

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024

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All Are Welcome



“Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates....But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

(from Mk 13)



HOLY REDEEMER HOLIDAY FAIR

HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS • BAKED GOODS • SILENT
AUCTION • 50/50 RAFFLE • NEARLY NEW TABLE •
HOMEMADE SOUPS FOR LUNCH (11:00 AM)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 9:00-2:00

NATIVITY CHURCH HALL, 4 GREEN ST., MERRIMAC



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (11/16)

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

4:00pm **Nativity** For the intentions of Linda
Marshall (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)

Monday (11/18)

9:00am **IC** Alton Tobey, Maureen Heaton, David R.
Rock (Fr. McLaughlin)

Tuesday (11/19)

9:00am **IC** William Portalla (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (11/20)

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

Thursday (11/21)

9:00am **IC** Sandy Lambert, James K. Waldrip
(Fr. Morin)

Friday (11/22)

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

Saturday (11/23)

4:00pm **IC** Robert Cynewski, Doreen Wynne
(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **Nativity** Leonard Desmarais (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (11/24)

8:30am **Nativity** A thanksgiving for many blessings
received (Fr. Stanley)

9:00am **IC** Kevin Roche (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon
Dow)

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

11:30am **IC** Alan Chu (Fr. Morin)

*In your prayers please remember Melbourne (Bill) Babcock,
James K. Waldrip, and all of the faithful departed.*

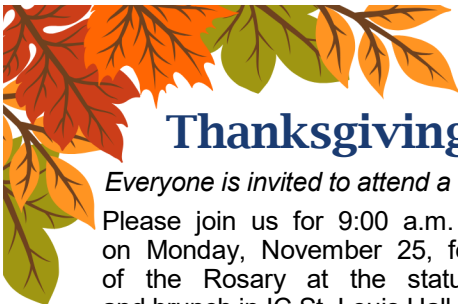
**The priests' schedule is subject to change without
notice.**

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Vigil Mass is live-streamed online through our
website: hricatholic.org as well as our Facebook page.



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.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I've been a New Englander all my
life. Born in Connecticut, my family
moved to the metro-Boston area
when I was in middle school. Over
the years, I've lived on Cape Cod,
owned a home with several other
priests in New Hampshire for more
than 30 years, vacationed at times in both Maine and
Vermont and briefly attended the US Navy's Chaplain
School in Newport, Rhode Island. I like the rhythm of the
way the seasons play out around here in their fullness. And
I also like how none of them lasts too long, lest we get too
used to any extreme. We can get a good, hot, sultry
summer stretch for those who truly like to bake. We can get
a good old-fashioned blizzard every once in a while during
the winter. We do get many blissful days in the spring and
the fall when temperatures are fair, sunshine is plentiful,
and all is right with the world. We also know, however, that
even these best of days are temporary. The old saying in
New England rings true more often than not: "If you don't
like the weather, just wait a few minutes!"

Sensing change, I think, is hard-wired into our physiology
here in the northeast. Which one of us, after all, doesn't get
a ping of nostalgia when we see that first leaf turn color and
fall from the tree? We then dutifully make a bee-line to
Dunkin' to get our pumpkin spice latte, true?! We know that
fall is coming! In a similar, though certainly more serious
manner, our ancestors in the faith knew all about reading
the signs of nature and sensing the change of seasons.
Their lives were closely wedded to the land and its
produce, so knowing what comes next: tilling, planting,
fertilizing, irrigating, pruning, harvesting...all helped them to
eek out of the soil a modest, basic living. Ignore the subtle
signs that things were changing and it could be a life-
threatening mistake!

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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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, November 18

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

Altar Server Training 4:00pm, IC Church

Cub Scout Mtg. 4:30pm, St. Ann Hall

Tuesday, November 19

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

Women at the Well 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, November 20

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Cub Scouts Pack 26 Mtg. 5:45pm, St. Ann Hall

Laudato Si Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, November 21

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

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, November 22

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, November 23

HR Holiday Fair 9:00–2:00 Nativity Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Friendsgiving Dance 7:30pm IC School Gym

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

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.



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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes

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It is in this vein that Jesus uses the imagery of a fig tree to call the people of His time to pay attention to the realities that were swirling around them in the world and realize that it is all subject to God's greater plan of salvation. While God doesn't intentionally traumatize His faithful, that times of war and insurrection, famine and tribulation occur does not mean that God has abandoned His people or that everything promised to us in Christ will not be completely fulfilled in time. Rather, Jesus reminds us to be faithful when these things happen, to double down on our works of charity, to be fervent in prayer, and deepen our hope and longing for His Second Coming.

We are told very clearly that no one knows the day or the hour when all of this will happen, but looking about the world around us, we can get a sense of things and with the eyes of faith ascertain that Christ is coming...maybe sooner than later. This must not be cause for fear or dread, but rather should engender great hope and joy among us! As members of His One Body, we exult in His promise to return and bring all things to fulfillment. And we may have to weather a few blizzards, hurricanes, tornadoes, and flash floods along the way. I guess I would add endure a few political election seasons to that list as well. Maybe you have your own list.

The important thing is that we remain faithful to our calling in Christ—that we persevere in modeling Christ for others, that we excel in charity, exude mercy and forgiveness, that we eat, sleep, and breathe the evangelical hope that our world so desperately needs. And most importantly, that we love one another earnestly as we have first been loved by Christ. No other actions speak so loudly and boldly of God's enduring presence in our hearts and world. As the Fifth Preface for Sundays in Ordinary Time reminds us,

*For you laid the foundations of the world
and have arranged for the changing of times
and seasons;
you have formed man in your own image
and set humanity over the whole world in all
its wonder,
to rule in your name over all you have made
and for ever praise you in your mighty works,
through Christ our Lord.*

So, rain, sleet, snow or wind...sunshine and gentle breezes, or whatever God gives us in the days ahead, let us be ready to offer God praise and double our efforts to be faithful to His love for the sake of all.

May the Lord bless us these late autumn days.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

24-Day Advent Bible Challenge: The Gospel of St. Luke

Advent begins Sunday, December 1

Join the **24-Day Advent Bible Challenge** to make this Advent truly meaningful! Simply read and reflect on one chapter of St. Luke's Gospel per day for 24 days starting on the first day of Advent: December 1. By Christmas Day you will have read about the entire life of Christ! It's easy, it's fun, you don't have to leave your house, and no sign-up is required!

So grab your Bible and create a prayer corner to embark on the challenge by yourself, gather your family around the tree each evening, or meet with friends to form an Advent prayer group. However you choose to take on the **24-Day Advent Bible Challenge**, the result will be a deeper appreciation of the Christmas season as we all await and prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Let us all accept the **24-Day Advent Bible Challenge** and encourage each other to stay with it until the end of Advent. Our Collaborative will be all the stronger because of it!

Use this festive **bookmark** to track your progress throughout Advent. Cut on the dashed line and fold in half, lengthwise. Glue or tape to secure the two sides together and tuck it in your Bible.

Are you ready to take up the challenge for a merrier, richer Christmas?

Note: St. Luke's gospel can be found online at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/luke/0>.



Christmas Flowers

We are taking monetary donations and memorials for the purchase of flowers for all 3 churches for Christmas. Please do not have flowers delivered to the churches but allow us to purchase them. Place your flower donation envelope in the collection at the churches or mail them to the offices. **Donation deadline is Monday, December 9 at noon.**

All Souls Day Remembrances

Donation in memory of
Beatrice S. Hebert.



View our weekly bulletin online on our website:
hricCatholic.org.

Want more Advent ideas? Watch our website
beginning in December for additional Advent resources:
hricCatholic.org.

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND!

New England Tenors

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 2:00 PM



Immaculate Conception Church

TICKETS

\$20 ADULTS / \$12 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

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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.

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

Shawls and Lapghans



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

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.



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Adoration Requires Presence

God's "tiny whispering voice" (1 Kings 19:11-13) can be heard by your ear of the heart. Your reply? Words are optional. It is your presence with Him in the Monstrance that attains to the spiritual dialogue.

Adoration



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)

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Second Collection Nov. 24

Next weekend the Archdiocese will take up the Collection for Retired Religious Sisters. Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service. For more information, please contact the Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637

Advent Retreat

Silent Night, Holy Night

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.

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.

Our Blessed Mother will be our guide and example as we explore this contemplative, receptive way, this openness to God through silence and surrender.

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. 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

Spiritual director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastoral Counseling.

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

Suggested donation: \$90.00

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.

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 Masses or
at IC Offices

Sponsored by the Faith, Fun, & Fellowship Committee

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



Questions of the Week



Adult: If today was your last day, what would you do with it?

Child: If Jesus came to visit you today, what would you do? What would you say to Him? How would you act with Him?

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.hricatholic.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 grade 10 to grade 8. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation process have changed. Help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not be aware.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Nov. 9–10	\$2,209.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Nov. 8	\$ 725.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 470.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Nov. 9–10	\$3,404.00
Monthly, Nov. 9–10	\$1,165.00

The second collection this weekend (Nov. 17) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (Nov. 24) is Retired Religious Sisters (See page 7 of the bulletin for details). *Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.*

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

**HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
To Date \$14,370.00**



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**.



We had a great turnout for our coffee and quiche after Mass and then we began to set up for our Holiday Fair on November 23.

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: (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 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 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."*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

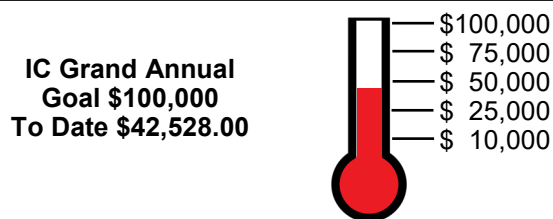
IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Nov. 9–10	\$5,643.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Nov. 8	\$ 778.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$2,911.59</u>
Total Weekly Offertory, Nov. 9–10	\$9,332.59
Monthly, Nov. 9–10	\$1,135.00

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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.



Friends of the Poor Walk

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is very grateful for the support shown by the Immaculate Conception parishioners to our Friends of the Poor 2024 Walk. We appreciate every dollar that was donated as well as the time and effort spent by our 30+ walkers to find sponsorships for their walk. We especially want to thank our corporate sponsors: Bentley/ReMax, Blanchette Financial, Matter Communications, The Newburyport Lions Club and St. Jean's Credit Union for their generous donations. This event is our primary fundraiser and every donation goes to our neighbors in need in the Newburyport and Newbury area.



Also, a special thanks to Fr. Tim, who walked the walk of a pilgrim in Portugal, Fr. George, and Fr. Charlie who walked the walk with the *walking team* and, of course, Fr. Bill who did his virtual chair walk in the parking

lot with a couple of "non-walking" Vincentians. Their enthusiasm and great love of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is much appreciated.

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.

Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception school students recently completed the first quarter of the academic year. Congratulations to all on an admirable effort! Middle school students worked diligently throughout the quarter to earn academic awards. The highest award is Principal's Award, which is earned by students who achieve an average of 95 or higher for all subjects, including specials. First Honors is awarded to students who achieve an average of 90 or better in all subjects. Second Honors is earned by students who achieve an 85 or higher in all subjects and Honorable Mention is for those who earn an average of 80 or higher. The academic expectations at Immaculate Conception for students in all grades is well defined—all students are expected to all do all the work, all the time. This expectation is accepted and embraced, which results in a work ethic that is well developed over time. Eighty-eight percent of students in the fifth to eighth grade achieved academic honors for the first quarter. These students will be acknowledged at Morning Meeting with a certificate of achievement. We are proud of our students' accomplishments and appreciate their dedication to their studies!!



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.svdnpnewburyport.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!

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.

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