

Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

Serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2022

"Jesus looked up and said, 'Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.'"

(Lk 19:5)

All Are Welcome

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Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985
Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985
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Nativity

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Office Hours: By appointment
Phone: 978-346-8604
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Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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Office Hours: M–F 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
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Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/29)
4:00pm **IC** *Betty Laflame, Katherine Doyle Kelley and John E. Kelley* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)
4:00pm **St. Ann** *(*Fr. Harrison)
Sunday (10/30)
8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
9:00am **IC** *Julie D'Ambrosio* (Fr. Harrison)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)
11:30am **IC** *Earle Baughn* (Fr. Harrison)
Monday (10/31)
9:00am **IC** *Adrienne T. Mosher* (Fr. McLaughlin)
Tuesday (11/01) *All Saints Day*
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)
9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Stanley)
7:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)
Wednesday (11/02)
9:00am **IC** *David Kolman* (Fr. Harrison)
Thursday (11/03)
9:00am **IC** *For all clergy and members of religious orders especially those of our Collaborative* (Fr. Stanley)
Friday (11/04)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
Saturday (11/05)
4:00pm **IC** *Patricia Connolly* (Fr. McLaughlin)
4:00pm **Nativity** *Dorothy Batchelder* (Fr. Stanley)
Sunday (11/06)
8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)
10:00am St. Ann (Fr. Harrison)
11:30am **IC** *Patricia Connolly* (Fr. Stanley)

In your prayers please remember all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

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

Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through our website: hriccathlic.org and on Facebook: (Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes).

All Saints Day Mass Schedule

This **Tuesday, November 1**, is All Saints Day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times for the Holy Day are listed below.



9:00am St. Ann, W. Newbury
9:00am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
7:00pm Nativity, Merrimac
7:00pm Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Bulletin Information

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

From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

It's frustrating when you can't see.

I recall one dreary day at Fenway Park many years ago when I got stuck behind an upright support column for most of the game. I could lean left or right to get a better view, but that got old after a while, and it was just plain frustrating trying to connect what I was hearing (the crack of a bat, the roar of the crowd, second base—stolen in plain sight to everyone, but me…). I eventually moved to a better seat when the crowd thinned after the 7th inning. The Sox hadn't done much better that day than they did the second half of this season. But still…if you're gonna go all the way into Boston and make the effort to attend a game in person, you wanna see! Note to my future self: don't buy the cheap tickets

It's frustrating when you can't see!

Anyone who is "short in stature," as this weekend's Gospel terms it, has some built-in sympathy for Zacchaeus. Throughout his entire life, Zacchaeus must have been constantly trying to peer through the crowd and look over and around people to get a glimpse of what was going on. No doubt, he had heard things about Jesus before. Because of his size, he was easy enough to ignore in a group. When the buzz came to stories about what this man Jesus had done or said, it would have been simple enough for Zacchaeus to listen in. Even though he might have had trouble seeing Jesus with his own eyes, Zacchaeus was able to glimpse something beautiful in His words and the stories of His deeds. He saw the possibility of receiving forgiveness and mercy, where none had offered it to him before.

As a tax collector—a chief one, at that, Zacchaeus was among the most hated people in the land. Working in collusion with the despised Roman occupying army, his job was to arrange for much-reviled taxes to be collected. If cooperation with a foreign government wasn't bad enough, tax collecting in Jesus' time often involved dishonesty and corruption. That this was his prime occupation and that he had grown wealthy from it, only made matters worse. Nobody was going to give Zacchaeus the time of day, never mind a shred of mercy or forgiveness. Except, maybe…Jesus!

Hearing the stories about Jesus, Zacchaeus saw hope! He saw the possibility that despite his wretched position in society, there might be One who could look beyond his work and "see" him for who he is: a good man, who tries his best and does what he can to help others. It's frustrating when you can't see, but even more frustrating when others

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"Fall Back" Next Weekend

Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend (November 6). Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hriccatholic.org to view our online calendar.

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

Tuesday, November 1, All Saints Day
Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*

Wednesday, November 2
Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, *IC Nazareth Library*
Ministry Meeting for New IC Greeters 6:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*

Thursday, November 3
ICS PTO Mtg. 8:30am, *IC St. Louis Hall*
HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, *Nativity Hall*
Adoration 7:00pm, *IC Church*

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

Saturday, November 5
IC Confirmation 11:00am, *IC Church*
Confessions 3:00pm, *IC Church*

Sunday, November 6
K–8 Faith Formation 10:00am, *IC Parish Center*
Baptism Prep Class 1:00pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*

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

Collaborative Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

School year Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation schedules and registration forms are available on the website at (hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Preparation for these sacraments have begun again with the start of the new school year program.

Baptism

We have resumed our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the 2022–23 fall Confirmation prep schedule for grades 9 and 10 is available along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x405) with any questions or email Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

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can't see you for who you really are and see the good that you know is in your heart.

Imagine the joy, then, as Jesus calls to Zacchaeus and not only notices him, but decides to invite Himself over for supper! It is quite probable that the Lord was watching Zacchaeus for some time, dodging between the taller people of the crowd, leaning around individuals until he finally saw that fateful sycamore tree that brought them eye-to-eye. And in that gaze, there was honesty and love. Jesus met a man struggling to be holy, in need of mercy, and hungering for love and acceptance. Zacchaeus met the One who would fulfill all of his dreams and longings, the very author of forgiveness and reconciliation. And so, they dined together, sharing a meal that would confirm these gifts offered and received.

No matter how tall we might (or might not) be, we can all struggle to see the Lord. Our world is filled with obstacles and obstructions that hinder our view of the Holy One. Sometimes these are found inside of us, like cataracts that limit our vision of God's glory. Sometimes they are found in the dysfunction of our relationships with others or habits of sin that we just can't seem to find a way beyond. And sometimes we are just plain looking for God in all the wrong places, or more accurately, in all the wrong ways. There are many forms of blindness, many ways to have our vision of God's love limited or blocked.

The Good News is that God notices us long before we ever glimpse His presence and is actively at work to bring us together so that we might encounter Him face-to-face. The Good News is that God truly does see us completely—with all of our sins and imperfections, but also with all of our goodness and love. The Good News is that God sees us worthy of being invited into an eternal relationship that begins with a simple meal and looks ahead to a great and lasting banquet. It is place for saints and sinners, for the great and the lowly to come together as equals, when measured by God's love.

It is frustrating when we can't see, but once we climb the fateful tree of the Cross, we come into the light of His face, His mercy and forgiveness...and all is made clear and direct and whole. May we open our hearts to receive this gift of His presence today.

Autumn blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

IC Haiti News

Unprecedented Humanitarian Crisis in Haiti

An unprecedented, ongoing humanitarian crisis is taking place throughout Haiti. An unstable government and a lack of properly equipped security forces have allowed numerous gangs to take control of large portions of the country. The country's supply chains for essential goods, such as food, water, fuel, and medicines have been cut off by gang take-overs and subsequent blockades of main ports and roads. Travel has been brought to a standstill; and the country has experienced widespread closures of banks, schools, and markets. Food insecurity is now a severe problem for over half the country's populace.

The Fr. Marc Piché school's administration in Puit Chacha cautiously evaluated the risk to students in our region and decided it was safe enough to open on October 11. Although the school experienced reduced attendance on the first days by 40%, we are pleased the students are back in session and that we are able to provide them with our lunch program again despite inflationary food prices.

1. Please go to our website ichaiti.org where you will find a link to a webinar rebroadcast on YouTube entitled **Virtual Update: Upholding Care Amid Countrywide Crisis Oct. 13, 2022.** There you will find a very thorough description of what's going on in the Southern peninsula of Haiti where the Fr. Marc Piché Elementary School and Saint Boniface Hospital are both located. Suggestions for ways to help are offered at the end of the webinar.
2. The Board of Directors for IC Haiti will consult with the leadership at Health Equity International to determine how best to use funding to address the current crisis. Health Equity International is the nonprofit organization that runs the Saint Boniface Hospital in Fond-des-Blancs and oversees our school in Puit Chacha. This nonprofit is IC Haiti's "eyes and ears" on the ground in Haiti.
3. Conor Shapiro, CEO of Health Equity International, will speak briefly at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 13 about the humanitarian crisis in Haiti. Following the Mass in the Parish Center, he will offer a more in-depth analysis of the situation in Haiti, particularly as it is affecting the school community in Puit Chacha and the hospital in Fond-des-Blancs. All are welcome to attend.

What can we do to help?

- Become aware and knowledgeable about what's going on in Haiti. (*See #1 and #3 above.)*
- Include our brothers and sisters in Haiti in our daily prayers.
- Advocate personally by informing/educating those we know.
- Advocate nationally by contacting our US Representatives and Senators.
- Advocate locally with "Letters to the Editor" in our newspapers.
- Donate to IC Haiti. (*See #2 above)*



Annual Diaper Drive

Central Congregational Church in Newburyport is hosting their annual drive-by diaper collection on November 5 from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. The diapers will be distributed by Community Service of Newburyport to residents in the greater Newburyport area. Donating diapers is easy! Simply drive by the Church on Titcomb Street and pop your trunk. There will be folks there to take your donation out of your trunk for you. Many thanks for your generosity!

Youth and Adult Altar Servers

As we return to "life after Covid," we are excited to be able to once again welcome altar servers at all of our Masses. We are in need of servers for all weekend Masses at all three Collaborative churches.

Any individual who is 4th grade or older and has made their First Communion is eligible to become an altar server. We also welcome any adult who might be interested. This is a wonderful way to serve our parishes and our Lord.

Training will be provided. If you are interested in serving, please call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 and ask for Melinda or Christine.

Questions of the Week

Adult: Do you continue to help others even when you are in need or only if you have extra to share?

Child: Is it easy for you to share what you have with others? Why or why not?

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown
Cindy Calcina
Pat Connolly
Bill Crounse
Ann-Margaret Ferrante
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler
Charmaine Haan
Hillar Haan
Jay Hanslig
Terence Healey
Sam Kitchen
Maureen Russell
Rob Schweizer
Yvonne Sloban
Tom Tribble
Michael Tucker

Contact the Collaborative offices to add someone to or remove someone from our prayer list: 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Oct. 22–23	**$3,348.00**
World Mission Sunday	**$ 847.00**
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Oct. 21	**$1,800.00**
Weekly Online Offertory Giving	**$3,023.84**

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 30) is Parking Lot. The second collection next weekend (Nov. 6) 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: hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.

Adoration

Place: IC Church *All are welcome!*
Time: Thursdays: 7 p.m.–8 p.m.
Fridays 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

Wedding Coordinators Needed

Would you like to serve your church in a meaningful and enjoyable way? Then consider being a wedding coordinator. All that's needed is a friendly face and the basics of hospitality. Approximately one hour of rehearsal and approximately two hours on the day of the wedding are required. You will be trained and compensated. If you're interested in this rewarding position and want more information, please call Christine or Melinda in the IC offices, 978-462-2724.

Wanted: Smiling Faces to Welcome People to Our Church

After the last 2 years, we want to create a warm, welcoming experience for all our parishioners and visitors. First impressions matter.

We are seeking individuals, couples, or families willing to come to Mass 15 minutes early and warmly welcome parishioners to that day's celebration. You can select the Mass you usually attend and how often you would like to serve.

If this ministry interests you, please email Kathie Williamson: Kathie108a@gmail.com and indicate which Mass you will attend. There will be an orientation session for all volunteers on November 2.

Substitute Custodians

IC Parish is looking for substitute Custodians to work on an as-needed basis. Duties would include cleaning, event setup, and snow removal. If you are interested in becoming a substitute custodian, please contact Christine or Melinda in the IC offices, 978-462-2724.

Immaculate Conception School



Saturday, October 22 was the Immaculate Conception School Boys Fall Festival, held at Marini Farms in Ipswich. A private tent welcomed the partygoers, where snacks, candy, drinks, and pizza were available for all. Hayrides, corn mazes, and a variety of climb-on, bounce-on structures provided endless choices for the boys to have fun on. As darkness fell, the youngest ones headed home, while the older students took full advantage of hiding in the corn rows to scare each other. This is a tradition that the boys look forward to sharing with their moms.



The beautiful fall weather provided a picturesque backdrop for late afternoon pictures and time spent together.





women at the well

We invite all women to come join us at any time, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. The new study, *Keeping in Balance from Walking with Purpose*, is all about managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness rooted in Christ. We meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in person at the IC Parish Center and virtually on Zoom. If you have any questions, or would like to join via Zoom, please email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

If you are unable to make it to every meeting, please do not worry! This group is designed to allow you to drop in whenever you are able to join us, no pre-reading necessary from week to week.

Amazing Grace Retreat

Accepting God's grace to lead a happier and calmer life

In this retreat we will be using: Sacred Scripture, Poetry, Music and a Visual Presentation to bring us closer to recognizing God's grace. Our desire is to learn how to pray for more grace and to live in a state of grace.

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2022
Time: 10:00–3:00 *(Bring your own lunch and we will provide the drinks.)*
Presenters: Bryn Walsh, Mary MacGillivray, and S. Peggy Cummins.

Place: Notre Dame Spirituality Center,
30 Jeffrey's Neck Rd., Ipswich (978-380-1574)

All donations are gratefully accepted.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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.svdpnewburyport.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 to-go Meal

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed at the entrance to the IC Parish Center from 4:30–5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

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. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

Haiti Speaker November 13

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Newburyport Scouting

Newburyport Scout Troop 21 Invites Youth Ages 11-17 to Join

The Scouts BSA Troop 21 is looking for boys and girls aged 11–17 to join and participate in the adventures of Scouting! Based in Newburyport at Immaculate Conception Church, Troop 21 is the oldest Troop to be chartered in Newburyport.

Troop 21, led by Leonard Wallace and Dr. Michelle LaFlamme, offers opportunities to learn and develop life and leadership skills, make new friends through a combination of outdoor activities, visits to cultural or historical sites, and much more. We participate in multiple camping trips, hikes, skills events, and Troop-sponsored events. We welcome any youth looking to join; no prior Scouting experience is necessary. If you were previously a Scout and dropped out of the program or did not join Cub Scouts, we'd love for you to drop back in!

For more information about Troop 21 or to get information on upcoming troop events, please check out our website at www.nbptroop21.org.

IC Music Ministry



All choirs are currently looking for new members. There are no auditions—everyone is welcome. Why not give us a try? You'll have lots of fun, make new friends, fine-tune your talents, and receive a multitude of blessings in return. Come and join us today!

Youth Choir: Children, grades 1–8, will sing twice a month at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Family Liturgy. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 4:30–5:30 p.m. in the church. Youth choir follows the regular school schedule, so when there is no school, there is also no rehearsal or singing at Mass scheduled. The Youth Choir also performs for the community at various times throughout the year as part of our parish's community outreach program.

Adult Choir: Individuals, grade 9–Adult sing every week at the 11:30 a.m. Sunday liturgies. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:00—8:45 p.m. in the choir loft. We have plenty of room for new members so why not give us a try by singing with us for the Advent/Christmas season? No long-term commitment with lots of faith, friends, and fun. This choir also performs for the community at different times throughout the year.

Musicians: We are looking for musicians to help us out at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday liturgy. If you play an instrument or just want to sing, please consider joining us at one of these Masses. Why not give us a try by singing with us for the Advent/Christmas season? No long-term commitment with lots of faith, friends and fun.

Questions? Call Donna Postle, Music Director, at (978) 317-8903.

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Knights of Columbus

All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month in the IC Nazareth Library.

For more information about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@gmail.com.

Holy Redeemer Parish

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Oct. 22–23	**$1,266.00**
World Mission Sunday	**$ 388.00**
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Oct. 21	**$ 170.00**
Weekly Online Offertory Giving	**$ 243.75**

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 30) is the Mission Appeal (See article below). The second collection next weekend (Nov. 6) 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: hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

HR Online Giving

It's convenient and safe. To learn more about Online giving (one-time or recurring donation options available), visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

HR Mission Appeal: Oct. 29–30

Mission Appeal by the Benedict XVI Institute for Africa

As the Church in Africa grows and participates in the New Evangelization of the world Church, the need for a proper formation of the clergy, religious, and laity becomes all the more acute. Integral to this mission of the formation of Church leaders is their formation in theology and spirituality, while paying attention to the cultures of the peoples of the vast continent of Africa.

The purpose of the Benedict XVI Institute for Africa, therefore, is to promote theological and spiritual formation of Church leaders across the African Church, particularly African Theological Faculties, Seminaries, and Religious Houses of Formation. We have been at the forefront of theological, spiritual, and cultural development across Africa, especially in seminaries, houses of formation, and universities.

The recent years have been very challenging for all, with the COVID 19 pandemic. Unlike the counterparts in the Western world, African seminaries, houses of formation, and schools generally do not have access to computers and WIFI. The Benedict XVI Institute for Africa, therefore, is actively engaging on making these basic tools of learning available to different seminaries and local Churches in Africa, and your support will be very much appreciated. Yes, the times are tough, but be mindful that your widow's mite could just be a lifeline for many peoples in the continent of Africa, as we struggle to provide not only educational and formational materials, but likewise medical support as well, which is part of the caritas arm of the Benedict XVI Institute for Africa. Thank you so much that you are able and willing to help. Be assured of our prayers for you and yours.

St. Ann Sunday Mass Time Change

Beginning next weekend, **November 6**, the Sunday Mass at St. Ann will revert to its previous time of **10:00 a.m.** each weekend. (This time had been changed when the Rocks Village Bridge was closed due to a truck collision.) Now that the bridge is safely reopened (Alleluia!) we will move that Mass back 15 minutes to better accommodate other liturgies and activities on Sunday mornings within our Collaborative. Please pass the word along to those who might not otherwise not get the message. Thank you for your patience!

HR Prayer Shawl



Prayer shawls are given freely as a gift. If you know of anyone needing the comfort of a prayer shawl or lapghan or you would like to give one to a friend, relative, or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673 or hvktax@aol.com.

We're back to meeting in person! Come join us. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! 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 3. Join us! All are welcome.**

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass will move to **Nativity, Merrimac** for the month of **November**.

Wreaths Across America

Help the Brigadier General James Brickett-Old Newbury DAR honor local heroes! Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon or Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Make a donation online: www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MA0158P.

Veterans in Need

We are asking for donations of gift cards.

We will be collecting gift cards, preferably in $5.00 and $10.00 amounts, from CVS, Rite Aid, and Walmart to give at Christmas to Veterans living in Haverhill at the Veterans' Outreach Center and Edith Nourse Rogers Medical Center in Bedford, MA. There will be a collection box at both HR churches for the gift cards until Sunday, November 6.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

The Holy Redeemer Saint Vincent de Paul has been fielding calls for help with rent, utilities, food, and gasoline. Prices are rising and so are needs. Thank you for supporting our Society and allowing us to help our clients. All donations go directly to those in need. If you know of someone who needs help, please have them call our hotline at 978-346-8604 X4.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to HR St. Vincent de Paul Society, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

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West Newbury P.O. Box

This week, as a cost-saving measure, we made the decision to close the old P.O. Box number that was in little-use in West Newbury. A holdover from before the merger of St. Ann into Holy Redeemer Parish in 2006, we were receiving fewer and fewer pieces of mail through this address in recent years. Going forward, we would ask all parishioners to use: 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860 for all correspondence.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Greeters Needed



We could still use a few more greeters. High school students and adults are welcome. In particular, we need greeters at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both Nativity and St. Ann. This little task simply involves smiling and saying hello, handing out bulletins, or perhaps giving directions to the restroom or the ramp.

Would you like to help? Please contact Sue Noyes at susanjnoyes@gmail.com.

HR HOLIDAY FAIR



Would you like to help with the fair? Here are some ways you can help.

The Fair Committee is looking for some MUSCLE!!

On Sunday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m. (after the Patriots game) we will start arranging the parish hall in Merrimac to begin organizing for our fair on November 19. This means carrying tables from the basement, arranging tables, moving dividers, and stacking chairs.

We also need help in carrying many, many items from the old rectory into the hall. Please mark your calendar and join the activities committee in the fun!!

Help with Fair preparation

There will be a calendar posted Sunday, November 6, on the glass doors of the Merrimac Hall as to when our volunteers will be working, preparing for the fair. Anyone who would like to help is welcome to add their name to the list in a time slot with others.

Can you donate homemade soup for the fair lunch?

We are gathering our cooks to prepare a spectacular lunch for our fair. Our homemade soups are delightful on a cool, fall afternoon. On our menu we have: fish chowder, corn chowder, pumpkin soup, butternut squash soup, chili, hot dogs and American chop suey. Perhaps we need a broccoli cheddar soup, Italian sausage soup, clam chowder, macaroni and cheese, or your family's favorite soup! Text or email Marie Greeley if you can add to our menu: 508-523-0404, regr3@outlook.com

Want to volunteer day of the fair?

Have questions about the fair? Contact Cindy Quinn, cynwinnquinn@aol.com, 978-346-0072.

Silent Auction Items for the Fair

Have an item to **donate for the Silent Auction**? Email Carole Sokolowski, carole.sokolowski@merrimack.edu.

Please donate a Gift Basket to be sold at our Fair

If you are searching for an inspiration to create a gift basket to donate to the fair, there are suggestions written on cards on the Christmas trees in the back of the churches. Donations may be left at the back of both churches or brought to Nativity's Hall the week before the fair during setup. We are also accepting any empty baskets to donate to the Fair. (Please leave empty baskets in the back of either church.) Questions? Call or email Roberta Homan, 978-346-9448, rhoman1980@aol.com.

Bake Sale Table

Are you able to donate **homemade baked goods, candy, fudge** for the bake table? Email Pauline Duhamel, pduhamel2@yahoo.com.

Raffle Tickets

Sell **raffle tickets** to your friends and family. See article, below, for details on how to get raffle tickets.

HR Fair Raffle Tickets

Did you enjoy the air conditioning in our churches this summer? This is just one of the projects the HR raffle helped fund. Please support our Parish Raffle!

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Tickets are $1 each ($5.00/sheet of 5). Winners will be drawn at the conclusion of the FAIR on November 19.

Raffle tickets are available in the back of both churches. Also, raffle tickets are available to be printed *at home* from our website: www.hriccatholic.org (under the HR Holiday Fair tab). Or contact any Activities Committee member to have raffle tickets emailed directly to you.

Please fill out raffle tickets with name and phone number, and return stubs with your money (Checks may be made out to Holy Redeemer Parish).

Ways to return tickets:

- Bring them with you to the fair on November 19
- Mail to 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860
- Return them to "the box" in the back of either church by Sunday, November 13.



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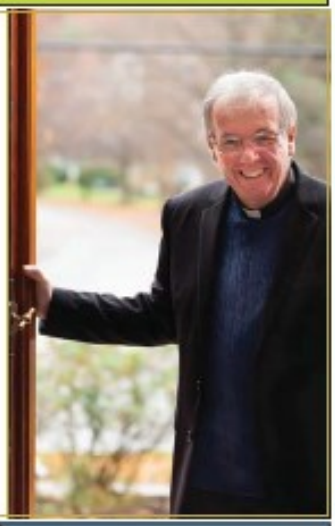
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