

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024



*Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.... Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.*

(Lk 1:42,45)

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All Are Welcome



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

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

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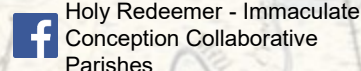
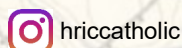
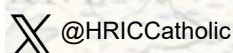
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Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (12/21)

4:00pm **IC** John K. Herlihy, Vincent Forgione, Jean Lipinski, Michael S. Bashaw (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

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

Sunday (12/22)

8:30am **Nativity** Maria Kardas (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** Richard & Robert Ring, Emily & Jim Saccone, James Saccone, Nancy Jones (Fr. Morin)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

11:30am **IC** Jeanne Baughn, Bonnie Fanelli (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (12/23)

9:00am **IC** Edward & Eleanor Hardy, Alton Tobey, Lena Maccarone (Fr. McLaughlin)

Tuesday (12/24) Christmas Eve

4:00pm **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **IC School Gym** (Fr. Harrison)

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

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

6:00pm, **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (12/25) Christmas Day

8:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

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

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

10:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (12/26)

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

Friday (12/27)

9:00am **IC** For the intentions of Christopher D'Ambrosio and for the needs of families (Fr. Stanley)

Saturday (12/28)

4:00pm **IC** John & Carmella Herlihy, George, Ann & Susan Bergin (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (12/29)

8:30am **Nativity** Maria Kardas (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

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

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

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

In your prayers please remember David Crowley, Teresa Bartley, Paul D'Orazio, 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.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



There is a desire, a feeling, a longing... certainly a nostalgia for returning to a time and place, an experience of life that was simpler, less complex, and easier. This is celebrated in religious and secular realms alike. It is perhaps, that child-like joy we champion at Christmas and go to great lengths to recreate wherever possible. I guess, at its heart, it is a communication of love from one person to the next, when for that singular fleeting moment, all is right with the world. It makes even the most jaded of us pause and consider the possibility of an alternative reality, of another pathway, a better choice.

We know that even when such a precious moment can be achieved, it will only be that—a moment—because in short order “the world” will come crashing down around us with all of its harsh realities and crushing demands. Maybe this is what makes the Christmas Story so compelling and impossible to ignore. God paused Heaven and earth for just a fleeting second, to gift us with Jesus, for that one vibrant moment of His birth into this world, true peace was achievable and real. In the utter simplicity of His birth, laid bare in the stark reality of His complete fragility and vulnerability was God's greatest act of sheer love. That this moment did come into existence, that it did breathe earth's air is a potent statement that the chaos of sin and death would not have the final word. In what is known as the prologue of John's Gospel, the evangelist writes, “What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (Jn 1:3–5)

Ultimately, we crave an innocence that while dimly mirrored in our own childhood memories, really leads us back to a time before, when in the Paradise of Creation, we lived in a right-relationship with God, unhindered by sin or death. Powerless on our own to restore things to their original beauty, we see Christ, as the fulfillment of all of our longings. He is the true gift given this Christmas and always, one that will not dim or fade over time, one that will not be discarded as with the passing of fashion or the fickle winds of relevance. Christ in all His magnificence and depth is the simplicity we pine for, deep in our hearts. His titles are many: Savior, Redeemer, The Bread of Life, Lord, Creator, The Son of the Living God, Only Begotten Son, Beloved Son of the Father, The Holy One of Israel, Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace... Emmanuel, God-with-us!

This Christmas and always, may we seek this Christ who is the fulfillment of all of God's promises to us, the satisfaction of all of our desires and longings and the completion of all that is lacking in this world and the one to come. Jesus is that moment of true righteousness, from which everything else will bend and orbit around.

The joy of this moment will be felt not only in festive garb, though many may dress in their finest, it will not be found only in the extravagant presents-shared, though many be exchanged and offered, it will not be found only in

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This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, December 23

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

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Collaborative Offices Closed

Christmas Pageant 3:15pm, IC Church

Note: No Breaking Bread Meal

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Note: No HRIC Sandwich Program

Thursday, December 26

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, December 27

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, December 28

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, December 29

Coffee Reception for Fr. McLaughlin 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Activities Committee Mtg. 11:30am, Nativity Hall

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

Christmas Pageant

Join us for a Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve at IC Church. The pageant will feature children from our Faith Formation program.

The pageant will begin at 3:15 p.m., before 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass at IC (the pageant is about 20 minutes long).

Adoration

"Adoration doesn't have instructions, and there's no particular format to follow....It's free time with Jesus, where we don't have to think about kneeling and standing or finding pages in the hymnal. Adoration is our up-close-and-personal time with the Holy Eucharist, where we can focus wholly on our relationship with God." (from *The Handy Little Guide: Adoration* by Michelle Jones Schroeder)

All are welcome. Stop by and spend some time with Jesus.



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)

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

(3:15 p.m. Christmas Pageant, IC Church)

4 p.m. IC Church (Live stream)

4 p.m. IC School Gym

4 p.m. St. Ann Church

4 p.m. Nativity Church & Hall

6 p.m. IC Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 a.m. IC Church

8:30 a.m. Nativity Church

10:00 a.m. St. Ann Church

10:00 a.m. IC Church



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boisterous events and family gatherings, though many will come together to celebrate all manner of frivolities and it will not be found only in the most fervent moments of prayer, but will be experienced in its fullness in every heart who humbly welcomes this awesome gift of God's merciful love. "For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly.... But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." (Rm 5:6,8). And maybe this is the greatest joy of all: an unmerited gift, yet a gift given nonetheless, just because... and for everybody.

This week, may we celebrate with great joy God's supreme gift of love to us all!

Merry Christmas to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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.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 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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Is there an area in your life that you think is impossible? This week, ask God to help you with it.

Child: God has a wonderful plan for you. Have you set time aside each day to stop and listen to what God is saying to you?

Online Giving

Both HR and IC offer Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of one of our parish communities. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the Collaborative offices.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org, and click the "Links" tab, then on "HR Parish Online Giving" or "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the appropriate site.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724 x 402

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

All-Pilgrimage Reunion Mass

Join us for an All-Pilgrimage Reunion Mass and Social on **Thursday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m.** in Nativity Church and Hall. Anyone who attended one of our pilgrimages is invited to join us.

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.

Prayers for the Sick

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

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

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, January 2 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.

MEDJUGORJE



\$2,949 per person
from Boston (BOS)

*All Pricing Based on Double Occupancy.
Pricing available from any airport: www.206tours.com/airports

Optional 4 nights Post Tour to Dubrovnik and Split:
May 06 - 10, 2025
\$1,873 per person

April 28 - May 06, 2025



The HRIC Pilgrimage Ministry is excited to announce two Pilgrimages for 2025. Website registration is open now for both of these fantastic itineraries (links below).

Medjugorje: www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/medjugorje/
(Booking Code PB042825)

France: www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/france/
(Booking Code: PB101325)

Great Shrines & Saints of France

October 13 - 25, 2025

\$7,149 per person from Boston (BOS)

All prices based on double occupancy.
Pricing available from any airport: www.206tours.com/airports



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Baptisms

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

Jacob Daniel Bosse Jr. • Jack William Dubois
Dillon Ronald Jean • Cora May Koppel
Evelyn Rose Koppel • Paige Mary Kota
Siena Louise Paonessa • Aleah Marie Phontharaksa
Griffin Conant Smith • Cameron Patrick Wile

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Box



Immaculate Conception SVdP now offers a St. Vincent de Paul clothing drop box. We are accepting **clothing and shoes only** in the drop box.

The box is located behind the IC Parish Center, nearest Green Street.

Knights of Columbus

Men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

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Empowering men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their communities.



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State Council

For more information visit:
kofc.org/join



Pelican Intervention Fund



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

The Pelican Intervention Fund envelopes can be dropped in the collection at any time according to your means. Make checks payable to HR or IC Parish. Totals will be reported quarterly.

Visit our website at www.pelicaninterventionfund.org.

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

There will be NO Soup and Sandwich delivery on Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25.



Thank you all who participate in this extremely worthwhile program. Your unfailing support throughout the year in providing delicious soups, sandwiches and casseroles to those in need is very much appreciated! You are truly following Jesus directive to love your neighbor!

The God Minute

Every morning a small group of priests, nuns, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called *The God Minute*. It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free.



Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work, or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. www.thegodminute.org.

IC Haiti

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our ministry to the Father Marc Piché school community in south-central Haiti, there is an eight-part historical overview at our website: ichaiti.org.

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."

Recitation of the Rosary

Join us for recitation of the rosary Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. (before 9:00 Mass) in person at IC Church or on Facebook. www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/.



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Collaborative Parishes

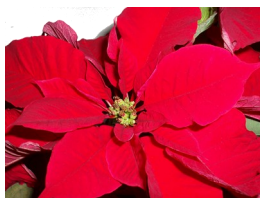
To Our Visitors

Welcome to our Collaborative! Please visit our website at hriccatholic.org for more information about all the wonderful happenings in our parishes. There you will find Mass times, Faith Formation information, a link to our calendar, membership information, and lots and lots of photos from events at our churches.

Wishing Christmas Blessings to All.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

HR Christmas Flowers



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IC Christmas Flowers

Donations from/in memory of: Jo Ellen Cox-Mulica • Douglas Mulica • Fred & Kathryn Goduti • Marilyn Goduti • Harald & Gladis Hansen • Lou Ann Cusa • Paul Sullivan, Jr. • John & Katherine Kelley • George & Mary Kalashian • Harry & Mabel Kalashian • Chuck Fraley • Alice & Elizabeth Kalashian • Ted LoPreste • Angelo & Eleanor Messina • Mary & Al Salerno • Stephen M. Boy • Mark Walter Benson • Mima & Ia • Jim Thistle • George H. Lawler, Jr. • Barbara A. Lawler • Mary Adelaide Lawler • George H. (Buzzie) Lawler III • Mary & Clement Duggan • Theresa & Dan Cleary • David Morrison • Corey Morrison • Edward Jancewicz • The Van Amburgh Family • The Jancewicz Family • John VanderSande • K. White Sonner • Rose & Frank Melluzzo • John D. LaPorta • Virginia I. LaPorta • Edward G. Reardon • Margaret H. Doyle • Amy E. Shoemake • Mr. & Mrs. O. Pettingell • Jeremiah W. Doyle • Mr. & Mrs. George Evans • Mr. & Mrs. William House, Jr. • Mr. & Mrs. F. M. Dowling • Mr. & Mrs. Henry Vogler • Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Keopple, Jr. • Mary Theresa Korosmeier • The Haley Family • The McKeown Family • Deacon Richard Siebert • The Deceased Members of The Leary Family • The Deceased Members of The Paciolan Family • The Deceased Members of The Crowley Family • The Deceased Members of The Jones Family • Pat & Jerry Cody • Faye Scarborough • Dotty Copelin • Stanley, Joseph, & Allison Baikewicz • Stephen & Catherine Bogue • Tony & Mary Baker • Susan & Jeremiah Flynn • The Brogue Brothers • The Niles Family • The Keefe Family • The Swochak Family • The Macri Family • Alfredo Salgado • Maria Salgado • Liberta Mota • Alfredo Sousa • Maria R. Vicente • Mary Brooks • Dr. Prescott E. Tulloch • Forrest Stanwood • Kevin Stanwood • Shawn Stanwood • James C. Carr • William T. Murphy • Frances T. Murphy • Ann R. Carr • Sandy Gallo • Christina Gallo • Larry Gallo • Mom & Dad • Robert Cynewski • Ruth & Gilbert Cormier • Genevieve Sullivan • The Lapre Family • The Cynewski Family • Mildred Fernandez • The McMonigle Descendants • Grace DeHetre • The Gerroir Family • The Smith Family • Margie Howard • Margaret Howard • Charles Howard • Larry Howard • Charlie Howard • Sean Perkins • Paul A. Kolman • David Kolman • The Kolman Family • The Mullen Family • George, Regina & Christopher Laite • Veronica & Ladislaus Kobuszewski • Rev. Robert & Emily Laite • Rev. John Leonard • The Packard Family • The Zerigian Family • The Coughlin Family • The Crean Family • The Schena Family • The Gregorio Family • Martha R. Collins • Judy M. Collins • Joseph F. Collins • Mary Collins Dupont • Claire M. Dwyer • Virginia M. Reardon • William L. Reardon • Bill Gurczak • Mr. & Mrs. William J. Beck • Bill & Janelle Beck • Jack Beck • The Jakutis Family • The Burnett Family • The Kopinas Family • The Brightney Family • William & Julia O'Connor • Margaret T. Bille • Anthony M. Bille • James & Caroline Doyle • Paul M. Doyle • Josephine Minalio • Danny C. Rogers • David E. Mears Sr. • Arthur Shattuck • The Malione Family • The Winslow Family • The Czajkowski Family • Frederick T. Jones • Helen B. Jones • Phillip & Grace Cincotta • Helena Thurlow • Barney, Ann & Marianne Tobias • Penny Deschamps • Everett, Rosemary & Rickey Meade • William & Mary Cashman • Otto & Dorothy Miller • George Hendrickson • Margaret A. Pedersen • Alexander F. Catalani • The Deceased Members of The Galligani Family • The Deceased Members of The DeCrosta Family • The Deceased Members of The Sullivan Family • Gertrude E. DeCrosta • Joseph M. DeCrosta • Mary M. DeCrosta • Alice E. Silveira • Arthur & Helen Sullivan • Roger Gagnon • Richard Curran • Janet Curran • Mildred Mozier • Charlotte & Gordon McLaughlin • Matthew Eaton • Robert Jackson • Ollie Mozier • Allen Mozier • Jim Munson • Lorraine Field • The Herlihy Family • Joseph Brown • The Doucette Family • The DesRoches Family • Paul & Theresa Melanson • Elisabeth & Francis Finneran • Carolyn & Raymond Dower • Charles H. Prescott Jr. • The Taylor Family • The Boshier Family • The Coffin Family • The Buechler Family • Russell, Dorothy & Thomas Burton • John J. Holtgreffe, I • Jacquelyn Herrera • Peter Kelly • James Waldrup • Kenneth Waldrup • Richard A. White • Henry T. Diburro • The Jancewicz Families • The Spalding Family • Michael S. Bashaw • Thomas & Gail Mahon • Infant Tommy • Erin Mahon Crowthes • Michael S. Bashaw



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

No second collection this or next weekend (Dec. 22, 29).

At all of our Christmas Masses, our single collection will be to support the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

*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 \$18,835.00**



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Save the Date

An appreciation dinner for all Holy Redeemer volunteers will be held on **Saturday, March 8 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass** at Nativity. It will be held in Nativity Hall. As the date gets closer, we will send out invitations and ask for an R.S.V.P.

The dinner is sponsored by the Collaborative Ministry Committee.

Save Your Baskets for the Fair

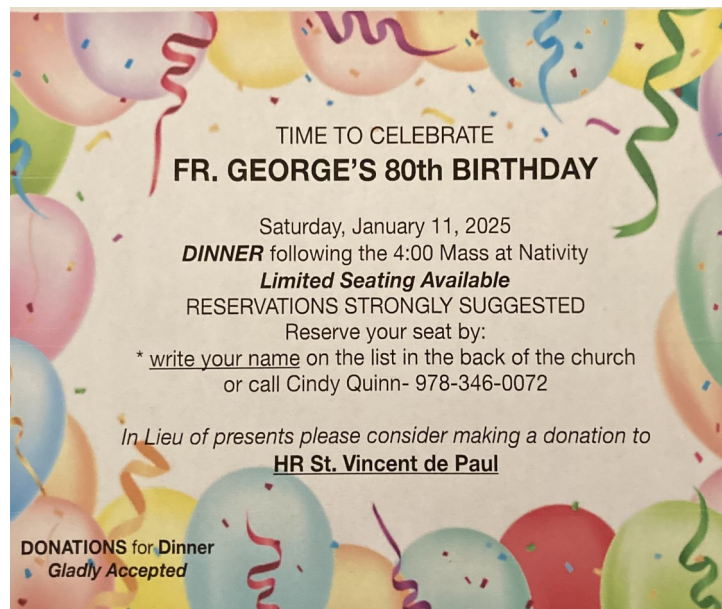
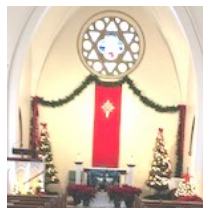
The "Basket Table," for next year's Holiday Fair, would like you to save any baskets you may get this Christmas. Please leave them in the back of either church and we will recycle them for next year's fair. Also, we like to use 1½ – 2" wired ribbon for our bows. If you come across any good bargains at Christmas!

Also, please remember to return your Fair lawn signs so that we can use them again next year.

Decorating St. Ann Church for Christmas

Christmas is coming.
Let us prepare for His birth.

We will be decorating for Christmas Masses at St. Ann on Sunday, December 22 directly after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We could use your help—10 minutes or an hour. All would be helpful. Many hands make light the work. Merry Christmas!



Activities Committee Meeting

The Activities Committee will have its next meeting on Sunday, December 29 at 11:30 a.m. at Nativity Hall.

Final preparations for Fr. George's 80th birthday reception on January 11 will be discussed. Please, come join us!

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!



HR St. Vincent de Paul

The Season of Giving

Once again, our conference has used the Giving Trees at Nativity and St. Ann to solicit donations. Our yellow cards have flown off the tree and we have received many gift cards in return! Our conference will always make use of these food and fuel cards for those that we help.

It's a time of giving and a time of greater need. In fact, we are working on four new cases this week.

This week of Advent demonstrates the LOVE that we share for each other. Thank you very much!

Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes 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**.



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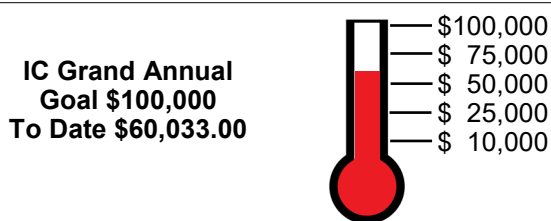
No second collection this or next weekend (Dec. 22, 29).

At all of our Christmas Masses, our single collection will be to support the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

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.**

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Breaking Bread Meal

Note: no Breaking Bread Meal will be served on Tuesday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 31.

HAPPY Birthday

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE
Fr. George's 80th Birthday

DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
TIME: AFTER THE 11:30 MASS AT IC CHURCH
PLACE: SCHOOL GYM
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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.

Coffee after Mass

There will be a coffee social in St. Louis Hall after the 9:00 Masses on **Sunday, December 29 and Monday December 30** in honor of the last scheduled times Fr. Bill will celebrate Mass in the Collaborative.

Free Hair Cuts

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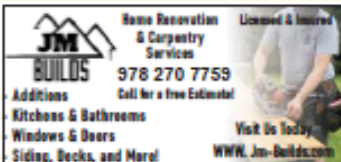
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