

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

hriccatholic.org

All Are Welcome



*Jesus said..., "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep...
I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."*

(from Jn 10)



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

Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Nativity

Parish offices and church:
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Office Hours: By appointment

Phone: 978-346-8604

Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Immaculate Conception

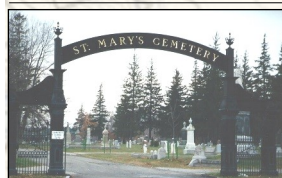
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 Holy Redeemer - Immaculate
Conception Collaborative
Parishes



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (4/29)

4:00pm **IC** *Cliff S. Bonney, Joanne Kane Hamilton, Mary Fordham* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St. Ann** *Frederick T. Jones & Helen Burke Jones* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (4/30)

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

9:00am **IC** *Marie Alamed, James Carew* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

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

11:30am **IC** *Andrew Filomia, Elsie Dzioba* (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (5/1)

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

Tuesday (5/2)

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

Wednesday (5/3)

9:00am **IC** *The Niles, Keefe, Swochak, & Macri Families* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (5/4)

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

Friday (5/5)

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

Saturday (5/6)

4:00pm **IC** *James T. Stehlin* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

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

Sunday (5/7)

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

9:00am **IC** *Kathryn Mercier Mscisz, Luke Piscillo* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:30am **IC** *Mary Razza, Lena Filomia, Luke Piscillo* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers please remember Jean Foley Doyle 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 and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).

Questions of the Week

Adult: Who are the ones for whom you are a shepherd?

Child: Who takes care of you the way a shepherd would?

HRIC Playgroup



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!

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



I write to you this weekend about a serious situation that is occurring within our Archdiocese. At the Boston Marriot Copley Place hotel, a satanist convention will be taking place called, "Satancon." As Catholics, we explicitly renounce "Satan and all of his works, and all his empty show" in our Baptismal promises that we renew each year at Easter. The worship of Satan or any other god in place of the Lord is directly opposed to the commandments and our commitment that we make as disciples of Christ and as children of God. As we read in the First Letter of St. Peter: "So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time. Cast all your worries upon Him because He cares for you. Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour. Resist him, steadfast in faith...." (1 Pt 5:6–9) As such, Bishop Mark O'Connell who is the Vicar General of the Archdiocese has stated: "It is important for the Archdiocese of Boston to have a response as many are disturbed by this; however, our response must be balanced and focused on prayer."

We recall many moments in the Gospel stories where Jesus confronted and cast out demons, silencing them and demanding that they leave the afflicted individual. However, we also remember that there was one incidence where the disciples struggled to cast out a demon in Christ's name, only to have the Lord respond, "This kind can only come out through prayer." (Mk 9:29) It is important to remember that prayer is always our strongest weapon and best defense against evil in this world and that even Jesus relied upon regular prayer and fasting to combat the temptations of sin and manifestations of evil in His lifetime. It is critical that as devoted followers of Jesus Christ that we not fear evil and its gatherings, but rather hold fast to our faith in Christ and trust in His love, mercy, and protection of us. In

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CPR Training

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

(This week's sessions in red)

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, May 1

AA Mtg. 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall
Women at the Well Mtg. 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room
Scout Troop 41 Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, May 2

Women's AA Mtg. 7:00am, St. Ann Hall
Breaking Bread Meal (in-person) 4:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, May 3

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library
IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church
CPR Training 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Thursday, May 4

Mysteries of the Rosary Series 9:30am, IC Charity Dining Room
HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall
First Communion Rehearsal 4:00pm, IC Church
Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, May 5

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church
HRIC Playgroup 9:45am, IC Conference Room 209
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
Ultreya Mtg. 7:00pm, Holy Family, Amesbury

Saturday, May 6

CPR Training 9:00am, Nativity Hall
Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, May 7

K of C Hospitality Sunday 10:00am, IC Parish Center
Faith Formation, K-8 10:00am, IC Parish Center
Baptism Prep. Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room
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.

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

We celebrate this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at IC Church. May 14 at 1:30 p.m. is the next scheduled date. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

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the words of Jesus, "take courage, I have conquered the world." (Jn 16:33)

Therefore, the Archdiocese is asking parishioners to refrain from going into Boston to protest at the site of this convention, but instead to spend time together and individually in prayer asking for deliverance and protection for all those involved as well as our Archdiocese as a whole. There are many times and places in parishes and shrines across the Archdiocese that have been set aside for extended prayer this weekend. A complete list can be found here: bostoncatholic.org.

Praying the Rosary asking for God's protection as well as the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel are encouraged throughout the weekend by all. In particular please pray for the hotel workers and others involved in catering and contracted services that will be engaged for this event, as many of them may have no choice in cooperating with this convention. Please also pray for the attendees, remembering that no matter how much in error they may be, they are children of God, have been made in God's image, and are as much loved by the Lord as you and I. We pray for their conversion and salvation in Christ.

Through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, may we all find deliverance, protection and peace.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us May 7, after the 9:00am Mass, in the IC Parish Center for Hospitality Sunday. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.



Hospitality Sunday

1st Sundays after the 9AM Mass | Parish Center



The Pelican Intervention Fund

We provide funding for non-profit, 12-step residential sober homes for economically challenged people struggling with addiction. 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 NEWS

Prayers for the Sick

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

Patricia Baikewicz	Jack Flynn	Lee Preble
Priscilla Brown	Jeanine Ebacher	Douglas Rose
Baby Boyle	Fowler	Robert Rose
Donald Buckley	Charmaine Haan	Maureen Russell
Bill Crounse	Hillar Haan	Rob Schweizer
Drew Daubach	Jay Hanslig	Yvonne Sloban
Kristen	Al Hasapis	Tom Tribble
D'Entremont	Terence Healey	Michael Tucker
Carol Ann Doyle	Sam Kitchen	Laurent Vincent
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	Arthur LaPointe	
	Chet LeBlanc	

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.

Food Drive for Local Pantries

Starting on April 23, bins will be placed in the back of all of the churches in the Collaborative for the purpose of collecting non-perishable food as well as other daily use essentials for those in need. These items will be distributed to local food pantries within the Collaborative.

Please be generous. Many of us are fortunate to have more than we need and to gratefully share with others in need is an important and critical part of our faith journey. To give is to receive and if you have not had the opportunity to share with those that are less fortunate, especially during the Covid epidemic, now is your chance. The bins will be in place throughout the year, so you will have plenty of opportunity to give.

One weekend a month, we will announce in the bulletin and through other media outlets a super collection weekend where we'll challenge each other to really step up.

Recommended items include:

Canned goods—vegetables,	Pasta, ramen noodles
soups, pork and beans,	Tomato sauce
fruit (especially	Peanut butter and jelly
pineapples)	Soap, deodorant, shampoo
Cereal	Toothpaste and
Rice, Rice-A-Roni	toothbrushes

Thank you in advance for your generosity, and if you think you can't make a difference, please look up John 6: 1–13. You **can** make a difference and together we **can** do the seemingly impossible.

IC Haiti: Beginnings Part 2

Right from its start in 2008, IC Haiti was blessed to be affiliated with the Saint Boniface Haiti Foundation, a nonprofit started by the parishioners of Saint Boniface in Quincy, Massachusetts. In 1992, after less than ten years of active involvement in Haiti, SBHF expanded their medical clinic in Fond des Blancs into a hospital (St. Boniface Hospital) which is now the largest health care provider and tertiary care center in southern Haiti. The first visit to Haiti by IC Haiti board members was to the hospital in Fond des Blancs and its surrounding area. Subsequently, in response to the many needs of the people in the Fond des Blancs area, funding from IC Haiti was provided to dig deep water wells for two nearby rural communities, to support both cervical cancer and dental care screening programs at the hospital, and to provide scholarships for students seeking a secondary school education. Fr. Marc Piché, IC pastor during this time, endorsed a plan to have four second collections taken up each year to support the mission of IC Haiti. In April of 2009, the IRS approved IC Haiti as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization.

In January, 2010, a devastating earthquake in the Port-au-Prince area resulted in approximately 250,000 deaths and over 300,000 serious injuries. A tremendous strain was put upon St. Boniface Hospital, and IC Haiti was quick to offer emergency funding for the treatment of patients with spinal cord injuries. Later that year, board members became focused on the educational needs of young people in the Fond des Blancs area whose school buildings were either inadequate or destroyed by the earthquake. A commitment was made to build and maintain an elementary school for the rural community of Puit Chacha, three and a half miles south of Fond des Blancs. Fr. Paul Berube proposed naming the school for Fr. Marc Piché which the board approved at its November 2010 meeting. Fr. Marc died in December.

Construction of the Fr. Marc Piché Elementary School (K–6) began in April 2011 and was completed that October with 200 students enrolled. Our new pastor Fr. Timothy Harrison and a few members of the IC Haiti Board of Directors attended the dedication of the school.

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. Our study, *Keeping in Balance from Walking with Purpose*, is 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 Charity Dining Room 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.

Please email any bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Newburyport Lion's Club Food Drive

The Newbury Food Pantry needs our help.



There has been a 12.4% increase in families needing assistance since February. The Newbury Food Pantry is now serving 720 people in 329 households.

Food stocks at the pantry are at the lowest level they have ever experienced.

Together we can help! Please donate to our food drive on Saturday, May 6, 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at the Shaw's parking lot (Newburyport).

If you are unable to donate on Saturday, any items donated to the Yankee Homecoming bins the week of May 6 will be donated to The Newbury Food Pantry. Bins are located at: The Newburyport Bank (Market Basket Plaza), Dunkin' at Port Plaza, and Dunkin' at the Rte. 1 rotary.



Adoration: Make It a Weekly Ritual



Routines subdue chaos. Weekly morning rituals like Friday Adoration define the attitudes you'll take into daily tasks. Weekly evening rituals like Thursday Adoration, wash away the dross and dial in weekend duties performed as intentional, prayerful encounters with Christ. Adoration is the interior access door! Leave the chaos outside.

Enter through the Green Street door only.

Place: IC Church

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.

Newburyport Choral Society Spring Concert

Carmina Burana: An Interplay of Modern and Medieval

Under the direction of Ryan Turner, the Newburyport Choral Society will perform Carl Orff's richly-orchestrated 20th Century masterpiece, *Carmina Burana*. And in a special collaboration, the Boston Camerata with Artistic Director Anne Azéma will perform some of the same texts as the Orff *Carmina Burana*, but sung with simple voices and accompanied only by medieval tunes and instruments.

Please join us for this unique modern-versus-medieval musical experience on Saturday, May 6, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 7, 4:00 p.m. at Belleville Congregational Church

For tickets and information: www.newburyportchoralsociety.org.

The Mysteries of the Rosary Series

Join fellow parishioners on a virtual journey to the Holy Land to discover the profound power of the Rosary and pray the Rosary like never before! We will watch a new 7-part series on the Rosary that is spiritually insightful and moving and visually stunning. There will be coffee and snacks as we gather after daily Mass ends at IC.

Where? Charity Dining Room, IC Pastoral Center

When? Weekly on Thursdays, April 27–June 8
9:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

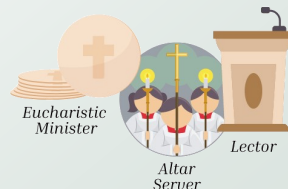
To enroll, email Aaron Giard: agiard@hriccatholic.org.

You Are Invited to Become a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server

Please consider becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion at Mass. We also continue to encourage new Altar Servers. We will teach you everything you need to know.

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Altar Server and feel the Holy Spirit calling you to serve our Lord, please contact the Collaborative offices at 978-346-8604 or 978-462-2724. No experience necessary.

In the next few weeks we will hold an information session for all interested.



Social Action Committee

The next meeting of the Collaborative Social Action Committee will be Wednesday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. in IC St. Louis Hall.

The purpose of the committee will be to aid those in need in our local communities as well as in the poorer areas of the world. If you or a member of your family is interested in becoming involved, please attend our next meeting. We are particularly interested in getting younger parish members involved, so if your son or daughter has a community service requirement, this would be the perfect opportunity to satisfy it. For more information or if you have suggestions, contact Greg Jablonski: gjabbe@gmail.com.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, April 22-23	\$2,949.00
IC Mailed in Offertory, week ending April 21	\$1,501.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,103.84
Total Weekly Offertory	\$7,553.84
Monthly, April 22-23	\$1,570.00
Grand Annual Goal: \$100,000	\$81,825

No second collection this weekend (April 30). The second collection next weekend (May 7) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. 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.



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Ultreya

Reminder our regional Ultreya will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5 at Holy Family, Amesbury. Join our brothers and sisters from Amesbury, Haverhill, and Newburyport in prayer for those living their weekend.

De Colores!

May Crowning of Mary

The IC Family and Fellowship Ministry would like to launch our new ministry with our Lady's blessing. Please join us on Mother's Day, May 14, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass to honor and celebrate Mary, our Mother, with prayer, song, and coronation.

We invite our First Communion class of 2023 and all children, families, and parishioners to process to our Blessed Mother outdoor statue (weather permitting) dressed in spring or First Communion attire.

There will be crafts and confections after the ceremony in St. Louis Hall.

Parish Center Elevator

The elevator at the IC Parish Center is out of order until further notice. If you are unable to visit the Parish Center via the stairs, please contact our office at 978-462-2724 and we will make arrangements to connect with you.

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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.

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.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 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.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 Dining-in Now Available

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner. Supper is served from 4:45–5:30. Those who prefer to continue "Grab & Go" can pick up at 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.

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.

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, May 4, 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.

Bundle Sunday

Clothing Donation Event June 24–25



Bundle up your old clothes for donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. A collection truck will be in the Immaculate Conception church parking lot. Clothing and shoes of every size will be accepted. No toys or household items. This donation event begins on Saturday morning June 24 and ends early Sunday afternoon June 25. Save the date!

View our weekly bulletin online on our website:

hricCatholic.org.

IC Parish: 175th Anniversary

Immaculate Conception Parish celebrates 175 years



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. If you would like to be part of the planning, join our next meeting in May. Watch the bulletin for the date.

More about Our First Pastor, Rev. John O'Brien

Father John O'Brien was born in 1800 in Ballina County, Tipperary, Ireland, the son of James and Honora. He was ordained a priest on December 24, 1828 at the Diocese of Clare, Ireland.

He traveled to America with his older brother, also a priest, and did missionary work in Richmond, Virginia. On February 5, 1848 Fr. John O'Brien was commissioned to take charge of Chelsea, Lynn, and Newburyport. Soon he became our first pastor...but only for seven months! On December 21, 1848, he was transferred to Lowell, MA where he remained until his death in 1874.



Perhaps Fr O'Brien is best known for "Father John's Medicine", a patent medicine widely used in the United States beginning in 1855. This story starts with Fr. O'Brien suffering terribly with cold and flu symptoms. He contacted a pharmacy, Carleton and Hovey of Lowell and asked for a tonic for relief. The tonic was a non-alcoholic mix made of cod liver oil and had a licorice taste. He was soon well again and as strong as ever.

He urged his parishioners to make use of the tonic for their overall health. Mr. Carleton and Mr. Hovey, using Father John as the spokesman, began to manufacture and mass-produce the medicine in Lowell. It's still available today on Amazon. Fifteen dollars gets you an 8-ounce bottle!

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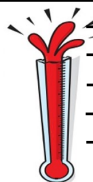
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Our next meeting is Thursday, May 4. at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.

HR Online Giving

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.

To learn more visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site.

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul

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St. Francis challenges us to look at ourselves as we encounter the poor and the hungry...and not to turn our backs on them.

Let us reflect on the words and traditions of St. Francis and give generously to our conference. Please use our poor boxes in the churches or, if you care to mail us a donation, use the envelopes in the pews. Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to:



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

HR Indoor Yard Sale



Thank you to all who donated and worked at our Indoor Yard Sale!



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