

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

All Are Welcome

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*When the centurion who stood facing him
saw how he breathed his last he said,
“Truly this man was the Son of God!”*

(Mt 15:39)

The Paschal Triduum

Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative

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Holy Thursday, March 28

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Church

(Also live-streamed)

Come and enter into the sacred three days of **Triduum** by celebrating the Lord's simple command: "As I have done for you, so you must do." Join us for a commemoration of the Last Supper and institution of the Eucharist.

Good Friday, March 29

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3:00 p.m.

St. Ann Church and Immaculate Conception Church (Also live-streamed)

Join with us as we immerse ourselves in St. John's Passion account, venerate the Cross, and offer Special Intercessions for the whole world.

Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m.

Nativity Church



Easter

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection

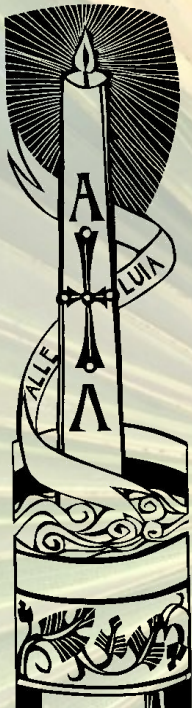
The Easter Vigil, March 30

Gather at 7:30 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Church

(Also live-streamed)

Known as the "mother of all vigils" this sacred moment is the high point of our whole year! Beginning with the Lucinarium or service of light, this celebration continues with special readings and Psalms that tell the story of Salvation. Continuing with the initiation of new members through the Easter Sacraments, the entire congregation will be invited to renew our Baptismal Promises and we will end the night with the celebration of the Eucharist—this is one joyful event not to miss!



Easter Sunday, March 31

8:30 a.m. **Nativity Church**

9:00 a.m. **Immaculate Conception Church** (Also live-streamed)

9:00 a.m. **Immaculate Conception School Gym**

10:00 a.m. **St. Ann Church**

11:30 a.m. **Immaculate Conception Church**

Come and celebrate the Lord's Resurrection! Along with the joyful, sung Alleluia, festive decorations, and sacred stories of the Resurrection, everyone will be invited to renew their Baptismal Promises during this Mass.

To link to our live-stream, please visit our website at www.hriccatholic.org.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (3/23)

4:00pm **IC** Alex Hasapis, Marjorie Howard, George, Ann, & Susan Bergin (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (3/24) **Palm Sunday**

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

9:00am **IC** Marie A Burke, Deacon Richard Siebert, and for the intentions of Leo Burke (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

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

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

Monday (3/25)

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

Tuesday (3/26)

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

Wednesday (3/27)

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

Thursday (3/28) **Holy Thursday**

7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Stanley)

Friday (3/29) **Good Friday**

3:00pm **IC** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

3:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

7:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (3/30) **Holy Saturday**

7:30pm **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (3/31) **Easter Sunday**

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

9:00am **IC** Louise & Cosmo Nardella, Anna Nardella (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

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

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

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

In your prayers please remember Florence Kiszka 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.

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 **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.

Collaborative Offices Schedule

Collaborative offices will close at 12:00 noon on Good Friday, March 29, and will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1.

Offices will reopen on Tuesday, April 2 at 9:00 a.m.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Whether we realize it or not, we rely on signs to guide us through many moments in our lives. For example, we are all enjoying seeing the many signs of spring that are showing up everywhere: (slightly) warmer weather, the grass getting greener, flowers starting to sprout in the soil, and the birds going crazy doing their bird-thing. Taken together, they convey a powerful message that the icy grip of winter is finally letting go and a brilliant new season is upon us.



When these everyday signs are missing, out of place, or misunderstood, we can find ourselves feeling confused and disoriented. A few months ago, I was travelling on a familiar road to the airport, one that I had driven many dozens of times before. I wasn't particularly paying attention to the exit numbers on the highway, as I knew where the turn-off was for the airport. However, on this trip, there had been a car crash the day before that had wiped out a large roadside sign that marked the airport, you know, one of those big green ones that is the size of a small house. Too late, I came to realize that unconsciously I had been using that sign as a landmark to tell myself to get into the right-hand lane and take the next turn. Mired in traffic, I saw my exit from the middle lane as I blew right by it. The absence of that big green sign had confused me just enough to cause me an unexpected detour. I still made my flight, but not without some fancy "recalculating" on the part of my GPS.

Signs present, as well as signs that are missing affect us in ways we sometimes do not anticipate. How many of us, for example, have noticed small changes in the weather as our climate undergoes change—a few less snowstorms in winter, different birds migrating through at unexpected times, grass cutting in November, and an errant "beach day" despite the vernal equinox being days away. Heck, I even got in a round of golf in March! March!! Maybe there is something to all this talk of global warming after all.

As we enter into our holiest week of the year, we are immersed into a treasure-trove of signs and symbols in celebrating the central mysteries of our faith: Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. On this Palm Sunday, one of the very first signs that we see and celebrate is Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. First, a little context: this iconic scene that certainly highlights the division between the common people and the religious leadership of His time, comes on the crescendo of several miracles that Jesus performed publicly that were particularly vexing for the Chief Priest, Scribes, and Pharisees. Just passages before in John's Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus giving sight to the man who was born blind, and doing it on a Sabbath, boldly flouting the understanding of the Law that no work (not even "good work") should be done on that day. And then, fresh from that controversial healing, Jesus does something even more spectacular by raising His friend Lazarus from the dead! All-in-all, amazing signs pointing to God's Kingdom

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, March 25

Bible Study 9:45am, IC Conference Room 209

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

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

Tuesday, March 26

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

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul Society Mtg. 6:15pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm, IC Church

Wednesday, March 27

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:15pm, IC Church

Thursday, March 28, Holy Thursday

Metanoia Video Series 9:45am, IC Charity Dining Room

Friday, March 29, Good Friday

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

Collaborative Offices Close at 12:00noon

Saturday, March 30, Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil 7:30pm, IC Church

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

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & Easter Collections

The Holy Thursday collection will support our local HR and IC St. Vincent de Paul Societies. These organizations, through your generous support, are able to help those in our communities who need assistance meeting their basic needs. Make checks payable to either "HR St. Vincent de Paul" or "IC St. Vincent de Paul."

The Good Friday collection supports the sacred places and the educational, charitable and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land.

Next week, at all our Easter Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

Boston Catholic Appeal

Thank you to those who have already responded generously to Cardinal Seán's invitation! As Catholics, each of us shares the responsibility of the Church community—both directly within our parish and to the greater Church. Thank you for responding in faith, hope, and charity by making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Appeal. We are stronger together and your generous participation is greatly appreciated! To make a gift online, visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

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unfolding in their midst. For those who correctly read these signs for what they were, it was clear that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah who would free Israel from their bondage. But so many, because of their stubborn hearts and blinded by their sinfulness, mis-read these signs and saw them as a threat to the fragile status quo and their own place in society. Misread a sign and you can find yourself seriously off course and lost even if you don't realize it at the time.

As a sign of His gentleness, Jesus entered Jerusalem to great popular acclaim on the back of a donkey, being welcomed in the manner that ancient conquering kings would enter through the city gates after taking control of a new land. If they came in time of war and with oppression, the king might ride the back of a warhorse as a sign that military rule and a brutal occupation would follow. If, however, he chose to come on the back of a donkey, it was a sign that he came in peace and would live in harmony and goodwill among the people. While Jesus certainly found conflict with the religious leaders of His time, He did not intend to use His popularity to sprout division and hatred among the people. Even with the ability to perform amazing healing miracles and raise the dead from their graves, He came with great tenderness, compassion, and love.

Our Holy Week stories continue with potent signs offered by the Lord including the Washing of Feet, the Breaking of the Bread, the bittersweet Cross, and the empty Tomb. They speak to our souls on the most fundamental levels both by what they point to, as well as what they portray as missing. Present are deep love, devotion, passion, and fulfillment. Absent are worldly power, selfishness and greed. By washing feet, Jesus takes on the role reserved for the lowliest of slaves. By offering bread and wine as His own Body and Blood, Jesus gives us His very flesh, His own divine life...as food and drink. By submitting to His Father's Will and obediently surrendering His own life on the Cross, Jesus empties Himself completely to bring about the full Glory of God for our sake. By rising from the dead, Christ opens for us the way to eternal life. As the Lord once said to St. Thomas, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (from John 14)

Ultimately, Jesus Christ is THE sign that leads us through the many twists and turns of this life, through changing landscapes and uncertain seasons to bring us to the glory that is eternal life before God. This week, let us open our ears and hearts to enter more deeply into this saving relationship, and correctly read the signs of these present times as they guide more closely to the Lord.

Happy Holy Week to all!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Questions of the Week

Adult: What part of the Passion story touches you the most this year?

Child: What can you do to become closer to Jesus?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Faith Formation

Summer Program

Summer Faith Formation program dates for grades 3–8 are June 24–28. Registration forms are available online: hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

Baptism

No Baptisms will be taking place during the season of Lent. We will resume our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at IC Church at the 11:30 Mass after Easter. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Confirmation

In January, Cardinal Seán announced his decision to move the Sacrament of Confirmation from 10th grade to 8th grade. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation process will need to change. While we are working on how this change will be rolled out, please help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not yet be aware. Program updates will be made available as they occur.

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.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Patricia Baikewicz	John Flynn	Eleanora Paciulan
Kathy P. Brodeur	Jay Hanslig	Joseph Palumbo
Priscilla Brown	Ed Hardy	Joanne Pesa
Vasfije Buhali	Jane Harney	Donika Pulake
Autumn Rose	Chloe Hequet	Rose Raimo
Coulombe	Rosemarie Hines	Maureen Russell
Bill Crounse	Linda Hofferty	Rob Schweizer
Drew Daubach	Armand Hyatt	Frank Siderio
Kristen	Justin Johnson	Yvonne Sloban
D'Entremont	Michael Juralewicz	Gary Smith
Deb Downie	Arthur LaPointe	Arlene Stoddard
Jeanine Ebacher	Helen McCance	Tom Tribble
Fowler	Patricia Carey	Michael Tucker
Ann-Margaret	McCarthy	Maddie Villers
Ferrante	Carol O'Neal	Laurent Vincent

IC Haiti

Second Collection This Weekend

Earlier this month, the Directors of IC Haiti contacted our partner non-profit organization in Haiti: Health Equity International (HEI). We asked how the Saint Boniface Hospital (SBH) in Fond des Blancs and the Father Marc Piché elementary school in Puit Chacha were holding up under the violent and chaotic conditions afflicting Haiti. Below is the response we received.

The situation in Haiti has indeed deteriorated, and we deeply appreciate your concern for the well-being of the students and staff at the Chacha School and the hospital. Despite the heightened insecurity in the country, SBH has remained operational. Unfortunately, gang blockades have made travel between Port-au-Prince and the southern peninsula extremely difficult. As a result, our staff are facing critical shortages of medicine and medical supplies, along with increased risks of kidnapping and soaring operational costs.

Nevertheless, our dedicated team has been working tirelessly to find alternative local suppliers in places like Les Cayes or Miragoane to ensure that we can continue providing uninterrupted services, albeit at higher costs. Additionally, we are pleased to report that the Chacha school has been able to stay open, including its kitchen.

Your support means the world to us, and we are profoundly grateful for your generosity. In these challenging times, any assistance you can offer to both the school and the hospital would be greatly appreciated.

Please continue your generous support for IC Haiti. **Our first quarterly collection takes place the weekend of March 23–24, the beginning of Holy Week.**

Bulletin Information

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

Men's Retreat



The Guest House of Saint Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, is reserved for the use of the men of HR and IC Parishes from May 13–May 17.

Spend a week in silent prayer and meditation joining the community of

Monks at daily Mass and at various hours of the day and night as they sing the Divine Office. There is also a daily conference given by one of the Monks. The Guest House welcomes 11 guests (all private rooms with bath). Arrival: Monday at 3:00 p.m. and departure on Friday after breakfast.



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Guidelines for Lent

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. See our website's Lent 2024 page for more Lent inspiration: hriccatholic.org.

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, though. All Catholics over 14 years bound to the obligation of abstinence.

Centering Prayer for Lent

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. Please consider joining us. We gather via Zoom Wednesdays from 6–7 p.m. for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer and 30 minutes of Lectio Divina. All are welcome. Please contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978 462-7483 if you are interested in learning more about this simple prayer of resting in God.

Metanoia Video Series

A journey into conversion with Christ.

What: The Wild Goose "Metanoia" video series, discussion, prayer, and fellowship

Where: IC Charity Dining Room

When: Thursdays, February 1–April 4; 9:45–11:15 a.m.

Stations of the Cross

St. Ann Church

Stations of the Cross will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the church.

Holy Week Family Festival

March 24, 10:00–11:30 a.m., IC Pastoral Center. All are welcome to attend and walk together with our Lord as we celebrate His last days in Jerusalem through His Passion, death, and wondrous Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Helping the Homeless

During Lent we will be collecting Homeless Care Packs at all three churches. This is a one-gallon Ziploc bag filled with travel size, new, and unused personal care items for men, women, and children. They will be distributed to local agencies serving the homeless, including Cor Unum, Community Service of Newburyport, Lazarus House, and others. Easy to carry, travel-size personal care items can be found in many local stores. There will be a collection bin at the entrance of each church and in the lobby of the IC Parish Center. Please, no clothing, used, or damaged goods, as these are discarded. For more information or to help, contact Jonathan Temple at hricshare@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generosity and compassion. Suggestions:

Shampoo	Cough drops	Feminine hygiene products (Women)
Toothbrush	Protein bars	Umbrellas
Toothpaste	Soap	Antiseptic Wipes
Deodorant	Life Savers candy	
Razor	Disposable face cloths	No mouthwash or loose items please.
Socks	Kleenex travel packs	
Gloves	Hand sanitizer	
Shaving Cream		

Recitation of the Rosary

Join us for recitation of the rosary Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. (before 9:00 Mass) in person at IC Church or on Facebook. www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

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.

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HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, March 27



This program delivers soup and sandwiches to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month.

We ask that sandwiches be **cut and individually wrapped**, then placed in the bread wrapper. Please label the bread wrapper with the variety of sandwich. Cold cuts and peanut butter and jelly are favorites. Please do not use condiments. Also welcome are party-sized powered drink mixes such as iced tea and Kool-Aid Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from **7:00–9:00 a.m.**

COLLABORATIVE EVENTS

Lenten Evening Prayer Service, March 14, 2024

On March 14, we welcomed Deacon Jane Merrow, First Parish Newbury Food Pantry, to St. Ann Church to join us for a Lenten Evening Prayer Service as part of the HRIC Social Justice Committee Speaker Series.

We began with a prayer service, led by Fr. Morin, and music with Kathy, Bob, and Steve.

Deacon Merrow then presented about the food pantry where she volunteers which serves over 600 people every week!



St. Joseph's Day Supper, March 16, 2024

*An excellent celebration in every way!
Excellent food (not one person left hungry), excellent service, excellent entertainment, and excellent company.*

*And what about the sing-along!
Look at all the smiles. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way and all those who came for the food!*



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, March 16–17	\$1,748.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending March 15	\$ 740.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 306.25
Total Weekly Offertory, March 16–17	\$2,794.25
Ongoing Church Maintenance, March 16–17	\$ 595.00
HR Grand Annual, Goal: \$25,000	\$21,745.00

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Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Holy Redeemer Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

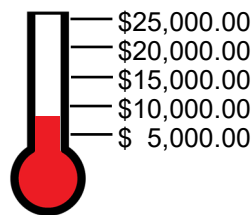
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving.



HR Catholic Appeal
Goal \$25,000.00
To Date \$8,280.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



Holy Redeemer Offertory Checks

We would like to thank you for your continued support of Holy Redeemer Parish. Due to banking regulations, financial institutions require that all checks be made payable to the legal parish entity. Please make your checks payable to "Holy Redeemer Parish." Feel free to use the memo line on your check to designate the second collection or a contribution to a specific church or project.

HR Activities Committee

The HR Activities Committee will meet **Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m.** in Nativity Hall. We will be discussing future events. All are welcome and encouraged to join. Please bring your ideas for future events for Holy Redeemer Parish.

Vacation Bible School at HR



Mark your calendars for July 22–26 from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon for a *Stellar* week. Watch future bulletins for more information.

St. Ann Lenten Sacrifices and Prayer Intentions



During Lent, there will be paper hearts located at the table near the entrance of the church. Please write your Lenten sacrifices and prayer intentions on the hearts and put them in the basket. The hearts will then be placed at the altar throughout this Lenten season. Your sacrifices and prayer intentions will be remembered during all Lenten Masses at St. Ann.

St. Ann Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent, 9:00 a.m.

Please join us at St. Ann on Friday mornings during Lent as we retrace the footsteps of Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Garden Tomb.

March 29 (Good Friday) at 9:00 a.m.

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.

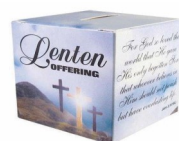
HR St. Vincent de Paul

We were able to help two of our Merrimac and West Newbury neighbors recently.

Two of our conference members sat with "Linda" in her cold house where only a day before her furnace failed. She is a retired school teacher battling cancer and unable to meet expenses even with several "side" jobs. We could not help her with the furnace replacement but another social services resource was able to do so. She still had overdue utility bills, and we were able to pay off her \$535 electricity bill.

"John" is a recently unemployed store manager and a recently divorced father of a 5-year-old. He shares custody of his son and lives in a tiny, one-room apartment. He came to us asking for rent help until his unemployment benefits start. We were able to pay \$400 towards his rent bill.

Lent certainly reminds us of the importance of almsgiving and sacrifices for the poor but please remember that the needs of those unable to meet basic living expenses continues throughout the year.



Please return your Lenten Mite Boxes during Holy Week. We will have collection bins in the back of each church.

Alternatively, simply make use of the envelopes in the pews at St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations.

These can be mailed or placed in the poor boxes. Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to "HR St. Vincent de Paul."

As always, anything that you can give is greatly appreciated.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, March 16–17	\$4,238.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending March 15	\$1,439.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,352.59
Total Weekly Offertory, March 16–17	\$9,029.59
Ongoing Church Maintenance, March 16–17	\$1,200.00
IC Grand Annual, Goal: \$100,000	\$85,555.00

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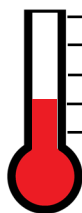
Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the memo. If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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



IC Catholic Appeal
Goal: \$62,600.00
To Date: \$25,620.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



\$62,600.00
\$50,000.00
\$40,000.00
\$25,000.00
\$ 5,000.00

Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Scientific Education for IC Parish Students

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Fund. Email your request for an application to maryakscholarship@gmail.com.

Scholarship eligibility:

- Young man or woman parishioner of IC Parish
- High school graduate in pursuit of a scientific education

Completed applications must be postmarked and returned to the Trustees no later than **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**.

Raffle Items Wanted

Do you have any items that were given to you for Christmas that you don't want or can't use? Why not put them away for our Fall Fair on October 19. They would be a welcome addition on our raffle table. We will be calling for donations in the bulletin beginning in September.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Box



Immaculate Conception now offers a St. Vincent de Paul clothing drop box. We are accepting **clothing and shoes only** in the drop box.

The box is located behind the IC Parish Center, nearest Green Street.

Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School Class of 2024 is headed to Washington D.C. the week after Easter. We are excited to offer this special 8th grade trip as the students approach the last few months of their time at the IC. The Archdiocese of Boston recently published guidelines on travel with students which paved the way for Immaculate Conception to reinstate this meaningful academic, civic and community building experience. After considering several travel companies that specialize in school trips, the IC chose The Global Citizen Program as the company to plan a 4-day excursion for the 8th graders. The students will fly to Washington D.C., visit museums, memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, and celebrate Mass at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, A tour of Catholic University, a moonlight bus tour of the monuments, and tours of the U.S. Capitol and Library of Congress are also on the itinerary. Prior classroom learning will make many of the stops meaningful, such as the ties the students will make at the Holocaust Museum after reading the novel, *Night* by Elie Wiesel. Another meaningful activity for students will take place at the Vietnam War Memorial where students will do a rubbing of a name with the intention of praying for that individual well into the future. Teachers and parent chaperones are accompanying the students who will be guided by a D.C. specialist from Global. Earlier this school year, several fundraisers were held to offset the cost of the trip and got the students really excited about all that they will see together! Immaculate Conception School asks that you pray for the safe travels of our students, teachers, and parent chaperones.



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