

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024

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All Are Welcome



*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.
Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*
(Lk 3:4–6)



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

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Nativity

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Immaculate Conception

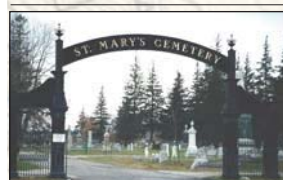
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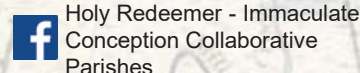
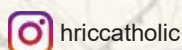
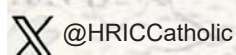
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Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir

609-519-3236

Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (12/7)

4:00pm **IC** Norbert Vogl, Stephen M. Boy, James K. Waldrip, Marie A. Burke (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

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

Sunday (12/8)

8:30am **Nativity** For the intentions of the Kardas and Johnson families (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** The O'Connor & Ring families, Mary & Albert Saterno, Liza Mataac Dodson (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

10:00am **St. Ann** Louise & Isabelle McLoud (Fr. Stanley)

11:30am **IC** Lena Filomia, Lena Charles, Josephine Minalio (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (12/9) Feast of the Immaculate Conception

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

9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)

7:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

Tuesday (12/10)

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

Wednesday (12/11)

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

Thursday (12/12)

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

Friday (12/13)

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

Saturday (12/14)

4:00pm **IC** Katherine Lombardo, Ernest Falvo, Angelo & Eleanor Messina (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (12/15)

8:30am **Nativity** Tom & Helen O'Donnell (Fr. Stanley)

9:00am **IC** The Grealish & Corbett families, Josephine Katz, Ted LoPreste (Fr. Harrison)

10:00am **St. Ann** Joe & Claire Doherty (Fr. Stanley)

11:30am **IC** Jerry Majocha, Guy Bernard (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers please remember Katherine Stanwood, Michael Bashaw, Deborah Firlit, 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.

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

Questions of the Week

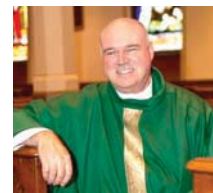


Adult: How can we prepare the way of the Lord?

Child: Do you know the story of your Baptism?

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



This weekend's Scriptures invite us to consider the lowering of mountains and the filling of valleys as a preparation for welcoming the Lord when He comes. Anyone who has driven across our country or even across the state knows how important it is to have level and smooth roads. If we had to zigzag up and down every little hill and incline, we'd get nowhere fast! What might be an hour or two of interstate driving would quickly become an all-day journey or more.

This imagery of a faster and more direct route for our God to come to us underscores the immediacy of God's plan of salvation as well as the priority it must have in our lives. The most important destinations demand the most direct routes. Salvation has always been seen as an "already, but not-yet event." When we speak of the Kingdom of God and our place within it, there is this pressing imminence about it—that it is upon us and we must respond in the here and now. But it also has this timeless character as well, that the Kingdom will only be experienced in its fullness in the future. It starts now, but won't be finished until God wills it in a time that is yet to come.

The idea of leveling mountains and filling in valleys also conjures up the notion of a level playing field, an equalization of humanity before God. From time immemorial, there have been leaders among us, human beings who have taken on authority, rulers, tyrants, and the like. Some have been beneficent and beloved, others reviled and hated for the way they exercised their power. And then, there has been the vast majority of us, the big swath of humanity who normally go about our daily lives in peace, struggling to eek out an existence living day to day in our current circumstances. The coming of God's Kingdom promises to level this (sometimes great) divide between those in power and those who are powerless, to bring us all, equally, before our God. Thus will God "cast down the mighty and lift up the lowly," as Mary's words in the Magnificat remind us.

John the Baptist gave us a preview of what this level

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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

A Holy Day of Obligation, Monday December 9

This year, December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent. As a result, the observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America, will be transferred to **Monday, December 9.**

Mass times for Monday, December 9 are listed below. Please note that there will be **no evening Mass at IC** on that day.

9:00 a.m. IC 9:00 a.m. St. Ann 7:00 p.m. Nativity

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, December 9

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

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

Tuesday, December 10

Women's AA Mtg. 7:00am, St. Ann Hall

Faith Formation, Grade 2 3:30pm, IC Nazareth Library

Breaking Bread Meal 4:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Wednesday, December 11

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Confessions During Lent 3:00–4:00pm, Nativity Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Advent Evening Prayer Svc. 6:30pm, IC Church

Thursday, December 12

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

Confessions During Lent 6:30–8:00pm, IC Church

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, December 13

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

Saturday, December 14

Pastoral Council Mtg. 9:00am, IC Charity Dining Room

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

San Marcos Coffee Sales at All Masses

Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

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Nativity Pageant Rehearsal 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Advent Evening Prayer Svc. at Sacred Hearts, Bradford

Join us Monday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Hearts Church, 165 South Main St., Bradford, to celebrate Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love through song and prayer this Advent. Mass for the Holy Day: the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, will be celebrated beforehand at 6:00 p.m.

Adoration: Choose Rest

The world is fast, noisy & busy. Why not choose slow, silent and restful? This option is offered every week.

Be renewed. Be choosy. The rest will follow.



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)

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playing field would look like when he demanded people acknowledge their sinfulness and need for forgiveness. In John's eyes, everyone had sinned, and everyone needed God's mercy. St. Paul would echo this when he wrote, "For there is no distinction; all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God. They are justified freely by his grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as an expiation." (Rm 3:22–25) Hence John's harshest words would be reserved for those who denied that they needed God's mercy or forgiveness, those who saw themselves as superior or apart from the rest. This Advent is a time for us to assess our open pathway to welcome the Lord, acknowledge any obstacles, hills, or valleys where that road is challenged or compromised and do our best to make straight the highway for our God, for the Lord is coming...soon. Let us be watchful and ready, honest and humble about our need for His loving and saving presence in our lives.

Advent blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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



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 begins (the pageant is about 20 minutes long).

IC Haiti Second Collection

December 14–15

The chaotically violent conditions in Haiti continue unabated, particularly in the capital city Port au Prince. Still the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school on the south-central peninsula offers school-age children a stable educational environment along with a hot lunch program daily. And our partners at the Saint Boniface Hospital carry on 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing critical medical care to all in need.

Since 2009 IC Haiti has been proud to support the school community in Puit Chacha and the hospital in Fond des Blancs. The continuation of our two Collaborative parishes' mission to Haiti is reliant upon your generous response to Our Lord's call to take care of one another especially those who are most in need.

Once again, we ask you to be generous as the second collection on the weekend of December 14–15 will be taken up to support IC Haiti's mission to Haiti.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

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

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

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.**

San Marcos Coffee Sale

December 14–15

We will have a large order of freshly-roasted "certified organic" Honduran dark-roasted coffee available for purchase (or pre-order pickup) at all Collaborative Masses on **December 14–15**. Perhaps there is a coffee lover on your Christmas list who would enjoy this as a gift, and at the same time you will be helping to support the poor farmers of Honduras. **\$13 per pound** for this specialty whole bean or ground coffee.

Text or call Karen to pre-order 978.270.0183 for 2lbs or more. *Feliz Navidad!*

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.

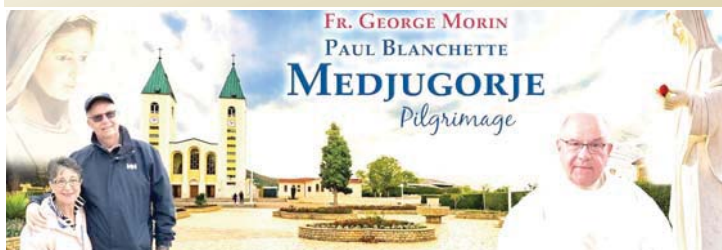
Our next meeting is Thursday, January 2 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us!

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.

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 HRIC Pilgrimage Ministry is excited to announce two Pilgrimages for 2025. Website registration is open now for both of these fantastic itineraries (links below). Call (800) 206-8687 for more information or watch future bulletins for more details.

Medjugorje: April 28–May 6, 2025, www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/medjugorje/ (Booking Code PB042825)



France: October 13–25, 2025, www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/france/ (Booking Code PB101325)

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, December 11

Please Note: The fourth Wednesday of December is Christmas Day. There will be NO Soup and Sandwich delivery on Christmas Day.



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!

*Looking for some Advent inspiration?
See our website under the Advent tab:
hricCatholic.org.*

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

Extra Confession Times During Advent

We will offer extra confession times during Advent on the following days and times:

Wednesdays **Dec. 11** and 18 from 3–4 p.m. at **Nativity**

Wednesday Dec. 18 from 6–7:30 p.m. at **St. Ann**

Thursdays **Dec. 12** and 19 from 6:30–8 p.m. at **IC**

Advent Evening Prayer Service

Wednesday, December 11 • 6:30 p.m. • IC Church

Including a Presentation on Housing Insecurity in Our Area

The HRIC Collaborative Community welcomes you to an evening of prayer, reflection, music, and fellowship on **Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m.**

The prayer service will be led by Fr. George Morin. It will include an informational session on the lack of affordable housing in our local communities resulting in increasing homelessness.

This presentation will be given by members of the YWCA Greater Newburyport Housing Choice Coalition.

All residents of our area communities are welcome to attend. Refreshments will follow next door in our Parish Center. Please join us.

Please bring a canned good donation to contribute to a local food pantry.



Centering Prayer for Advent

During Advent please consider joining us weekly for Centering Prayer. Centering prayer is a practice and a discipline. Daily periods of silent prayer shift focus from self to God. As God becomes the center of our being the vicissitudes and storms of life affect us less. Living out of God as our Center we experience the peace the world cannot give.

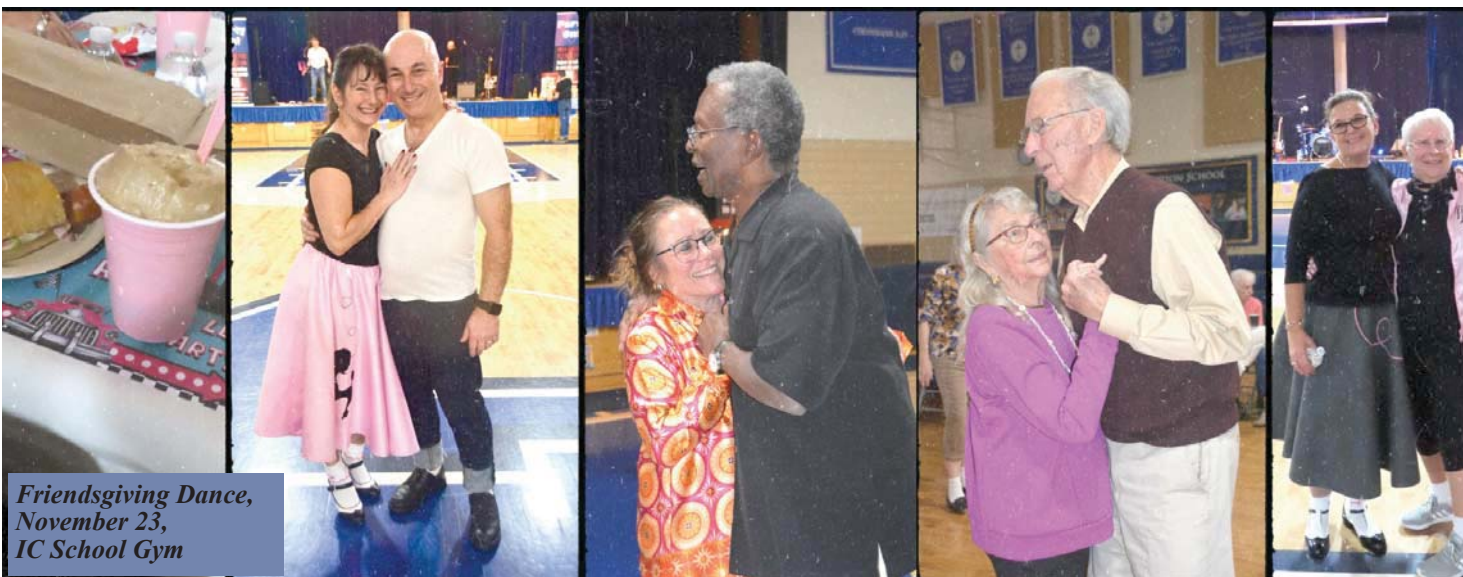
Please consider leaving the noise of world and the busyness of your day behind for an hour on Wednesday evening from 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Following Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina enriches and instructs us as we listen to and share reflections on the words of scripture. During Advent we will read from the passage of St. Luke's Gospel coinciding with the *Advent Bible Challenge*.

All are welcome to join us as we pray in these ancient Christian traditions and together prepare this Advent to welcome God's gift of His son Emmanuel, *God with us, into our hearts and our lives.*

For more information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978 462- 7483

COLLABORATIVE PHOTOS

Holiday Fair, November 23, Nativity Church Hall



New England Tenors, December 1, IC Church



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IC Offertory Collection

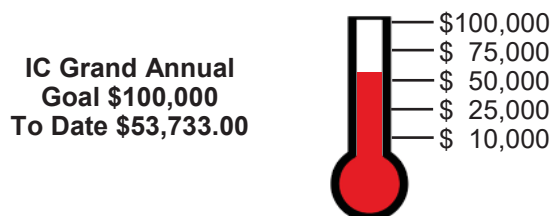
IC Offertory, Nov. 23–24	\$5,997.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Nov. 22	\$1,359.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$2,911.59
Total Weekly Offertory, Nov. 23–24	\$10,267.59
Retired Religious Sisters, Nov. 23–24	\$1,614.00
Thanksgiving (St. Vincent de Paul)	\$1,183.00
IC Offertory, Nov. 30–Dec. 1	\$5,890.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Nov. 29	\$ 832.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$2,768.27
Total Weekly Offertory, Nov. 30–Dec. 1	\$9,490.27
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Nov. 30–Dec 1	\$ 602.00

The second collection this weekend (Dec. 8) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Dec. 15) is IC Haiti. **Make checks payable to "IC Haiti."** See page 4 of the bulletin for more details.

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.



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.svdnewburyport.org or scan the QR code. 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.

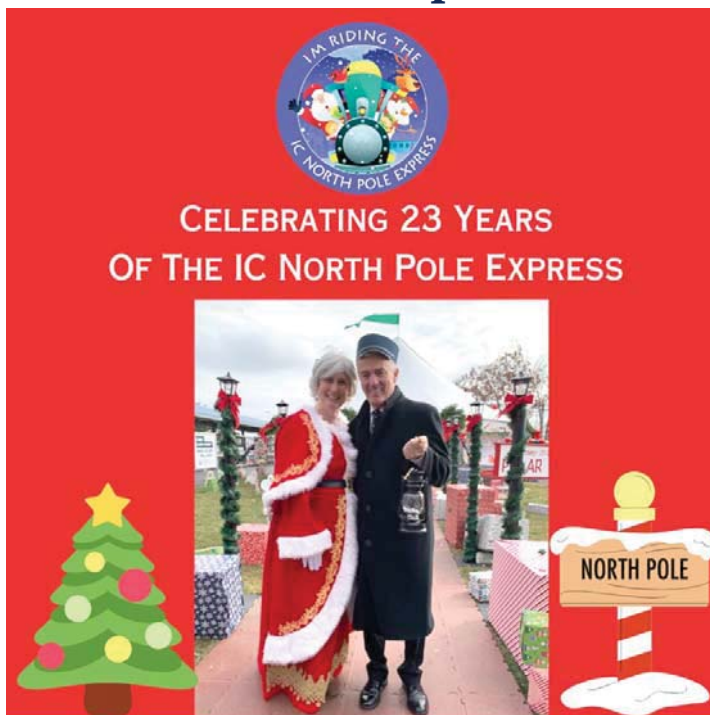
Breaking Bread Meal

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!

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, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

Immaculate Conception School



Help Send IC to DC

Please visit Beach Plum Flower Shop from **through December 15** for your 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.

Beach Plum Flower Shop is located at 50 Water Street Suite 301 (in the Tannery) in Newburyport.

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.

Advent Giving Trees

The trees are up in the vestibule decorated with tags for gift cards to Market Basket/Shaw's, CVS/Walgreens, gas, and WalMart. The gift cards which you purchase enable us to help our neighbors in need throughout the coming year. You may drop the gift cards in the Collection Boxes during any Mass.

Thank you for your generosity,
Your IC St. Vincent de Paul Conference

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Nov. 23–24	\$1,795.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Nov. 22	\$ 445.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 470.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Nov. 23–24	\$2,710.00
Retired Religious Sisters, Nov. 23–24	\$ 695.00
Thanksgiving (St. Vincent de Paul)	\$ 497.00
HR Offertory, Nov. 30–Dec. 1	\$2,510.75
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Nov. 29	\$1,160.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 277.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Nov. 30–Dec. 1	\$3,947.75
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Nov. 30–Dec 1	\$ 577.00

The second collection this weekend (Dec. 8) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Dec. 15) is IC Haiti. **Make checks payable to "IC Haiti."** See page 4 of the bulletin for more details.

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
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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.

Holiday Fair Update

Thank you for supporting the Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair. We are happy to report that the fair made just over \$10,800. The silent auction: over \$3,200.00. The baskets:



over \$3,000.00. The nearly new table: over \$1,800.00. The bake table: over \$1,300.00. The kitchen with our homemade soups: over \$500.00.

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Please return your fair signs. We are missing 18 signs!



★ December 14, 2024 ★

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Giving Thanks

Thank you all for your kind donations in the Thanksgiving Day collection.

Gratitude is not merely the polite habit of saying thank you. It goes deeper than words, reaching into our most fundamental attitude toward others and ourselves. We can be grateful for the kindness, practical help, or comforting presence of another person.

-Vanita Hampton Wright, Loyola Press

In November we helped a single mom and her daughter facing a heat shut-off notice by paying a propane bill. We were also able to help two older neighbors with furniture needs: mattress, box spring, bedding, couch and tables.

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.

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