

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

**SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 2026**

**[hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org)**

**All Are Welcome**

*Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."*

Jn 11:25-27



# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

*“Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...”*

## St. Ann

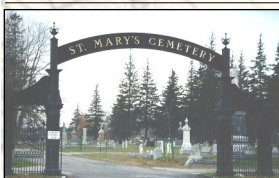
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Saturdays 3:00–3:30 p.m., IC Church  
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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate  
Conception Collaborative  
Parishes



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (3/21)

4:00pm **IC** Ester Ramirez, Frank Pierro  
(Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (3/22)

8:30am **Nativity** Maria & Jozef Kardas  
(Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

9:00am **IC** For a Private Intention (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am **IC** John Bourque, For the Intentions of Olivia D'Ambrosio (Fr. Stanley)

### Monday (3/23)

9:00am **IC** Marie A. Burke, For the Intentions of Leo S. Burke (Fr. Stanley)

### Tuesday (3/24)

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

### Wednesday (3/25)

9:00am **IC** Brian Testa, Stephanie Stala  
(Fr. Stanley)

### Thursday (3/26)

9:00am **IC** Coral Cece, Janet Swallow (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (3/27)

9:00am **IC** John B. Vander Sande, For the Needs of Families (Fr. Harrison)

### Saturday (3/28)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **IC** Laurel Ryti, Valentina Perry, Teresa M. Richmond, Garry F. Doyle (Bishop Hennessey & Deacon Moranski)

### Sunday (3/29) Palm Sunday

8:30am **Nativity** Matilda Manie (Fr. Stanley)

9:00am **IC** Krista Ouellette, For a Private Intention  
(Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

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

11:30am **IC** Bob Murphy, Mario Diaz (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers please remember George T. Allen 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: hricatholic.org as well as our Facebook page.

## Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage



Rome • Papal Audience • Monte Cassino •  
San Giovanni Rotondo • Monte Sant' Angelo •  
Lanciano • Loreto • Assisi • Sansepolcro • Medjugorje\*

Spiritual Director: **Fr. George Morin**

Group Leaders: **Paul & Christine Blanchette**

Dates: **October 26–November 4, 2026\***

\*Optional Post Tour to **Medjugorje**: November 4–7

On this pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy, see some of the holiest Catholic sites that Italy has to offer!

In Rome, step foot into the four Major Basilicas, see the Square from the steps of St. Peter's Basilica, and attend a Papal Audience with his successor, the Pope.

In San Giovanni Rotondo, visit sites from the life of St. Padre Pio.

In Loreto, visit the "Holy House," home of the Holy Family and mysteriously transported to Italy by the holy angels.

Close out your pilgrimage with several days of prayer and reflection in the beautiful hometown of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.



**PALM SUNDAY, MAR. 29**  
SATURDAY  
4:00PM NATIVITY & IC\*

**SUNDAY**  
8:30 NATIVITY  
9:00 IC (Procession 8:45)  
10:00 ST. ANN  
11:30 IC

**HOLY THURSDAY, APR. 2**  
7:00PM IC\*

**GOOD FRIDAY, APR. 3**  
LITURGY  
3:00PM ST. ANN & IC\*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
9:00AM ST. ANN  
7:00PM NATIVITY

**HOLY SATURDAY, APR. 4**  
GATHER AT 7:30PM IC\*

**EASTER SUNDAY, APR. 5**  
8:30 NATIVITY  
9:00 IC  
10:00 ST. ANN  
11:30 IC

*\*Live streamed on our website: hricatholic.org*

Hurry! Spaces are limited and filling fast.

Visit [www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/italy/](http://www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/italy/) to learn more or to make your reservation.



## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

### Monday, March 23

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Tuesday, March 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

Confessions During Lent 6:00–7:00pm, St. Ann Church

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

### Wednesday, March 25

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

Holy Jammers 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

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

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Youth Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, IC Church

Faith, Fun, Fellowship Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Thursday, March 26

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

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

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

### Friday, March 27

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

Eucharistic 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, March 28

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

### Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Procession 8:45am, Gather at IC School Gym

Exploring Catholicism 10:15am, IC OCIA Room

Holy Week Family Festival 10:15am, IC St. Louis Hall

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.

## 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.

## 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 your child.

### 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.: March 22, April 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.



For more information please contact Paula Quann: [youthchoir@hriccatholic.org](mailto:youthchoir@hriccatholic.org).

## Prayers for the Sick

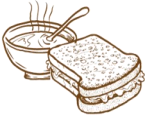
May the comfort and healing of Christ embrace all in our Collaborative who are suffering from illness, especially:

Lucas Aucamp	Chloe Hequet	Ovidio Martinez
Patricia Baikewicz	Loriann Herrick	Carol O'Neal
Pattie Bombard	Matt Hershey	Eleanora Paciulan
Kathy P. Brodeur	Angela Holloran	Joseph Palumbo
Michael Brenner	Tula Hunt	Carol Parks
Autumn Rose	Emma Hurley	Joanne Pesa
Coulombe	Young Jameson	Elizabeth Pettingell
Kristen D'Entremont	Carol Johnson	Regina Seely
Cheryl DiCicco	Derek Johnson	Yvonne Sloban
Ward Dilmore	Steve Johnson	Gary Smith
Deb Downie	Michael Juralewicz	Arlene Stoddard
Dotty Duval	Denise Kenneson	Susan Sweeney
Ann-Margaret	Arthur LaPointe	Taylor
Ferrante	Ed Laverty	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
Ed Hardy	Robert (Bob) Marks	
Jane Harney	Michael Martens	

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

**Next delivery is Wednesday, March 25**



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.

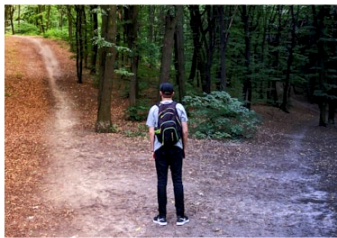




*Grow in Wisdom  
and in favor with  
God and man*



Are you (or someone you love) thinking about returning to the Church... or stepping in for the first time?

Whether you were baptized but never confirmed, raised Catholic but drifted, or simply curious what the Church actually teaches – this space is for you.

No pressure.  
No commitment.  
No prerequisites.



 **Sundays**  
 **10:15 - 11:15 AM**

 **Immaculate Conception Pastoral Center**  
 **Room 305**

For questions or to learn more, just stop by; or, contact: Aaron Giard,  
OCIA Director, (978) 462-2724, [agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org)

## Mini-Pilgrimage: Chrism Mass

Join us on a Pilgrimage  
to The Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston,  
for the annual Chrism Mass

**Tuesday, March 31, 9:15 a.m.**

Every year, priests and parishioners from across the Archdiocese gather with our Archbishop to bless and consecrate the Holy Oils that are used in our sacramental celebrations. It is a joyful Mass that also features a renewal of priestly commitment along with the blessing of the Holy Oils. Come see the recently renovated mother Church of our Archdiocese!



This year, we are hiring a bus to take us from IC Church to the Cathedral and back again following the Chrism Mass on **Tuesday, March 31, leaving at 9:15 a.m.** Parishioners are asked to contribute \$20 to offset the cost of

the bus. All those who are interested are asked to contact Christine Breslow (978-462-2724) in our office to sign up. Seats are being reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

We are also inviting our brothers and sisters from St. André Bessette Parish to join us.

Please contact our office with any questions.

## True North Vacation Bible School

Trek into an unforgettable 4-day Alaskan adventure this summer at VBS!

**When:** Mon. June 29–Thurs. July 2      **Time:** 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



## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** Are there parts of your life that Jesus has called back to life? What are they?

**Child:** How does loving Jesus give you new life?

## 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.**

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## St. Francis' Lessons for Lent

St. Francis' fundamental model for living was focused on humility, prayer, and love for the poor. What perfect guidance to bolster our Lenten observance of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.



**Humility:** St. Francis gave up everything worldly and put his life in God's hands. He lived humbly, depending entirely on God and His providence. He nourished his trust and dependency on God by fasting regularly. Fasting loosened his earthly ties and wore down barriers separating him from Jesus. Fasting made room for God. *Empty me, Jesus, during my Lenten Fast.*

**Living in Constant Prayer:** "Speak to God as a friend". St. Francis' approach to his prayer life was one of continuous conversation which nurtured and strengthened his living relationship with God. He maintained constant communion with the Lord. In his *Prayer before the Crucifix*, St. Francis asked God to illuminate his heart and fill it with graces to do His holy will. *Fill me, Jesus, through my Lenten prayers.*



**Love for the Poor and the Sick:** St. Francis' life was dedicated to imitating Jesus. They shared a love for the poor, the sick, and the marginalized. St. Francis lived among the poor, tending to their needs, begging for food, and nursing their wounds. Even the lepers whom he had previously shunned, were tended to with great love. He treated each of these as children of God with dignity and respect and cared for them with compassion. *Use me, Jesus, through my Lenten almsgiving.*

We are encouraged to make Lent a personal journey, inspired by the example of St. Francis. His motto for Lent was, "Make room for God." Let that be our guiding light for Lent and our daily lives as we open our hearts and minds to His loving mercy.

Throughout the Jubilee year several activities in the Collaborative will focus on St. Francis' life and teachings as we become better acquainted with the man and his impact. Many opportunities exist within HRIC parishes to imitate Francis' good works: supporting the Soup & Sandwich program, donating care packs for our unhoused brothers and sisters, reconciliation, supporting St. Vincent de Paul, volunteering with our many ministries, and enhancing prayer life with daily Mass and Stations of the Cross. *"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a singular candle."*

## 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 at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call 978-225-0804 or email [kofc231@outlook.com](mailto:kofc231@outlook.com).

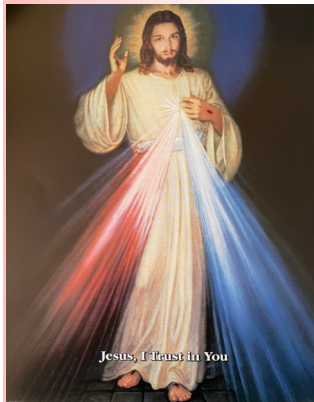
## Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

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!

## Divine Mercy Devotion



Each week during Lent, we have covered an aspect of the Divine Mercy devotion with the acronym "F.I.N.C.H." This weekend, we land on the letter "C," for "Chaplet of Mercy."

The Chaplet is a prayer given to St. Faustina by Jesus in her mystical visions, to be said on Rosary beads. She would say the Chaplet all the time, especially for the souls of the dying. Our Lord wanted her to encourage others to say it as well, promising special graces

from his Mercy to those who would. It is especially encouraged as part of the Novena to Divine Mercy (mentioned last week), but Jesus makes it clear that this prayer is powerful when prayed for the dying, or when nearing our own death. It takes only 8 minutes to pray. You can learn about how to pray it by taking a red pamphlet in the back of the churches or by going to [www.usccb.org/prayers/chaplet-divine-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/prayers/chaplet-divine-mercy).

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

Thursdays: March 26 (9:45–11:15), April 2 (9:00-10:30); April 9 (9:45–11:15) 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.

# LENT



## 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)

## Lenten Care Packs

In order to ease the suffering of the unhoused and as a collaborative-wide Lenten observance we are collecting "Care Packs" that will be distributed by service agencies at no charge. A Care Pack is a one-gallon Ziploc bag filled with personal care items. We are asked to provide "Five Essentials" in each bag:

**All Care Packs should contain these 5 items:**

Shampoo Deodorant Toothbrush Toothpaste Liquid body wash

**Then you can add any of the following:**

Chapstick*	Antiseptic wipes	
Shave cream	Disposable face cloths	*Especially important items
Kleenex packs	Gloves	
Feminine hygiene products	Disposable wipes	
Protein bars	Moisturizer*	<b>No mouthwash, cash, or used items</b>
Socks	Rain ponchos*	
Cough drops	Small umbrellas	
Hand sanitizer		

Travel-sized or slightly larger items work best as they are easily carried in a backpack. There are marked collection bins in each church and the IC Parish Center lobby. We will collect care packs throughout Lent. God bless you for your generosity.

## Lenten Confessions 2026

*We have scheduled some additional times for Reconciliation during Lent.*

**St. Ann:** Tuesday, **March 24**, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

**Nativity:** Wednesday, **March 25**, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

**IC:** Thursdays, **March 26**, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

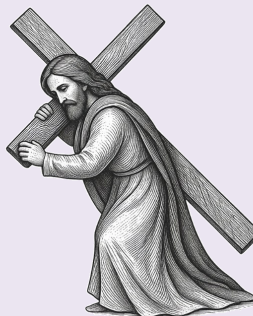
*We also offer weekly Confessions on Saturdays 3:00-3:30 p.m. at IC*

## Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina for Lent

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.

## Stations of the Cross



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

March 27, and April 3 (Good Friday)

**Nativity: Friday evenings during Lent:**

**5:00 supper, 6:00 Stations**  
 March 27 (*Stations on Good Friday at 7:00 p.m., no supper*)

**Immaculate Conception: Friday evenings during Lent:**

**5:15 Stations, 6:00 supper**  
 March 27 (no Stations Good Friday)

## This Week's Lenten Activities

**Tuesday, March 24**

**Confessions During Lent** 6:00–7:00pm, St. Ann Church

**Wednesday, March 25**

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

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

**Eucharistic Adoration** 3:00pm, Nativity Church

**Thursday, March 26**

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

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**Eucharistic Adoration** 7:00pm, IC Church

**Friday, March 27**

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

**Eucharistic 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, March 28**

**Confessions** 3:00pm, IC Church

**Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday**

**Palm Sunday Procession** 8:45am, Gather at IC School Gym

**Holy Week Family Festival** 10:15am, IC St. Louis Hall

## 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.

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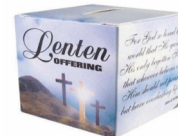
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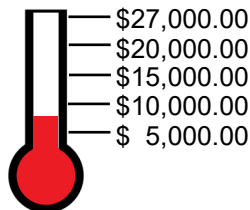


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## HR Stations of the Cross

**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 starting at 6:00 p.m. We will serve a community supper starting at 5:00 p.m. and 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 Coffee Socials

**St. Ann** will be holding their next coffee social in the church hall on **April 12** 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's** next coffee hour is **April 19, 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! **We had 28 visitors at our March coffee. Let's break that record in April. The more the merrier!**

## 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. Watch the bulletin for more information to come.



## Merrimac Senior Center Drivers Needed

Merrimac's Senior Center is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to local Merrimac residents Monday and/or Friday from approximately 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Brienne Walsh, Executive Director, at 978-346-9549.

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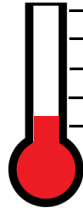
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- In Church: use the "Poor Box" at the Green St. entrance

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## Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School JV Girls Basketball team has made school history by winning the Archdiocese of Boston championship, pictured. The girls dominated last Sunday's game against Our Lady's Academy of Waltham, allowing only one basket by their opponent through the first 3 minutes of the 3rd quarter. This victory marks an extraordinary achievement for the team, which has remained undefeated for the past two seasons.

With skill, teamwork, and determination, the girls have dominated their league, earning respect and admiration from coaches, classmates, and the wider school community. As they prepare to travel to Bridgeport, CT on Saturday to compete in the New England CYO title, the players and coaches are excited for this final challenge of the season.

Let's cheer on our champions as they represent our school and aim to finish their remarkable season on a high note!



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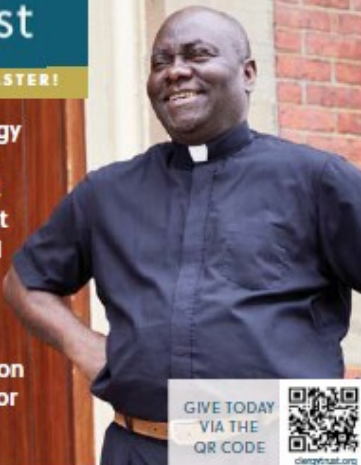


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