

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

All Are Welcome

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*For a child is
born to us,
a son is given us;
upon his shoulder
dominion rests.
They name him
Wonder-Counselor,
God-Hero,
Father-Forever,
Prince of Peace.*

(Is 9:5)



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985

Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

Phone: 978-346-8604

Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Nativity

Parish offices and church:
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Office Hours: By appointment

Phone: 978-346-8604

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Immaculate Conception

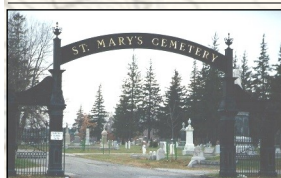
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Confessions

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

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate
Conception Collaborative
Parishes



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (12/23)

4:00pm **IC** Jack Walsh, Richard Barro, Edward & Eleanor Hardy, Michael Hardy (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

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

Sunday (12/24) Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

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

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

11:30am IC NOT SCHEDULED THIS WEEK

Sunday (12/24) Christmas Eve

4:00pm **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

4:00pm **IC** School Gym (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

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

4:00pm **Nativity Church & Hall** (Fr. Morin)

6:00pm **IC** (Fr. Stanley)

Monday (12/25) Christmas Day

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

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

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

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

Tuesday (12/26)

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

Wednesday (12/27)

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

Thursday (12/28)

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

Friday (12/29)

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

Saturday (12/30)

4:00pm **IC** John & Carmella Herlihy Jim & Emily Saccone, Jimmy Saccone, Nancy Jones (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

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

Sunday (12/31)

8:30am **Nativity** John Gorski, Thanksgiving for all blessings Carolyn & Dorothy (Fr. Stanley)

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

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

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

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.

Collaborative Office Hours

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday. Offices will reopen on Wednesday, December 27 at 9:00 a.m.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend our oh-so-short Advent season quietly fades away as we fully embrace the joy of Christmas Sunday night and Monday. During these weeks of preparation, we have been reminded to keep ourselves watchful and waiting for the coming of Christ into our lives. While Advent speaks to the Christ event several thousand years ago, and the future promises of His return (the Second Coming) which can seem so distant in the future, the message of Advent couldn't be more present-oriented.

Because we do not know the day or hour (nor, we are told, does anyone else!), the only proper stance for us Christians in this world is to be ready today, in this moment, to welcome Christ our Savior. This means for us: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the oppressed, visiting the sick and imprisoned, welcoming the stranger and doing our very best to see Christ in the poor and lowly of this world. And poverty comes in many forms—material, loneliness, addiction, self-awareness, ignorance, and arrogance. We remember the words of Christ at the crucifixion, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do..." showing Jesus' profound awareness of the poverty that comes from a lack of understanding and knowledge by those who were causing His earthly death.

Our readiness to welcome Christ both this Christmas and at the end of time...(whichever comes first!) depends on our willingness to embrace the attitude of Christ, seeing God's

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Please be aware that because of how Christmas falls this year, on the weekend of December 24, all Sunday morning Masses on the 24th will be for the 4th Sunday of Advent.

Also note that the 11:30 a.m. Mass at IC Church on Sunday, December 24 will be eliminated due to the impending celebration of Christmas Eve later that day. All Sunday afternoon/evening Masses on December 24 and all morning Masses on Monday, December 25 will be for Christmas itself.

Christmas Eve Masses, Sunday, December 24

The 4:00pm Masses fill up quickly. Please arrive early.

4:00pm Immaculate Conception (Live Streamed)

4:00pm Immaculate Conception School Gym

4:00pm St. Ann

4:00pm Nativity (Church & Hall)

6:00pm Immaculate Conception

Christmas Day Masses

8:00am Immaculate Conception

8:30am Nativity

10:00am St. Ann

10:00am Immaculate Conception



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

Collaborative offices closed

Tuesday, December 26

Collaborative offices closed

Wednesday, December 27

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:15pm, IC Church

Thursday, December 28

Eucharistic Revival 6:00pm, IC Church

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Eucharistic Revival Fellowship 8:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Friday, December 29

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, December 30

Confessions 3:00pm, 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.

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goodness in all the places it is so often ignored, not to mention celebrating it where it is most manifest.

The enduring image of the Nativity scene, shared in a humble sketching on this bulletin cover, reminds us once again that if we want to see this Christ when He comes, we must first see Him in that which is fragile and uncertain, that which is tenuous and tentative, we must seek Him in places that are unspectacular and unremarkable, unpopular and even those locations in our world and among ourselves that are actively avoided and forgotten. Christ came into our world in the most simple of ways that our human hearts might be rendered bare before a God whose love goes beyond measure and calculation.

It is this Christ that we celebrate this Christmas and always; it is this Jesus that we welcome into our homes and hearts in this great feast, precisely so that we can experience once again the joy of unconditional love, best expressed in a child's supreme vulnerability and His later selfless, blameless sacrifice on the Cross.

Advent is over, our Feast of Christmas is just beginning! Let us welcome the Lord with all of our hearts.

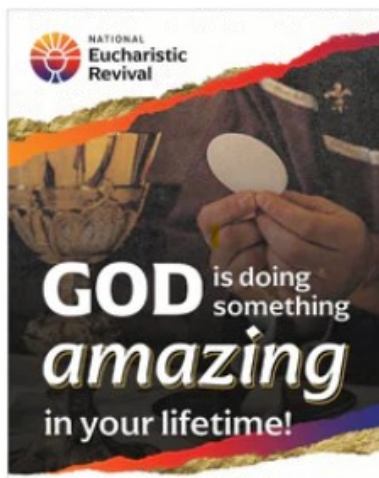
Christmas Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

National Eucharistic Revival Event

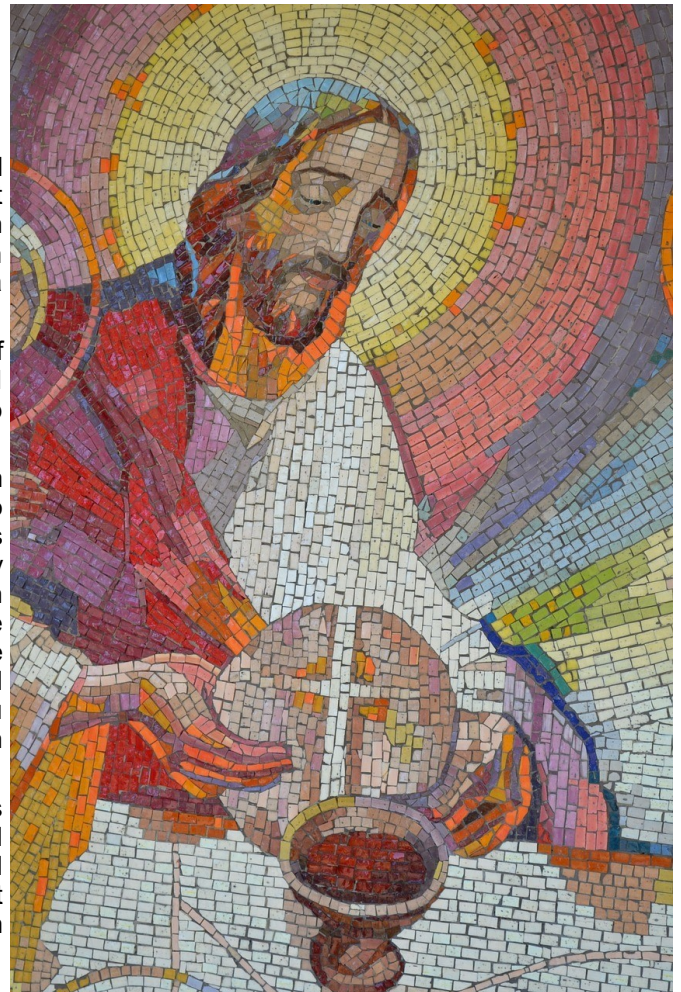
Bishops across the country have organized a **National Eucharistic Revival**, urging parishes on the local level to host events that celebrate Jesus' Real Presence. Cardinal Seán O'Malley is promoting this initiative, and Immaculate Conception Church in Newburyport has accepted the opportunity to host a National Eucharistic Revival event.

Join us on **December 28, 2023 from 6:00–8:00 p.m.** for a night of communal hymns, personal testimonies, and one hour of Sacred Silence in **Adoration** of the Holy Eucharist. Food and fellowship will follow the event.



This night will be an opportunity to come closer to Jesus by being in His Presence in the Holy Eucharist. Because this is an event meant to reinvigorate faith in Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist, please feel free to invite anyone you know who is interested in drawing closer to our Lord.

If you have any questions about this event, please feel free to contact the National Eucharistic Revival point person at IC, Sean Goguen at 339-927-5777.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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, the link to our calendar, membership information, and lots and lots of photos from events at our churches.

Wishing Christmas Blessings to All.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Patricia Baikewicz	Ferrante	Joseph Palumbo
Kathy P Brodeur	Jay Hanslig	Joanne Pesa
Priscilla Brown	Ed Hardy	Lee Preble
Vasfije Buhali	Jane Harney	Donika Pulake
Martha Collins	Terence Healey	Douglas Rose
Autumn Rose	Rosemarie Hines	Maureen Russell
Coulombe	Linda Hofferty	Rob Schweizer
Bill Crounse	Armand Hyatt	Frank Siderio
Drew Daubach	Michael Juralewicz	Yvonne Sloban
Kristen	Arthur LaPointe	Gary Smith
D'Entremont	Helen McCance	Arlene Stoddard
Deb Downie	Patricia Carey	Tom Tribble
Jeanine Ebacher	McCarthy	Michael Tucker
Fowler	Carol O'Neal	Maddie Villers
Ann-Margaret	Eleanora Paciulan	Laurent Vincent

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

Super Sunday for Food Pantry Donations

Your generosity since the food collection program started has been greatly appreciated. The beneficiaries in West Newbury, Merrimac, and Newbury/Newburyport are thankful that you have stepped up to help them. Unfortunately, the need is growing and the number of families who depend on our help is approaching 700. Our Collaborative can help the pantries to fill the void.

On Christmas weekend (12/23–12/24), we are asking everyone to bring at least an item or two—but any amount is appreciated. Give the Christmas spirit to someone who may not have enough to eat or cannot keep themselves clean due to the high cost of personal care products. Challenge yourself to help make a difference in your community!

Let's have some fun with this special Christmas Super Sunday and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will be impacting hundreds in our local communities. We are making a difference for them. Thank you!

A prayer for the service work we are expected to do:

Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters. Inspire in us both words and actions to comfort those who labor and are burdened. Make us serve them truly after the example of Christ and at whose command all people may be raised up to a new hope.

Collaborative Faith Formation

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

It's not too late to register your child for class!

Faith Formation schedules and registration forms for the 2023–24 school year are available on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

Baptism

We celebrate this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, December 27



The HRIC sandwich program is asking for volunteers to help make sandwiches, soups, and casseroles for the Lazarus House Ministry.

Now that the weather is getting cooler the Collaborative sandwich program will be adding **soup** to our deliveries on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Disposable gallon containers can be picked up at St. Ann basement on those days. Any soup is appreciated.

Sandwiches, wrapped individually and cut then bagged, then returned to the original bread loaf sleeve, if you can label what sandwiches are in there, then please do. Cold cuts, cheese, and peanut butter and jelly are appreciated. No condiments on the sandwiches please.

What a fun activity to do for the holidays: get a couple neighbors together and make sandwiches. The casseroles that we were doing in the summer were greatly appreciated so we are also keeping those going if that is preferred. Disposable pans are available for those as well in the basement at St. Ann on Wednesdays or you can use a disposable pan of your own.

Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from **7:00–9:00 am**.

Questions? Contact hricsandwichprogram@gmail.com.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Has there been a time in your life when you felt the presence of the Holy Spirit?

Child: God has a wonderful plan for you. How can you make time to listen quietly to God?

Christmas Collections

Merry Christmas from all the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Christmas Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit clergytrust.org.

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HR Christmas Flowers



Donations from/in memory of: The Hayes Family • The O'Connor Family • Bob Nevins • Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cooney • Mary Vallee • Deceased Members of the Lumsden, Hanson, & McGlade Family • The LeBlanc Family • The Boudreau Family • The Saulnier Family • The Melanson Family • Luella E. LeBlanc • The Rollins Family • Doreen O'Leary • Jeanne Cronin • Maureen Heaton • Deceased Relatives & Friends of the Heaton Family • Francis J. Smith • Olga Tiska • The Pepin Family • The Hobitz Family • The Murphy Family • Helen & Arthur Clark • Henry & Elizabeth Dow • Walter & Margaret Clark • William & Bridget O'Callaghan • Martha & Mary Kennedy • John Pallone • Robert & Edith deLyon • Charles & Katherine Friel • Thomas Havil • Dolores Joyce • Dolores McDonagh • Aonghus Hanley • Michael & Sheila Kirwan • Jack & Mae Kirwin • Michael & Tommie Fox • Marie & Brendan McEvilly • Brenda Ritter • Helen T. Vaillancourt • Wilfred A. Vaillancourt • Maurice J. Crounse • Joanne Crounse • Stephen Crounse • Catherine Lorenzo • Stephen Lorenzo • Mary Kale • Gene Kale • Gail DeSanctis • Jack Gorski • Gerard Routhier • Fred & Margaret Gallant • John & Theresa Gorski • The Proposki Family • The Myers Family • Ben & Olga Rymsha • Joseph & Margaret Cooney • Frederick T. Jones • Helen B. Jones • Stefan & Jadwiga Zak • John H. Thumser • Helen D. Thumser • Robert M. Thumser • Joseph Burak • Barbara Burak • Fran Powers • Richard Powers

IC Christmas Flowers

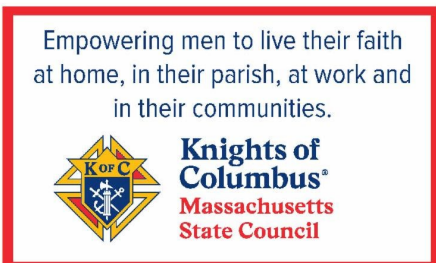
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Bible Study

Some Collaborative members are looking for people who may be interested in joining a Bible study on Wednesday mornings following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at IC. We would meet in the IC parish center weekly. If you are interested, contact Melinda at 978-462-2724.



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. Call Joseph Viel, Mill City Management Corporation, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

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/hricatholic/



women at the well

We invite all women to come join us at any time, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. Our study, *Keeping in Balance from Walking with Purpose*, is about managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness rooted in Christ. We meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in person at the IC Parish Charity Dining Room and virtually on Zoom.

If you have any questions, or would like to join via Zoom, please email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

If you are unable to make it to every meeting, please do not worry! This group is designed to allow you to drop in whenever you are able to join us, no pre-reading necessary from week to week.

IC Haiti

May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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."

Pilgrimage Opportunities

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: April 8–16, 2024

Join **Fr. George Morin** and Christine and Paul Blanchette, IC parishioners, on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, with optional post tour to Dubrovnik.

\$2,599 (double occupancy) from Boston (add \$649/person for Dubrovnik). Only 10 spaces left!

Inclusions:

- Round-trip airfare
- 7 nights accommodation
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Transfers, transportation
- Wireless headsets
- Assistance from professional local Catholic guide(s)
- Visit to Community Cenacolo
- Sightseeing and admissions fees
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)

Visit www.206tours.com/blanchette/medjugorje/, scan the QR code, or contact us: alexandra@206tours.com or cat@206tours.com



Pilgrimage to Fatima and Flavors of Portugal Duoro River Cruise: October 25–November 7, 2024

Join **Fr. Harrison** on a pilgrimage to Fatima and Flavors of Portugal Duoro River Cruise.

\$8,174 (double occupancy) from Boston in Cabin D (Cabin upgrades available at an extra cost). Only 12 spaces left!

Inclusions:

- Round-trip airfare from Boston (BOS)
- Airport taxes and Surcharges
- 11 nights accommodation (combination ship and hotels)
- Transfers
- Breakfast and dinner daily, lunches when on cruise
- Transportation
- Tour escort
- Assistance from professional local Catholic guide(s)
- Sightseeing and admissions fees
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Whispers headsets
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)

Visit www.206tours.com/blanchette/fatima/, scan the QR code, or contact us: alexandra@206tours.com or cat@206tours.com



The Pelican Intervention Fund



We provide funding for non-profit, 12-step residential sober homes for economically challenged people struggling with addiction. Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

Donations can be made to "The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF" Essex County Community Foundation, 175 Andover Street, Danvers, MA 01923

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

No second collection this weekend (Dec. 24). See page 5 for Christmas collections information (Clergy Trust). No second collection next weekend (Dec. 31).

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: hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
To Date \$12,975.00



Communion to the Homebound

We would like to offer our Holy Redeemer parishioners the opportunity to receive the Eucharist if you are homebound or unable to attend Mass on a regular basis. If any parishioner knows of someone who might be interested in receiving the Eucharist, please also let us know. This could be a one-time occasion, or a regular schedule could be arranged. Please call Melinda Burrell at 978-346-8604 to schedule a visit.

Helping this Holiday Season

Emmaus House is looking for \$25.00 gift cards from Target, CVS, and Walgreens. They are registered with Target for online shopping: go to Target.com, choose registry, first name: **Emmaus**, last name: **Inc.**, click wish list, view registry. You should be able to send it to Emmaus directly.

Pregnancy Care Center is looking for **new** onesies, (newborn-2T), blanket sleepers (newborn-2T), outfits (newborn-2T), crib sheets, baby wipes, diaper rash cream, baby bottles, **new** maternity clothing (leggings dresses, pajamas- sizes s-xl), gift cards from Walmart, Amazon, and Target. Paper towels, toilet paper. Toiletries for baby & Mom (bath wash, lotion, soap, shampoo & conditioner, etc.)

St. Vincent dePaul (See right)

HR Online Giving

To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

To learn more visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site.

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

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 4 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.

HR Activities Committee

The HR activities, committee organizes events and socials for Holy Redeemer Parish. Would like to be involved in this group or any of our annual events? We would love to have you join us and share your ideas! For more information about the activities committee, contact Cindy Quinn at 978-346-0072 Some of our events include the holiday fair, Bingo night, and coffee socials.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Our conference offers sincere thanks for your generosity during Advent. We ask that you join us in our prayer:

*Beneath the light of a star, in a manger
filled with hay,
Behold the Lord of the Universe!
You come to us not leading an army,
but humble and small.*

*You come to us not wielding power, but
helpless and cold.*

*You come to us not wealthy and famous, but
poor and obscure.*

*Help us, Lord Jesus, to see You on this and
every day*

*in the street, and in our neighborhoods, in the
hungry and the poor,*

*in the lonely and the deprived, in the infants
and the elderly,
and in each other.*

*Like the shepherds led by the star, may we
seek You daily,*

and serve You fully, for love alone. Amen.



The ongoing needs of the needy in our community will require your continued support in the form of donations. We ask for your help now and in the new year. Please make use of the envelopes in the pews at St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or placed in the poor boxes. An even easier way to donate would be to scan the QR code (left) or visit to <https://bit.ly/stvincent-holy-redeemer> to donate. As always, anything that you can give is greatly appreciated.

Please keep us and those we serve in your prayers.

Merry Christmas!

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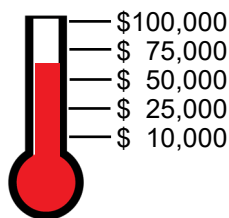
IC Offertory Collection

No second collection this weekend (Dec. 24). See page 5 for Christmas collections information (Clergy Trust). No second collection next weekend (Dec. 31).

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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175th Anniversary Website Page

Take a minute to visit the IC 175th Anniversary page on the Collaborative Website, www.hriccatholic.org for many upcoming events as well as past events and photo links.

IC Giving Trees



We can bring peace to our community by helping neighbors in need. There is an Advent project in the entry of the church, provided by The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The tags displayed on branches and gathered in bowls each represent a need that can be met with a gift card. Please choose a tag and return the gift card during the weeks ahead. The cards can be placed in the collection boxes near the doors of the church. Your gifts will be

made available to local residents who call on the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for help during 2024. Thank you for helping us to help others!

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.svdpnnewburyport.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! **Note: There will be no Breaking Bread meal on December 26.**

Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School community sings a joyful song of Christmas Blessing to you and your family.



Photos courtesy of W. Tangorra

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 6–February 14 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 5, 2024. Check payments should be made out to Immaculate Conception School or cash is accepted.

Millennium Gospel Choir

Performing at Immaculate Conception Church,
Sunday, January 7, 2:30 p.m.



Don't miss this opportunity to get your praise on and enjoy an afternoon of holiday, spiritual, and gospel music performed by the renowned Millennium Gospel Choir of Boston.

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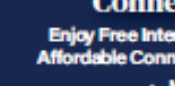
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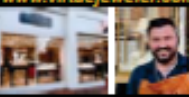
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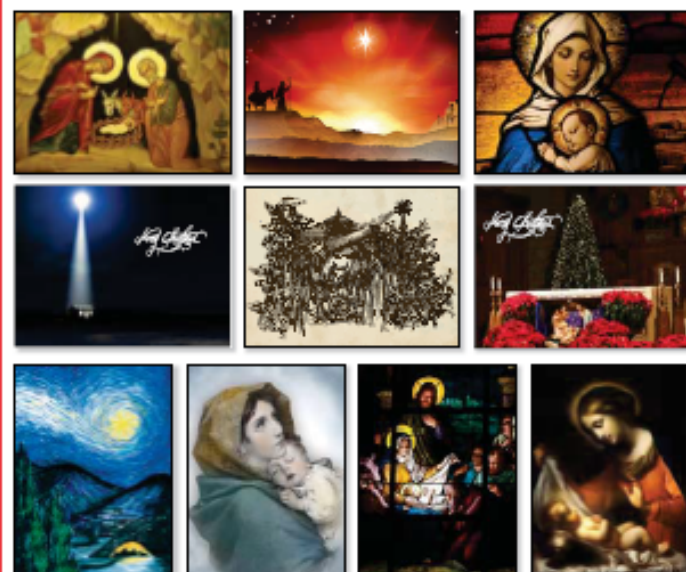
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