

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

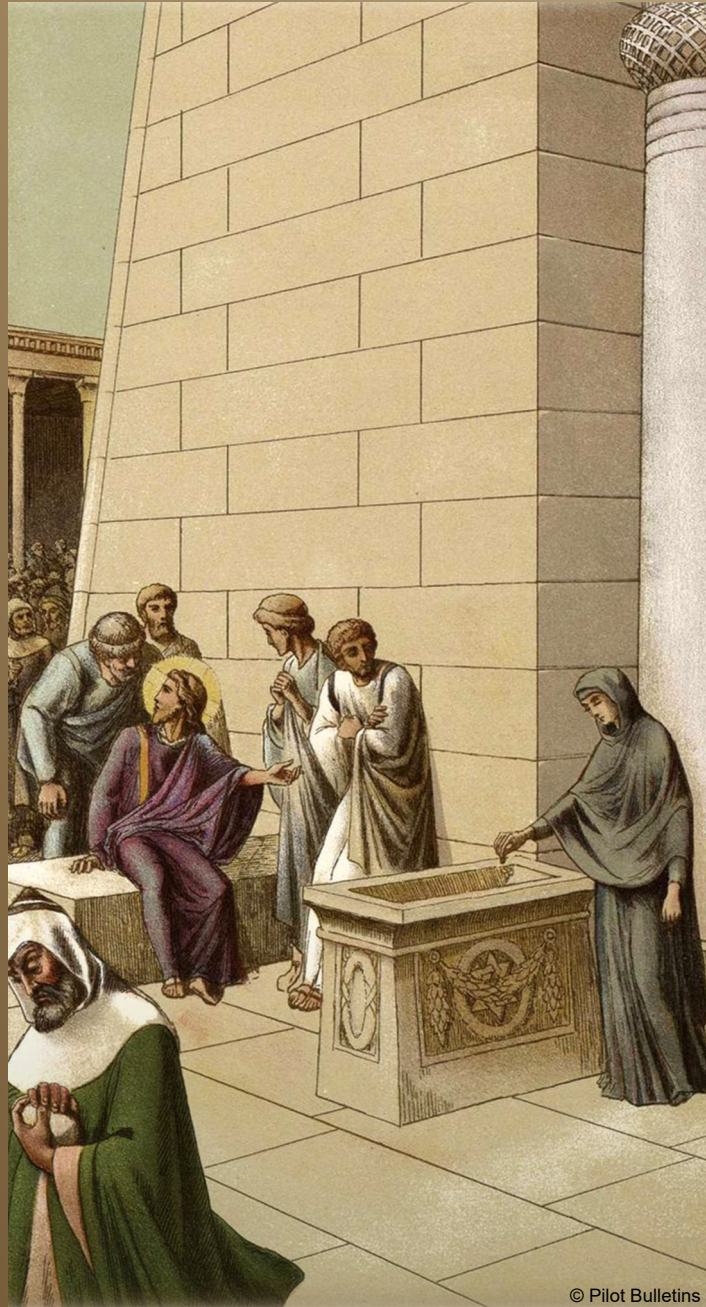
SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2024

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All Are Welcome



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Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.

For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

Mark 12:43-44

Friendsgiving Dance

Do you love to Dance?
Did you watch American Bandstand?
Did you ever do the Bristol Stomp, the Mashed Potato,
the Twist or the Stroll?
Do you know your music trivia from the 50s and 60s?
Then, dust off your dancing shoes and iron your
poodle skirts and get ready to re-live the days of
American Bandstand.

7:30 PM | NOVEMBER 23, 2024

IC SCHOOL GYM
INFORMAL ATTIRE



Tickets: \$25

On sale after all Masses or at IC Offices

Sponsored by the Faith, Fun, & Fellowship Committee

Proceeds from the event will be used for future
Collaborative-wide activities

*Enjoy some "Philly" snacks: hoagies, soft pretzels, TastyKakes, Birch Beer,
and more while dancing to the tunes of returning band PartyOn!*

*We're going hoppin', we're going hoppin' today
Where things are poppin' the Philadelphia way
We're gonna drop in on all the music they play
We're on Bandstand...Bandstand!
(Theme from American Bandstand)*



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (11/9)

4:00pm **IC E. Gregory McDermott** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

4:00pm **Nativity Helen Vaillancourt** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (11/10)

8:30am **Nativity** *For God's blessings of good health, prosperity and increased faith for our Merrimac Veterans* (Fr. Stanley)

9:00am **IC** *For the intentions of Helene Murphy* (Fr. Morin)

10:00am **St. Ann** *For God's blessings of good health, prosperity and increased faith for our West Newbury Veterans* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (11/11) Veterans Day

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

Tuesday (11/12)

9:00am **IC Michael Mann** (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (11/13)

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

Thursday (11/14)

9:00am **IC Richard Smith** (Fr. Morin)

Friday (11/15)

9:00am **IC Paul Neil Kane, George H. (Buzzie) Lawler III** (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (11/16)

4:00pm **IC Paul F. Doyle, James Leonard** (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (11/17)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

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

10:00am **St. Ann Maureen Heaton** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am **IC Kathleen Hollowell** (Fr. Morin)

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

Questions of the Week



Adult: Do you give out of the extra that you have or do you give even in your need?

Child: If you get an allowance, how do you spend your money? When was the last time you spent some of it on someone else?

Veterans Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, November 12 at 9:00 a.m.

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, November 13



This program delivers soup, sandwiches, and casseroles to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the second and fourth Wednesdays 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—with or without cheese—and peanut butter & jelly are favorites. *Please do not use condiments.*

Homemade **soups** and **casseroles** are always gratefully accepted. You can pick up soup containers and/or foil baking pans during the drop off dates/time.

Party-sized **powered drink mixes** such as iced tea, lemonade, and Kool-Aid, along with fresh fruits and goodies (cookies, chips, candies, etc.) are greatly appreciated!

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



2nd Annual Interfaith Choir Concert

November 17, 2:30pm

Annunciation Greek Church, 7 Harris St., Newburyport

All are invited to join us for the second annual Interfaith Choir Concert, hosted this year by Annunciation Greek Church. Come and hear the HRIC choir along with many other greater Newburyport congregations in the beautiful sanctuary of Annunciation Greek Church. Free to all.

New England Tenors



The Tenors are coming! Join us the Sunday after Thanksgiving for a matinee performance: **Sunday, December 1 at 2:00 p.m.** at IC church. Tickets are \$20 adult, \$12 children. Sponsored by IC St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Thanksgiving Brunch

Everyone is invited to attend a Thanksgiving Brunch.

Please join us for 9:00 a.m. Mass at IC Church on Monday, November 25, followed by recitation of the Rosary at the statue of Mary outside and brunch in IC St. Louis Hall.

Contact Melinda at 978-462-2724 with questions. Donations of baked goods for the brunch are appreciated.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, November 11, Veterans Day.

Collaborative Offices Closed

Tuesday, November 12

Women's AA Mtg. 7:00am, St. Ann Hall

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

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

Wednesday, November 13

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Faith, Fun, & Fellowship Committee Meeting. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, November 14

Altar Server Training 4:00pm, IC Church

Eucharistic Minister Training 5:30pm, IC Church

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, November 15

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, November 16

HRIC Pastoral Council Mtg. 9:00am, St. Ann Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, November 17

Faith Formation, Grades K–8 10:00am, IC Parish Center

Faith Formation, Grade 10 3:30pm, IC St. Louis 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 Remembrances

IC: Donations in memory of: Mary H. Silva • Theresa A. Silva • Henry L. Silva • The Chaisty Family • Marion C. Williams • Joseph A. Williams • Mary A. Meagher • Katherine F. Sutherland • Peter Sutherland • James Murray • May Murray • Lillian Carrier • James Carrier • Thomas Murray • John Murray • Seamus Murray • Anna Murray Crall • Ernie Crall • Pat & Isobel Murray • Claire Mackie • Carol Coyne Zilliox

HR: Donations in memory of: Tricia & Jack Kelly • Joseph K. Kelly • Brad Sullivan • Michael & Sheila Kirwan • Michael & Catherine Kirwan • Michael & Thomas Rox • Jack & Mae Kirwan • Patrick & Nora Coffey • Martin Hanley • Carmel Hynes • Teresa Conneely • Ann Welch • Arshag Horotounian • Lorraine Jablonski • Virginia Trial • Deceased Members of The LeBlanc Family • Deceased Members of The Saulnier Family • Deceased Members of The Melanson Family • Deceased Members of The Boudreau Family

It's CORI Time

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

Remember that the Archdiocese of Boston requires all volunteers in the church, 18 years of age and older, to fill out a CORI form every year. We appreciate the cooperation of all those required to complete the CORI and we particularly thank you for keeping the pledge to protect those among us who are most vulnerable.

Social Action Committee

The Social Action Committee will meet on **Thursday, November 21 at 5:45 p.m.** in IC St Louis Hall. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month (except December) at the same time and place. Please join us.

Topics for discussion: family and youth ministry, expanded Care Pack Program (including cold weather clothing packs—hats, gloves, scarves), Evening Prayer services with a social justice emphasis.

Prayer Services

We plan to have two prayer services: one in December 2024 and one in March 2025. The December Advent prayer service, with a speaker on affordable housing, is **Wednesday, December 11 at IC**. The March Lenten prayer service will have speaker on serving elder needs.).

Thank you for your support and participation in the past; the committee has had a slow start this fall, but we will pick up the ball and finish strong.

Laudato Si



The Laudato Si group will meet on **Wednesday, November 20 from 6:30–8:00 p.m.** in IC St. Louis Hall to discuss our continued cleanup work at the Bresnahan Elementary School in Newburyport and to share a slideshow about the effect of drought on our landscapes. All are welcome to attend.

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

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library.

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Adoration: Listener's Choice

Adoration is the time to not speak but to listen. Dial down words to dial into the choicest Word of the Lord meant to assign you your mission. Echo Samuel's words of spiritual availability: "Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening."



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)

Advent Retreat

Silent Night, Holy Night,

Exploring contemplative prayer and practices that quiet minds and open hearts to receive the Incarnation's gift of Emmanuel, God with us, and rest in the peace the world cannot give.

The hymn "Silent Night" conveys the essence of the Incarnation's powerful mystery and the transforming gifts the Word made flesh and dwelling among us brings. We hear the music and are quieted. The words touch our hearts with its message of peace, light, awe, hope, and salvation. We see Mary holding her child and sense God is near, his love unconditional. All is calm. All is bright.

We accept the mystery and paradox that all is calm, all is bright around the virgin and child despite the difficulties and chaos of Mary's journey and the birth of her child in a place shared with animals. Mary's fiat, "Be it done unto me according to your will" affirms her trust in God. Her human experiences of chaos and trials are overcome by love known in silence as she experiences her true reality in God. We too long to dwell in this place of love, light, and peace.

This Advent retreat will respond to your longing by exploring contemplative spirituality. Contemplative prayer and practices of silence, solitude, service and living in the present moment may help you experience God's presence in daily life and move you from living in your head to living from your heart, your center and truest self where God abides. Living from within, hidden in God, brings the peace the world cannot give. This peace is a precious gift of God's transforming love breaking into our world.

Our Blessed Mother will be our guide and example as we explore this contemplative, receptive way, this openness to God through silence and surrender. In Caryll Houselander's, *The Reed of God*, Mary, the reed, is chosen by God, hollowed by obedience, filled with grace, and pierced by suffering to become God's instrument for his song of love, bearing His Son into the world.

Advent is a time of preparation and transformation; a time to create space in your heart and silence in your life. St. John of the Cross tells us, where God find space, he enters. As God's presence pierces the hardened human heart with unconditional love, we may rest in God's love and be transformed. This contemplative Advent may allow God to come close, fill you with grace through your trials and be ready for Jesus to be born anew in your heart this Christmas.

I will provide material from scripture and contemplative works for reading and reflection and meet with you for four in person or Zoom spiritual direction sessions you schedule throughout retreat. As we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's wisdom, I will listen deeply as you share and together, we allow the Holy Spirit to move us and bless and guide our sharing. This offering is designed to provide an affordable, convenient retreat that creates an intimate space for you to share yourself deeply with the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Retreat Opens Dec. 1; Retreat Closes Dec. 24

Four one-hour spiritual direction sessions scheduled at your convenience. Spiritual director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastoral Counseling.

Please Call (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information.

Suggested donation: \$90.00

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

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, December 5 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.



IC Haiti in Need of a Translator

IC Haiti's all-volunteer Board of Directors is looking to expand the Board with the addition of a volunteer who can read and write in Haitian Creole. Our goal is to have more direct communication with the administrators of the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school in Puit Chacha.

If you are interested in joining the IC Haiti Board of Directors as our communication liaison to the school, please contact HRIC Administrative Assistant Melinda Burrell by phone 978-462-2724, by email burrell@hriccatholic.org, or in person at the IC Parish Center at 42 Green Street in Newburyport. Melinda will put you in touch with IC Haiti's Board president Nancy Rose.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

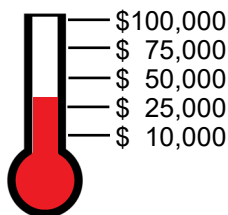
IC Offertory, Nov. 2-3	\$ 7,288.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Nov. 1	\$11,135.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 2,911.59
Total Weekly Offertory, Nov. 2-3	\$21,334.59
All Saints Day	\$ 759.00
Catholic Hurricane Relief Efforts, Nov. 2-3	\$1,000.00

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If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

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

**IC Grand Annual
Goal \$100,000
To Date \$34,340.00**



Remembering Those Who Have Died

November has traditionally been a month in the Church's liturgical calendar when we are called to pray for the dead and confront our own mortality. Over the years, parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish have embraced a beautiful custom of remembering loved ones who have passed through the creation of a small shrine for the dead. During the month of November until the beginning of Advent, parishioners are invited to place a small picture of their deceased loved one on the side altar near the baptismal font and ambry. Together as a community of faith, let's pray for those who have passed, that they may experience the fullness of the Heavenly Kingdom where we hope to one day join with them at the eternal banquet table.

IC Haiti

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950. Checks should be made out to "IC Haiti." Visit our website: ichaiti.org to learn more about this organization.

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.

Immaculate Conception School

The students at Immaculate Conception School celebrated Halloween with a trunk-or-treat event, organized by the PTO and volunteer parents. Over a dozen cars, each representing a grade level and decorated with a unique theme, gathered in the school parking lot. The students in each class, dressed in their Halloween costumes, emerged from the school building at the



appointed time to go from car to car trick-or-treating. Candy was distributed by the parents who were also dressed in costumes, to accompany the theme of their car. Pictured, parents Jen Lewis and Erin Byne, who represented the 4th grade class car, donned Dunkin' sweat suits as part of their Dunkin' Donuts theme. Some of the other cars were decorated as the Super Mario Brothers video game, dancing skeleton musicians, Santa's Wonderland, Candyland the board game, and a Hawaiian surfs' up vacation. It was a spectacularly beautiful day, which added to the festive Halloween feeling. Parent volunteers rally together in a meaningful way to provide many enriching experiences for the students at ICS!

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.

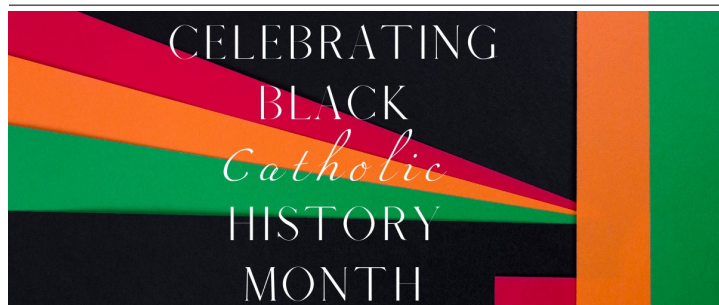
Breaking Bread Meal

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!



On Saturday, November 2, we held our annual SVdP Walk for the Poor. Thank you to all who contributed to this great cause.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



November is *Black Catholic History* month—a great time to reflect on and celebrate—now and throughout the year—the contributions to the Catholic faith that Black Catholics have made and to ensure that these narratives are not forgotten.

From St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church to Venerable Augustus Tolton, “Good Father Gus,” the first Black Catholic priest ordained in the United States, to St. Martin de Porres the efforts of these holy men and women of color in education, healthcare, ministering to the disenfranchised, and in faith formation, are often overlooked.

Black Catholic History month allows us to celebrate the lives of those who in the face of adversity continued their unwavering walk with Christ. Read more at:

<https://denvercatholic.org/the-significance-of-black-catholic-history-month/>.

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

The Sacrament of Confirmation moved from 10th grade to 8th grade. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation process have changed. Please help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not yet be aware.

Project Rachel

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreat (Nov. 16)

Are you—or someone you know—seeking peace after an abortion? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat on Saturday, November 16 (9 a. m.–5 p.m.). Location is confidential. For more information on retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

HR PARISH

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Short Days / Cold Days

The days are getting shorter. The nights are getting colder. This means utility bills are going up! Whether it's electricity, oil, gas, or propane...these bills are getting harder for our neighbors to manage on a meager income. Your kind and generous donations are needed more than ever in the coming months.



Our treasury has benefited by the recent Friends of the Poor Walk fundraiser. Thank you all for your generous donations.

Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes in the pews at St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be **mailed or placed in the poor boxes**. Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to **HR** St. Vincent de Paul.

HR Cookbooks for Sale

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



They will be on sale at the HR Holiday Fair (November 23).

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, hriccatholic.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.

★ **December 14, 2024** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



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

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a
veteran's grave this December at .

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or
visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/MA0158P



*The DAR will be participating in Wreaths Across America
Day on December 14 at Hilldale Cemetery In Haverhill.
Please join us!*

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Nov. 2–3	\$2,147.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Nov. 1	\$ 210.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 470.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Nov. 2–3	\$2,827.00
All Saints Day	\$1,007.00
Catholic Hurricane Relief Efforts, Nov. 2–3	\$ 664.00

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

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

**HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
To Date \$8,920.00**



Coffee & Quiche at Nativity

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

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

HR Holiday Fair: Saturday, November 23

The Holiday Fair is a long-running tradition at Holy Redeemer. It is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving at Nativity Hall. Visitors can shop for *gift baskets*, bid on *silent auction* items, purchase *50/50 raffle* tickets, browse the *nearly new table*, enjoy *homemade soups for lunch*, and stop over at the *bake sale* table for dessert.

Bake Sale



We could use some homemade treats. 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 and if it has nuts. We also welcome gluten-free items. Questions? Contact **Pauline: 978-504-1792.**

Homemade Soups



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.

Silent Auction



The last day for donations to the Silent Auction Table is Tuesday, November 12.

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.

Gift Baskets



Gift basket donations are needed for our fair. Themed gift baskets at our annual fair are always a huge success. Pick a theme, purchase 3–4 related items and put them in a basket. The committee will wrap them up. Basket donations may be

brought to Nativity Hall starting **Sunday, November 10.** Volunteers will be in the hall for the 2 weeks prior to the fair, preparing for the fair. More donation times will be posted on the hall's glass doors. Donations may also be left in the back of St. Ann, please label donations **"FAIR."**

50/50 Raffle



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

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

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



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

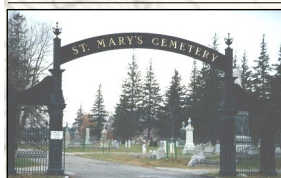
Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985
Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985
Phone: 978-346-8604
Email: info@hricatholic.org

Nativity

Parish offices and church:
4 Green St., Merrimac 01860
Office Hours: By appointment
Phone: 978-346-8604
Email: info@hricatholic.org

Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
42 Green St., Newburyport 01950
Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
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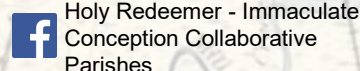
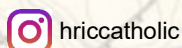
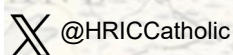
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