will be walking (although Fr. Tim will do his walk on his pilgrimage). If you'd like to simply make a donation or would like to sponsor one (or all) of our dear priests, you may sign up to do so this weekend or next at the back of the church.

We pray that all parishioners, families, and friends will join us on our Friends of the Poor Walk through the Newburyport neighborhoods and downtown to **raise awareness and funds so that we can continue to serve the many needy in our community.**

Donations may also be made on line on our website: www.svdpnnewburyport.org.

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!

Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser for over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame. She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

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IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Oct. 12-13	\$5,312.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Oct. 11	\$2,615.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$3,160.34</u>
Total Weekly Offertory, Oct. 12-13	\$11,087.34
Monthly, Oct. 12-13	\$ 751.00

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 20) is World Mission Sunday. See page 5 for details. The second collection next weekend (Oct. 27) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. *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: hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.

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, hricatholic.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.

IC Youth Choir

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"

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

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Paula Quann, (609) 519-3236 or
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Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School has had several fall events that have brought the community together. The Boy's Fall Festival was on October 5 at Marini Farm in Ipswich. The event starts in the light of day, where the boys enjoy lots of activities at the farm. Trampolines, hayrides, the



Bryson, Ashton, and mom Cassie enjoy the hayride.

corn maze, and lots of climbing structures appeal to all ages. Darkness falls by the end of the event which adds a spooky element for the older boys. With a dedicated tent space to gather for snacks and pizza, this is a really enjoyable event. Over 70 participants from the school community enjoyed a fun day outside!

The 6th Annual Golf Outing took place on October 7 at Renaissance Golf Club in Haverhill. Although rain welcomed the golfers at the start, everyone had a wonderful day on the course. A barbeque dinner was enjoyed by the golfers, their families who came to meet them at the final hole, and other school families who wanted to join the event. Dinner included live entertainment and lots of cheers for the winners of the various golfing challenges. Raffle items included tickets to Red Sox and Patriots games. The kid's putting contest appealed to even the 3-year old dinner goers.



Noah, Ben, and mom Jackie grab a snack in the tent.

Both the Boy's Fall Festival and the Annual Golf Outing are valued opportunities to get the community together.

Photos courtesy of L. Tangorra

IC Haiti Raffles

Raffle ticket sales will take place after each Mass this weekend, October 19-20, 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 for the quilt are \$10 each or 3/\$20. Tickets for the wall hanging are \$5 each or 3/\$10.

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.

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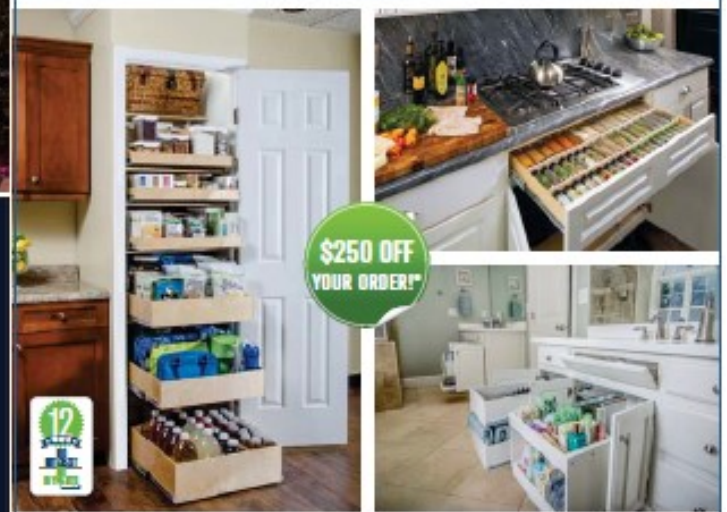
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