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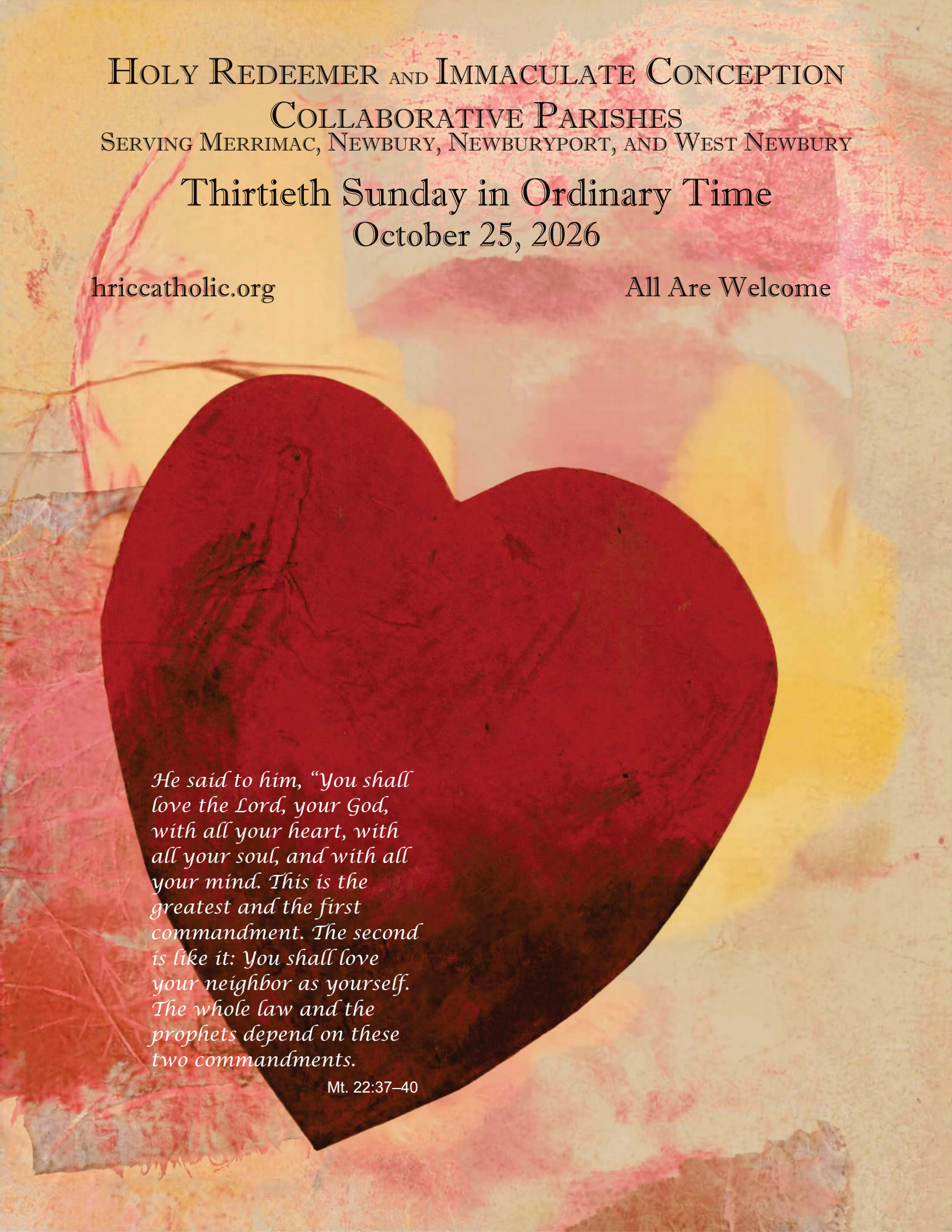
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October 25, 2026

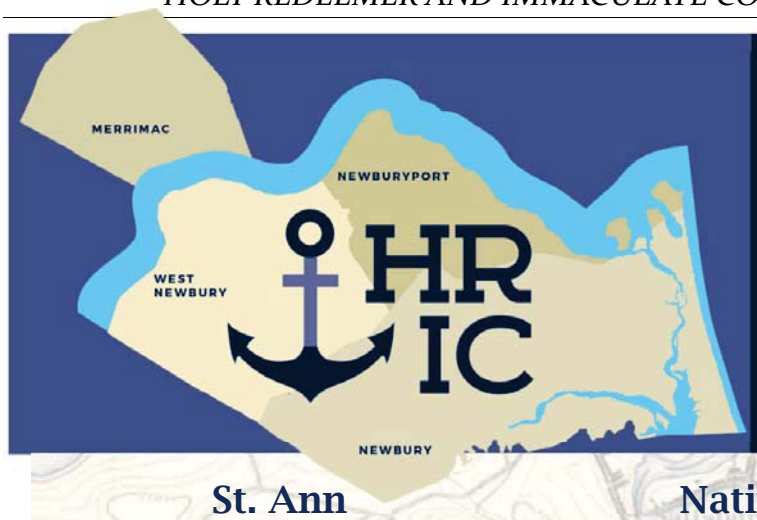
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All Are Welcome



He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

Mt. 22:37–40



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

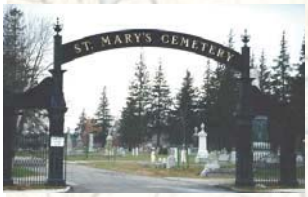
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Collaborative News

Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/24)
4:00pm **IC** *Angela Fiorenza, Alan Maxwell, Marian O'Connell, Robert Cynewski* (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)
Sunday (10/25)
8:30am **Nativity** *Jennie & Alden Johnson* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)
11:30am **IC** *Edwin Laverty, Derek Johnson, Glen DaRosa* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
Monday (10/26)
9:00am **IC** *Michael & Kiki Armento, Maya Schauber* (Fr. Morin)
Tuesday (10/27)
9:00am **IC** *Eugene Dorgriet* (Fr. Harrison)
Wednesday (10/28)
9:00am **IC** *Helen Mullen* (Fr. Stanley)
Thursday (10/29)
9:00am **IC** *For the Deceased Members of the Lekarcyk Family* (Fr. Stanley)
Friday (10/30)
9:00am **IC** *Cheryl, Doris & Leo Walsh, For the Needs of Families* (Fr. Harrison)
Saturday (10/31)
4:00pm **IC** *Frank Fitzpatrick, Stephen Doherty* (Fr. Stanley)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
Sunday (11/01) All Saints Day
8:30am **Nativity** *Edwin Laverty* (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:30am **IC** *Edwin Laverty* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Robert Givner 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 as well as our Facebook page.

It's CORI Time

2027 CORI forms are now available. You can pick up a form in the back of each of the churches and have a priest or deacon verify it with your ID or stop by the IC Parish Center 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 who are 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.

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, October 28



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

Sandwiches: Popular sandwich choices are peanut butter & jelly or cold cuts with cheese. Please do not use condiments. 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 inside.

Soups and Casseroles: Make your specialty soup or casserole! One-gallon soup containers as well as foil casserole pans are available in the St. Ann Church Hall on Wednesday mornings during sandwich drop off. Please label your soup or casserole donation and include any heating instructions.

Also welcome: any other goodies you can donate: cookies, powdered drink mixes, chips, granola bars, fresh fruit, etc.

Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

If you would like more information or have any questions about the HRIC Soup and Sandwich program, scan the QR code.

Confessions

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

Questions of the Week

Adult: In what ways will you live the Great Commandment this week?

Child: How do you show love for your friends and family?

Youth Music News

New members are always welcome!

IC High School Praise Singers

The IC Praise Singers will sing on Sunday, November 15 at the 9:00 Mass at IC.

For rehearsal information, please contact Paula Quann: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir, grades 3 – 8, will sing on Sunday, November 22 at the 9:00 Mass at IC.

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 4:00–5:15 in the IC Church

For more information, please contact Paula Quann: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"

Collaborative News

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, October 26

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

Tuesday, October 27

Women's AA Mtg. 7:00am, *St. Ann Hall*
Faith Formation, Grade 2 3:30pm, *IC Parish Center*
Breaking Bread Meal 4:45pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*
IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*
Women at the Well Mtg. 6:30pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*
IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, *IC Church*

Wednesday, October 28

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Drop off 7:00–9:00am *St. Ann Church*
Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, *IC Nazareth Library*
Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, *Nativity Church*
Faith Formation, Grade 2 3:45pm, *Nativity Hall*
Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:00pm, *IC Church*

Thursday, October 29

Faith Formation, Confirmation Prep. 3:15pm, *IC Youth Ministry Room*
Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, *IC Church*

Friday, October 30

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am, *IC Church*
AA Mtg. 6:00pm, *IC Nazareth Library*

Saturday, October 31

Collaborative Pastoral Council Mtg. 9:00am, Nativity Hall
Confessions 3:00–3:30pm, *IC Church*

Sunday, November 1, All Saints Day

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Faith Formation 10:00am, *IC Parish Center*
IC High School Praise Singers Rehearsal 10:00am, *IC St. James Chapel*
KofC Hospitality Sunday 10:00am, *IC Parish Center Lobby*
St. Ann Coffee Social 11:00am, *St. Ann Hall*
All Saints Day Church Tour 12:45 *IC Church*
Baptism Prep. Class 1:00pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*

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Baptisms

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

Iris Barbara Andrews

Luke Henry Mickle

Appreciation Luncheon for All Collaborative Ministries

Sunday October 25, 12:45 p.m., IC School Gym

The Collaborative Ministry Committee is sponsoring an Appreciation Luncheon for those who are part of the over 30 ministries serving our Collaborative. Please RSVP to your ministry leader or by calling Jim at 603-491-9916 as soon as possible. We hope you can come.

Hallow Partnership

Our Collaborative has partnered with the #1 prayer app in the world: **Hallow**! There are thousands of prayers, Bible stories, music choices, saint stories, children's content, and more, all to help us grow in our prayer life.

The app is free (a paid account gives more content) with a lot of great prayers and content. We will participate in prayer challenges during the year as a community (especially Advent and Lent), opening up some paid content to free account users. It allows for prayer requests to be shared and an online prayer group community. Hallow will also send us a 3-day Parish Mission (TBD)! To sign up and connect to our Collaborative on the app, use the QR code or URL (https://hallow.app.link/pR8tpdr146b). For questions, call Dcn. Aaron Giard 978-462-2724 x405.

Tootsie Roll Drive



The Newburyport Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Drive fundraiser (God's Special Children fundraiser) after all HRIC weekend Masses on **October 24–25**.

Please stop by and support the Knights! Or Venmo the Knights @KofC231.

All 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, November 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.

Leadership Training Program

For All in Collaborative Ministry

Saturday, November 14, 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., IC St. Louis Hall

We will be offering a Leadership Training Program for **all** in ministry presented by a team from the Archdiocese of Boston. A light breakfast will be available at 8:00 a.m. and lunch will be served. We hope all in ministry will consider attending. Please let your ministry leader know if you can come or call Jim at 603-491-9916. (IC parishioners may also register directly by scanning the code on the sign in the foyer of IC church).

Collaborative News

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 on our Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org/ic-haiti.

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950. Checks should be made out to "IC Haiti."

May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Save the Date



Meet 10 Saints & 16 Hebrew heroes in statues, frescoes, and stained-glass!

Who's that holding a lamb or lily?

Who's leaning on armor or a sword?

What's with that scull or beasts with wings?

In a **free** fast-paced 90-minutes, leave with those answers, 28 biographical quotes and a self-guided Saints brochure!

Date: Sunday, November 1, IC Church (meet at the piano)

Time: 12:45-ish (after Mass clears out) to 2:15 p.m.

Adoration Silence All Voices to Hear Whose You Are

Silence before the Monstrance amplifies your acuteness to hear Jesus' heartbeat emanating from His intimate love for you! Come and be in order to become who you want to be. He's got your life's plan and desire to commission you to fulfill it!

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 or no Mass is scheduled)



Collaborative Faith Formation

Confirmation preparation (**grade 8**) meets for regular classes every Sunday except holiday weekends. All other grades are also underway.

Grades K–1 and 3–7 meet in-person roughly every other Sunday from 10:05–11:20 a.m. at IC.

Grade 2 Sacramental preparation meets every week: Sunday morning or Tuesday afternoon at IC, Newburyport or **NEW!** Wednesday afternoon at Church of the Nativity, Merrimac.

If you have not yet registered your child, please do so ASAP and contact Deacon Aaron Giard at 978-462-2724 to get caught up.

Baptisms

Please call the Collaborative offices 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information regarding this sacrament.

WREATHS across AMERICA
LIVE ★ WITH ★ PURPOSE

December 19, 2026
National Wreaths Across America Day

Help Brigadier General James Brickett-Old Newbury Chapter, NSDAR, honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December.
To make a donation online visit wreathsacrossamerica.org/MA0158P or scan the QR code.

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

Collaborative Calendar

Check out our online Collaborative calendar. It lists Mass times and all Collaborative events and activities. Access it through the calendar tab on our website: hriccatholic.org, or you can scan the QR code.

Collaborative News

Prayers for the Sick

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

Lucas Aucamp
Paula Cullen Barnhart
Marcia Beeman
Kathy P. Brodeur
Michael Brenner
Phyllis Collins
Autumn Rose Coulombe
Kristen D'Entremont
Neal DesRoches
Ward Dilmore
Jim Dolan
Deb Downie
Dotty Duval
Ann-Margaret Ferrante
John Flynn
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler
Renee Fowler
John Gutshaw
Jon Haggerty
Ed Hardy
Jane Harney
Chloe Hequet
Loriann Herrick
Matt Hershey
Angela Holloran
Tula Hunt
Emma Hurley
Young Jameson
Gary Johnson
Steve Johnson
Denise Kenneson
Arthur LaPointe
Michael Lichtenstein
Donna Limone
Johannah Lord
Patricia M. Lisa MacDougall
Monica Maguire
Sia Mahalati
Michael Marchese
Robert (Bob) Marks
Michael Martens
Ovidio Martinez
Fr. Bill McLaughlin
Susan Neale
Carol O'Neal
Eleanora Paciulan
Jodi Paciulan
Joseph Palumbo
Carol Parks
Joanne Pesa
Elizabeth Pettingell
Polly Pirri
Lorraine Portalla
Angie Reddy
Regina Seely
Yvonne Sloban
Gary Smith
Arlene Stoddard
Susan Sweeney Taylor
Ginamarie Talford
Captain Bill Taplin
Heather Thompson
Michael Tucker
Maddie Villers
Laurent Vincent
Sandra Welch

*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.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Our next meeting is **Thursday, November 5**. All are welcome! **Come join us.** Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you!

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.

Bulletin Information

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

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



Notice: Upcoming Price Increase

As of January 1, 2027, the price of a cemetery plot will be increasing.

Please contact Mr. Joseph Viel, Mill City Management Corporation, at 978-208-0266 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Pelican Intervention Fund



The Pelican Intervention Fund thanks you for your continued support and generosity, which allows PIF to continue helping men and women begin their recovery journey. To date, we have supported **252 men and women into 12-Step sober living**. This is made possible with your support.

As we continue our mission, we are pleased to announce the addition of the Ignatian Spirituality Project on the list of non-profits we support. ISP is guided by the Ignatian spirituality and interwoven with traditional 12-step approach.

ISP Mission

The Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) invites people recovering from homelessness and addiction to encounter God's love, hope, and healing through spiritual companionship that transforms lives.

The Ignatian Spirituality Project offers three core programs:

- overnight retreats inspired by Ignatian spirituality
- follow-up days of reflection
- ongoing spiritual accompaniment

On the weekend of October 24 and 25, we'll introduce representatives from ISP to provide a brief overview of their mission. Please join us after Mass for coffee and doughnuts to learn about ISP and volunteer opportunities.

To learn more about ISP, here is their website https://ispretreats.org/. Thank you and looking forward to introducing you to the Ignatian Spirituality Program.

Steve and Kim Keene-PIF

Holy Redeemer Parish

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Oct. 17–18	$2,398.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Oct. 16	$6,505.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	$ 503.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Oct. 17–18	**$9,406.00**
World Mission Sunday, Oct. 17–18	$ 645.00

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 25) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. No second collection next weekend (Nov. 1).

*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: hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

Coffee after Masses Sept. 25, Nov. 1

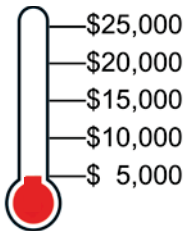


Please join us for coffee, donuts, and conversation after the **8:30 Mass at Nativity on October 25**

And join us for coffee and pastries and conversation after the **10:00 Mass at St. Ann on November 1**.

HR Grand Annual

Goal $25,00.00
To Date $2,495.00





The Activities Committee is organizing our annual Holiday Fair—November 21. Our fair is a wonderful way to support our Parish. Money raised from the fair has helped the Activities Committee pay for Parish projects. Fair money funded the repair of the outside stone base of St. Mary at St. Ann, replaced the stairs into Nativity Hall, and relocated the electrical panel in the sacristy at Nativity.

Please consider **baking** for our **bake table**.

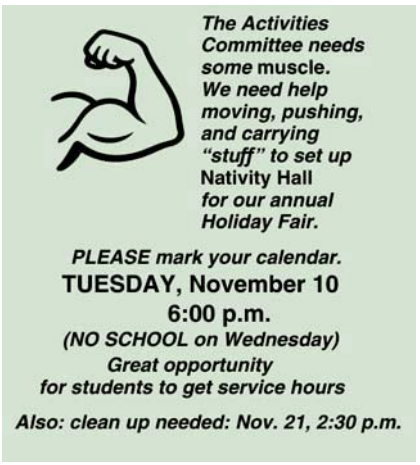
Donate a **gift basket** for the **basket table.**

We are collecting **bottles of wine** for our new addition—a **wine cork pull**. (Please donate a bottle valued at $15.00 or more).



The **nearly new table** will be accepting donations until *Sunday, November 15*.

Plan on coming for **lunch**. Lunch starts at 11:00 a.m. We serve a selection of homemade soups. If you would like to **make a soup** for the fair, please contact Marie Greeley at 508-523-0404.



Lawn signs and **posters** will soon be in the back of both churches, please place in your yard or hang up in local areas to help advertise our Holiday Fair.

We are in need of **help** and muscle with "set up" at Nativity Hall. The big *move* is planned for **Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m.** (No school on Wednesday). Continual "set up" at Nativity will happen the following 2 weeks with volunteers arriving at 10:00 a.m. A schedule will be posted on the Hall's glass doors. Donations can be easily dropped off when workers are in the hall. Additionally, Friday, November 20 Nativity Hall will be opened for donations until 7:00 p.m.

We are also in need of **5 volunteers at 11:00** a.m., the day of the fair, to relieve our workers so they can have lunch. If you are interested in helping at the fair, please call Cindy Quinn, 978-346-0072, and leave a message.

And…**clean-up** of the Holiday Fair starts around 2:30. The 4:00 Mass on November 21 will be at Nativity.

HR Parish

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Materially Poor or Spiritually Poor?



This week the church celebrated the feast of St John Paul II. In his reflections he distinguished between *material poverty* (the absence of basic means for survival, healthcare, housing, and household expenses) and *spiritual poverty* (a lack of hope, meaning, and spiritual nourishment common in affluent societies). As Vincentians we strive to provide both in our ministry. Our in-home visits bring us closer to the humanity of the individual. By praying with them and opening our hearts to their needs, our neighbors experience more than just the satisfaction of an updated utility bill.

Your kind donations in any form to help our neighbors are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes that can be found on tables at the main entrances of 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**

Help Others This Thanksgiving



Each year the Food Pantry at the West Newbury Senior Center (Sage Center) puts together 25 Thanksgiving Dinner Food Bags to be distributed to residents of West Newbury Senior Housing and Meals on Wheels clients. The center does not cook the meals, rather it provides recipients with the turkey and all the fixings needed to make a delicious Thanksgiving dinner at home.

If you are looking for a terrific way of sharing your blessings this Thanksgiving, consider donating non-perishable food items to help fill the Thanksgiving Dinner Food Bags. This is a wonderful family activity that can turn into a meaningful tradition. Please bring your donations to Mass and place them in the food bins marked ***West Newbury Food Pantry*** located in St. Ann's foyer. They will be brought to the West Newbury Senior Center.

The **deadline** for Thanksgiving Food Bag donations is **November 12**.

Please check the dates on your donations to make sure they will not expire before December 1, 2026.

- Stuffing (small box)
- Gravy
- Mashed potato (small box)
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned corn
- Crackers (small box)
- Box cookies

The West Newbury Senior Center runs a food pantry for all area residents. You can help keep the food pantry stocked all year by bringing non-perishable food donations to Mass at St. Ann and leaving them in the foyer bins. The Senior Center, located on the first floor of the West Newbury Town Office Building also has food donation bins in the foyer for convenient drop off during business hours Monday–Friday.

The West Newbury Senior Center (Sage Center) puts together 25 food bags for Christmas as well. More information on food items needed will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

IC Parish

Remembering Those Who Have Died

November has traditionally been a month in the Church's liturgical calendar when we are called to pray for the dead and confront our own mortality. Over the years, parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish have embraced a beautiful custom of remembering loved ones who have passed through the creation of a small shrine for the dead. During the month of November until the beginning of Advent, parishioners are invited to place a small picture of their deceased loved one on the side altar near the baptismal font.

IC Online Giving

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

Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church, at the parish office, or online.

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



The front doors of IC Church were recently stripped of their old finish and refinished. The work was done "in-house" by one of our maintenance crew: Bud Kent.

Pictured above: one of the doors stripped and ready for a new finish.

Right: the result!



Immaculate Conception Church

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Oct. 17–18	$5,664.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Oct. 16	$1,939.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	$3,490.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Oct. 17–18	**$11,093.00**
World Mission Sunday, Oct. 17–18	$1,195.00

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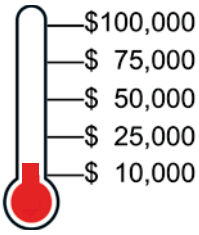
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Society of St. Vincent de Paul Website Update

As part of our ongoing mission to reach neighbors in need throughout our community, the IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul website has been beautifully updated by one of our members, Joel D'Arcy.

We invite you to visit our website: www.svdpnewburyport.org to learn more about how you can:

- Request assistance if you or someone you know is in need
- Become a member of our Society and join us in serving others
- Donate to help us meet the growing needs of our community

Together, we can continue bringing hope, compassion, and practical assistance to our neighbors who need it most.

Helpline: 978-518-0728 Our volunteers respond to this line 24/7.

Your kindness and support make this ministry possible. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community.

Tuesdays Breaking Bread Meal: Free, hot, three-course meal served 4:45–5:30 p.m. in the IC St. Louis Hall dining room. Take-out meals available at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Knights Hospitality Sunday



Join us **Sunday, November 1, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC Parish Center for Hospitality Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.

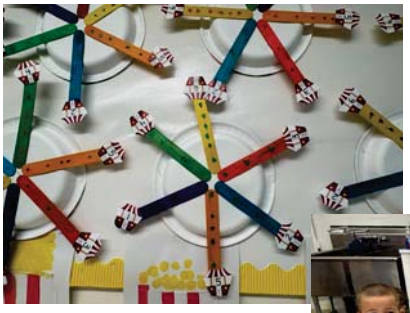
Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School Pre-K 4 classroom transformed into a colorful carnival last week as students wrapped up their carnival-themed unit with a celebration led by their 8th grade buddies. The buddy program pairs older students with our youngest learners which fosters community and school spirit. The final carnival gave everyone a chance to put learning into action with the help of their older friends.

The unit blended play with foundational academic skills and gross motor skills. A math component involved number recognition and one-to-one correspondence through a Ferris wheel project, *pictured below*. Art time featured a balloon design project where students imagined and illustrated their own carnival balloons.

On carnival day, 8th grade buddies guided the pre-K students from game to game, trying their luck at ring toss, knocking down stacked cans, and a popcorn bucket toss. The older students ran each station with impressive patience and enthusiasm, cheering on their young partners as they counted tosses, took turns, and celebrated each success.

The 8th grade year at the IC is special—it involves our students in many memory-making events for the rest of the school. The carnival celebration in the Pre-K 4 classroom will be an unforgettable day for all!



Number Ferris wheels.



Buddies Bobby, Graeme, Patrick and Lochlan. (L-R)

New Director of Music

We are very pleased to announce that Tim Richard, who has been the organist at Immaculate Conception Parish for many years, is taking on the new role of Director of Music Ministry in addition to remaining as our organist. Tim will be working with the adult choir and other musicians to continue and develop the excellent music program that we have enjoyed for a long time. Please join us in congratulating Tim on his new role!

And speaking of the choir, we are always looking to welcome new members to join in the singing! Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft. No prior experience is needed. Come and see if this might be for you!

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