

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

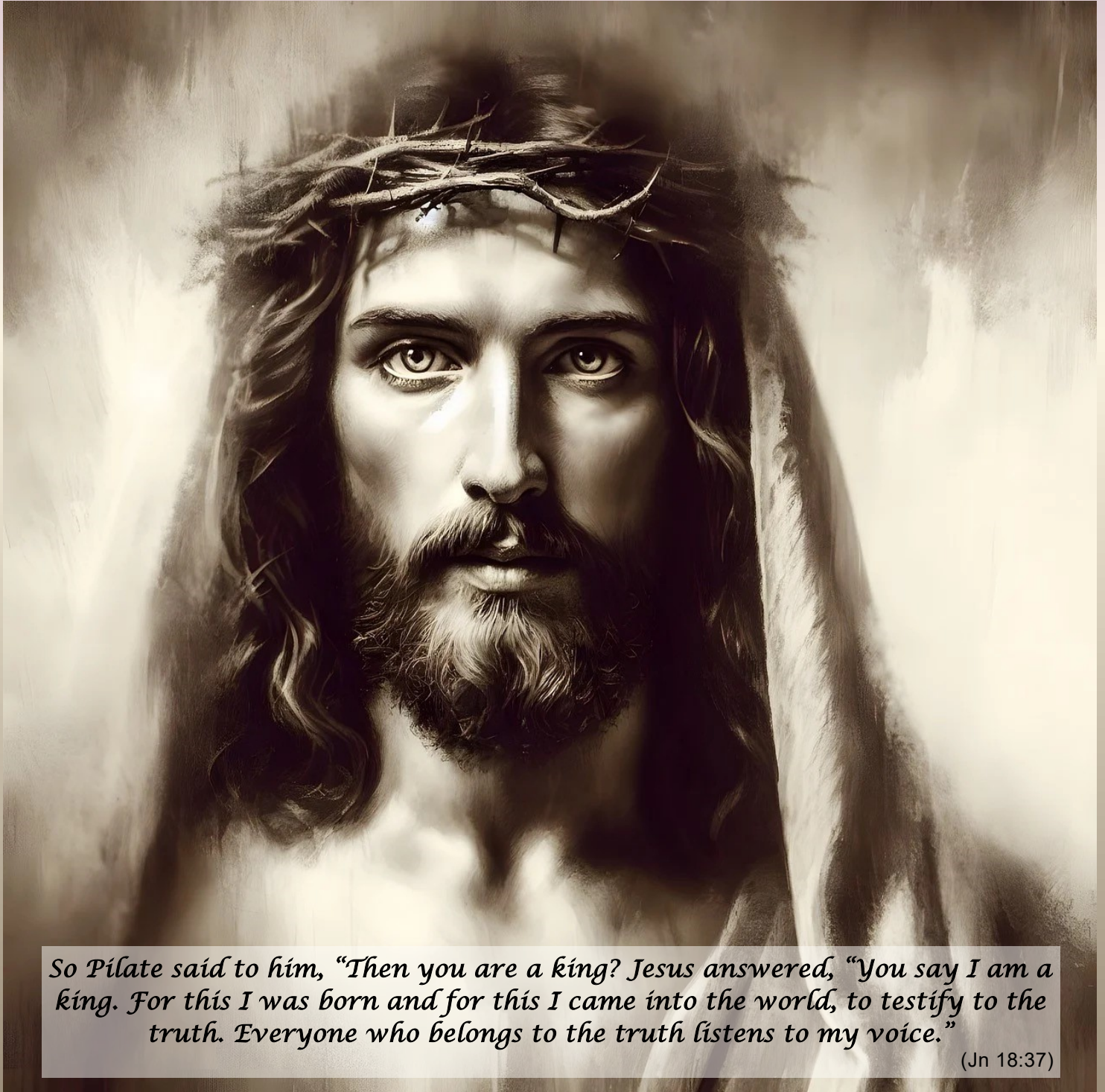
SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 24, 2024

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All Are Welcome



So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king? Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

(Jn 18:37)



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

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

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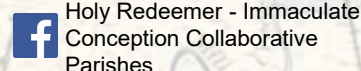
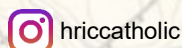
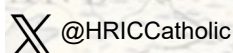
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Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir

609-519-3236

Confessions

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



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Mass Schedule

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 the 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)

Monday (11/25)

9:00am **IC** For all of God's blessings in our lives
(Fr. McLaughlin)

Tuesday (11/26)

9:00am **IC** James K. Waldrip (Fr. Stanley)

Wednesday (11/27)

9:00am **IC** William & Helen Mullen (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (11/28) **Thanksgiving Day**

8:00am IC (Fr. Morin)

Friday (11/29)

9:00am **IC** Ray Mello, and For the needs of families
(Fr. Morin)

Saturday (11/30)

4:00pm **IC** Connie Bucci, Donald Goode
(Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (12/1) **First Sunday of Advent**

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

9:00am **IC** Irene Palaima, Gilda Labarba
(Fr. Harrison)

10:00am **St. Ann** Jerry Mullen, Jordyn
Santabarbara (Fr. Morin)

11:30am **IC** John & Joseph Hynes, Thomas
McDermott (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

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.

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,

This past week, several questions came up at our Pastoral Council meeting concerning our collections and the Offertory at weekend Masses. I'd like to take a few moments here to review our procedures and probably share more than you want to know about our weekly collections and how contributions are handled within our Collaborative. I want every parishioner to know that all contributions to our churches are both fully appreciated and properly handled.



To begin with, it is important to note that while Immaculate Conception Parish and Holy Redeemer Parish have been brought together into a "Collaborative," they remain separate parishes, with separate finances, separate Financial Councils and separate checkbooks. When someone writes a check or makes a contribution to a particular parish, the money is deposited into that parish's checking account and is used according to the donor's wishes, as explicitly or implicitly stated. For example, if a check is written to Immaculate Conception Parish for use in the Pastor's Charitable Account, that is how it is deposited and coded. The Pastor's Charitable Account is a sub-account from the Main Checking Account and the money deposited there is kept separate from the regular Offertory collection and all other uses.

There are several different types of income that both parishes regularly receive. The Offertory collection is the largest and represents the regular weekly contributions of parishioners for the general needs of the parish. This may be collected by the actual passing of the basket in church during Mass, through mail-in contributions received during the previous week, or from Electronic Giving (EFT). The Offertory is the way that most parishes pay for utilities and upkeep, pay for employee salaries, and handle incidental expenses related to pastoral programming. This includes everything from purchasing hymnals, paying for gas and electricity as well as health insurance for our employees, and the hosts and wine used at Mass. Each week, I have asked that our office staff include a tabulation of the previous week's Offertory collection. This includes actual monies taken up in the physical collection at church, the monies received in the mail during the week up to the bulletin cut-off (Tuesday) and a percentage share of the funds received from the monthly EFT draw from Electronic Giving. This is income that comes to us electronically once a month, and is divided in the weekly bulletin report by the number of weeks in that month, hence while those funds are usually pretty stable from month to month, the weekly percentage will vary slightly depending by how many weeks it is being divided.

The Offertory is taxed by the Archdiocese at the following rates: parishes without a school, 10%; parishes with a school, 5.3%. Thus Holy Redeemer Parish's Offertory income is taxed at 10% and Immaculate Conception's is taxed at 5.3%. The reasoning for the discrepancy is that parishes with a school often have many in-kind expenses due to the school that can affect parish finances. Additionally, The Grand Annual collection and Monthly collections are taxed in the same way in each parish. These taxes are collected by the Archdiocese once a month along with insurance bills, employment taxes, health care premiums, and the like. This is done through an

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electronic “sweep” or debit from the IC Parish checking account, and the respective bills due from Holy Redeemer Parish are paid back to IC through a monthly check.

What is not taxed are other forms of income such as donations, Mass stipends, and other contributions to specific causes. For example, Holy Redeemer parishioners made contributions recently to install air conditioning units in Nativity Hall and to paint the interior of St. Ann Church. These were not taxed and 100% of these contributions went towards the projects specified.

Throughout the year, there are many second collections that are taken up. Most of these are required by the Archdiocese for various local and worldwide needs. These include collections such as Peter’s Pence (the charitable works of the Holy Father), the annual Mission collection, the collection for Retired Women Religious and the like. On Christmas and Easter, the single Offertory collection is remitted in its entirety to the Archdiocese for the care of the sick and retired priests of the Archdiocese. Whenever there is a second collection, this is reported (usually the following week) in the bulletin and while the funds received may be deposited into that parish’s checking account, a large, single check for this entire amount is sent into the Archdiocese.

Since before COVID, we were using one pass of the collection basket to take up our Offertory and second collections at IC Church. In that one collection, all printed envelopes for that week’s Offertory and all loose cash went to the Offertory collection. Any printed envelopes for that week’s second collection as well as any cash that was placed into the yellow generic “Second Collection” envelopes (usually available in the pews) would be held aside and counted separately towards that week’s second collection (whatever it was.) These collections are announced a week ahead of time in the bulletin. All parishioners who have signed up for our weekly envelopes will receive these in advance through the mail. The envelope mailing includes pre-printed collection envelopes for both the Offertory collection as well as any second collections for that period, plus undated envelopes that may be used for specific causes and return-mail envelopes for those wishing to make their contributions by postal mail. All parishioners are encouraged to use these envelopes. They are free for the asking through our office and are the easiest way to ensure that your contribution is directed and counted according to your wishes. Each parish has different collection envelopes (styles and colors), so even if you were to place your contribution in one of the Offertory collections of another church in the Collaborative, it will be counted for your parish. Since the return of the Offertory collection and procession in both parishes, we are working towards implementing this process in all three of our Collaborative churches, with supporting generic envelopes.

Those who contribute through Electronic Giving have already made their contribution, and do not need to place anything in the collection baskets as it passes by. However, you may wish to use the printed envelope included for that weekend and simply write “EFT” on it or check the “EFT” box on the front of the envelope and put it empty into the collection basket. While these will be discarded by the money-counters, it is an optional sign to others in the congregation that you are contributing to the collection for those who wish to use it.

Once a collection has been taken up at Mass, it will be placed in a tamper-proof, individually numbered, sealable bag directly

following that Mass and then placed in a locked safe until it is time to be counted. These bags are tracked through our office. There are several money-counting teams from each parish who gather one day each week and open the sealed bags, count the monies received, verify the collection envelopes and compile these into the weekly deposits which are then promptly brought to their respective banks for deposit. Each parish uses a separate bank. This whole process is overseen by multiple people—staff members and volunteers alike. At no point in this process is anyone left alone with uncounted, unsealed money.

At the beginning of this letter, I mentioned that each parish has separate finances, checking accounts, etc... This is by design through the Disciples in Mission / Collaborative process as set forward by the Archdiocese and reflects the requirements of universal Church law. What is shared, however, are staff salaries and program costs that serve both parishes. Salaries of office staff, Clergy and faith formation personnel whose duties serve both parishes are split by a fluctuating ratio of the incomes of each parish (Offertory and Grand Annual collections) and is approximately 76% IC, 24% HR. This ratio is reviewed each year and represents a three-year look back on these figures. Each parish also retains “pure” employees who work 100% for that one parish. These salaries are not shared, but are paid completely from the one parish in which they originate.

In addition to the functioning of Immaculate Conception Parish proper, two other apostolates of Immaculate Conception include Immaculate Conception School and St. Mary Cemetery. These have separate checking accounts, and are overseen by the IC Finance Council, The IC School Board and the Pastor. No Holy Redeemer Parish funds are used to operate either the cemetery or the school.

Sometimes outside charitable entities will solicit funds through our parishes. These may include the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the IC Haiti Foundation, and the Pelican Intervention Fund among others. In these collections, any checks made out to an individual parish on behalf of that entity will be deposited and a large, single check will be sent to the entity from the parish. Checks that were collected and made out to the entity itself will be forwarded to the entity and deposited by it according to their own procedures. In all cases, all funds intended for the separate charity will be remitted to that charity in their entirety.

When we were first allowed to reopen after the COVID shut-down of 2020, the use of the wooden collection boxes was seen as the best way for contactless contributions for in-person worship. We have maintained these boxes in all of the churches in recent months for people’s convenience, even as we have moved to a return of passing the basket at Mass. All funds collected through these boxes are included in the weekly Collection and placed in the tamper-proof bags before being sealed. For the time being, we will continue to offer the boxes as an option for those who would prefer to offer contributions in this manner.

Included with the recent Grand Annual mailing is a simple financial report for each parish, along with IC School and St. Mary Cemetery as required by the Archdiocese. While these reports are accurate for the bottom line information they present, they are intentionally undetailed when it comes to showing individual employee salaries and other financial information that might reveal personal information that must remain private. They also reflect an effort to follow universal

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categories set by the Archdiocese and its latest accounting system, which might differ from previous reports based on the older QuickBooks accounting software. There were also some space limitations that required a consolidation of information to fit in the mailing. That much being said, if you are looking for greater detail about any of our income or expenses, please do not hesitate to approach myself, Mr. Dennis LaMalfa our Collaborative Business Manager or any member of our Finance Councils and we will be happy to share greater information with you as we are able. There are no deep, dark secrets here... only a blizzard of information that had to be tamed to fit into a mailing.

At the end of the day, our parishes are maintained and flourish through your prayerfulness, participation, and willingness to contribute to the mission of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May all of our combined efforts to share the Good News be blessed richly by God's Grace in the months ahead.

Gratefully in Christ,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, November 27



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.

New England Tenors

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2:00 P.M.

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH NEWBURYPORT
TICKETS AT THE DOOR: \$20 ADULT \$12 CHILD

SPONSORED BY:
THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, November 25

Thanksgiving Brunch 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

AA Mtg. 10:30am, IC Nazareth Library

Tuesday, November 26

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

Wednesday, November 27

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Collaborative Offices Close at 12:00noon

Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Friday, November 29

Collaborative Offices Closed

Saturday, November 30

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent

KofC Hospitality Sunday featuring Mike's Pastries 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

St. Ann Coffee Social 11:00am, St. Ann Hall

Baptism Prep. Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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.

Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in the month of **October**:

John Ellis Edinger • Koa Wayne Garcia
Camila Olivia Garza • Therese Azelie Giard
Isla James McCue • Nora Holmes McCue
Charlotte Pearl O'Rourke • Morgan Olivia Pipan
Grace Elisabeth Tansey • Quinn Madeline Teal
Lyla Marie Zdzieblo

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.**

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Second Collection Nov. 24

Today's second collection is used to assist religious communities to provide for the retirement and health care needs of Sisters who have served in the Archdiocese. Please take this opportunity to say thank you to the Sisters who have served the Church of Boston so generously for so many years. Your contribution does make a difference. For more information, please contact the Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What is the truth for you? How do you live it every day?

Child: Is it easy or hard for you to tell the truth? Do you ask Jesus to help you?

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.

Thanksgiving Day Mass



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

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

Collaborative Faith Formation

School Year Programs (K-10, Including Sacramental Prep.)

Faith Formation schedules and registration forms for the 2024-25 school year are 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.

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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>.



Thanksgiving Office Hours

Collaborative offices will close at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 27 and be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Advent Evening Prayer Service

December 11 • Immaculate Conception Church

Please join your fellow HRIC collaborative faith community members at Immaculate Conception church for an evening of prayer, reflection, and music on **Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m.**

The prayer service will be led by Fr. George Morin, followed by an informational session on affordable housing in our communities. Refreshments will be served. All are invited. Please bring a canned good donation to contribute to a local food pantry.

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.

Adoration

Note: No Adoration this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Nov. 16–17	\$2,030.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Nov. 15	\$2,285.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 470.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Nov. 16–17	\$4,785.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Nov. 16–17	\$ 665.00

The second collection this weekend (Nov. 24) is Retired Religious Sisters (See page 6 of the bulletin for details). The Thanksgiving Day collection is St. Vincent de Paul. Make checks payable to **HR St. Vincent de Paul** and we encourage you to use the envelopes in your packet. The second collection next weekend (Dec. 1) 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.**

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 \$15,970.00**



★ **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.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/MA0158P



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

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

Activities Committee Meeting

The HR Activities Committee will meet on **Monday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Nativity Hall.** We will be discussing the results of the fair. All are welcome.

We will also start planning our next Parish activity: Fr. George's 80th birthday celebration. Please come, join us in organizing and preparing for Fr. George's 80th birthday.

**Save the date: Fr. George's 80th birthday celebration:
Saturday, January 11.**

St. Ann Coffee Social

Join us for St. Ann's Coffee Social on **December 1**
following the 10:00 Mass in the church hall.



Please join us—young and old and in
between—for coffee and baked goods, to visit
with old friends, and to make new ones!

They are a lot of fun! For your convenience,
the side door on the parking lot side will be
open with easier access to the hall.

If you are interested in hosting a coffee, or baking
your favorite treat, please call or text Donna Pallone, (978)
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*Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.*
Psalm 100/4-5

With your generous donations we are
able to provide 15 families with a
Thanksgiving meal this year. These
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neighbors are able now to enjoy the
holiday with the sense that there are people like yourselves
that have not forgotten that there are people all around us
in need. Thank you very much for your support.



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

St. Ann Nativity Setup



We will be setting up the Crèche
at St. Ann on **Friday, November
29 at 11:00 a.m.** Please join us
to help "construct" the stable
and position figures of Mary,
Joseph, Baby Jesus in the
manger, a shepherd boy, and a
few little sheep.

Any help will be greatly appreciated! It's a great way to
welcome the Advent Season!

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IC Offertory Collection

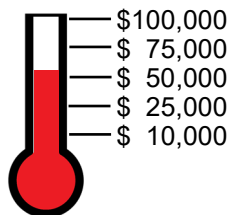
IC Offertory, Nov. 16–17	\$5,288.07
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Nov. 15	\$ 987.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$2,911.59</u>
Total Weekly Offertory, Nov. 16–17	\$9,186.66
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Nov. 16–17	\$ 801.00

The second collection this weekend (Nov. 24) is Retired Religious Sisters (See page 6 of the bulletin for details). The Thanksgiving Day collection is St. Vincent de Paul. Make checks payable to **IC St. Vincent de Paul** and we encourage you to use the envelopes in your packet. The second collection next weekend (Dec. 1) 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.

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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.

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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!

Help Send IC to DC

Please visit Beach Plum Flower Shop from **November 18 through December 15** for your Thanksgiving and Christmas florals and greenery.

Mention **Immaculate Conception School** and 10% of your purchase will go towards sending our 8th graders to Washington DC this spring.

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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 4–February 12 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 3, 2025. Check payments should be made out to Immaculate Conception School or cash is accepted.

Knights Hospitality Sunday

All are welcome **Sunday, December 1, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC St. Louis Hall for Hospitality Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We will have Mike's Pastry to celebrate the Holidays. There will be cookies, biscotti, and other treats for all to enjoy.



The IC school gym was filled with over 100 guests for a delightful afternoon of food and fellowship on November 10 for the Ministry Luncheon. What a wonderful gathering.

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