

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

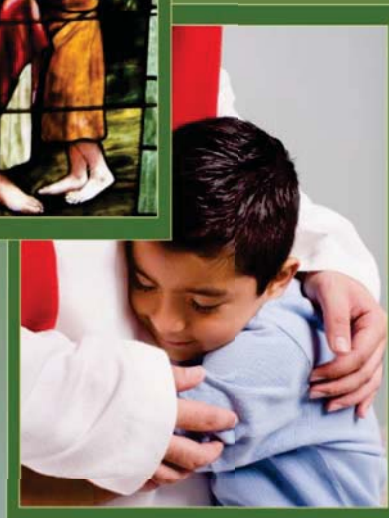
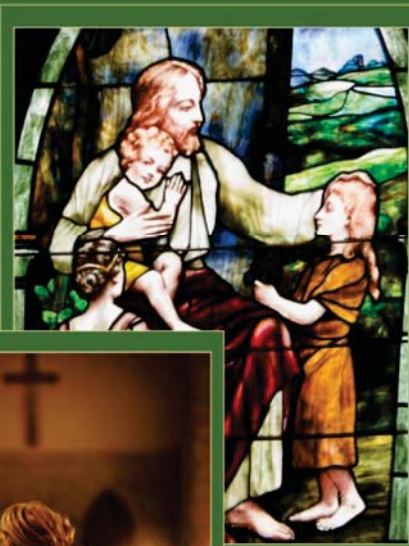
SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2024

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All Are Welcome



Let the children come to me; do not prevent them.
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Mark 10:14



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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4 Green St., Merrimac 01860

Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

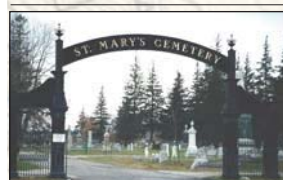
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Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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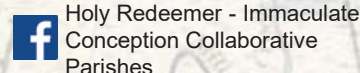
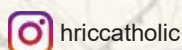
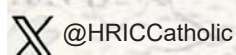
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Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir

609-519-3236

Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/5)

4:00pm **IC** Rita Snow, Thomas Vincent Smith,
Michael & Christopher Stone (Fr. Stanley)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (10/6)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC** Irene Palaima, Gilda LaBarba
(Fr. Stanley)
10:00am **St. Ann** Jerry Mullen, Paul & Helen
Ringebach (Fr. Harrison)
11:30am **IC** Robert Filomia (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (10/7)

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

Tuesday (10/8)

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

Wednesday (10/9)

9:00am **IC** Charles H. Audet (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (10/10)

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

Friday (10/11)

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

Saturday (10/12)

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

Sunday (10/13)

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

In your prayers please remember Judith Goucher, John Bouchard, 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.

Adoration: This is Jesus' Real Self

Eucharistic Adoration is the most conspicuous demonstration of taking Jesus at His word when He pronounced at the Last Supper: "This is My Body."



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)

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.

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, October 9



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.

Evening of Reflection



On Wednesday, September 25, we enjoyed an evening of reflection hosted by the ministry committee and featuring Fr. Morin as the speaker.

The theme was ministry. Ministry is a way to serve: an act of love. We are people of service and love to one another.

You can watch the recording on our website as well as seeing more pictures from the event: hriccatholic.org.

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, October 7

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

Tuesday, October 8

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

IC Haiti Board Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Wednesday, October 9

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program 7-9am, St. Ann Hall

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Thursday, October 10

Social Action Committee Mtg. 5:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, October 11

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, October 12

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

IC Haiti Quilt Raffle Tickets on Sale after all IC Masses

Sunday, October 13

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Nativity Coffee Social 9:30am, Nativity Hall

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

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.

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.



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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes

Collection for the Holy Father and Missionary Efforts

This week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection also provides support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests, lay people for ministry, and will assist the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various missionary efforts at home and abroad. For information on these Collections, go to:

1. www.usccb.org/national-collection/peters-pence
2. www.cua.edu
3. www.BostonCatholic.org

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@hricatholic.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.

Cursillo Corner



"Now **faith** is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. By **faith** we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible...." Hebrews 11

We have been blessed to have many people from the HRIC community enjoy the experience of Cursillo. Many thanks to friends, family, and sponsors who supported their candidates with their prayer and participation.

The opportunity to share in this 3-day, joyful re-introduction to the love of Christ will begin again in October 2024 at St. Basil's Seminary in Methuen. All are encouraged to further explore Cursillo as a part of your faith journey.

Weekends in 2024/2025 are listed below:

Men

October 3-6
December 5-8
February 6-9
April 3-6

Women

November 7-10
January 2-5
March 6-9
May 1-4
June 5-8

Contacts: Pat Temple 617-899-0424
Jonathan Temple 978-809-9337

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

It's CORI Time

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

Remember that the Archdiocese of Boston requires all volunteers in the church 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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: How does your "inner child" help you to know God?

Child: Jesus loved the children and welcomed them. How does it feel to be loved by Jesus?

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.

HR Cookbooks for Sale

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



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

DAR Cemetery Cleanup

On **Saturday, October 12** from 10:00–12:00noon, the DAR will participate in a cemetery cleanup at Pentucket Cemetery in Haverhill (218 Water St.). Join us in this service project in the oldest burial ground in Haverhill.

Prayers for the Sick

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

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

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

Shawls and Lapghans



Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy! We would be happy to deliver to anyone. Or if you personally would like to give one to a friend, relative or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673.

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

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 7 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us!

Looking for Yarn Donations

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



The Sacrament of the Sick

The **Anointing of the Sick** is one of the seven Sacraments of our Church and is administered by a priest for healing and inner wholeness. Those who are seriously ill, elderly, or are entering the hospital can request to be anointed. Due to varied schedules and availability, it may not always be possible for a priest to come on short notice to offer the Sacrament, therefore it is strongly recommended that you request the Anointing of the Sick **before going in for a hospital stay, upon entering a nursing home, or at the beginning of hospice care**. Please call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Sept. 28–29	\$5,167.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 27	\$5,210.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$2,749.27
Total Weekly Offertory, Sept. 28–29	\$13,126.27

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 6) is the Holy Father's Peter's Pence. See page 4 for details. The second collection next weekend, (Oct. 13) is the monthly.

Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the memo. If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul

If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are ready to assist.

You can now make online donations on our website: **www.svdnewburyport.org**. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "**SVdP of Newburyport**" and drop it into the collection box at Mass or mail it to the Parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Breaking Bread Meal

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner. Supper is served from 4:45–5:30. Those who prefer to continue "Grab & Go" can pick up at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Walk for the Poor



Save the Date:

November 2, 2024

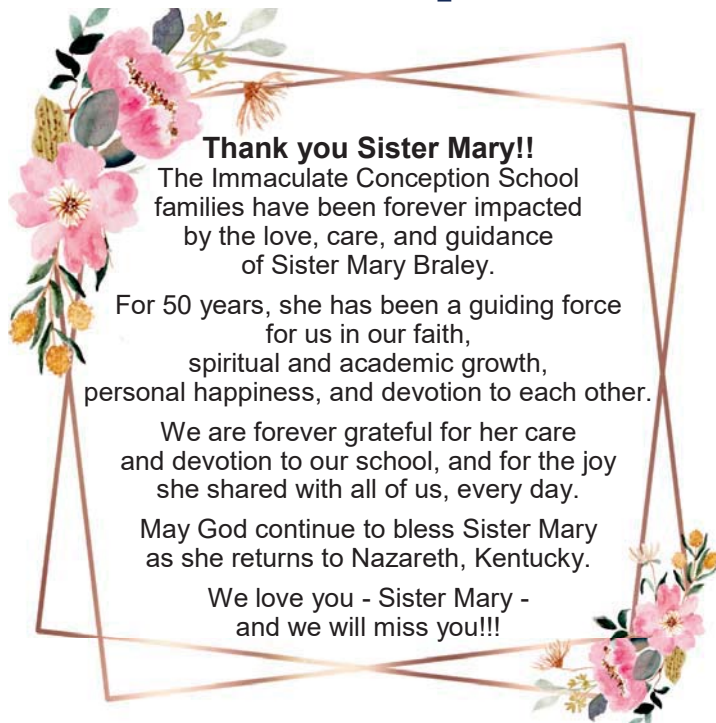
Watch the bulletin for more details.

IC Haiti Raffles

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

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

Immaculate Conception School



Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **Sunday, October 6, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC St. Louis Hall for Hospitality Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.

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, October 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library.

For more information call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.



Hospitality Sunday

1st Sundays after the 9AM Mass | Parish Center



Knights Tootsie Roll Drive

The Newburyport Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Drive fundraiser after all **IC** weekend Masses on **October 5–6**.

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



Recitation of the Rosary

Join us for recitation of the rosary Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. (before 9:00 Mass) in person at IC Church or on Facebook. www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Harvest Fair 2024

Mark Your Calendar

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

It will include a bake sale, artisan/craft tables, the popular Wall of Wine, scratch ticket tree raffle, Grandma's Attic table, an all-holiday table, a raffle table, door prizes, and a **special dinner for 6 raffle as well as an autographed Boston Celtics jersey raffle**. Oh, and lest we forget Jan's famous fish chowda!



Baked Goods Are Needed!

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

If you have any questions, please contact Betty: 978-595-7776.

Harvest Fair Items Are Needed

Bins are now set up just inside St. Louis Hall for collecting donations for the all-holiday, Grandma's Attic and raffle tables. If you have a gift card, tickets to a musical or sporting event, or voucher for a mini vacation that you would like to donate, please call Melinda at the office 978-462-2724.

Wall of Wine



We Need Wine!

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

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

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

Don't Miss This!

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

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

The date to be mutually agreed upon.



Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Box



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

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

Save the Date



Do you love to dance?

Did you watch American Bandstand?

Do you enjoy socializing with your fellow parishioners?

Join us for a

"Friendsgiving Dance"

November 23, 2024

7:00–10:00pm

IC School Gym



LET'S PARTY!

Informal attire

Check upcoming bulletins for more details.

...and take note former Philadelphians!

Sponsored by the Faith, Fun, and Fellowship Committee.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Youth Choir

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"

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

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

For more information please contact:

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



IC Music Ministry Notes

We are looking for new members to join us.

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 a few spots for new members so why not give us a try by singing with us for the Advent/Christmas season? It's time well spent filled with lots of faith, friends, and fun. This choir also sings on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., performs at fundraising concerts, and for the local community at different times throughout the year.

Musicians Needed: We are looking for musicians to help us out at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday liturgy. If you are in high school or an adult who plays guitar or another instrument, please consider joining us at these Masses. Why not give us a try by joining us for the Advent/Christmas season? No long-term commitment with lots of faith, friends, and fun.

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!*

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

Hail and Farewell Sister Mary

Join in celebrating Sister Mary Braley's many years of service to IC School and IC Parish as she prepares to retire and return to her order of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth in Kentucky. Her retirement ends a 142-year history of service of the SCNs at IC School—since 1882!



Sister Mary has selflessly served the families and children of our parish and school, and we want to ensure we give her an appropriate send-off!

A light luncheon reception is planned for Sunday, October 6 immediately following the 11:30 Mass in the IC School Gym.

Please **no gifts** per Sister Mary's request. Donations may be made to her order for their mission work. Pre-addressed envelopes can be picked up at the IC offices any time and will be available the day of the reception. Or you can mail your donation to: Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, 40 West Drive, Nazareth, KY 40048.

Thank you, Sister Mary!

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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Coffee and Conversation



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

HR Online Giving

HR provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring donation. To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office. Once you register, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724 x 402.

St. Ann Ministry Fair



On **Sunday October 6**, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Ann, we will hold a Ministry Fair in **St. Ann Hall**. Come in for a few moments to learn about many of the ministries in Holy Redeemer Parish and in the HRIC Collaborative.

There will be refreshments, and it will be an opportunity to see old friends and maybe make some new ones.

Adoration at Nativity Church

Eucharistic Adoration is offered on Wednesdays from 3:00–4:00 p.m. at Church of the Nativity. Join us weekly for one hour of Sacred Silence.

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HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 27	\$ 415.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 296.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Sept. 28–29	\$2,706.45

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 6) is the Holy Father's Peter's Pence. See page 4 for details. The second collection next weekend, (Oct. 13) is the monthly.

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Friends of the Poor Fundraiser

Since 2008, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's annual Friends of the Poor Walk has raised more than \$27 million to help neighbors in need in communities across the country. Our conference will not be participating in an official way but we take this opportunity to raise awareness of the ongoing needs of the poor.



Please consider donating by using our online connection. All funds will go directly to our account. <https://bit.ly/stvincent-holy-redeemer>. The PayPal QR code here can also be scanned to make the direct connection for online donations.

Thanks to all of you who attended the Nativity ministry fair. We need to make everyone aware of the Gospel's call to put our faith *into action*.

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.

St. Ann Coffee Social

St. Ann's Coffee Socials resume on **October 6** following the 10:00 Mass in the church hall.



We are excited to welcome you all back after our summer break. Please join us—young and old, and in between! They are a lot of fun! For your convenience, the side door on the parking lot side will be open with easier access to the hall.

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

Also, Holy Redeemer Cookbooks will be available to purchase for \$15.

Holiday Fair News

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Activities Committee Meeting

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

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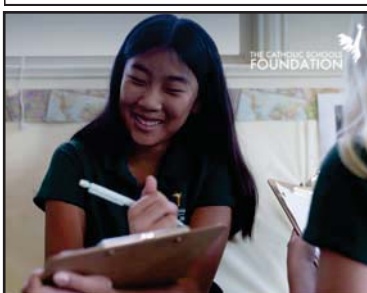
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