

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026

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All Are Welcome

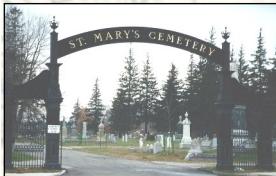
*Against you, you alone have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in your eyes
So that you are just in your word,
and without reproach in your judgment.*

PS 51:6



St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985
 Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985
Phone: 978-346-8604
 Email: info@hriiccatholic.org



St. Mary's Cemetery

36 Storey Avenue,
 Newburyport 01950

Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

Nativity

Parish offices and church:
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 Office Hours: By appointment
Phone: 978-346-8604
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Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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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 (2/21)

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

4:00pm St Ann (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (2/22)

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am IC Judith A. Pelosi, *A personal intention* (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am IC Charlotte Sofia, Eugene Joseph Sullivan (Fr. Morin)

Monday (2/23)

9:00am IC Marsha Reilly Sullivan, Margie Howard, Jeffrey H. Berger (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (2/24)

9:00am IC For the intentions of Conrad & Lisa Delisio (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (2/25)

9:00am IC Louis Andriotakis, Marianna Rosa (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (2/26)

9:00am IC For the intentions of Patty & Malcolm Brazill & family (Fr. Morin)

Friday (2/27)

9:00am IC Daniel F. Healey, *For the needs of families* (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (2/28)

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

4:00pm IC Stephen Reslewic, Faris Abu-Jawdeh (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (3/01)

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Morin)

9:00am IC A private intention (Fr. Harrison)

10:00am St. Ann Jerry Mullen (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am IC Louis Della Gatta (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember Noeline Kohr, David Michael Smith, 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.



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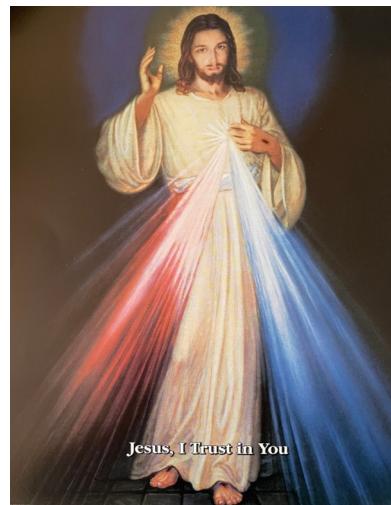


Questions of the Week

Adult: What are the temptations that lead people away from God in today's world?

Child: When you feel tempted to do the wrong thing, what do you do?

Divine Mercy at HRIC



Although the devotion to Divine Mercy is new in its expression as a feast day, novena, and special set of prayers, the spiritual underpinnings are as old as Christianity: fall upon God's mercy for this broken world; trust in Jesus completely; engage in acts of mercy towards others. God's mercy is His greatest attribute. Yes, He is Creator and Lord, but the undeserved love and forgiveness He shows

for fallen humanity reveals the fathomless depths of His Heart. St. Faustina Kowalska received a series of "visits" from Jesus, asking her to spread knowledge of and devotion to His mercy to a weary world and this blossomed and spread quickly. So often we become hardened and see only justice needing to be done. Yet God wants to show His mercy at this time when so many have fallen so far away from Him. Jesus merely asks that the soul trusts Him completely and allows Him to act.

Next week, we will begin walking through the **five main components of this devotion**. Until then, may we repeat together: "Jesus, I trust in You!"

Thursday Morning Fellowship & Video Series: *Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told*

Thursdays, February 26–April 9; 9:45–11:15 a.m. (except April 2, Holy Thursday, which will be at 9:00 a.m.) in IC St. Louis Hall. Join us for a deep-dive into the story of how this devotion came about and how it is connected to the most fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith. This high quality documentary tells the fascinating history of how God has used people and whole nations to lead the world back to his merciful Heart. Join for the food, spiritually rich content, and conversation.



Let us begin this journey together with the central prayer of this devotion: "Jesus, I trust in You!"

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This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

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. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, February 25

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

Holy Jammers 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Youth Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, IC Church

Ministry Committee Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, February 26

Divine Mercy Video Series 9:45am, IC St. Louis Hall

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, February 27

St. Ann Stations of the Cross 9:00am, St. Ann Church

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

Nativity Simple Supper 5:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Stations of the Cross 5:15pm, IC Church

IC Simple Supper 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Nativity Stations of the Cross 6:00pm, Nativity Church

AA Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, February 28

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

HR SVdP Raffle Tickets on Sale after all HR Masses

Sunday, March 1

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Teaching Mass/Lecture 8:30am IC St. James Chapel

Kof C Hospitality Sunday 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

1st Communion Church Tour 12:30pm, IC Church

Confirmation Prep. 7:00pm, 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.

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. WBZ Channel 4 will have updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com. In severe situations, it may be necessary 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.

LENT

Save the Date: Sunday, March 1

Seekers and Cradle Catholics: Come to a free three-part spiritual "aha!" event offered only once this Lent.

Short lecture, St James Chapel, IC Parish Center, 8:30–9:00 a.m.

"Live Commentary" Mass: IC Narthex (vestibule), 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Q/A & FAQ: IC Nave, 10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Presenter: Mary Schmidt

The lecture will reveal WHY priests' postures, gestures and ritual commands cue us (18 times!) to change our postures and **what** each movement means. Next, during a sound-proof private commentary, hear and see—now with spiritual comprehension—**why** Mass honors Jesus with full body engagement!

No reservations necessary. See you on March 15.

Want to Expand Your Prayer Life during Lent?

*"Where two or more gather in my name,
there am I in the midst of them"*

Jesus defined prayer as a sincere conversation with God, a relationship built on trust, and a way to seek both personal needs and God's will. Prayer is not just asking for things but is an act of worship, seeking God's kingdom and aligning one's will with His.

Please consider joining the **Tuesday morning Women's Prayer Group** which meets via Zoom from 10:00–11:45 (join us for as long as you can) as we read and discuss the day's Gospel and pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

If you are interested, please contact via phone or in person Mary Zerigian (508-269-3405) or Betty Long. We pray that you will join us as we raise our voices to the Lord!

Stations of the Cross

St. Ann: Friday mornings during Lent: 9:00 a.m.

February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3 (Good Friday)

**Nativity: Friday evenings during Lent:
5:00 supper, 6:00 Stations**

February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 (no Stations Good Friday)

**Immaculate Conception: Friday evenings during Lent:
5:15 Stations, 6:00 supper**

February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 (no Stations Good Friday)

Adoration

 **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)

LENT

Lenten Evening of Reflection

Save the Date

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

The Collaborative Ministry Committee will be sponsoring a Lenten Evening of Reflection on Wednesday, March 18, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at IC Church. All Collaborative members serving in any Ministry in the Collaborative are encouraged to attend, but the evening is open to anyone who wishes to join us. Melissa Kalpakjian, an Evangelization Consultant for the Archdiocese of Boston will be our guest speaker and Fr. Harrison will be our presider. Please save the date and stay tuned for more details.

A Lenten Directed Retreat

Father, Forgive Them

As his death on the cross approached, Jesus prayed “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” (Lk.23:34) In his final moments, experiencing profound physical, mental, and spiritual suffering Jesus prayed not for himself, but for others. His total self-emptying and perfect love moved him to forgive those who crucified him.

Throughout his life Jesus' words and works affirmed a forgiving spirit was essential to follow him. He commanded his disciples to love one another as he loved them and not to approach God with offerings until at peace with others, saying, “If you bring your gift to the altar and there you recall your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift (Mt.5:23–24).”

This retreat will explore the process, power, and fruits of forgiveness through sacramental confession, scripture, spiritual writers, prayer, reflection, and spiritual direction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation through which we receive forgiveness for our own sins and the grace to become more like Christ is central to our Lenten practice and important to this retreat.

Four one-hour spiritual direction sessions scheduled at your convenience. 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 Feb. 15. Retreat Closes April 1.

Begin retreat any time you choose.

Spiritual Director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastoral Counseling Call 978-462-7483 to register or for additional information. Suggested donation: \$95.00.

Guidelines for Lent

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent.

Fasting during Lent

Good Friday is a day of fasting. Catholics age 18–59 are bound to the obligation of fasting. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including water, milk, and fruit juices are allowed.

Abstinence during Lent

Abstinence is observed on **all Fridays** of Lent. Abstinence is the absence of meat all day. Fish is allowed during Lent, though. All Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence.

This Week's Lenten Activities

Wednesday, February 25

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Thursday, February 26

Divine Mercy Video Series 9:45am, IC St. Louis Hall

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, February 27

St. Ann Stations of the Cross 9:00am, St. Ann Church

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

Nativity Simple Supper 5:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Stations of the Cross 5:15pm, IC Church

IC Simple Supper 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Nativity Stations of the Cross 6:00pm, Nativity Church

Saturday, February 28

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina for Lent

Our Lenten reflection on Jesus' words and works reveals his intimate relationship with his Father. We see the depth of Jesus' faith, trust, and love for God as he often withdraws from crowds to pray alone in silence. Through Centering Prayer, you withdraw from the world to enter your inner room. Lent is a time to follow Jesus more closely and learn from him how to pray in silence, spending time placing God at the center of your life, opening yourself to a loving Father, surrendering your will and in trust allowing God to transform you. This interior prayer is how we pray as we Center.

Centering Prayer is an ancient Christian practice available to all who seek transformation through a more intimate relationship with God. This daily practice deepens our faith as we come to better know our God as one who loves us unconditionally just as we are and trust God has plans to give us a future of hope. Centering Prayer helps us say to the Father, “Not my will but yours be done” (Lk. 22: 42).

Please join us and let God move you closer to him. All are welcome as we gather Wednesdays from 6–7 p.m. via Zoom. Following 30 minutes of Centering Prayer we practice Lectio Divina. We listen to God's words in scripture, ponder, and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now and let it guide our choices and actions. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen and our personal relationship with God.

If you are interested in joining us or learning more about these practices, contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483.

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HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, February 24



This program delivers soup, sandwiches, and casseroles to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month.

Sandwiches: Popular sandwich choices are peanut butter & jelly or cold cuts with cheese. Please do not use condiments. 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 inside.

Soups and Casseroles: Make your specialty soup or casserole! One-gallon soup containers as well as foil casserole pans are available in the St. Ann Church Hall on Wednesday mornings during sandwich drop off. Please label your soup or casserole donation and include any heating instructions.

Also welcome: any other goodies you can donate: cookies, powdered drink mixes, chips, granola bars, fresh fruit, etc.

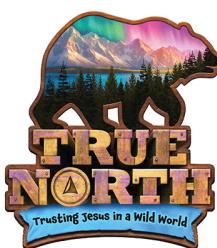
Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

If you would like more information or have any questions about the HRIC Soup and Sandwich program, scan the QR code.



True North Vacation Bible School

Trek into an unforgettable Alaskan adventure week this summer at VBS!



When: Mon. June 29–Fri. July 2
9:00-12:00

Where: Nativity Church Hall

Who: students ages 5–12

Registration information will be coming soon.

Volunteers needed: Adults and teens

Contact: Jen: 978-697-1082
Donielle: 413-668-6181

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.

Easter Flower Donations



Please consider making a donation “in memory” of a deceased loved one or “in honor” of someone special in your life. Flower envelopes have been included in the envelope packets mailed to your home or you can pick up one in the back of any of our churches. Drop them in the collection any Sunday or mail them to the HR or IC offices (see addresses page 2). Deadline to see your gift listed in the April 12 (Divine Mercy Sunday) bulletin is **Sunday, March 22**.

Second Collection February 22

Church Around the World

This week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity to this collection will help fund the spiritual, educational, and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. For more information about each of these organizations go to their websites

- 1.CRS: usccb.org/catholic-relief
- 2.Church in Africa: usccb.org/africa
- 3.Church in Central and Eastern Europe: usccb.org/ccee
- 4.Military Archdiocese: milarch.org
- 5.Catholic Home Missions: usccb.org/home-missions
- 6.Black and Indian Missions: blackandindianmission.org

Pelican Intervention Fund



We have placed 173 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.

Visit our website at www.pelicaninterventionfund.org.

Cursillo Corner



The opportunity to share in this 3-day, joyful re-introduction to the love of Christ has begun again at St. Basil's Seminary in Methuen. All are encouraged to further explore Cursillo as a part of your faith journey. Weekends are listed below.

Men
April 9–12

Women
March 5–8
April 30–May 3

Contacts: Pat Temple 617-899-0424, Jonathan Temple 978-809-9337

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Youth Ministry

If your child is interested in **any of these ministries**, please call the parish offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 and leave your name, email, phone number, and which ministry interests you.

High School Youth Ministry

We invite any high school teen to join us in the new year for fun, fellowship, and a little prayer on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.: Feb. 22, Mar. 8 and 22, Apr. 12 and 26. Bring a friend!

Youth Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers

Requirements: must have completed the 2nd grade and received his/her First Communion. **Training:** 3 one-hour sessions in the church.

Lectors

Requirement: Anyone who has been Confirmed. **Training:** approximately 1 one-hour session, on an early evening during the week.

Youth Choir

Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord (Psalm 100)



The Youth Choir rehearses at IC Church on Wednesdays from 3:30–4:45 (3:45–5:00 if you need to come later).

New members, grades 3–8, are welcome! Come use your gifts to glorify the Lord!

The Youth Choir will sing at the following 9:00 Masses: March 22, March 29, and May 10.

The Youth Choir will perform at the IC Spring Concert: Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m.

The Youth Choir performing with the Newburyport Choral Society.

For more information please contact Paula Quann:
youthchoir@hriccatholic.org.

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

Collaborative Faith Formation

School Year Programs (K–8, Including Sacramental Prep.)

Registration forms and schedules for 2025–26 are now available on our website: hriccatholic.com/FaithFormation.

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information regarding this sacrament.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is now celebrated with students currently in Grade 8.

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.

We will be taking a “winter break” from our meetings until May 7, 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.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Lucas Aucamp	Ed Hardy	Michael Martens
Patricia Baikewicz	Jane Harney	Ovidio Martinez
Pattie Bombard	Chloe Hequet	Carol O’Neal
John Bourque	Loriann Herrick	Eleanora Paciulan
Kathy P. Brodeur	Matt Hershey	Joseph Palumbo
Michael Brenner	Angela Holloran	Carol Parks
Priscilla Brown	Emma Hurley	Joanne Pesa
Autumn Rose	Young Jameson	Elizabeth Pettingell
Coulombe	Carol Johnson	Rob Schweizer
Finn Davis	Derek Johnson	Regina Seely
Kristen D’Entremont	Steve Johnson	Yvonne Sloban
Ward Dilmore	Michael Juralewicz	Gary Smith
Deb Downie	Denise Kenneson	Arlene Stoddard
Dotty Duval	Arthur LaPointe	Susan Sweeney
Ann-Margaret	Ed Laverty	Taylor
Ferrante	David LeBlanc	Captain Bill Taplin
John Flynn	Michael Lichtenstein	Heather Thompson
Jeanine Ebacher	Donna Limone	Michael Tucker
Fowler	Johannah Lord	Maddie Villers
Renee Fowler	Monica Maguire	Laurent Vincent
Paul Gerroir	Sia Mahalati	Joseph Vonhandorf
John Gutshaw	Michael Marchese	Sandra Welch

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

Catholic TV

Visit www.catholictv.com for a schedule of the latest program details on America’s Catholic Television Network.

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HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Feb. 14–15	\$2,465.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Feb. 13	\$ 520.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 603.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Feb. 14–15	\$3,588.00

The second collection this weekend (Feb. 22) is Support for Church Around the World (See page 6 for details). The second collection next weekend (Mar. 1) is fuel & utility.

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 \$25,000.00
To Date \$22,131.00



Bible Study Group



We are starting a small bible study group that will meet one morning a week at Nativity. For anyone who may be interested please look for a sign-up sheet located at the back door of Nativity. Please watch the bulletin for more information to come.

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

HR Stations of the Cross

St. Ann: Friday Mornings during Lent: 9:00



Please join us as we retrace the footsteps of Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Garden Tomb. Please note that Stations will be cancelled if there is a funeral at St. Ann on any of these Friday mornings or if school is cancelled due to inclement weather.

**Nativity: Friday evenings during Lent:
5:00 supper, 6:00 Stations**

Nativity will be praying the Stations of the Cross Friday evenings April 11 starting at 6:00 p.m. We will serve a community supper starting at 5:00 p.m. We will serve supper until 5:55 p.m. (Stations will be at 7:00 p.m. on Good Friday, no supper.)

We have extended an invitation to Pilgrim Congregational Church and Merrimac Senior Center to anyone who would like to have company while eating supper and/or learn of our tradition of prayer during the season of Lent.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your Service!

Please join us in thanking Sue Coombs and Joan Rossi as they step down as active Vincentians. They are among the original members of our Holy Redeemer conference. For 12 years they have made countless home visits and demonstrated true devotion to the ministry to the poor in West Newbury and Merrimac. They will be missed.

Now that Lent has begun, we invite you to take a Mite Box as you leave church. Almsgiving is an integral part of Lent and putting a few coins per day in these boxes will help the poor in West Newbury and Merrimac. (See Mark 12: 42–44)

Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes that can be found on tables at the main entrances of 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**.

Holy Redeemer Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society

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HR Coffee Socials

St. Ann will be holding their next coffee social in the church hall on **March 1** following the 10:00 Mass.

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, 978-904-5682.



Nativity will be having a coffee hour on **March 15** after the 8:30 Mass. All are invited and encouraged to attend. If you would like to bring a breakfast item to share, that would be lovely!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Feb 14–15	\$5,144.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Feb. 13	\$1,042.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,309.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Feb 14–15	\$9,495.00

The second collection this weekend (Feb. 22) is Support for Church Around the World (See page 6 for details). The second collection next weekend (Mar. 1) is fuel & utility.

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 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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Cross Catholic Outreach at IC



This past weekend we were visited by Fr. Pham of Cross Catholic Outreach. Cross Catholic Outreach and its ministry partners are doing AMAZING work around the world to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters. To support these ministry efforts, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach or scan this QR code.

IC St. Vincent de Paul

Your support helps us assist our neighbors with food, rent, utilities, and other urgent needs.

With the extremely cold weather, the need for utility assistance grows each week. We have helped those struggling with rent to remain in their homes and not face homelessness during this winter.

How to Donate:

- Online: svdpnewburyport.org and click on “Donate”
- By Mail: St. Vincent de Paul—I.C. Conference, 42 Green St., Newburyport, MA 01950
- In Church: Use the “Poor Box” at the Green St. entrance of the church.

Do you or someone you know need Assistance? Call our confidential help line: **978-518-0728**. Members respond to all messages as quickly as possible.

Breaking Bread Meal: Tuesdays Free, hot, three-course meal served **4:45–5:30 p.m.** in our dining room. **Take-Out** meals available at **5:30 p.m.** All are welcome.

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All 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, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.

Adoration Note Cards are Back

Many people had asked for more of the Richard Jones watercolor, Adoration, depicting the altar at Immaculate Conception during adoration with Deacon Dow and our beloved friend, Joseph Patchett.

We are happy to announce we have boxes of the cards available for the cost of \$10 each box.

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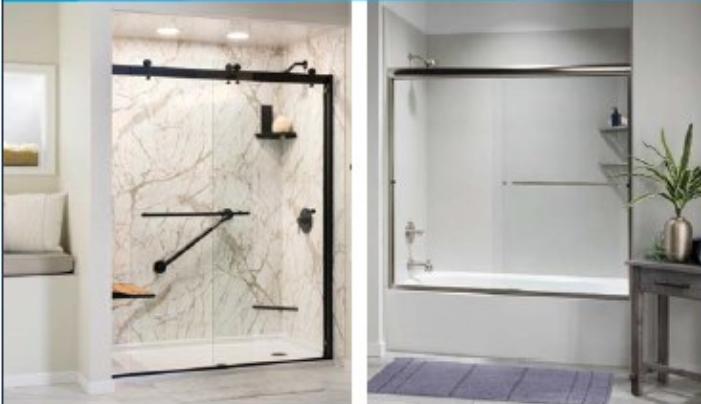
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