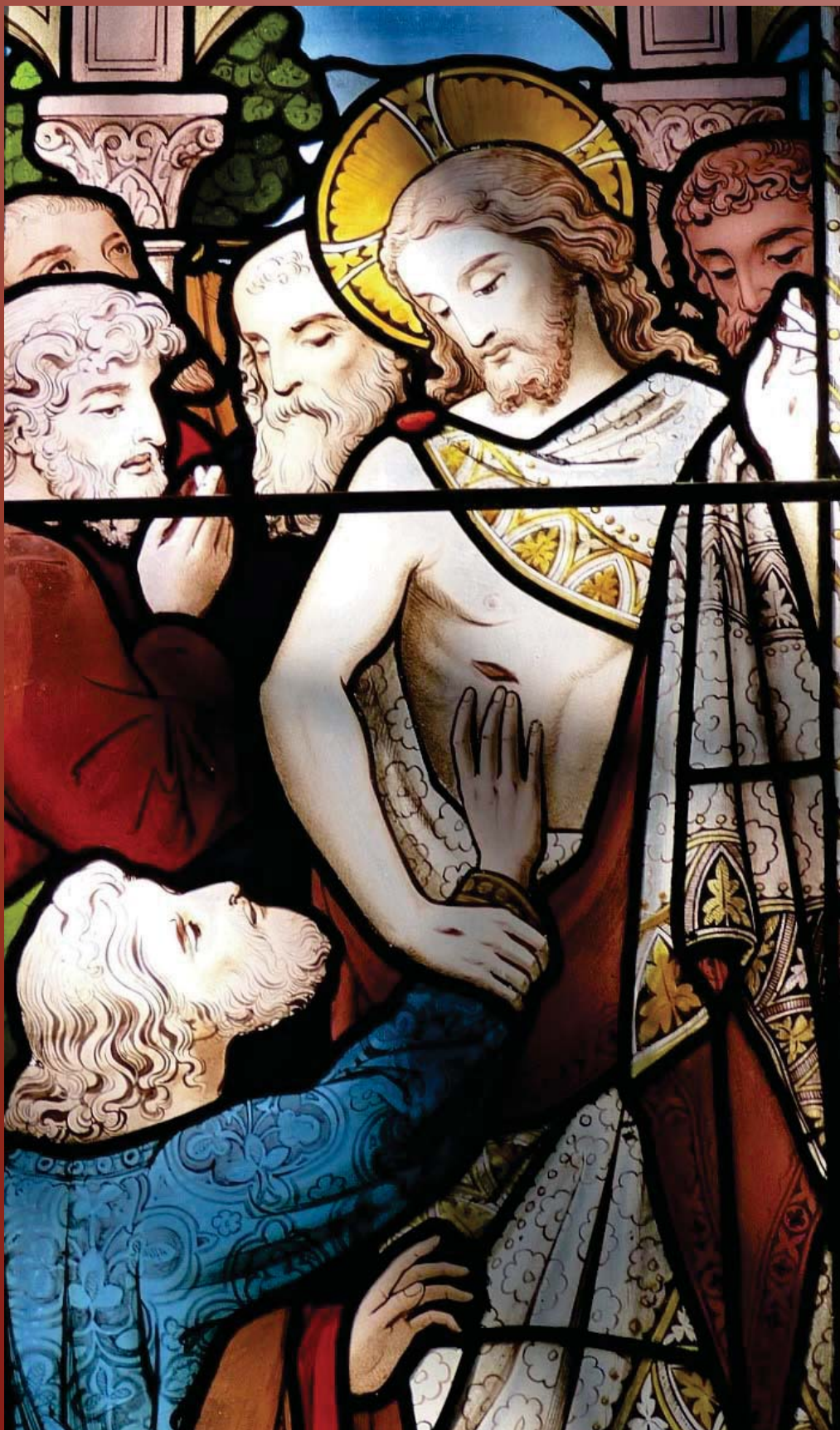


HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY



**Second Sunday
of Easter:
Divine Mercy
Sunday
April 7, 2024**

All Are Welcome

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*Thomas answered
and said to him, "My
Lord and my God!"
Jesus said to him,
"Have you come to
believe because you
have seen me?
Blessed are those
who have not seen
and have believed."*

(Jn 20:28-29)



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

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Office Hours: By appointment

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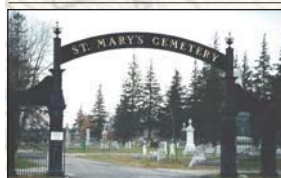
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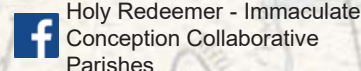
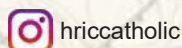
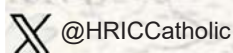
Tim Richard, IC organist

Steve Swochak, IC Music Coordinator

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Confessions

Saturdays 3:00-3:30 p.m., IC Church
Or by appointment. (Call Collaborative
offices to schedule.)



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (4/6)

4:00pm **IC** *Pamela Cooney, Florence Kiszka, Danny & Noreen Driscoll and parents* (Fr. Stanley)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (4/7)

8:30am **Nativity** *Jennie & Alden Johnson* (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC** *Irene Palaima* (Fr. Morin)
10:00am **St. Ann** *Jerry Mullen* (Fr. Harrison)
11:30am **IC** *Lena Filomia, Patrick Herndon* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Monday (4/8)

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

Tuesday (4/9)

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

Wednesday (4/10)

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

Thursday (4/11)

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

Friday (4/12)

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

Saturday (4/13)

4:00pm **IC** *Jerry Majocha, Richard & Robert Ring, William Moore* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (4/14)

8:30am **Nativity** *Lynn & Ray Fontaine* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)
11:30am **IC** *Steve Tsai, Lillian Pecht* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Evelyn Ahern, Donald H. Ames Jr., Irene Palaima, Joyce Nevins, 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.

Bulletin Information

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

Mass Scripture Readings

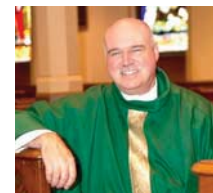
The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.

 (The free App "**Laudate**" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As I am writing this, we are enjoying the last vestiges of spring weather before an apparent Nor'easter will clobber us midweek bringing lots of wind and rain and possibly more of that frozen, white stuff. I guess that's what you get when you have an early Easter!



Nonetheless, it is wonderful to have our churches all decorated festively with flowers and many signs of new life. Easter, when we stop and think about it, is such a pungent season. While the smell of so many Easter lilies and flowers can overwhelm anyone walking into the church these days, other scents and aromas wait to delight the senses as well. There is the ever-so-slight sweetness of beeswax that the new Paschal Candle (and all of our altar candles) is made of. With its hint of fresh honey and clover, the new candle towering above our pulpits during this joyful season reminds us of great things to come. Also present is the lingering fragrance of incense that was used liberally in our Triduum services and anytime we have a funeral in the church. Made of citrus, balsam, and crystallized resin, its spicy notes render any sacred space "holy" and reminiscent of the many prayers that have risen up to God through our liturgies. Touches of brass polish and cleanser may also assault our senses, a reminder that it takes many hands of volunteers and staff to maintain and prepare our worship spaces for Mass. And for those who gathered around our "new fire" at the start of our Easter Vigil, a spunky, burnt wood smell may remain on our coats and vestments.

Our eyes are certainly delighted by the multi-colored flowers and brilliant stained glass that adorns all of our churches especially this time of the year. Designed to catechize in their own right, our very buildings tell the story of salvation in lead and glass, paintings and symbols. The architecture draws us forward towards the altar, the very place where Heaven and Earth meet in Word and Sacrament. After a long, stark Lent, the vibrancy of the season is quite a contrast!

Our ears bask in the glorious music that characterizes our Easter joy. What a joy to have such festive and beautiful music to help lift our minds and hearts to embrace God's gift of resurrection! We are so profoundly blessed in our Collaborative to have such excellent music programs in both of our parishes and many, many talented musicians and cantors to lead us in song. It was St. Augustine who once reminded us that "whoever sings, prays twice."

I am truly grateful for all of our many volunteers and all who came together in ministry and prayer to celebrate our holiest days. Let us open our hearts, minds, senses, and spirits to the joy that is ours in Christ.

Continued Easter Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison

Pastor

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: hriccatholic.org

Monday, April 8

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, April 9

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

Faith Formation, Grade 2 3:30pm, IC Nazareth Library

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

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

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm, IC Church

IC Haiti Board Mtg. 7:00pm IC Conference Room 209

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

Wednesday, April 10

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

Cub Scouts Pack 26 Mtg. 5:30pm, Nativity Hall

Thursday, April 11

Social Action Committee Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, April 12

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, April 13

Baptisms 12:00pm, IC Church

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Family Ministry Activity 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, April 10



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

Please Note: We are suspending the delivery of soups until the fall. Casseroles are still welcome.

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 powdered drink mixes such as iced tea and Kool-Aid along with fresh fruits and goodies! Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from **7:00–9:00 a.m.**

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

We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on the second Sunday of each month at IC Church at the 11:30 Mass. 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 be changing. 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.

Catholic TV

Visit www.catholicstv.com for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.



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Collaborative Parishes

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 Collaborative 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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make your gift



IC Haiti

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." Visit our website: ichaiti.org.

Social Justice Committee

The Collaborative Social Justice Committee will meet on Thursday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. in IC St. Louis Hall. We meet for one hour. The agenda for this meeting will include a discussion of:

- Aiding efforts to house the homeless
- Enhancing efforts to establish a more robust family ministry
- Continuing our programs to alleviate food insecurity in our communities

Please come and join us and become part of the solution for these difficult challenges we face. All are welcome.

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

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.

Shawls and Lapghans



Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy! We would be happy to deliver to anyone. Or if you personally would like to give one to a friend, relative or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673.

Come join us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month (Note: no meeting in April) at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! All are welcome.

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

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.

Adoration: Listener's Choice



Adoration is the time to not speak but to listen.

Dial down words to dial into the choicest Word of the Lord meant to assign you your mission. Echo Samuel's words of spiritual availability: "Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening."

Be renewed. Be choosy. The rest will follow.

Place: IC Church (enter at Green Street door only)

Time: Thursdays 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Fridays 9:30 a.m.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What part of today's Gospel gives you the most comfort?

Child: In today's Gospel, what is your favorite part?

women at the well

Are you seeking a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social, or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

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.

The God Minute

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

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mission Sox Sock Drive

We are excited to announce the dates of the second annual Mission Sox sock drive. Mission Sox is an organization that began last year to raise awareness for clothing insecurity, beginning with the most overlooked clothing necessity: socks! We collected and donated over 1500 pairs of new socks last spring by putting "sox boxes" around town and in the high school. We used social media and an Amazon wish list to spread the message but word of mouth was the biggest tool.

This year, our goal is to gather over 2000 pairs of socks and we need your help! Look for sox boxes and flyers at Immaculate Conception Church. We want donating to be accessible to everyone so the whole city can take part in making a difference by helping people struggling with clothing insecurity and/or homelessness.

Collections will start on April 9, the Red Sox home opener, and finish on May 9. Keep an eye out and spread the word!

Follow us on Instagram: @missionsox.

Charitable Sewing Day

Little Dresses for Africa is an organization that delivers dresses to girls who need appropriate clothing to wear to school. These dresses not only provide a practical use, they are a message of hope and love for God's vulnerable children.

In addition to dresses, if we have time, we will be making reusable, washable menstrual pads to give young women the opportunity to still attend school while on their period.

When: Saturday, April 27, 12:00pm-4:00pm

Instructions and Fabric will be provided

Where: St. Mary's, Georgetown Parish Hall

94 Andover St., Georgetown, MA

If you do not have a sewing machine, we have a limited number available for use. First come, first served by pre-registration. Pre-registration is required for everyone. To register, contact Annie Rhodes by text at 978-884-1804.



Pelican Intervention Fund



To date we have placed 135 local men and women into 12-step residential sober living. 12-step recovery programs receive no federal/state funding and insurance won't cover costs due to its faith-based nature. So, your support is more important than ever.

The Pelican Intervention Fund envelopes can be dropped in the collection at any time according to your means. Make checks payable to HR or IC Parish. Totals will be reported quarterly.

Visit our website at www.pelicaninterventionfund.org

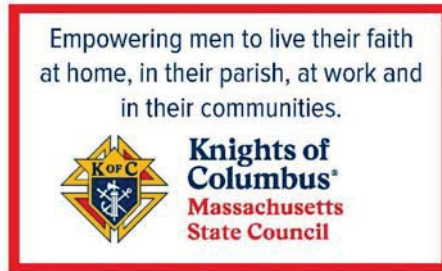
IC NEWS

Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **Sunday, April 7, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC St. Louis Hall for Hospitality Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.

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

DISCOVER YOUR MISSION. BECOME A KNIGHT.



Rev. McManmon's Devotion to St. Therese

IC 175th Anniversary Continued

Rev. McManmon was troubled with heart ailments, and many of his activities were curtailed while he was the Pastor at Immaculate Conception. He died suddenly on a Sunday evening in January 1933 after serving for less than 4 years. In his short time at Immaculate Conception, his kindness and "magnetic personality" had won him the admiration of the entire city. A gifted and eloquent speaker, he was remembered for his inspiring sermons. One of his most compelling sermons was a description of the canonization of St. Therese, the Little Flower of Lisieux. He had witnessed this ceremony on May 25, 1925, while visiting Rome. Rev. McManmon and St. Therese are remembered for the "simplicity and humility that makes them beloved by all."



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/



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. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Mill City Management Corporation, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending March 29	\$1,875.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,352.59
Total Weekly Offertory, March 30–31	\$5,227.59
Good Friday, Holy Land	\$ 800.00
Easter, Clergy Benefit Trust	\$10,935.00
IC Grand Annual, Goal: \$100,000	\$85,555.00

The second collection this weekend (April 7) is Pastor's Charity. No second collection next weekend (April 14).

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

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

IC Online Giving

To get started, you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. You can also register online.

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.



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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.

Thanks from the IC 2024 Fall Fair Committee.

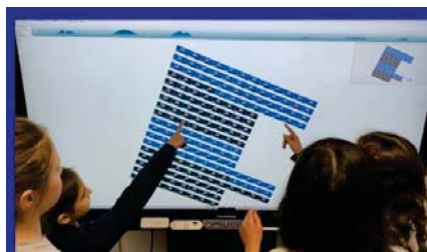
St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Box



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 4th grade is exploring energy resources. Students learned about the solar panels installed at ICS as part of their science unit.



The students designed and built their own solar panel houses.



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.**

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.

Car Donation Needed

We are seeking the donation of a car in good running order for a Newburyport single mom. Her current car's engine is no longer repairable. If you, or someone you know, has a vehicle that they would like to donate to this deserving family, please call the SVdP hotline or see any one of the I.C. Vincentians.

Breaking Bread Meal

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!

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Holy Redeemer Easter Flowers



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Welcome! We invite you to become a member of our Parish communities and take an active part in parish life. Parish registration forms are available online at www.hriccatholic.org or you can call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to register.

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 HR Easter Offertory, Clergy Benefit Trust \$3,911.00
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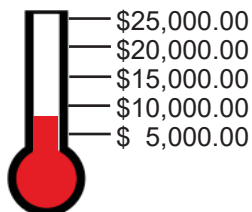
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If you are a Holy Redeemer parishioner who is homebound or unable to attend Mass on a regular basis, we would like to offer you the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. Please let us know. If any parishioner knows of someone who might be interested in receiving the Eucharist, please also let us know. This could be a one-time occasion, or a regular schedule could be arranged. Please call Melinda Burrell at 978-346-8604 to schedule a visit.

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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.

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

Vacation Bible School at HR



Mark your calendars for July 22–26 from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon for a *Stellar* week of VBS at Nativity hall. Registration forms are available on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/vbs-stellar.

St. Ann Coffee Hour

St. Ann's "Coffee And..."

We welcome all to join us on the first Sunday of every month for St. Ann's "Coffee And..." coffee social. We will meet on **Sunday, April 7**, after the 10:00 Mass. We hope you will join us in the church hall for coffee and baked goods, to visit with old friends, and to make new ones.

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We always appreciate the continued 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."

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Merrimac Library Program

The Friends of the Merrimac Public Library is hosting a program on Saturday, April 27 at 1:00 p.m. at the Merrimac Public Library. Led by quilt maker and interior decorator Barbara Graceffa, the program features tips on downsizing and decluttering. Participants will learn practical reasons for downsizing and tips on how to live with less but still live in style. Learn to start the decluttering process; determine what to keep, toss or donate; and gain strategies for maintaining a clutter-free home.

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Nativity Coffee after Mass

All are invited to the Holy Redeemer Coffee Hour after the 8:30 Mass at Nativity on Sunday, April 21.



Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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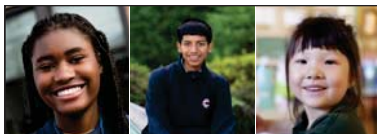
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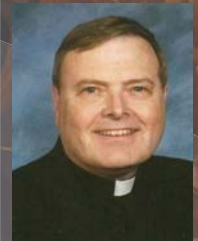
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