

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

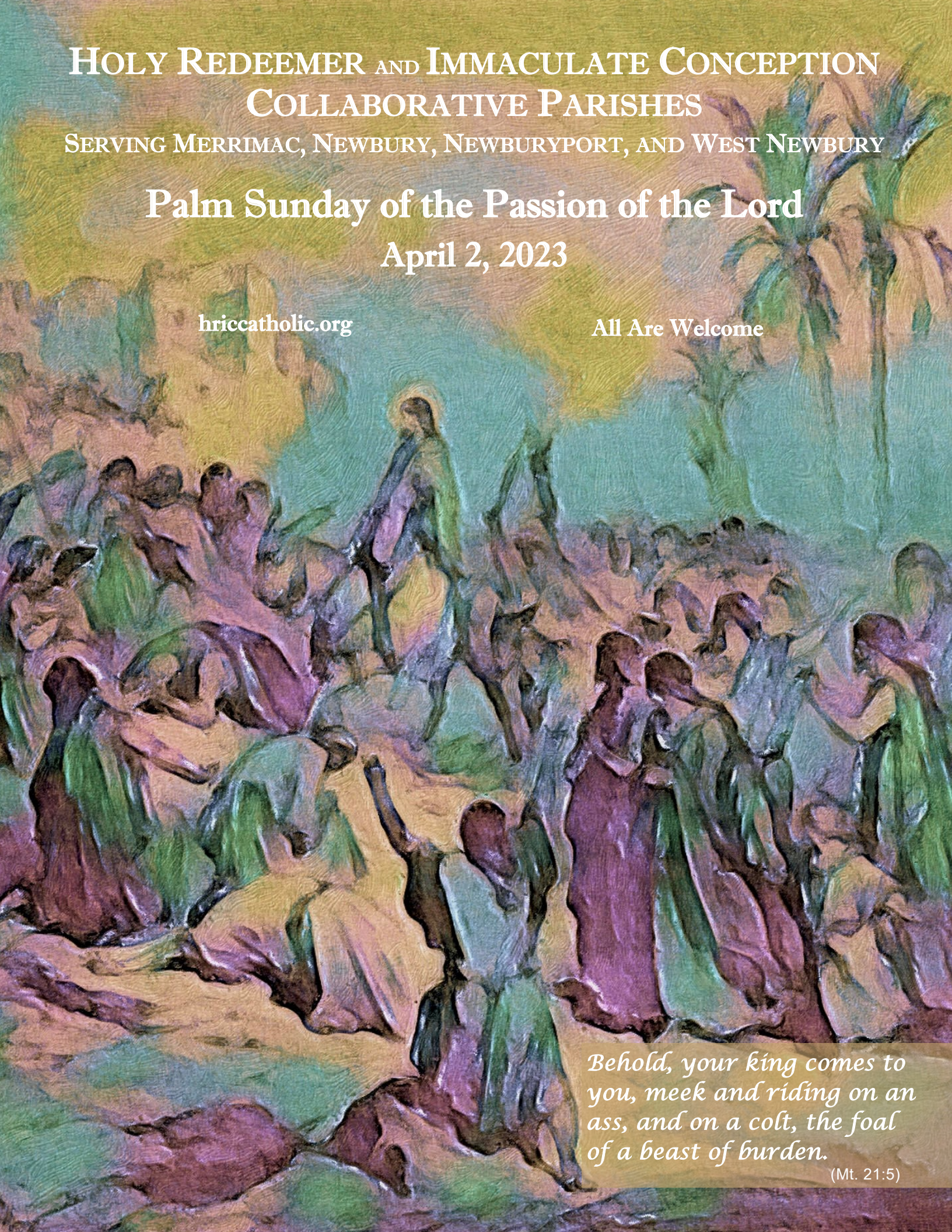
SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 2, 2023

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All Are Welcome



*Behold, your king comes to
you, meek and riding on an
ass, and on a colt, the foal
of a beast of burden.*

(Mt. 21:5)

The Paschal Triduum

Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative

Serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury



Holy Thursday, April 6

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, April 7

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

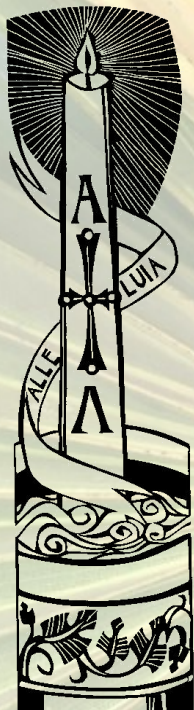
The Easter Vigil, April 8

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, April 9

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 (4/1)

4:00pm **IC** Lorraine Lauricella, Jack & Kate Grealish, For the intentions of Amy Monogal (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **St. Ann** Rev. Drew Christiansen (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (4/2) **Palm Sunday**

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

9:00am **IC** (Procession: 8:45) Helen & Tom O'Donnell (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

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

11:30am **IC** Bob, Oscar, & William Moore, Thayer Fremont-Smith (Fr. Stanley)

Monday (4/3)

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

Tuesday (4/4)

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

Wednesday (4/5)

9:00am **IC** For the Niles, Keefe, Swochak, & Macri families (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (4/6) **Holy Thursday**

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

Friday (4/7) **Good Friday**

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

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

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

Saturday (4/8) **Holy Saturday**

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

Sunday (4/9) **Easter Sunday**

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

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

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

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

In your prayers please remember Elsie Dzioba, Ann Garozzo, Elizabeth 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 broadcast online through our website: hricatholic.org and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Have you ever driven on a newly-paved road, the deep black, freshly-laid asphalt glistening in the sunlight? Or maybe skied on that perfectly-groomed corduroy trail while making first-tracks on a cold winter morning? Or perhaps indulged in the sheer pleasure of water skiing on an absolutely smooth, calm lake with only the boat's wake and the tips of your skis breaking the pristine surface of the water? If you have ever had an experience like these, then you know how wonderful and welcome it is to smoothly glide along your way, unencumbered by divots, pot holes, and turbulence.



In ancient times, it was a custom that approaching royalty would have their way smoothed before them as they entered a city. This was often accomplished by the people laying down their cloaks on the road, or if you were poor, to cut adjacent branches and palm leaves and place them along the intended path. This was how a king would have been embraced by the local population. Additionally, if that king were to be arriving as part of a military campaign, say—to capture that city or in triumph over its army, he would ride on a horse. If, instead, he came in peace, he would ride a donkey conveying his desire for good will and a peaceful reign.

It is in the midst of these customs and symbolism that we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As the Prince of Peace, He came in meekness and gentleness being welcomed with great joy and fanfare by so many of its residents. And yet how quickly that joy can turn to jealousy and greed, hatred and betrayal. How fickle the crowd can be! This is the story of Holy Week, where human passions crescendo and sin and grace are intertwined, culminating in the ultimate act of love that would reverberate throughout all of creation.

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CPR Training

We are offering a CPR class for anyone interested in the training. Cost is \$50 per person. Pre-registration is required. Sessions are limited to 8 participants each. Please call Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724 and let us know which session you would like to attend.

Nativity Hall:

Saturday, May 6, 9–11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 9, 6–8 p.m.

IC Charity Dining Room:

Wednesday, May 3, 6–8 p.m.

Saturday, May 13, 9–11 a.m.

These training sessions are being offered as an extension of our recent purchase of AED and stop bleed/first aid kits for our worship spaces. If you would like to make a donation to help pay for these potentially life-saving kits, please contact Dennis in our offices. Full or partial donations for these sets are welcome and appreciated. Thank you for your generosity in the care of others!

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, April 3

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

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

Scouts Troop 41 Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, April 4

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, April 5

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Thursday, April 6, Holy Thursday

IC Harvest Fair Mtg. 9:45am, IC Charity Dining Room

Friday, April 7, Good Friday

HRIC Playgroup 9:45am, IC Conference Room 209

Collaborative Offices Close at 12:00 noon

Decorate for Easter 7:30pm, Nativity Church

Saturday, April 8, 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.

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As we move through these sacred days, I warmly invite you to join us in our churches for the solemn celebrations of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Come and participate in the Mandatum of Holy Thursday, embracing the Lord's call that what He has done for us, we must do for one another. Come celebrate the establishment of the Eucharist and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday night. Come and commemorate the Lord's Passion on Friday, Venerate the Wood of the Cross and share in Holy Communion. Join us for one last solemn celebration of the Stations of the Cross Friday evening. Come and gather for the new fire on Holy Saturday night as we begin the Great Easter Vigil celebration, unpacking the joys of Salvation History and ringing in our new Easter joy. Come and join us as we initiate and welcome new members in the Easter Sacraments along with renewing our own commitment to Christ in our Baptism. Come sing the Alleluia with us on Easter Sunday as we proclaim boldly the Lord's Resurrection from the Dead. Come celebrate the most central mysteries of our faith! Come celebrate the very source of our hope for new life in Christ! Come! All are welcome!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us this weekend right after the 9:00 Mass, April 2, in the IC Parish Center for Hospitality Sunday. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.

Want to become a Knight? 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.



Hospitality Sunday

1st Sundays after the 9AM Mass | Parish Center



Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and 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 of 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.

Collaborative Baptisms

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

Luca Joseph DiPinto • Declan Joseph Frost
Lincoln Joseph Gigliotti • Deven Cooper Jean
Kaili Feng Small • Noah Dustin Smith
Wes Kingston Teal • Mac Daniel Tomasz

Summer Faith Formation

Mark your calendars

Summer 2023 Faith Formation Week

Grades 3–8 June 26–30, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. each day.

Registration forms available: hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

Catholic Appeal

Faith in Action. It all starts with YOU.

Once a year, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to partner with one another to support their parish and the many outreach ministries by contributing to the Catholic Appeal. Many of you have received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your support of the 2023 Appeal. You can make a gift by returning a pledge card (found in the pews) or by making an online donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now. For those who have already made a gift, thank you for your early support! The Appeal is a primary means by which we care for our brothers and sisters, and it all starts with YOU.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Personal Directed Lenten Retreat

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. 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.

Guidelines for Lent

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. See our website's Lent 2023 page for more Lent inspiration: hriccatholic.org.

Fasting during Lent

Good Friday is a day of fasting. Catholics 18–60 are bound to the obligation of fasting. Only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, enough to maintain strength, may be eaten according to your needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Abstinence during Lent

Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be eaten at all. Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence.

Holy Week & Easter Family Festival

April 2, 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 Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m., IC Church *Live stream*

Good Friday: 3:00 p.m., IC Church *Live stream*
3:00 p.m., St. Ann Church

7:00 p.m., Nativity Church **Stations of the Cross**

Holy Saturday: Gather at 7:30 p.m., IC Church *Live stream*

Centering Prayer for Lent

Please consider joining us for Centering Prayer and let God move you closer to him. 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.

Taizé Meditation Service

Holy Week begins on Palm/Passion Sunday. To prayerfully enter this special time, Groveland Congregational Church invites the community to a candlelight meditation service, modeled on the services held at the Taizé community in France, on Sunday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 4 King St., Groveland. More info., contact Groveland Congregational Church: 978-372-3463 or visit www.grovelanducc.org.

HRIC Playgroup



Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16

Join our new HRIC playgroup! Come let your little ones play, read, and sing while meeting other parents of young ones in our Collaborative. We meet on Friday mornings from 9:45–11:15 in the IC Conference Room 209. Open to all ages including infants! Contact Kim (mom of Max, 2) at kimberly.a.schulte@gmail.com for more information. We would love to see you!

Questions of the Week



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

Child: What might you be able to give up or do in order to be closer to Jesus?

Attention All Volunteers

The Archdiocese of Boston is asking all active volunteers, established or new, to fill out a Volunteer Application Form.

This is to help us keep better records, improve our current screening process which also includes CORIs, etc., and provide emergency contact information for everyone involved in our various ministries...just in case!

Therefore, a new, one-time application form must be filled out by all volunteers. If you are currently a volunteer, you will receive an email from your ministry leader. Please fill it out and return it to the office as soon as possible. In the future, new volunteers will be asked to complete this form as part of the initial sign-up process.

All applications received will be retained by our Collaborative offices and kept strictly confidential.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding! We appreciate all that you do for your parish and the wider Church!

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."**

Adoration: Watch and Pray

On the night before He died, Jesus asked Peter, James, and John to watch and pray (Mark 14: 32). The place and prayer request was personal. Jesus calls you by name too. Accept His invitation to watch and pray uniquely, silently, individually at Adoration. Come. Be still. Be transformed. Join us in the ICS Gym after Holy Thursday Mass.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

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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

Grades 3–8 June 26–30, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. each day.

Registration forms available: hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

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

No Baptisms will take place during the season of Lent. We will resume our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at IC Church. The April baptisms are scheduled for April 16 at 1:30 p.m. due to Easter falling on the second Sunday. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Patricia Baikewicz

Priscilla Brown

Baby Boyle

Matthew Breslow

Donald Buckley

Bill Crounse

Drew Daubach

Kristen

D'Entremont

Carol Ann Doyle

Ann-Margaret

Ferrante

Jack Flynn

Jeanine Ebacher

Fowler

Charmaine Haan

Hillar Haan

Jay Hanslig

Al Hasapis

Terence Healey

Sam Kitchen

Arthur LaPointe

Chet LeBlanc

Lee Preble

Douglas Rose

Robert Rose

Maureen Russell

Rob Schweizer

Yvonne Sloban

Tom Tribble

Michael Tucker

Laurent Vincent

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

Raffle Tickets to Benefit Autism Awareness of Greater Newburyport/Haverhill

TX Hockey Tournaments, Inc. is holding its annual Spring charity hockey tournament at the Haverhill High School rink on April 15–16. All proceeds will go to Autism Awareness of Greater Newburyport/Haverhill area.

Admission is free. Games on the 15th begin at 1:00 p.m. and on the 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Raffle prize ticket purchases and silent auction bids can be made on the tournament website at <https://shamrockshootout.wordpress.com/>

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

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 REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Mar. 25–26	\$1,665.00
IC Haiti	\$ 484.00
HR Mailed in Offertory, week ending Mar. 24	\$1,040.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 187.50
Grand Annual Goal: \$25,000	\$19,575

No second collection this weekend. The Holy Thursday collection (April 6) is St. Vincent de Paul Please make checks payable to "HR St. Vincent de Paul." The Good Friday collection (April 7) is Holy Land. The Easter collection (April 9) is Clergy Benefit Trust. **See page 4 for more information on these collections.** 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: hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.



HR Catholic Appeal
Goal \$21,665.00
To Date \$15,680.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



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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, hriccatholic.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.

Shawls and Lapghans

We are 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. 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. **Our next meeting is Thursday, May 4, at 2:00 in Nativity Hall, Merrimac. All are welcome!**

Easter Decorating at Nativity

We will be decorating Nativity Church for Easter Sunday on Friday, April 7 after 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Anyone wanting to help out is invited to stop by and join us.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

It's been said that almsgiving sometimes gets the least of our attention among the three Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Prayer and fasting are personal actions focused on our own spiritual growth...these are often simply "second nature" and easy to practice. Almsgiving is the act of giving so that others less fortunate are helped. Why can't almsgiving become as natural and easy as saying our daily prayers? Recall also: It's not all about giving money but can also be a donation of time, energy or talents to those in need. Did we mention that our conference is looking for new members? Check out ssvpusa.org to learn more about our mission.

Please try to add a few coins each day to your Mite Box or use our poor boxes. During Lent, let's make almsgiving an encounter with God through our care for the poor. Your daily sacrifice can *make a difference in the lives of the poor around us*.



Simply return your Mite Box during Holy Week. Thank you!

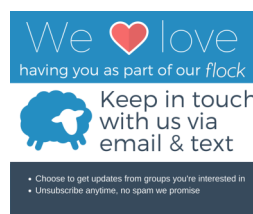
Don't forget the clothes collection bin behind the Green St., Merrimac rectory and also beside the Food Mart in West Newbury. As always, we appreciate your generosity.

If you know of someone who needs help, please have them call our hotline at 978-346-8604 X4.

A NUDGE to get you Spring Cleaning!

The Activities Committee will be having an **Indoor Yard Sale** in the Nativity Hall on **Saturday, April 29** from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. We are asking you to look around your home and donate those items that you just don't need or use anymore but are still in good condition. We will be accepting your **donations** (no clothing, please) on the 2 weekends before the yard sale: Saturdays, **April 15 and 22 from 1:30–3:30 p.m. and Sundays, April 16 and 23 from 9:30–11:30 a.m.** Please know, we will **not** be able to accept donations the day of the yard sale.

Flocknote



We have invested, thanks to a generous donor, in a simple, user-friendly service called Flocknote in order to help our "flock" stay in touch with all the exciting things happening in our parishes. We will be able to text and/or email you important news about parish ministries and events, periodically, as well as any cancellations (*like we had a few weeks ago due to the snow*). This is free and does not involve usernames or passwords or, most importantly spam.

For Holy Redeemer Parish news, text "HRPARISH" to 84576. Once you are texted back, you will be able to go to the website "dashboard" to select any other groups you might want to join. You can also sign up online at hriccollaborative.flocknote.com.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Mar. 25–26	\$3,811.00
IC Haiti	\$3,538.00
IC Mailed in Offertory, week ending Mar. 24	\$1,652.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,085.09
Grand Annual Goal: \$100,000	\$80,675

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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.

Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School 8th graders recently organized a collection for a school-wide service project. Each grade contributed items for Blessing Bags to be distributed to area residents in need. Thirty bags were assembled containing healthy snacks, socks, and personal hygiene items! The soon-to-be graduates are grateful for the support from school families.



Newburyport Scouting

Newburyport Scout Troop 21 Invites Youth Ages 11–17 to Join

For more information about Troop 21 or to get information on upcoming troop events, please check out our website at www.nbptroop21.org.



IC Catholic Appeal
Goal **\$54,952.00**
To Date **\$25,685.00**

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



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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.svdpnnewburyport.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!

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.

IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish offers Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

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 click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

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

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 18, 2023**.

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Harvest Fair

Join us and make new friends

As part of the 175th anniversary celebration of IC Church, we are planning to hold a Harvest Fair on Saturday, October 21. It will include a bake sale, artisan/craft tables, Grandma's Attic table, a wine rack, raffles, 175th anniversary commemorative items, and much more.

In order to make this happen, we need volunteers—many volunteers! We currently meet once a month. If you'd like to share your talents and have some fun meeting new friends, come to our next meeting on **Thursday, April 6, at 9:45 a.m.** in the IC Charity Dining Room or contact Betty Harrington at 978-595-7776 or hbees@comcast.net.

Attention vendors: Are you a local vendor looking to sell your creative treasures? Our committee is looking for up to 15 vendors to fill our gymnasium with artistic holiday items. If you are interested in reserving a table at our IC Harvest Fair or know someone who may be interested, contact Kathie at Kathie108a@gmail.com and include a picture of the items or crafts you will be selling.



Immaculate Conception Parish: 175th Anniversary

Immaculate Conception Parish celebrates 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.

A committee has formed to create, plan, and execute these yearlong events, focused on celebrating the history of our parish and our patroness. Want to be a part of the planning? Please join us! Watch the bulletin for our next scheduled meeting time.

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/

Volunteer for Consolers Circle

Consolers Circle is asking for additional volunteers for one of our three teams. Volunteers are asked to supply a dish for the meal. Please contact Melinda (978-462-2724) if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

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.



The St. Patrick's Day dinner on Friday, March 17, was the first in a series of events celebrating the 175th Anniversary of IC Parish. And it was a huge success!

Delicious food, excellent Irish music, laughter, and fellowship all evening. Visit our website for many, many more photos: <https://www.hriccatholic.org/photos/view/id/77933>.



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