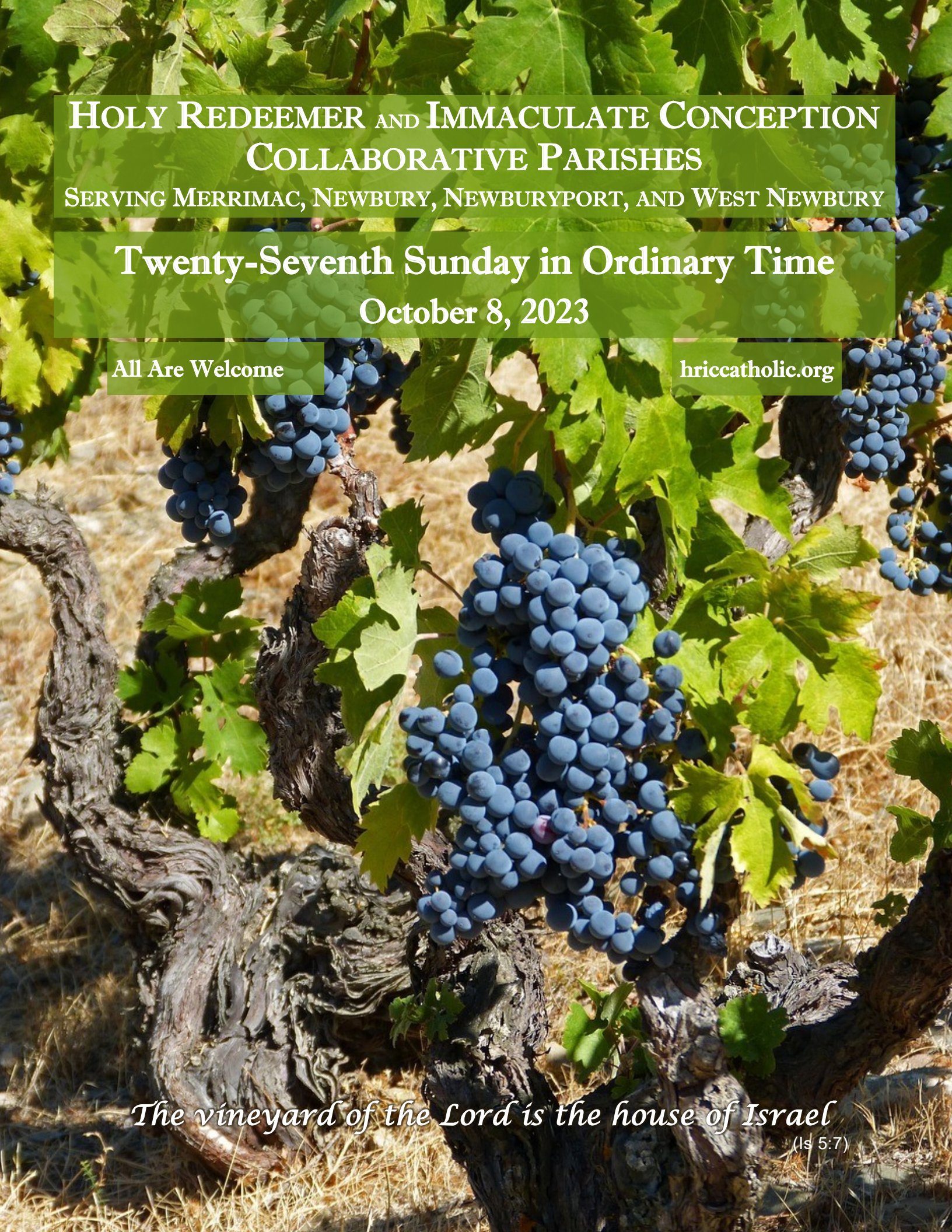




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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023

All Are Welcome

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The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel

(Is 5:7)



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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Phone: 978-346-8604

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Nativity

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

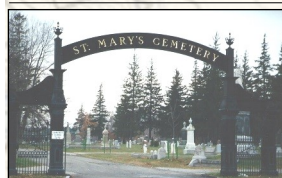
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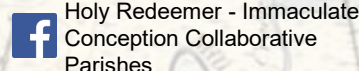
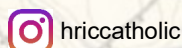
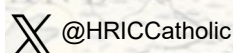
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/7)

4:00pm **IC** *Al Hasapis, Joan LaPlante, John E. & Katherine Doyle Kelley* (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (10/8)

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

9:00am **IC** *Rosemary Comeau* (Fr. Morin)

10:00am **St. Ann** *Helen & Paul Ringenbach* (Fr. Stanley)

11:30am **IC** *Robert Filomia, Mary & William Griffin, John & Margaret McCarthy* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (10/9)

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

Tuesday (10/10)

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

Wednesday (10/11)

9:00am **IC** *The Niles, Keefe, Swochak, & Macri Families, Marsha Reilly Sullivan* (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (10/12)

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

Friday (10/13)

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

Saturday (10/14)

4:00pm **IC** (Fr. Stanley)

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

Sunday (10/15)

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

9:00am **IC** *Paul Polito* (Fr. O'Brien & Deacon Moranski)

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

11:30am **IC** *Kathryn Sullivan Eaton* (Fr. O'Brien & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers please remember Carole Bradley, Robert N. O'Brien, Jeanne Cronin, 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: hricatholic.org.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



This week, myself along with more than 40 other parishioners and friends, have embarked on a long-awaited pilgrimage to Sicily, that will continue along the Amalfi Coast of Italy and end in Rome, the Eternal City. Along the way, we will have the opportunity to learn about the rich Christian history of the region, pray and offer Mass in some amazing churches and cathedrals, and ultimately experience a Papal audience in the Vatican and a private Mass in the depths of St. Peter's Basilica.

On these journeys, while we often see and experience some incredible sights, our prayer and daily Eucharist are always the highlight, joining our prayers with those from many centuries in the past. It is breathtaking and humbling to celebrate Mass in the very places where our ancestors in the faith have worshipped from the ancient past.

Part of the pilgrim's journey is to carry others with us in our hearts and prayers. So often as a priest, I am asked to pray for others. It is not hard for any of us to think of someone who could really use an extra prayer: someone who has just been diagnosed with a serious illness, someone who has experienced a death in their family, someone who has lost a job, or maybe suffered the loss of a special relationship. We don't have to look very far to encounter some in need. Please know that on this journey, we will be praying specifically for all of you and your families, along with our own communities, nation, Church, and world. There are so many needs to present before God, so many to lift up in prayer, so many moments of grace to look ahead to and pine for in a world that can, at times, seem such a faded remnant of the vibrant imagery of God's vineyard. So, we have our work cut out for us! But there is also hope.

Just as life can find a niche within to grow in even the tiniest of crevices or the most unlikely of fissures, so, too, can God's love thrive in our midst. Just as Jesus turned the most common jars of water into the very choicest of wine, so will God transform the "wild grapes" of what can appear to be an overrun vineyard into something beautiful and holy. As the words of the Psalmist echo:

*"Give us new life, and we will call upon your name.
O LORD, God of hosts, restore us;
if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved."
(Ps 80:19-20)*

Let us keep one another in prayer in the days ahead!

October Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

San Marcos Coffee Sale

October 7-8

Father Ray Richard is back in Honduras after his summer stay at the IC rectory. He is a Newburyport native who has spent over 40 years as a Franciscan Capuchin in Honduras. "Padre Ramon" was the originator of the San Marcos Coffee Project 20 years ago to bring a fair wage to the people of his former parish so that their hard work and top quality coffee could bring them a better standard of living.

On **October 7-8** you can buy this specialty Honduran dark-roasted coffee for \$10 per pound (whole bean or ground) at all collaborative Masses. The farmers of San Marcos say "Muchas Gracias and Paz de Cristo!"



Members of the Sicily Pilgrimage group recently gathered for a final night of prayer and preparation

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, October 9, Columbus Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Tuesday, October 10

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm, IC Church

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

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

Wednesday, October 11

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:15pm, IC Church

Ministry Committee Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, October 12

Social Action Committee Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, October 13

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, October 14

KofC Tootsie Roll Drive after all Collaborative Masses

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, October 15

KofC Tootsie Roll Drive after all Collaborative Masses

Family Ministry Activity 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Confirmation Prep., Year 2 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Confirmation Prep., Year 2 7:00pm, 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.

Evening Adoration Enters the Fourth Year

The 100+ attendees who heard Jesus' call to be in sacred silence with Him know a secret:

In the Monstrance's moon-like receptacle, Jesus humbly rests in that 2-sided glass window (called a lunette) for us to gaze on Him! Think of Him gazing back through that looking-glass!

In this encounter, receive gifts of Peace, Wisdom, and Understanding.

Place: IC Church

Enter through the Green Street door only.

Time: Thurs. 7–8 p.m.



New England Tenors

The Tenors are coming! Don't miss out on this wonderful concert on Sunday, November 26 at 2:00 p.m. at IC church. Tickets are \$20 each. Sponsored by IC St. Vincent de Paul.

Donate your clothes to St. Vincent de Paul Society on

Bundle Sunday

October 7-8

IC Church Parking Lot

Saturday:

8:00am-6:00pm

Sunday:

8:00am-12:00noon



Collaborative Faith Formation

School Year Programs

(K–10, Including Sacramental Prep.)

Classes are beginning for the new school year. It's not too late to register your child!

Faith Formation schedules and registration forms for the 2023–24 school year are available on our website at www.hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

Baptism

We celebrate this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Columbus Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, October 9 for the Columbus Day holiday.

It's CORI Time

2024 CORI forms are now available. 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 center offices and fill one out there.

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.

Collaborative Mission

Father John Anglin, OFM, author, missionary priest, and renowned preacher will present a three-day mission, *Awakening our Faith in These Challenging Times*, on November 13, 14, and 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church.

Father Anglin, a Massachusetts native and rabid Patriots, Celtics, and Red Sox fan, will preach on themes of God's love, forgiveness, and healing at the Mission as well as at Mass on November 11 and 12. He will also preach at daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. on the Mission dates.

Refreshments will be served following the last evening of the mission. All are welcome to attend these evenings of prayer, music, presentation, and reflection. Join us as we prepare for the coming of Advent.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Pelican Intervention Fund



For those who receive contribution envelopes in the mail, in October you will notice a new envelope for The Pelican Intervention Fund. These envelopes are not dated. You can drop your contribution in the collection at any time according to your means. Make checks payable to HR or IC Parish. Totals will be reported quarterly.

To date we have placed 135 local men and women into 12-step residential sober living. 12-step recovery programs receive no federal/state funding and insurance won't cover costs due to its faith-based nature. So, your support is more important than ever.

Visit our website at www.pelicaninterventionfund.org

Pilgrimage Opportunities

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: April 8–16, 2024

With **Fr. George Morin** and Christine and Paul Blanchette

\$2,599 (double occupancy) from Boston
(add \$649/person for Dubrovnik option)

Visit www.206tours.com/blanchette/medjugorje/,
scan the QR code, or contact us:
alexandra@206tours.com or cat@206tours.com



Pilgrimage to Fatima and Flavors of Portugal Duoro

With **Fr. Harrison**

\$8,174 (double occupancy) from Boston in Cabin D (Cabin upgrades available at an extra cost).

Visit www.206tours.com/blanchette/fatima/,
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Autumn Retreat

Living With a Grateful Heart in All Seasons

"In all circumstances give thanks...." Thes 5:18

This retreat will focus on living with gratitude in all seasons of life and in all circumstances. Retreat readings, reflections, prayer, and spiritual direction may help you become more open and attuned to God's continual giving of himself to you in daily life. Spending time with Scripture, insights from MJ Leddy's *Radical Gratitude and the Welcoming Practice* may also bring deeper awareness of God's everyday gifts of love.

The retreat opens October 15 and closes November 4. You may begin at any time during retreat. I will provide information, reflections, prayers, and poems for your prayer and reflection and meet with you for four one-hour individual sessions of spiritual direction scheduled at your convenience and at your pace as we are led by the Holy Spirit. We will meet via telephone or Zoom on a day and time convenient for you.

This offering is designed to provide an affordable, convenient, safe retreat and create an intimate space for you to share yourself deeply with the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Retreat opens October 15 – Retreat closes November 4
Spiritual Director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director. Please call (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information. Suggested donation: \$90.00

Food Pantry Collection Update

Thanks to all who have continued to generously contribute to the food collection during the summer. We collected 600 pounds of food and living essentials at the 3 churches in our Collaborative. The recipients at the senior center pantries in Merrimac and West Newbury as well as the First Parish pantry in Newbury are grateful and pass along their prayers to all in the Collaborative.

If you haven't been able to contribute yet but would like to start, suggested donation items are listed below.

-Canned goods (vegetables, soups, pork & beans, fruit)	-Peanut butter and jelly
-Cereal	-Soaps, deodorant, shampoo
-Rice, Rice-A-Roni	-Toothpaste, toothbrushes
-Tomato sauce	-Diapers
-Pasta, Ramen noodles	-Paper products (tissues, paper towels, toilet paper)

If you have gently used or new **children's books** that are taking up valuable space in your closet, we'd be happy to take those as well to kids who don't have access to these critical but simple items for their development. If you need assistance with donating them, we'll be happy to help, just let us know.

Finally, during the weekend of **October 14–15**, we'll have another super Sunday challenge, where we'll challenge each other to really make a difference. Remind your neighbors in the pews and on the street to bring just a little something that collectively will make a big difference in the lives of those in need. The bins will remain at our parishes on an ongoing basis as the need continues to grow.

Thank you again for helping to make a difference.

Call to Social Action— Young Parishioners

The Social Action Committee seeks to live the pillars of Catholic Social Justice teaching through activities which support the communities served by our Collaborative. An example of the work the Social Action committee strives to do is the food collection program.

This year, the Social Action Committee will focus on providing opportunities for young parishioners to become more involved. Some suggested topics and social justice issues listed below.

- Establish a warm clothing collection drive for Newburyport
- Participate in book collection program within the food drive
- Participate in service days at Lazarus House
- Establish a working relationship with Fr. Tulio in the Bronx to aid the less fortunate in South America

In addition to the projects listed, participants will be encouraged to bring their own ideas for projects to the table for consideration. The work contributed through involvement with these projects can be used to satisfy required service hours for school/faith formation.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Melinda in the IC parish office (978) 462-2724.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

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."**

All Souls 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 October 23 so that we can publish the names in the bulletin.

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 at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library. Our next meeting is **October 10**. For more information about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804, email kofc231@outlook.com.

Also, all are welcome to join us for **Hospitality Sunday** on the first Sunday of every month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the IC Parish Center for free coffee and donuts.

Tootsie Roll Drive

The Newburyport Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Drive fundraiser after **all** weekend Masses in the Collaborative on **October 14-15**. Please stop by and support the Knights!



HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, October 11



The HRIC sandwich program is asking for volunteers to help make sandwiches for the Lazarus House Ministry. **Sandwiches** are to be **individually wrapped** and cut then bagged, then returned to the original bread loaf sleeve, if you can label what sandwiches are in there, then please do. Cold cuts, cheese, and peanut butter and jelly are appreciated. No condiments on the sandwiches please. Casseroles are also being accepted. Pans can be picked up at the church or you can use a disposable pan of your own. Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from **7:00-9:00 am. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month**. Fresh **vegetables** and **coffee** are always welcome. A list was sent to us of some **spices** the kitchen is in need of: Maggi seasoning, chicken bouillon, oregano, garlic powder, black pepper, red pepper flakes, salt, nutmeg, vinegar, adobo, and minced garlic. Thank you for all who have been donating, we have been delivering well over 150 sandwiches every time along with casseroles during these summer months.

Questions? Contact hricsandwichprogram@gmail.com.

women at the well

New Bible Study on the Women in Scripture Begins October 16.

Are you seeking a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social, or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

Our new Fall study about women in Scripture, *Discovering Our Dignity by Walking With Purpose*, will begin October 16.

We invite all women to come join us, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. The group meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in person at the IC Parish Center and virtually on Zoom starting October 16. If you have any questions, or would like to join via Zoom, please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com.

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 2 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Patricia Baikewicz	Jay Hanslig	Donika Pulake
Priscilla Brown	Ed Hardy	Douglas Rose
Vasfije Buhali	Jane Harney	Maureen Russell
Autumn Rose	Terence Healey	Rob Schweizer
Coulombe	Linda Hofferty	Frank Siderio
Bill Crounse	Armand Hyatt	Yvonne Sloban
Drew Daubach	Michael Juralewicz	Gary Smith
Kristen	Sam Kitchen	Arlene Stoddard
D'Entremont	Arthur LaPointe	Tom Tribble
Jeanine Ebacher	Carol O'Neal	Michael Tucker
Fowler	Eleanora Paciulan	Helen Vaillancourt
Ann-Margaret	Joseph Palumbo	Maddie Villers
Ferrante	Joanne Pesa	Laurent Vincent
Helen Fox	Lee Preble	

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

Questions of the Week

Adult: After reading today's Gospel, how would you describe God's justice?

Child: In today's Gospel, the landowner gave his tenants a second chance. Why do you think he did that?

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



Immaculate Conception Church
Fall Harvest Fair
I.C. School Gym
 42 Green Street, Newburyport
 Crafters Grandma's Attic Table Wall of Wine
 Raffle Prizes Lunch Bake Sale Hourly Door Prizes
Saturday, October 21
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Over 15 crafters with Christmas items and more. Visit our "gently used" Grandma's Attic. Take a chance on the "Wall of Wine" and perhaps win a "valuable" bottle of wine. Take a chance to win a tree full of scratch tickets. Buy a raffle ticket and win one of over 3 dozen prizes. Stay for lunch: chili, hot dogs, pastries, and beverage. Take home some baked goods. Everyone is welcome. Free admission. Invite your friends and neighbors.
 This is a great way to kick of the Season of Holidays!

Harvest Fair Items Needed

Wall of Wine Prizes

Baked Goods

Thank you for all the grandma's attic items, raffle prizes, and holiday items—it's going to be fabulous as our tables are overflowing with wonderful things! We even have a few antiques and collectibles.

We continue to be in need of **bottles of wine** with a value of over \$15 for our **Wall of Wine**. (See right for more info.)

Perhaps you might consider doing a bit of baking for our **baked goods table**—now's a good time to bake and freeze those cookies, brownies, sweet breads, and other confections. Pies are welcome too and perhaps consider gluten-free items. Baked goods may be dropped off on Friday, October 20 after 3:00 p.m. or on the day of the fair (Oct. 21), any time after 7:30 a.m.

Volunteers: We could use the help of people who might want to volunteer for the day of the fair to help sell raffle tickets, assist with serving lunch, help at the bake table, etc. If you are interested in helping please email hbees@comcast.net.

St. Aloysius de Gonzaga

IC's 175th Anniversary History Continued

The so-called "downalong" section of Newburyport by this time became home to a large population of French-Canadian descendants. In December 1902, with their petition for a church of their own, a new chapter in the Catholic history in Newburyport was opened.



On February 27, 1903 the Reverend J.L. M. Levesque was named Pastor of the newly formed parish of St. Aloysius de Gonzaga. ("St. Louis" as it was fondly called) It wasn't until May 31, 1903 that the Parish's first church was dedicated on Beck Street. By September

1907 the new parish had built their own school which was run by the Sisters of St. Chretienne until 1923 when the Sisters of Jeanne d'Arc cared for the needs of "The French School," as it was called, until its closing in 1966.

St. Louis was suppressed on January 1, 1999 and ultimately closed on December 29, 2002. The church building was purchased by developers and converted into apartments.



The IC Harvest Fair committee introduces the. **"Wall of Wine"** booth at the IC Harvest Fair on **Saturday, October 21**. The "Wall of Wine" will be filled with bottles of wine valued from \$15-\$75 or more! Each bottle will be in a foil sack and numbered. (Red foil for Red/Rosé wines, silver foil for white wines)

For only \$10.00 you can try your luck and choose any bottle. The bottle will always be valued at \$15 or more and the bottle may be a premium wine valued at \$30+. You must be 21+ to participate.

Want to help make this booth a success? Please purchase one or more bottles of wine valued at \$15.00 or more and donate them to the Wall of Wine. We will be collecting all wine donations at weekend Masses in October, prior to the Fair. Call Kathie 978-992-6450 for more information or to have your wine donations picked up.

175th Anniversary Website Page

Take a minute to visit the IC 175th Anniversary page on the Collaborative Website, www.hriccatholic.org for many upcoming events as well as past events and photo links.



IC 175th Anniversary
Gala
 Save the Date!
December 8, 2023 7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Mission Oak Grill, Newburyport
 Come and celebrate
 Details to follow

175th Anniversary Prayer

Immaculate Conception Church

1848-2023

Gracious and loving Father, on this 175th anniversary of our Parish, we celebrate our past and rejoice in our present.

We praise You for all the joy we have shared in these years of faith and fellowship. We pray for all who together make up this community of Your people.

Through the guidance and intercession of our Patroness, may we be ever mindful of the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit who renews all things.

May our Parish continue to grow as a home for all who seek Your love and mercy. Mary, Queen of Peace, conceived without original sin, pray for us. Amen



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Sept. 30–Oct. 1	\$4,521.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 29	\$1,927.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$2,657.07
Total Weekly Offertory	\$9,105.07
Peter's Pence	\$ 710.00

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 8) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Oct. 15) 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.

IC Online Giving

Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

To learn more visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 x 402.

IC St. Vincent de Paul

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

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

Breaking Bread Meal

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

Bundle Sunday Clothing Donation Event

October 7–8, Immaculate Conception church parking lot. Clothing, coats, and shoes of every size accepted. No toys or household items. The donation event will take place on **Saturday, October 7, from 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, October 8, from 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon.**

Win Cash!

IC School Annual Holiday Calendars are now available. For over 20 years, IC School has run a holiday calendar fundraiser. Each \$10 calendar gives individuals 40 chances to win a grand total of \$4,800 in cash prizes. A winner is drawn each day from January 6–February 14 to receive a cash prize of \$100, \$200, or \$300. Calendars are available at IC School, IC Church lobby, and the IC Parish Center. To enter, fill out the buyer's name and contact information in the space at the bottom of the calendar. Cut it off and return both the ticket stub and the money to the School Office or to the Parish Center office no later than January 5, 2024. Check payments should be made out to Immaculate Conception School or cash is accepted.

Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School PTO "Fun Run" was held on Friday, September 30 at Bradley Fuller Track Field in Newburyport. Students in grades K–7 were led by the 8th graders in running, jumping, and skipping challenges as the students circled the track. ICY, the school mascot, was on hand to cheer on the students and high-five them for their accomplishments. The Fun Run event raises funds for the PTO which provides extension learning experiences for all students at the IC. Each grade wore t-shirts in their class color, emblazoned with "Go Pelicans" which added to the fun of the day. School Resource Officer Kyle McElroy was on hand for the fun along with several other officers who stopped by to show off their running skills. The students have raised over \$23,000 which will go towards field trips, assemblies, spirit days, and school improvements. Funds from last year's Fun Run are contributing to the purchase of new lockers for grades 5–8, expected to be installed mid-October. The Immaculate Conception School PTO is an impactful organization with parent involvement that is representative of the community's support and commitment to the children's education.



ICY the Pelican greets grade 2 students

Newburyport Police officers race each other across the field



The WHOLE SCHOOL is excited!

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HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Sept. 30–Oct. 1	\$1,771.00
HR Mailed-In Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 29	\$ 485.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 277.50
Total Weekly Offertory	\$2,533.50
Peter's Pence	\$ 255.00

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 8) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Oct. 15) 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.**

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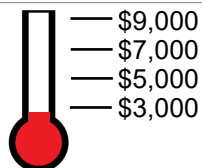
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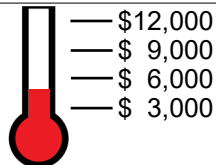
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St. Ann Church Painting Project
Goal \$9,000.00
To Date \$2,738.00



Nativity Hall Air Conditioning
Goal \$12,000.00
To Date \$5,040.00



Holy Redeemer Projects

Painting the Interior of St. Ann Church

We are raising funds to give the interior of St. Ann Church a new coat of paint. We need approximately \$9,000 to complete the project. Special envelopes have been included in the monthly packets for those who receive them, or blank ones are available at the back of the church. Once the money has been raised, we will schedule the painting to be done. Many thanks for your support and generosity in helping to complete this work!

Air Conditioning for Nativity Hall

We are raising the funds to add air conditioning to Nativity Hall. Like the church, we intend to install the heat pump "splits" that have enabled us to enjoy a more comfortable environment for worship this summer. We hope to see this work done for about \$12,000. Special envelopes are included in the monthly packets for those who receive them and blank envelopes are available in the church. Once we have raised these funds, we will proceed with the project. Many thanks for your generosity and support!

HR St. Vincent de Paul



Once again, we are inviting all to become **new members**. If you or someone you know would answer the call to serve the poor, please contact us. Your burdens will be light but the spiritual benefits are great. Please think of us.

The following is a brief summary of the Society and its works from ssvpusa.org:

In the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; is a Catholic lay organization inspired by Gospel values. The Society leads women and men to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering.

Specifically, when our conference receives a call from someone in West Newbury or Merrimac, two of our members arrange to visit this friend in need. In this face-to-face meeting, we assess their needs; overdue bills, or food assistance and then provide a report to the remainder of the group. With prayer and discussion we respond with whatever help is appropriate. Our work typically involves close collaboration with various local agencies and public assistance contacts when a more comprehensive response is needed.

Anyone interested in joining us should call 978-346-8604 (x4) and leave a voice message at the HR St. Vincent de Paul prompt.

Activities Committee

Holiday Fair, November 18

Bake sale table: planning ahead! Our bake table could use some homemade zucchini breads. We understand they freeze well. Bake now to avoid the rush!

Lawn signs: Anyone who has an advertising lawn sign from last year, please return to the back of either church so we can change the date and get it cleaned up and ready to use for this year's fair.

Holiday Fair baskets We are collecting baskets for the November fair. Please consider donating your empty wicker baskets by leaving them in the back of either church. Also, we are looking for donations of 1 1/2"-2" wired Christmas ribbon, clear jumbo plastic bags for the baskets, and heavy-duty paper for wrapping and stuffing the baskets. Donations can be left in the back of either church.

Pettengill House Winter Coat Drive

The Pettengill House is collecting winter coats, winter clothing, hats, scarves, etc. Items get distributed directly to their clients.

Drop off location: Pettengill Food Pantry, 13 Lafayette Rd, Salisbury, MA (next door to Dunkin Donuts on Route 1) on Fridays. 8:00 to noon. Call the Pettengill House with questions: 978-463-8801.



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