

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023



*"If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted;
then light shall rise for you in the darkness,
and the gloom shall become for you like midday."*

(Is 58:10)

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All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

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Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

Phone: 978-346-8604

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Nativity

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

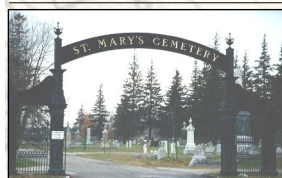
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (2/4)

4:00pm **IC** *Gerald & Jane Volpone, Joseph H. Brown Jr.* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

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

Sunday (2/5)

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

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

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

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

Monday (2/6)

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

Tuesday (2/7)

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

Wednesday (2/8)

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

Thursday (2/9)

9:00am **IC** *Patricia A. Mosher* (Fr. Morin)

Friday (2/10)

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

Saturday (2/11)

4:00pm **IC** *Michael & Lucia Lombardo, Elizabeth & Sylvester Healey* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (2/12)

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. O'Brien & Deacon Dow)

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

11:30am **IC** (Fr. O'Brien & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers please remember Betty Mann, Carol McGrath, Margaret Jean, 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 broadcast online through our website: hricatholic.org and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).

Bulletin Information

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

Questions of the Week



Adult: What obstacles do you face in being "salt" or "light" to others?

Child: How do you let your light shine for others?

Knights of Columbus



All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month in the IC Nazareth Library.

For more information about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804 or email koofc231@outlook.com.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Only God forgives sins.

But the Scriptures tell us over and over again that we can overshadow the darkness of sin with the light of good works. Even if we have sinned and turned away from God, and even if some or many of those sins are grievous, we can still perform acts of goodness and righteousness that God will recognize and rejoice in. In His mercy, God overlooks our sins and failings, while at the same time celebrating and rejoicing in even our meager efforts to imitate His awesomeness.

Perhaps we do this best when we care for others, help feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, shelter to the refugee, welcome to the stranger, and honor the ties that bind us together as a community and family. When we do these things well, God has something to work with in building His Kingdom, even if individually we have had moments of weakness and failure. God's grace shines through our human frailty.

Over the centuries, it has been our Church's constant teaching that genuine works of penance are the antidote to our sinful ways. Be about prayer, make meaningful sacrifices and offer help to those in need around us: and sin will have little maneuvering room in our lives, no place to take hold. In just a few weeks, we will once again begin our annual season of Lent as a preparation for Easter and to help us be ready to renew our Baptismal commitment. It is not too early to start thinking of how each of us might plan to live this holy season. Sometimes, we give up something, sometimes we embrace something extra. Sometimes we go kicking and screaming through Lent, struggling to discipline ourselves. Sometimes we are numb to the fact that Lent has a claim on us or that God is calling us to greater holiness of life. Sometimes we may feel paralyzed by our past weakness or unsure of how to start anew. Sometimes we get stuck in the whole "unworthiness" thing and miss the greater reality of God's singular love for us.

In the first chapter of Isaiah, the prophet calls out: "Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes; cease doing evil; learn to do good. Make justice your aim: redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow. Come now, let us set things right, says the LORD: Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; Though they be red like crimson, they may become white as wool." (Is 1:16-18)

It is never too late to turn back to God and embrace His offer of mercy through Christ. It is never too late to share our bread, to help those in need, to spend time with the lonely, to advocate for justice, to offer and model the forgiveness we have first received. It is never too late for God's love to have an effect in this world or in our hearts. This coming Season of Lent, what will it be like for you?

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, February 6

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

Cub Scout Mtg. 4:00pm, St. Ann Hall

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

Tuesday, February 7

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm, IC Church

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

Wednesday, February 8

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Thursday, February 9

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, February 10

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, February 11

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, February 12

RCIA Mtg. 10:00am, IC St. James Chapel

RCIC Mtg. 10:00am, IC Parish Center, Religious Ed. Rooms

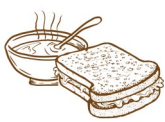
IC Confirmation Prep., Year 2 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Confirmation Prep., Year 2 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.

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is February 8



The HRIC Collaborative Soup & Sandwich Program (formerly the HR Sandwich Program) is asking for volunteers to help make sandwiches for the Lazarus House Ministry. We deliver on the second and fourth

Wednesdays of the month. Thank you to all who have been donating since we started up again. We are delivering over 150 sandwiches every date, and are now bringing 5 gallons of soup.

Sandwiches need to be **individually wrapped or bagged** and returned to the bread wrappers. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are requested at this time, also cold cuts and/or cheese sandwiches. Please, no condiments. **Large** containers of coffee, Adobo, and minced garlic are also welcome. They are also looking for fresh vegetables (not potatoes). Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury, from 7:00–9:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. (Door on the larger parking lot side of the church).

Any questions please contact Jill: dobsondollars@aol.com or Tom at Tom@grellafinancial.com.



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Youth and Adult Altar Servers Needed

We are looking for new altar servers for all weekend Masses at all three Collaborative churches.

Any student who is 4th grade or older and has made their First Communion is eligible to become an altar server.

We also welcome any adult who might be interested. This is a wonderful way to serve our parish communities and our Lord.

Training will be provided. If you are interested in serving, please call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 and ask for Melinda or Christine.

AED and First Aid Kits

You may have noticed that the AEDs or Automated External Defibrillators kits, "stop-bleed" kits, and updated first-aid kits have been installed in all of our worship spaces and parish halls.

The cost for these complete kits (AED, stop-bleed, and first aid) with their respective cabinets and required supplies is \$1,768.00 each. To date we have received \$5,900 in donations to help pay for the purchase of these life-saving kits and we have received a commitment for an additional \$1,800.00.

We will still need \$6,500.00. We invite parishioners who are able to consider making a donation to help pay for these potentially life-saving kits. Full or partial donations for these sets are welcome and appreciated for both parishes.

Additionally, we have multiple offers from parishioners who are familiar with how to use these devices to do an informal training after weekend Masses. Plus, we hope to also offer certification in CPR and basic first aid for anyone who might be interested in going through the training. Stay tuned for more information about where and when. Please contact Dennis LaMalfa in our business office for more information. Thank you for your generosity in the care of others!

Social Action Committee

The next meeting of the Collaborative Social Action Committee will be held on Monday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. in IC St Louis Hall.

There will be a brief presentation by one of the many groups that are active in the Collaborative in addition to continuing discussions on prospective projects and finding pathways to making it easier for parish members to contribute. All are invited, so if you'd like to make a difference for someone in need, please come, listen, and contribute!

The HRIC Social Action Committee aids those in need in our local communities as well as in the poorer areas of the world. For more information or if you have suggestions, please contact Greg Jablonski: gjabbe@gmail.com.

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Sicily Pilgrimage Travel Night

Our Pilgrimage to Sicily and the Amalfi Coast with an extension to Loretto and Rome this coming October is almost full, but we have just a few seats left! Come join us for a travel information night on Monday, February 27, at 6:00 p.m. in the IC Pastoral Center Building for Mass followed by refreshments and trip details. For further information, please visit www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric/ or contact Paul Blanchette at (978) 500-5661.

Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if either Pentucket Regional or 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. Please watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information.

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.

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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.

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."

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

The Pelican Intervention Fund

We provide funding for non-profit, 12-step residential sober homes for economically challenged men and women struggling with addiction. Questions? 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

Collaborative Baptisms

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

**Emma Learson Bordini • Lucy Elizabeth Cutter •
Brenna Geraldine Dacey • William James Harrison •
River Matthew Keene • Aaliya Ayromi Matos •
Lochlan Anthony Perry • Justin Day Poteet • Olive
Leona Puopolo • Alise Jae Wilk • Cameron Glenn Yee**

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Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown	Hillar Haan
Baby Boyle	Jay Hanslig
Judy Capone	Terence Healey
Cindy Calcina	Sam Kitchen
Pat Connolly	Lee Preble
Bill Crounse	Maureen Russell
Kristen D'Entremont	Rob Schweizer
Carol Ann Doyle	Yvonne Sloban
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	Tom Tribble
Jack Flynn	Michael Tucker
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler	Laurent Vincent
Charmaine Haan	Lorraine Zollo

Contact the Collaborative offices to add someone to or remove someone from 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.

Personal Directed Lenten Retreat

"Come, follow me." Mt.4:19

When Jesus called the apostles, he spoke to their hearts and they heard with their hearts and were moved from within to respond to God's call. They left where they were to go where they were called.

Choices and actions flow from what fills your heart. This retreat is about searching, opening, and cleansing your heart to hear and respond to God as he works in your life each day. Prayer, reading, and reflection will help open your heart. Guided by the Holy Spirit as we meet, you will explore the path you are on. As you search your heart for whatever is hindering a full response to God's call, you may become more aware of what is taking space in your heart and is difficult to surrender to answer his call.

This retreat is designed to be affordable, convenient, and meet your needs. Begin your retreat any time during Lent. We will meet for 4 one-hour sessions of Spiritual Direction via Zoom, telephone, or in person on a convenient day and time. Provided retreat materials will support your journey through Scripture and spiritual writings. Retreat begins February 22 and ends April 6. Suggested Donation \$85.00.

Call (978) 462-7483 or email emccarthy1028@hotmail.com to register and for additional information. Spiritual Director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director.

Snow Removal Volunteers

We are looking for **volunteers to assist with snow removal** at all 3 churches, the rectories, and the IC school this winter. If you are interested in helping us out, please call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

Collaborative Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

Summer 2023 Faith Formation Week
Mark your calendars! Grades 3–8
June 26–30, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. each day.

School Year Programs (Grades K–10)

School year Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation schedules and registration forms are available on the website at (hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

Baptism

We have resumed our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Adoration



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

Enter through the Green Street door only.

Place: IC Church (rain or shine)

Time: Thursdays: 7 p.m.–8 p.m.

Also: Fridays 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

Note: If a Friday funeral is scheduled, or in the absence of a presider, IC Church will remain open for "Sacred Silence" only. Check the HRIC calendar online for updated information

Confessions



We offer confessions Saturdays from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at IC Church. No appointment needed. Confessions are also available at other times and places during the week by appointment only. For more information or to schedule a time for confession, contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

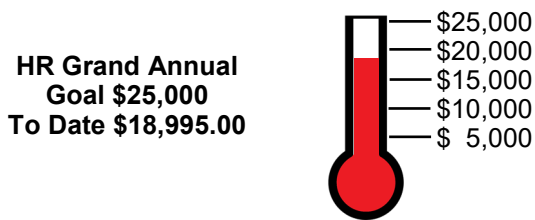
HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Jan 28–29	\$1,389.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Jan. 27	\$1,090.00
Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 975.00

The second collection this weekend (Feb. 5) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (Feb. 12) is the Monthly. 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 Online Giving

HR provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring donation. 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. Once you register, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then “HR Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul

“Lord Jesus, deepen our Vincentian spirit of friendship during this meeting, make us responsive to the Christian calling to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived so that we may bring them Your love”



The HR conference recites this prayer as we gather twice each month. Do you feel a calling to help? Can you share God’s love with the “suffering or the deprived”? If so, **we would welcome you to join our conference**. Please call 978-346-8604 (x4) and leave a message on our voicemail if you’re interested. We would truly like to hear from you!

As the pandemic-driven social safety nets provided by government assistance programs fade away, more of the burden falls upon the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our community needs your help.

There are envelopes in the pews at St. Ann and Nativity or simply use the poor boxes in these churches. Make checks out to **HR SVDP**. Market Basket gift cards are much appreciated. If you know of someone who needs help, please have them call our hotline at 978-346-8604 X4.

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 or hvktax@aol.com. Come join us. Don’t know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you!

We will be taking a “winter break” from our meetings until May 4, 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 4. All are welcome!**



Fr. Tim and Deacon Moranski bless newly made Prayer Shawls during Mass at the Church of the Nativity this past week. Many thanks to the members of the Prayer Shawl ministry for taking the time to knit and pray over these shawls. Any parishioner wishing to take a shawl to a sick or needy person may contact Helen at 978-771-4673 or hvktax@aol.com to make arrangements to receive one.

Bake Sale Feb. 18 & 19 after HR Masses

The Activities Committee will be hosting a **bake sale** after all 3 Masses, February 18 & 19. This is the weekend prior to Ash Wednesday. Our time to get ready for “Fat Tuesday” before fasting on Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

Anyone wanting to contribute to our delicious treats can drop items off prior to attending Mass.

Activities Committee Meeting

The Holy Redeemer Activities Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the Merrimac Hall to discuss future events.

Some possibilities are a bake sale, Lenten “Simple Suppers” prior to the Stations of the Cross during Lent, a parish dinner after a 4:00 Mass, or a yard sale.

Please join us and bring your ideas. All are welcome.

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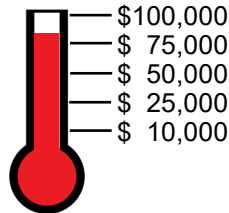
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You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.

IC Grand Annual
Goal \$100,000
To Date \$79,050.00



Scout Sunday: February 5

Troop 21 Girls and Boys Linked Units will be observing Scout Sunday which is celebrated on the Sunday before February 8 every year and this year the day will be marked on Sunday February 5, 2023 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

When it comes to the Scout Law, last is certainly not least. Being reverent is a year-round part of a Scout's life, but there's one time each year when the connection between Scouting and faith takes on even more significance.

On Sunday February 5, Troop 21 will be at the Mass and after the service will be handing out flyers about Troop 21 Girls and Boys Linked Units. Please take a few minutes to talk to our scouts and leaders about the program and see if your youth would like to join Troop 21.

Troop 21 meets at the Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria on Sunday evenings. Please visit Troop 21 website for more information at: www.nbptroop21.org.

IC Online Giving

Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

To learn more visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 x 402

Substitute Custodians

IC Parish is looking for substitute Custodians to work on an as-needed basis. Duties would include cleaning, event setup, and snow removal. If you are interested in becoming a substitute custodian, please contact Christine or Melinda in the IC offices, 978-462-2724.

Immaculate Conception School



Catholic Schools
Week 2023
January 29–February 4

www.NCEA.org/csw
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Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

Immaculate Conception Parish: 175th Anniversary

Did you know Immaculate Conception Parish will celebrate its 175th anniversary in 2023?



In celebration of this milestone of faith and service to the greater Newburyport community, the parish is planning a series of events throughout the year with the culmination at the Feast of the Immaculate Conception during the weekend of December 8, 9, and 10, 2023.

A committee is being formed to create, plan, and execute these year-long events, focused on celebrating the history of our parish and our patroness. Watch future bulletins for more information.

"The Immaculate Conception shines like a beacon of light for humanity in all the ages. At the beginning of the third millennium, it guides us to believe and hope in God, in his salvation and in eternal life. In particular, it lights the way of the Church, which is committed to the new evangelization." Pope John Paul II

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

IC PARISH

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. 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 to-go Meal

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed at the entrance to the IC Parish Center from 4:30–5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Wanted: Smiling Faces to Welcome People to Our Church

After the last 2 years, we want to create a warm, welcoming experience for all our parishioners and visitors. First impressions matter.

We are seeking individuals, couples, or families willing to come to Mass 15 minutes early and warmly welcome parishioners to that day's celebration. You can select the Mass you usually attend and how often you would like to serve.

If this ministry interests you, please email Kathie Williamson: Kathie108a@gmail.com and indicate which Mass you will attend.

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. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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FORMED The Catholic Faith. On Demand

Enjoy thousands of books, videos, daily reflections, and talks at home or on the go. Visit formed.org and click on "Sign up." Our organization name is "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" (or type in code JRNDGP) Follow the prompts to join and log in.

The God Minute

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



SCAN ME

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

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. The new study, *Keeping in Balance from Walking with Purpose*, is all 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 Center 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.

Holy Jammers



The Holy Jammers musical group meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the IC Nazareth Library to jam for an hour. All are welcome to join us!

Virtual Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook twice every week. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook. www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.