

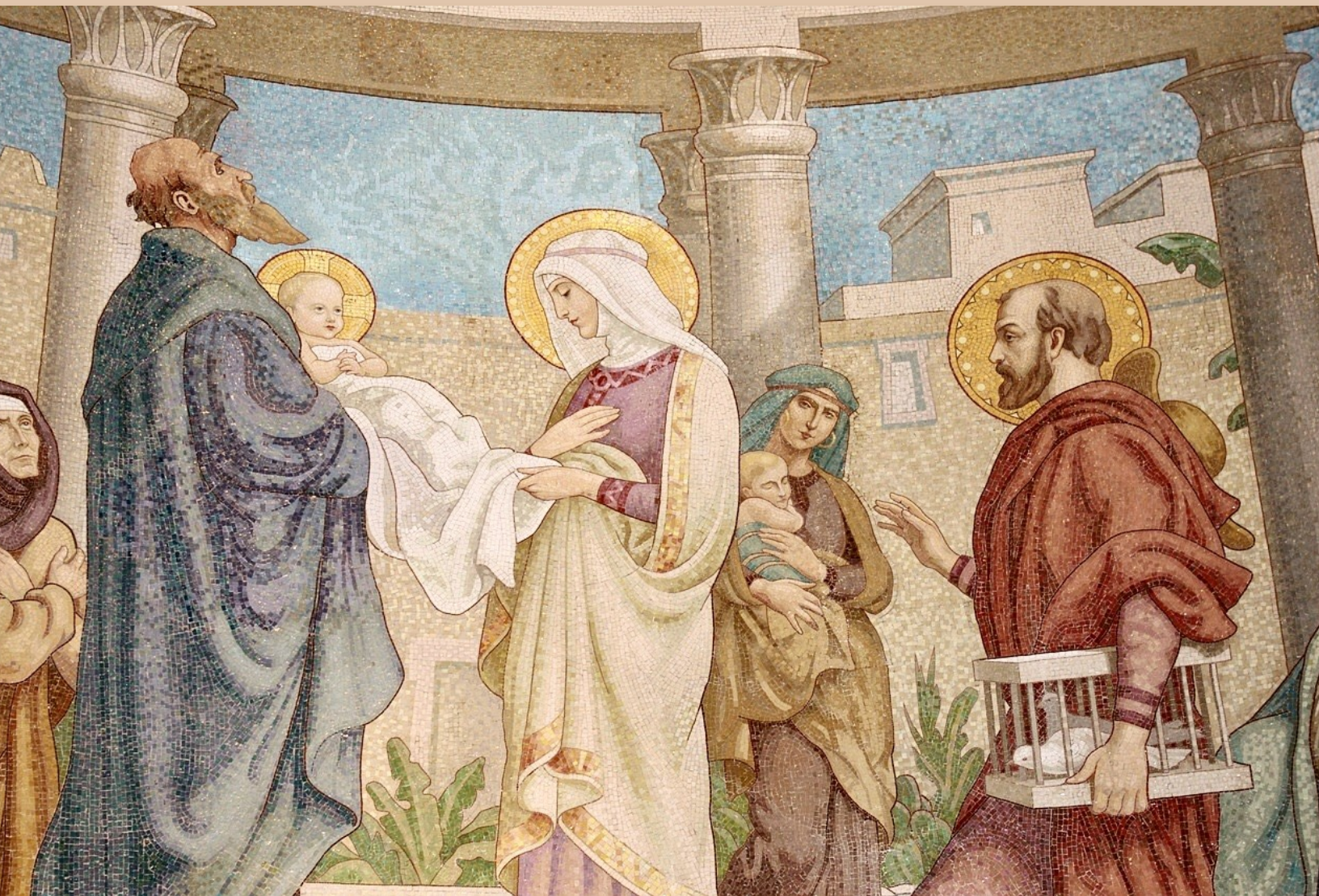
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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2025

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All Are Welcome



*Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according
to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel.*

(Lk 2:29–32)



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

St. Ann

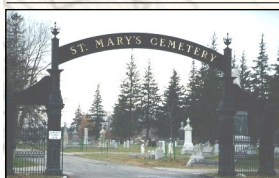
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Parishes



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (2/1)

4:00pm **IC** *The Zerigian family, Eileen Packard*
(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

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

Sunday (2/2)

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

9:00am **IC CANCELLED**

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

11:30am **IC** *Rosemary Anderson, Gerald & Jane Volpone* (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (2/3)

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

Tuesday (2/4)

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

Wednesday (2/5)

9:00am **IC CANCELLED**

Thursday (2/6)

9:00am **IC CANCELLED**

Friday (2/7)

9:00am **IC** *Joan Gallo, Norbert Vogl* (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (2/8)

4:00pm **IC** *Peter Weldon, Joseph Brown, Thomas Micherone* (Fr. MacInnis & Deacon Moranski)

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

Sunday (2/9)

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

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

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

11:30am **IC** *Victoria Carr* (Fr. Morin)

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.

You are welcome to gather at 9:00 at IC Church when no daily Mass is scheduled for a time of prayer, the Rosary, and/or Adoration.

Holy Communion will not be distributed.

Please see page 6 of this bulletin for daily Mass times at surrounding churches.

women at the well

We invite all women to come join us, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. The group meets **Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.** in person at the IC Charity Dining Room and virtually on Zoom. If you have any questions, or would like to join via Zoom, please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Nearly ten years ago, while on pilgrimage in the Holy Land, I fell in love with pomegranates. Practically everywhere we went, there were roadside vendors who would crush the bright pinkish-red fruit into the most delightful and refreshing juice. Given that the daily temperature reached into the 90's for most of our trip, the sweet, cool, fragrant juice was a welcome treat.



Upon return to the U.S., however, trying to enjoy this healthy now-addiction was more of a challenge. Purchasing the whole fruit in the supermarket was easy enough when they were in season. However, trying to extract the fruit and not get covered by squished juice or stained by crushed seeds is a challenge! Opened on a kitchen counter, they run everywhere! Recently, however, I found a great tip (or "hack" as it is sometimes called) on the Internet that directs one to first slice off the top of the pomegranate, then using a pairing knife, slice it along the subtle octagonal ridges that follow the fruit from top to bottom. Then, submerge the fruit in a big, deep bowl of water to easily peel the fruit apart and gently rub the seeds away from the chaff of the inner webbing. The fruited seeds will sink to the bottom of the bowl, while the paper-like chaff will float on the surface, where it can be strained away. Drain the water and, Voilà! Fresh pomegranate to be enjoyed! This quick and simple method will separate the precious seeds from the husk, purifying the edible from the inedible.

Purifying. It all sounds so simple—take the good from among the bad, keeping the good, discarding the bad. That may work all well and fine for a piece of fruit, but when it comes to sin and grace, things can get quite intertwined and sometimes vague. Writing more than five centuries before the time of Jesus, the prophet Malachi envisioned One who would cleanse and purify as none had before:

And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek. . . . For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, Refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD. (Mal 3:2–3)

Here, we are not talking about separating a few seeds from the chaff, but of industrial-level smelting using extreme heat and pressure to extract the good from among those who are surrounded by evil. Echoed in Handel's Messiah many centuries later, these passages have stirred the hearts of many to anticipate and look forward to the coming of the Lord in time. As Isaiah would proclaim:

On that day it will be said: "Indeed, this is our God; we looked to him, and he saved us! This is the LORD to whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" (Is 25:9)

In ancient Judaism, purity was an important aspect of one's devotion to the Lord. Today, we think of it as an inner disposition, a moral quality of the heart, a steadfast

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, February 3

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

Tuesday, February 4

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

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

Women at the Well Mtg. 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, February 5

Adoration & Rosary (No Mass) 9:00am, IC Church

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Cub Scout Pack 26 Mtg. 5:45pm, St. Ann Hall

Cub Scout Mtg. 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

Thursday, February 6

ICS PTO Mtg. 8:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration & Rosary (No Mass) 9:00am, IC Church

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, February 7

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, February 8

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, February 9

Faith Formation, K-8 10:00am, IC Parish Center

HR Activities Committee Mtg. 11:00am, St. Ann Hall

Faith Formation, Grade 10 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Faith Formation, Grade 10 6:30pm, 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.

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innocence, if you will. But the ancients thought of it also as something physical. It was important to the people of long ago to maintain the complete or intact outer skin of the body, as a way of keeping the profane (that which is outside) away from that which is sacred (the interior.) This was seen to apply to any break of the skin where blood might flow and of any childbirth, which certainly can be a messy, fleshy affair. In these cases, a ritual purification was performed to wash away the blood and celebrate the restoration of wholeness. Thus in this context, Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple to complete their ritual purifications according to the Law, and to offer Jesus in consecration to the Lord, a sacred first-fruit, whose life would be seen to belong to God from his earliest moments. The Book of Leviticus directs that this would take place 40 days after the birth of a male child, hence our celebration of it on this date.

Luke has memorialized this encounter in what we might call a prophetic pericope, containing the prophesy of Simeon and also that of Anna, as a foreshadowing of what is to come through Christ. Prayed as part of the Church's formal Night Prayer every evening, Simeon's words are often among the last many faithful clergy and laity alike hear before they close their eyes and go to sleep:

Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel. (Lk 2:29-32)

This feast is reminder to us of God's power to save, to refine, to purify, to cleanse, to renew, to restore, to reinvent, to reinvigorate and completely transform our troubled world. His plan of salvation is thorough, exhaustive and lacking in nothing. In Christ, we see our hope and its fulfillment beautifully arrayed like the most precious jewel, the finest of gold or silver, the most aromatic of spices and the purest of wine. In Christ, superlatives and human language all fall short, and what is left is mystery, the fullness of God's love for us all. May we rejoice always in the great gift of God that is Jesus Christ.

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

Please note that in January and February 2025 the schedule for celebrating the sacrament of Baptism will have changed. No Baptisms will take place during the 11:30am Mass. Please contact the Collaborative office (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) to review what Baptism dates are available in 2025 prior to the Lenten season.

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.

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.



(The free App "Laudate" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)

Questions of the Week



Adult: How have you experienced being called by God?

Child: What does "following Jesus" mean to you?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Prayers for the Sick

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

Patricia Baikewicz	Renee Fowler	Eleanora Paciulan
John Bourque	Ed Hardy	Joseph Palumbo
Kathy P. Brodeur	Jane Harney	Joanne Pesa
Michael Brenner	Chloe Hequet	Elizabeth Pettingell
Priscilla Brown	Emma Hurley	Donika Pulake
Vasfije Buhali	Armand Hyatt	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	Monica Maguire	Captain Bill Taplin
Dotty Duval	Sia Mahalati	Tom Tribble
Ann-Margaret	Ovidio Martinez	Michael Tucker
Ferrante	Patricia Carey	Maddie Villers
John Flynn	McCarthy	Laurent Vincent
Jeanine Ebacher	Molly O'Donnell	Sandra Welch
Fowler	Carol O'Neal	

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

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.

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. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! You are welcome to join us.

We will be taking a "winter break" from our meetings until May, but will continue to deliver shawls and lapghans to those who need them during our break. When we start again, we meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. **Our next meeting is Thursday, May 2.**

Collaborative Calendar



Did you know we have an online Collaborative calendar? It lists Mass times and all Collaborative events and activities. Access it through the calendar tab on our website: hriccatholic.org, or you can scan the QR code.

IC Haiti Update Report

February 2015—Part 1

This first part of a two-part update regarding IC Haiti's mission to the rural school community of Puit Chacha will provide context for the importance of our assistance there.

Puit Chacha is in the central part of the southern peninsula of Haiti. It is approximately 75 miles from the beleaguered capital Port-au-Prince where gang violence continues unabated and its dire effects are felt throughout the nation in the form of widespread food shortages, rising prices for essential goods and fuel, unprecedented social upheaval, and ongoing disruptions in transportation, travel, and trade.

A recent Boston Globe article "School is an impossible dream for the children of Haiti" by Frances Robles of the New York Times (January 26, 2025) described the disruptive and chilling effects that gang violence is having upon Haiti's school children. Homes and entire neighborhoods in and around Port-au-Prince have been abandoned, and thousands of families have sought shelter in overcrowded former school and government buildings or in areas far beyond the capital. It is estimated that three hundred thousand children are no longer attending schools around Haiti; and with so many families homeless, hungry, and out of work, children are being recruited by the gangs. A mother of four whose shop and home were destroyed by gangs was quoted by Robles as saying that it's almost impossible to make school a priority when the main priority for all parents in Haiti right now is how to survive. The Robles article offers a more detailed account of this aspect of the ongoing crisis in Haiti.

As we recently reported in the December 2024 bulletins, IC Haiti's mission to support the school community in Puit Chacha and the medical facility in Fond des Blancs continues despite Haiti's ongoing crisis. The Fr. Marc Piché elementary school offers school age children a stable educational environment along with a hot lunch program daily. IC Haiti also provides tuition for those students who continue a secondary school education in nearby Fond des Blancs. And our partners at the St. Boniface Hospital carry on 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing critical medical care to all in need.

In part two of this update, we will share with you a more detailed report on how the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school and the schoolchildren are doing this school year.

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.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Daily Masses in the Area

Monday

6:45am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
 7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
 8:00am St. Luke, Newton, NH
 9:00am St. John the Baptist, Haverhill
 9:00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
 9:00am St. Joseph, Amesbury
 9:00am St. Lucy, Methuen
 9:15am St. Anne, Hampstead, NH
 12:10pm All Saints, Haverhill

Tuesday

6:45am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
 7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
 8:00am St. Mary, Rowley
 8:00am St. Luke, Plaistow, NH
 9:00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
 9:00am St. James, Haverhill
 9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury
 9:00am St. Lucy, Methuen
 9:00am St. Patrick, Groveland
 9:15am St. Anne, Hampstead, NH
 12:10pm All Saints, Haverhill

Wednesday

6:45am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
 7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
 9:00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
 9:00am St. John the Baptist, Haverhill
 9:00am St. Joseph, Amesbury
 9:00am St. Mary, Georgetown (Adoration following Mass)
 9:00am St. Lucy Methuen
 9:15am St. Anne, Hampstead, NH
 12:10pm All Saints, Haverhill
 6:30pm, St. Luke, Plaistow, NH

Thursday

6:45am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
 7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
 8:00am St. Mary, Rowley
 8:00am St. Luke, Newton, NH
 9:00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
 9:00am St. James, Haverhill
 9:00am St. Lucy, Methuen
 9:00am St. Patrick, Groveland
 9:15am St. Anne, Hampstead, NH
 12:10pm All Saints, Haverhill

Friday

6:45am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
 7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
 9:00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
 9:00am St. John the Baptist, Haverhill
 9:00am St. Mary, Georgetown
 9:00am St. Lucy, Methuen
 12:10pm All Saints, Haverhill

Saturday

8:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
 9:00am All Saints, Haverhill
 9:00am St. James, Haverhill
 9:00am (First Saturday of the month) St. Mary, Georgetown
 9:00am St. Monica, Methuen

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

Emmy's Valentines at MGH



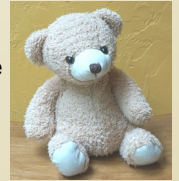
Please help Emmy and her Nana, Melissa, make Valentine's Day a bit brighter for children diagnosed with cancer at Mass General Hospital for Children.



Emmy was diagnosed 4 years ago with a rare aggressive brain cancer. She was given a 4% chance to live but we are happy to say she celebrated her 5th birthday and has remained NED (No Evidence of Disease) for 4 years. Now she wants to pay it forward by donating stuffed animals to those still in treatment.

We ask that stuffed animal donations are:

- Brand new, tags on if possible (they are being delivered to a hospital)
- **Not** Valentine themed
- 6–12 inches tall
- Lovable and squishy



Donations can be dropped off in the foyer of the IC Pastoral Center. There will be a plastic bin with a photo of Emmy and last year's donations. Please feel free to take home a photo.

Lenten Series Planned

Thursdays during Lent, March 6–April 10



Join us on Thursdays this Lent for a new, six-part video series called "My father's Father."

"God is Father" – This is the life-altering revelation of Jesus. Yet, how many of us struggle to know that we have a Father in heaven who knows, loves, and chooses us as His sons and daughters?

Join Fr. Dave Pivonka as he journeys home to reflect on the urgent need to know God as Father amidst the backdrop of his hometown and the relationship he shared with his dad. This poignant documentary series explores the transformative impact of embracing our inheritance, unraveling the intricate tapestry of fear, doubt, shame, and brokenness to reveal a loving Father—for each of us.

We will be reflecting on the love of God the Father for us, his sons and daughters, through this beautiful series, over some refreshments. We hope to see you there!

Dates: Thursdays, March 6–April 10

Time: 9:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

Location: IC Charity Dining Room

Coffee/tea, Baked goods, and breakfast foods provided.

Note: If there is anyone interested, in an alternative evening gathering, Thursday evenings at 5:45 p.m.–7:00 p.m. (before Adoration), let us know. Contact Aaron Giard, at 978-462-2724 if you are interested in an evening session.

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Adoration

Where Unspoken Answers are Heard



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)

Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

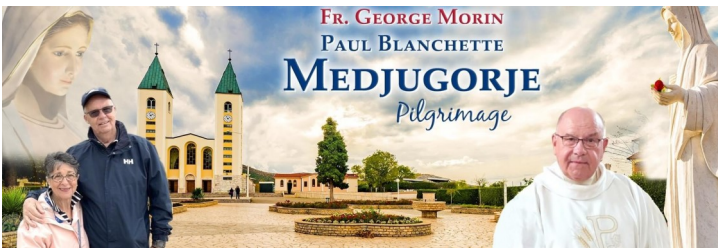
Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass will be cancelled if Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Faith Formation classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information. We will also post cancellation information on our website and social media.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.



On Thursday, January 23, many past and future pilgrims gathered for a reunion Mass held at Nativity Church. What a joyous reunion! If you would like to attend one of our 2025 pilgrimages, we still have space available. See below for information and dates.



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.

Medjugorje: April 25–May 3, 2025, www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/medjugorje/
(Booking Code PB042825)

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

The God Minute



The God Minute is an online prayer community, led by priests, nuns, and lay people who start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are woven into a 10-minute,

guided prayer and then uploaded for all to share.

Listen/pray with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking the dog for a walk. Our mission is simple: to inspire and empower people of faith into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. And it's free.

See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. Visit www.thegodminute.org or scan the QR code.



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, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

For more information call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage Meetings

We are excited to invite you to **two** upcoming meetings. These gatherings will provide an opportunity for fellowship, reflection, and preparation for our Medjugorje pilgrimage.

There are currently 5–8 openings available for this wonderful journey. Invite a friend to join us February 12 or March 12, meet the registered group, and learn more about what we can expect as we travel.

Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday, February 12
- Wednesday, March 12

Schedule:

- 6:00 p.m.: Mass in the St. James Chapel
- Dinner to follow in the Charity Dining Room

We kindly ask that you RSVP to confirm your attendance. Please contact Christine to RSVP: call or text: 978-968-4140.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Jan. 25–26	\$4,003.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Jan 24	\$ 325.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,689.09
Total Weekly Offertory, Jan. 25–26	\$8,017.09
Church in Latin America	\$ 722.00

The second collection this weekend (Feb. 2) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

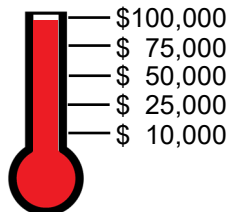
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You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.

**IC Grand Annual
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Knights Hospitality Sunday

The Knights of Columbus Hospitality Sunday for February has been cancelled. Please join us the first Sunday of the month in March.

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

Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser for over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame. She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

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.

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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!

Recruiting Altar Servers

for Weekend Liturgies

Any youth, 4th grade or older, or any adult who feels the call to become an altar server should contact the IC parish office immediately.



New recruits will attend three 1-hour training sessions and, once trained, will work closely with our priests and deacons to prepare the altar for consecration of the Eucharist. This is a beautiful way to learn more about our faith and to participate more fully at Mass.

After the training is complete each server will be asked to serve at a Mass of their preference once a month. Scheduling is done based on availability and working within each family's schedule. We plan to hold the training sessions at the end of February.

If you are interested, please call (978-462-2724) or see Melinda in the office.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Jan. 25–26	\$1,883.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Jan 24	\$ 750.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 397.50
Total Weekly Offertory, Jan. 25–26	\$3,030.50
Church in Latin America	\$ 376.00

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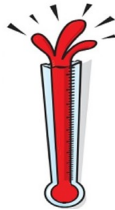
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HR Activities Committee

Our committee is open to discuss any ideas you may bring to help create a community of support, fellowship **and fun!**

The next HR Activities Committee meeting will be **Sunday, February 9 after the 10:00 Mass at St. Ann, W. Newbury.** We will be discussing Fr. Charlie's 80th birthday.



Lost and Found at Fr George's birthday party at Nativity. They are in the hall, near the closest, waiting to be picked up!

Save Your Baskets for the 2025 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.

Coffee Social

Join us for St. Ann's Coffee Social on **February 2** 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) 886-1621.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

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 at the churches. Reminder: Make sure to *make checks payable to HR St. Vincent de Paul.*

HR St. Vincent de Paul Raffle

Take a chance on a raffle ticket to win one of eight \$100 gift cards to a local restaurant. Eight winning tickets will be drawn (one gift card to each winner). All proceeds from the raffle will go to help those in need in the communities of W. Newbury and Merrimac.

Tickets will be on sale at all weekend Masses at Nativity and St. Ann on February 1–2, 8–9, 15–16.

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Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

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.



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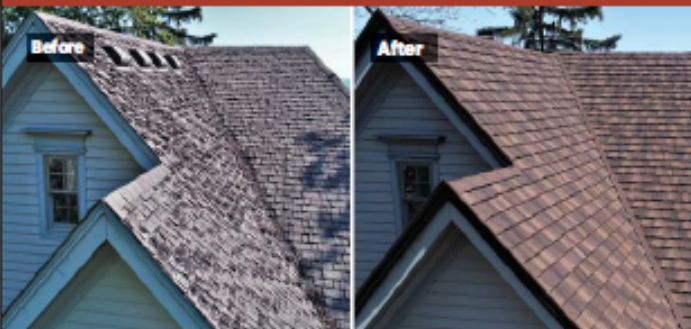
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