Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

Serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2026



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All Are Welcome

the

New England Tenors

Special guest soprano Celeste Pellegrino



Newburyport Holiday Concert

Sunday, November 29, 2 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Church
42 Green Street, Newburyport

Tickets at the door
$20 adults - $12 students
No reservations needed.

Tickets can also be purchased from members of the IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Proceeds to benefit the IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (11/21)
4:00pm **IC** *Robert Cynewski, Lena D'Ambrosio* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
Sunday (11/22)
8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)
9:00am **IC** *Judith McNatt, Jim Tillotson* (Fr. Harrison)
10:00am **St. Ann** *Kathleen McGrath Breton* (Fr. Morin)
11:30am **IC** *Alan Chu* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)
Monday (11/23)
9:00am **IC** *Kenneth Jasinski, Joseph Patchett, Priscilla Arnott* (Fr. Harrison)
Tuesday (11/24)
9:00am **IC** *Kenneth Jasinski* (Fr. Harrison)
Wednesday (11/25)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)
Thursday (11/26) ***Thanksgiving Day***
8:00am IC (Fr. Morin)
Friday (11/27)
9:00am **IC** *for the needs of families* (Fr. Morin)
Saturday (11/28)
4:00pm **IC** *Connie Bucci, Henry Therrien, John Cronin,Sr.* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)
4:00pm **Nativity** *Leonard Desmarias* (Fr. Stanley)
Sunday (11/29)
8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
9:00am **IC** *John Sacco, Maria Parisi Gammacurta* (Fr. Stanley)
10:00am **St. Ann** *Ray Tolosko* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
11:30am **IC** *Alan Chu* (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers please remember Patrick Walsh, David Ten Eyck Sr., and all of the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

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

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

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

Thanksgiving Day Mass Time



Please note that our Thanksgiving Day Mass begins at 8:00 a.m. (Mass is 1 hour earlier than usual.) Why not start your day giving thanks to God with your Collaborative family!

Questions of the Week



Adult: Does listening to today's Gospel inspire you to change your lifestyle in any way?

Child: When Jesus comes to judge how we lived our lives, what do you think He will be looking for?

St. Mary's Cemetery

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination



Notice: Upcoming Price Increase

As of January 1, 2027, the price of a cemetery plot will be increasing.

Please contact Mr. Joseph Viel, Mill City Management Corporation, at 978-208-0266 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Lucas Aucamp
Paula Cullen Barnhart
Kathy P. Brodeur
Michael Brenner
Phyllis Collins
Autumn Rose Coulombe
Kristen D'Entremont
Neal DesRoches
Ward Dilmore
Jim Dolan
Deb Downie
Dotty Duval
Ann-Margaret Ferrante
John Flynn
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler
Renee Fowler
John Gutshaw
Jon Haggerty
Ed Hardy
Jane Harney
Chloe Hequet
Loriann Herrick
Matt Hershey
Angela Holloran
Tula Hunt
Emma Hurley
Young Jameson
Gary Johnson
Steve Johnson
Denise Kenneson
Arthur LaPointe
Michael Lichtenstein
Donna Limone
Johannah Lord
Patricia M. Lisa MacDougall
Monica Maguire
Sia Mahalati
Michael Marchese
Robert (Bob) Marks
Michael Martens
Ovidio Martinez
Fr. Bill McLaughlin
Susan Neale
Susan Nolan
Carol O'Neal
Eleanora Paciulan
Jodi Paciulan
Joseph Palumbo
Carol Parks
Joanne Pesa
Elizabeth Pettingell
Polly Pirri
Lorraine Portalla
Angie Reddy
Regina Seely
Yvonne Sloban
Gary Smith
Arlene Stoddard
Susan Sweeney Taylor
Ginamarie Talford
Captain Bill Taplin
Heather Thompson
Michael Tucker
Maddie Villers
Laurent Vincent
Sandra Welch

*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.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Our next meeting is **Thursday, December 3**. All are welcome! **Come join us.** Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you!

Collaborative News

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, November 23

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

Tuesday, November 24

Women's AA Mtg. 7:00am, *St. Ann Hall*
Faith Formation, Grade 2 3:30pm, *IC Parish Center*
Breaking Bread Meal 4:45pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*
IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*
Women at the Well Mtg. 6:30pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*
IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, *IC Church*

Wednesday, November 25

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, *IC Nazareth Library*
Collaborative Offices Close at 12:00noon

Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Friday, November 27

Collaborative Offices Closed

Saturday, November 28

Men's Cursillo Reunion Group 8:00am, *St. James Chapel*
Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Class 9:00–12:00 *IC St. Louis Hall*
Confessions 3:00–3:30pm, *IC Church*

Sunday, November 29, 1st Sunday of Advent

IC High School Praise Singers Rehearsal 10:00am, *IC St. James Chapel*
NE Tenors Concert 2:00pm, *IC Church*

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

Thanksgiving Office Hours

Collaborative offices will close for the Thanksgiving holiday at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 25 and be closed on Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving) and Friday, November 27 (day after Thanksgiving).

Collaborative Faith Formation

Confirmation preparation (**grade 8**) meets for regular classes every Sunday except holiday weekends. All other grades are also underway.

Grades K–1 and 3–7 meet in-person roughly every other Sunday from 10:05–11:20 a.m. at IC.

Grade 2 Sacramental preparation meets every week: Sunday morning or Tuesday afternoon at IC, Newburyport or **NEW!** Wednesday afternoon at Church of the Nativity, Merrimac.

If you have not yet registered your child, please do so ASAP and contact Deacon Aaron Giard at 978-462-2724 to get caught up.

Baptisms

Please call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information regarding this sacrament.

Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Workshop

All adult employees and volunteers in the Archdiocese of Boston must complete a **one-time** Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) class in addition to their yearly CORI. The training is an in-person, 3-hour training that is needed only once in your life.

If you have not taken the course yet, here is your chance to fulfill that requirement. The Collaborative will be sponsoring a Protecting God's Children workshop on:

- **Saturday, November 28, at IC St. Louis Hall, Newburyport, from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon.**

You can register online at https://www.virtusonline.org/ (see registration steps below).

How to Register for a PGC Workshop

- Go to https://www.virtusonline.org/
- Click on "First-Time Registrant"
- Click on "Begin the Registration Process"
- From the pull-down menu, choose "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)," ONLY and click "Select"
- When asked, "Have you previously registered with VIRTUS Online?" Click "NO"
- Create a username and password when asked to do so and click "Continue"
- Fill in all the required fields for contact information on the next screen and click "Continue"
- From the pull-down menu for "Location," choose the name of your parish, church, or school
- When the roles appear, choose a primary role and an additional role
- In the box at the bottom, add a title (what you do for parish/school) and click "Continue"
- On the next page, you may choose YES or NO, depending on whether you want to associate your name with an additional parish, church, or school
- Answer the **four** YES/NO questions on the next page and click "Continue"
- When asked, "Have you already attended a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Session?" answer NO
- On the next page, choose a session entitled, "Protecting God's Children for Adults" (ONLY)
- Confirm, and you are done!

Second Collection Nov. 22

Retired Religious Sisters

This 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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Advent Retreat

Joy to the World!

We will focus on the message of the carol's first four lines in light of scripture and faith. Questions will be offered for prayer and reflection to support your retreat work.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come

Acknowledging Jesus as our savior, who reveals and leads us to God our Father and sends us the Holy Spirit of God is the path to joy. We will explore your desire to live in the Joy of God's love through your sharing the fruits of reflection when we meet.

Let earth receive her King

Humans must choose to receive this gift of Emmanuel, God with us. Receiving Christ into our heart and surrendering to follow him is a gift we can offer to God.

Let every heart prepare Him room

Seeking joy in the things of this world will keep us unsatisfied and restless. Following Jesus' path is the way to joy.

And Heaven and nature sing

God is present in all he has created out of love for us. Finding God in the created world can bring you joy and lead you to God.

I will provide readings from scripture and spiritual writers for prayer and reflection. You may schedule each of your four Zoom spiritual direction sessions as desired, at your own pace throughout the 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 November 30. Retreat closes December 24. Begin retreat any time you choose.

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: $110.00

Newburyport Choral Society

The Newburyport Choral Society invites you to its winter concert, "When Jazz Meets Choir," a festive celebration blending soaring choral music with rich jazz harmonies, improvisation, and beloved holiday traditions. The program features composer Will Todd's electrifying Mass in Blue, accompanied by a live jazz band featuring piano, bass, saxophone, and drums, with internationally renowned soprano soloist Katherine Whyte.

Audiences will also enjoy seasonal favorites, including music by Duke Ellington and Leonard Bernstein, performances by the Youth Choir of Immaculate Conception Church and the NCS Chamber Singers, a beautiful candlelight selection, and opportunities to sing along with familiar holiday carols. Experience the joy of music as jazz meets choir this December! All are welcome! For information and tickets, visit www.newburyportchoralsociety.org/events.

Friday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church

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Collaborative Calendar

Check out our online Collaborative calendar. It lists Mass times and all Collaborative events and activities. Access it through the calendar tab on our website: hriccatholic.org.

Youth Music News

Christmas Concert

The IC Youth Choir will perform with the Newburyport Choral Society

Friday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are on sale online at newburyportchoralsociety.org.

Last year's performances sold out! Come and support our young singers! Concerts held in the IC Church.

For more information about youth choir and Praise Singers, please contact Paula Quann: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org.

Pictured below, last year's performance.



Collaborative News



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

Advent begins Sunday, November 29

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: November 29. 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's 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.

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HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program Planning Ahead for the Holidays

The 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month are the scheduled delivery dates for the HRIC Soup and Sandwich Program. However, the 4th Wednesday in the months of November and December falls on the day before Thanksgiving and the day before Christmas Eve, respectively. Because The Good Shepherd Soup Kitchen typically receives a larger number of generous food donations prior to these two holidays, **we are *suspending* the program for Wednesday, November 25 and Wednesday, December 23.**

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Lazarus House for Thanksgiving or Christmas meals, you may do so at St. Ann during the delivery dates listed below.

Thank you for your continued generous support of this important program!

Remaining 2026 scheduled Soup & Sandwich delivery dates at St. Ann Hall 7:00–9:00 a.m.

~~**November 25**~~ **(*Suspended*)**

December 9 Scheduled delivery

~~December 23~~ (*Suspended*)

Holy Redeemer Parish

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Nov. 14–15	$2,288.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Nov. 13	$ 630.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	$ 603.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Nov. 14–15	**$3,521.00**
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Nov. 14–15	$1,034.00
Catholic Appeal (Goal $27,000)	$24,065.00

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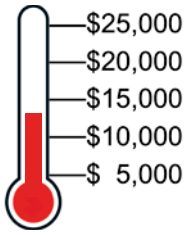
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If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

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

HR Grand Annual

Goal $25,00.00
To Date $13,385.00



HR St. Vincent de Paul

Giving Thanks



Through your generosity, our conference will again be able to provide Market Basket gift cards to 15 families in Merrimac and West Newbury. With food prices much higher than last year, these $100 gift cards will allow these needy families to properly celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

Let us all reflect on our year and thank the Lord for our blessings. Always keep in mind those less fortunate.

Your kind donations in any form to help our neighbors are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes that can be found on tables at the main entrances of 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.

Altar Linen Ministry at HR

HR is looking for volunteers for Altar linen care. If this is a ministry that you are interested in and can help with, please contact the offices for more details. 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

Advent Giving Tree Donations at St. Ann



Please consider helping the Emmaus House, Pregnancy Care Center, or HR St. Vincent de Paul Society make Christmas special for one of their clients. **Tags** listing the requested items or wish list for each charity are **available on the Christmas tree in the back of St. Ann Church**. All your donations are greatly appreciated.

Return your donations to St. Ann by **Sunday, December 6**, so each charity has time to distribute them to their recipients.

HR Holiday Helper Program

The **Holiday Helper Program** has asked Holy Redeemer to help this Christmas season with efforts to collect **socks** and cans of **hearty soups** and **stews**. The program assists people of all ages. Last year the program helped 63 children and 70 seniors. Please bring your unwrapped donations by **Sunday, December 13**. Donations may be left in the back of **either church** marked **"Holiday Helper."**

Help Others This Christmas

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the *Thanksgiving* Food Bag collection! Here is an email of gratitude from Jen at the West Newbury Food Pantry:

Thanks so much for the wonderful donations organized for the food pantry. Please let your congregation know how grateful we are for the generosity and support! The food donated is a huge help!
Very sincerely,
Jennifer Vincent - Nutrition Program Coordinator SAGE Center



The **Food Pantry at the West Newbury Senior Center** (Sage Center) also puts together **25 Christmas Dinner Food Bags** to be distributed to residents of West Newbury Senior Housing and Meals on Wheels clients. As with the Thanksgiving Dinner Food Bags, the center does not cook the meals, rather it provides recipients with a ham and all the fixings needed to make a delicious Christmas dinner at home.

Christmas is such a blessed time! As the Magi honored the newborn King with wonderful gifts, let us honor our Savior with scrumptious offerings for our neighbors in need! Please bring your donations to Mass and place them in the food bins marked *West Newbury Food Pantry* located in **St. Ann's** foyer. They will be brought to the West Newbury Senior Center.

The **deadline** for Christmas Dinner Food Bag donations is **December 11**.

Please check the dates on your donations to make sure they will not expire before January 1, 2027.

Scalloped potatoes (small box)	Candy canes
Box or microwave mac & cheese	Box cookies
Canned Green Beans	Canned Carrots

The West Newbury Senior Center runs a food pantry for all area residents—no questions asked. You can help keep the food pantry stocked all year by bringing non-perishable food donations to Mass at St. Ann and leaving them in the foyer bins. The Senior Center, located on the first floor of the West Newbury town office building also has donation bins in the foyer for drop off during business hours Mon.–Fri.

Immaculate Conception Church

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Nov. 14–15	$6,074.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Nov. 13	$1,507.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	$3,842.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Nov. 14–15	**$11,423.00**
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Nov. 14–15	$1,170.00
Catholic Appeal (Goal $57,000)	$57,521.00

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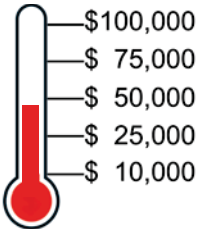
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IC Grand Annual

Goal $100,000.00
To Date $43,940.00



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

A Heartfelt Thank You

As we celebrate the blessings of this Thanksgiving season, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Immaculate Conception extends its sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of our **"Neighbors Helping Neighbors" walk.**

Every step taken, every donation made, and every prayer offered helps us continue our mission of serving those in need. Our Help Line (978-518-0728) rings daily with requests for assistance with rent, winter heating bills, and many other urgent needs. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to respond with both compassion and practical support.

You remind us that when a parish comes together, hope grows stronger and no neighbor has to face hardship alone.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

With gratitude and blessings,

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Immaculate Conception Conference

Tuesdays Breaking Bread Meal: Free, hot, three-course meal served 4:45–5:30 p.m. in the IC St. Louis Hall dining room. Take-out meals available at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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 and she is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

Immaculate Conception School

Over the past three years Immaculate Conception School has supported The Community Giving Tree with donations of gently used clothing and diapers. Families recently completed a fall collection by donating warm clothes that their children have grown out of. The whole-school collections involve students bringing bags of donations to Morning Meeting—placing them in the middle of the gym floor for all to see the impact when everyone does a little bit. Promptly at 8:30 a.m., after Morning Meeting is over, the middle school students load up the CGT van and off the donations go to their Boxford distribution center. Last week, the IC donations included 1,300 diapers! The Community Giving Tree supports Massachusetts children in need.

Our school community supports several local organizations. Every bag donated to CGT represents a family choosing to look beyond themselves and care for neighbors facing difficult times—a living lesson in the values we teach each day.

Service to others is a cornerstone of life at the IC. Collections like this one give our students the chance to put faith into action, showing even our youngest learners that they can make a real difference in someone's life. We are grateful to every family who contributed and are proud of our students for the compassion and enthusiasm they brought to this effort.



Eighth grade students load donations onto the Community Giving Tree van.

The Parable of the Talents



In last Sunday's Gospel passage Jesus told a parable about a man who was about to go on a journey. But before he went, he gave his servants "talents" hoping that while he was gone each would make the most of the "talents" he had given them. At last Sunday's 9:00 a.m. Mass Fr. George challenged members of the community to accept a "talent" from him and to creatively use it in order to return not only the "talent" but whatever profit it might produce! We look forward to seeing the results. For those who are participating, thank you for accepting the challenge.

Please return your "talent" and profit and a note describing your "talent project" by **December 20** in an envelope addressed "My Talent Return." All profits received will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Immaculate Conception Parish. Thank you.

IC Advent Giving Trees

Advent is here and we have put up new giving trees in the vestibule. The beautiful trees were made by parishioner and woodworker, Tom Howard for the IC St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you Tom! The tags on the branches each represent a need that can be met with a gift card. Please choose a tag, return the gift card and place it in the collection boxes near the doors of the church. Your gifts will be made available to local residents who call on us for help during the year. Thank you for helping us help others!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Larry Lambert Unveils Commemorative Plaque



Many years ago, at the request of his late wife, Sandy (who worked at Northern Essex Community College), Larry Lambert wrote the lyrics to a song and Michael Finegold (a Northern Essex Community College Educator), wrote the music. The song, "Raise Your Banner High" has since become the college's Alma Mater.

On November 15, during the intermission of the Essex Chamber Music Player's American 250th Celebration concert, Larry and Michael unveiled a plaque commemorating the song, which will be played at all future Northern Essex Community College Graduations!

Larry's family and several IC parishioners attended the event to support him.

Pictured above, from left, daughter-in-law, Nyla and son Danny, IC's Larry Lambert, daughter-in-law Lisa, and son Phil in front of the plaque.

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.



The Sacrament of the Sick

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

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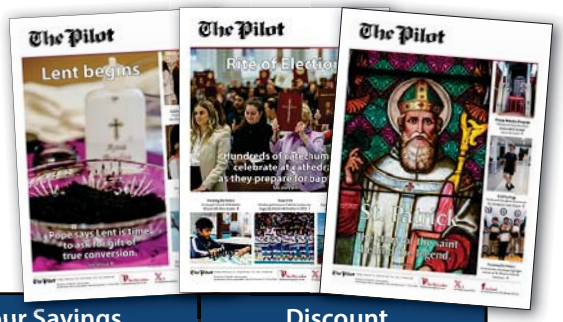
December 19, 2026
National Wreaths Across America Day

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.
To make a donation online visit wreathsacrossamerica.org/MA0158P or scan the QR code.

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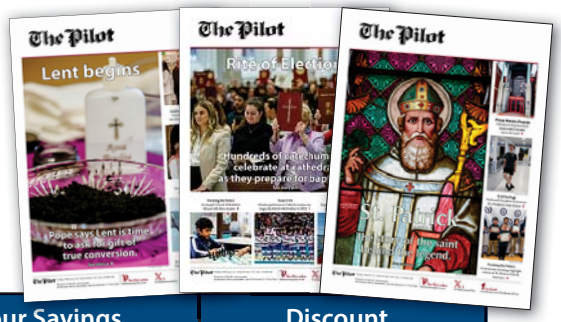
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