

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2023

All Are Welcome

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The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

(Mt 13:45–46)



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

"Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters..."

St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985

Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

Phone: 978-346-8604

Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Nativity

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

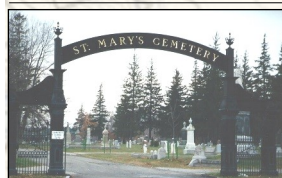
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/29)

4:00pm **IC** *Dolly Dow, Jean Basque, Margaret Carden, Margaret Ryan, Rose Yelle* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Erwin Batchelder* (Fr. Stanley & Fr. Ramirez)

Sunday (7/30)

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

9:00am **IC** *Henry Szymura, Ted LoPreste* (Fr. Richard)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Ramirez & Deacon Dow)

11:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (7/31)

9:00am **IC** . *Kevin D Mahoney* (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (8/1)

9:00am **IC** *Raymond Haley, Josephine Caliento* (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (8/2)

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

Thursday (8/3)

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

Friday (8/4)

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

Saturday (8/5)

4:00pm **IC** *Alexander Hasapis, for the intentions of the Colby family* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

4:00pm **St. Ann** *Millard Vanderwood, for the intentions of the Colby family* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (8/6)

8:30am **Nativity** *for the intentions of the Colby family* (Fr. Morin)

9:00am **IC** *for the intentions of the Colby family* (Fr. Harrison)

10:00am **St. Ann** *for the intentions of the Colby family* (Fr. McLaughlin)

11:00am **IC** *Justin J DeSilva, Michael C Lehan, for the intentions of the Colby family* (Fr. Richard & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember Jane O'Keefe, Brian Cashman, 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: hriccatholic.org and on Facebook: [Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](https://www.facebook.com/HolyRedeemer-ImmaculateConceptionCollaborativeParishes).

Questions of the Week



Adult: What is your treasure and where is it?

Child: Jesus uses three stories to tell us about the Kingdom. Which one do you like the best? Why?

Bulletin Information

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I'm the last person to be giving out investment advice. There are days that I can barely balance my own checkbook. But this weekend's Gospel appears to give the most ludicrous direction on how to plan for one's future! One of the key pieces of investment advice that I always hear is not to place all of your eggs in one basket. In other words, diversify! Spread your assets over multiple areas to better leverage your future risk in uncertain markets.

And yet, we hear that when it comes to the Kingdom of God, it is better to go all-in and use every last resource to pursue buried treasure or a pearl of great price than to follow a more conservative path. What holds true for earthly wealth does not apply to eternal life! When pursuing the things of God, the Lord wants an undivided heart, a full commitment on our part and an uncompromising spirit. The value of God's eternal Kingdom cannot be calculated or quantified in human terms, thus, even if it were to cost everything we have in the here and now, it will be more than worth it in the time to come.

And as Solomon would discover in the great wisdom he was blessed to receive as a gift from God, there is a lasting grace to pursue the things of Heaven. These will be found in the present gifts of peace, love and the deep satisfaction of doing what is right and just. In the time to come, they will be seen in an even greater way in joy and exultation that will exceed our wildest imaginations.

So, invest wisely. Most especially in that which truly lasts... our citizenship in God's Kingdom!

Summer blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison

Pastor



Yankee Homecoming
July 29-August 6

IC Berry Festival

Sunday, July 30, 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m.

IC Church Tours

Sunday, July 30, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Yankee Homecoming Parade Marchers

Sunday, August 6, 11:00 a.m. start time



See [Page 9](#) of this bulletin for more details and contact information.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, July 31

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, August 1

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

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

Wednesday, August 2

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Centering Prayer 6:00pm (ZOOM only)

Thursday, August 3

HR Prayer Shawl Gathering 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, August 4

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, August 5

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, August 6

Baptism Prep. Class 10:00am, IC Charity Dining Room

Knights of Columbus Hospitality Sunday 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

IC 175th Committee Float and Marchers in Yankee

Homecoming Parade 12:00 noon (See p. 9)

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

A Word of Thanks from the Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your **ongoing** generous donations of food and personal care items! Your continuing contributions are helping many families in need. We monitor the bins and distribute the much needed items to the food pantries serving the local communities within our collaborative.

Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **August 6, after the 9:00am Mass**, in IC St. Louis Hall for Hospitality Sunday. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.

All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.



Hospitality Sunday

1st Sundays after the 9AM Mass | Parish Center



The Pelican Intervention Fund

Mark your calendars for the upcoming
**Yankee Homecoming Parade in Newburyport
on Sunday, August 6.**

This parade is extra special as The Pelican Intervention Fund will be marching right behind the Immaculate Conception Team as we help celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Immaculate Conception Church.

After the parade, Pelican Intervention Fund will sponsor a reception (pizza & soft drinks) at the Bartlett Mall. (basically the finish line). **You are welcome to attend** and meet the 12-step sober homes we support and the clients you've helped place throughout the years. P.I.F. has now placed 130 young men and women into recovery programs. Please feel free to join us in celebration.

As always,
thank you for
your
continued
support for
the Pelican
Intervention
Fund.



Adoration



"Adoration doesn't have instructions, and there's no particular format to follow....It's free time with Jesus, where we don't have to think about kneeling and standing or finding pages in the hymnal. Adoration is our up-close-and-personal time with the Holy Eucharist, where we can focus wholly on our relationship with God." (from *The Handy Little Guide: Adoration* by Michelle Jones Schroeder)

Join us for Adoration.

Place: IC Church

Enter through the Green Street door only.

Times: Thurs. 7–8 p.m.

and

Fri. 9:30–12 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.

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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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	Donika Pulake
Priscilla Brown	Charmaine Haan	Douglas Rose
Vasfije Buhali	Hillar Haan	Robert Rose
Autumn Rose	Jay Hanslig	Maureen Russell
Coulombe	Terence Healey	Rob Schweizer
Bill Crounse	Linda Hofferty	Frank Siderio
Drew Daubach	Sam Kitchen	Yvonne Sloban
Kristen	Arthur LaPointe	Gary Smith
D'Entremont	Carol O'Neal	Arlene Stoddard
Ann-Margaret	Rev. Mario Orrigo	Tom Tribble
Ferrante	Eleanora Paciulan	Michael Tucker
Jeanine Ebacher	Joseph Palumbo	Maddie Villers
Fowler	Lee Preble	Laurent Vincent

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

Collaborative Pastoral Council

We are still seeking parishioners for participation in our Collaborative Pastoral Council. The purpose of the Collaborative Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education, and service activities within the parish.

If you are interested in serving on the Council, consider nominating yourself or you can nominate another member of our Collaborative. All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parish who are 16 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated.

Please send the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate in an email to jimwilliamson35@gmail.com by August 5, 2023. Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council. Selection of candidates for expiring terms will be chosen by lot in late August.



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Wherever you are in your journey, our marriage help program can improve communication, increase connection and intimacy in your marriage. Thousands of couples have successfully transformed their marriages by attending our program. It all starts by attending a weekend! Visit HelpOurMarriage.org or scan the QR code to learn more.



Upcoming weekends: August 18–20, November 10–12.

IC Haiti Second Collection

August 5–6

The weekend of August 5 and 6 will mark the end of this year's Yankee Homecoming festivities. It is the weekend of the fireworks, the parade, and the IC Haiti quarterly collection. Please do not forget our struggling brothers and sisters in Haiti while we are joyfully celebrating our own heritage.

Back in 2008, when our faith community first responded to the Lord's call to serve the people of Haiti, we did so with joyful hearts and eyes wide open. We proclaimed: I see Haiti: I see hope! We formed an alliance with the well-established Saint Boniface Haiti Foundation (now Health Equity International) with a promise to respond to the needs of the Haitian people as best we were able.

Eventually we focused our assistance on their children's vitally important need for an education. In providing and maintaining a school, we have truly been offering hope for the future of Haiti. We have also helped in response to natural disasters and health crises, but our focus has remained on providing an education to primary and secondary school aged children. Despite the recent and ongoing humanitarian crisis in Haiti, we have been advised not to divert our aid efforts away from the educational needs of the children currently attending the Father Marc Piché school in Puit Chacha and those who have advanced to secondary school in Fond des Blancs. Because of your generosity, IC Haiti has remained true to its commitment to offer the gift of hope to our brothers and sisters in Christ in Haiti.

As we celebrate Yankee Homecoming this year, please continue to support the efforts of IC Haiti and to pray for the wellbeing of the Haitian people.

Newburyport Chamber Music Festival Open Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 9, 10:00 a.m., Nativity Church

Ever want to be a fly on the wall and see how a classical work is prepared for performance? Come see the festival artists assemble this summer's repertoire. Central to NCMF, open rehearsals allow the audience to obtain an unvarnished look at the sometimes difficult and controversial process in which a piece is transformed from black marks on a page to a piece of music by individuals working together to make an artistic statement.

Join us Wednesday, August 9, from 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m., at Nativity Church in Merrimac for a free and open-to-the-public rehearsal for the Newburyport Chamber Music Festival (NCMF). For more information on the Newburyport Chamber Music Festival, visit newburyportchambermusic.org.

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 NEWS

Collaborative Faith Formation

Faith Formation schedules and registration forms will be posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs (K-8)

Registrations for the 2023-24 school year will be posted on the website in the weeks ahead. Watch the bulletin for details.

Baptism

We celebrate this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

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.

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.

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.

Vermont Flood Disaster Relief

Recently, our neighbors in Vermont have suffered historic levels of flooding. For those wishing to contribute to the recovery efforts, contributions can be made through the following channels:

<https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/catholic-charities/ways-to-give/donate-online/>

or

<https://form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/green-mountain-united-way/2023-vermont-flood-disaster-relief-fund>

Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need!

HR NEWS

Holy Redeemer Projects

Painting the Interior of St. Ann Church

Currently, we are raising funds to give the interior of St. Ann Church a new coat of paint. This spring, a group of parishioners formed a small committee to pick out new colors. We need approximately \$9,000.00 to complete the project. Special envelopes have been included in the monthly packets for those who receive them, or blank ones will be available at the back of the church. Please watch the bulletin in the weeks ahead to track our progress. Once the money has been raised, we will schedule the painting to be done. Many thanks for your support and generosity in helping to complete this work!

Air Conditioning for Nativity Hall

We are beginning to raise the funds necessary to add air conditioning to Nativity Hall. Like the church, we intend to install the heat pump "splits" that have enabled us to enjoy a more comfortable environment for worship this summer. Taking advantage of current rebates available, we hope to see this work done for about \$12,000.00. In addition to helping with a number of parish meetings that have resumed, this project will also be helpful with the occasional meal following funerals and other events. Special envelopes for this have been included in the monthly packets for those who receive them and blank envelopes will be available in the church as well. Once we have raised these funds, we will proceed with the project. Many thanks for your generosity and support!

Activities Committee Updates

Next Meetings: September 6 & 27

The Activities Committee will be meeting Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Merrimac hall. We will be gathering to place the final preparations for our ham and bean supper on Saturday, September 23. Please join us.

We will also be meeting on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Merrimac hall to get our Holiday Fair underway. The fair is Saturday, November 18. Many, many hands are needed!!

Coffee and Conversation, September 17

Please join us after the 8:30 Mass on September 17 for coffee and conversation. We would all love to hear what you did on your summer vacation!

Ham & Bean Dinner, September 23

We are in the planning stages of a **ham and bean dinner** followed by BINGO on Saturday, September 23 after the 4:00 Mass at Nativity.

Holiday Fair, November 18

Mark your calendars for this annual event. Join us in planning this wonderful event.



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HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

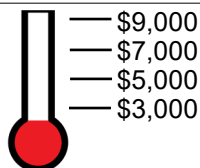
HR Offertory, July 22–23	\$1,960.00
HR Mailed-In Offertory, Week Ending July 21	\$ 112.50
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 293.75
Total Weekly Offertory	\$2,366.25
Electrical Cooling Costs, July 22–23	\$ 223.00
Grand Annual Goal: \$25,000	\$19,755

The second collection this weekend (July 30) is *Missionary Appeal* (See below.). The second collection next weekend (August 6) is *IC Haiti*. Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti." See page 5 of the bulletin for details. Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Holy Redeemer Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

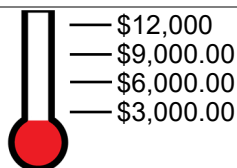
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

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

St. Ann Church Painting Project
Goal \$9,000.00
To Date \$548.00



Nativity Hall Air Conditioning
Goal \$12,000.00
To Date \$150.00



Missionary Appeal July 29–30

The missionary visiting us this weekend is Fr. Tulio Ramirez, mxy, of the Yarumal Mission Society. Originally from Colombia, South America, he is a missionary priest who has served the people of God in Kenya and Ethiopia in Africa and in The Bronx, NY. The goal of the Yarumal Mission Society is to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ among people and cultures where the Gospel is not yet fully preached. They are present in Angola, Bolivia, Cambodia, Colombia, Ecuador, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Panama, and Thailand. In order to carry out their pastoral programs and social projects, their missionaries depend very much on the generosity of the parishes they visit. Our support for Fr. Tulio and his missions is a sign that reminds us of our baptismal vocation: We are all missionaries of Christ. Please be generous.

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 or hvktax@aol.com. Come join us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month 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, August 3 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.

HR St. Vincent de Paul



We have received positive responses to our request for new members. Many thanks to those of you who have said, "yes!" to our request. That said, we welcome additional inquiries about our works as part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

To answer the question, "who we are?" this brief summary of the Society and its works from ssvpusa.org follows:

In the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; is a Catholic lay organization inspired by Gospel values. The Society leads women and men to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering.

Specifically, when our conference receives a call from someone in W. Newbury or Merrimac, two of our members arrange to visit this friend in need. In this face-to-face meeting, we assess their needs; overdue bills, or food assistance and then provide a report to the remainder of the group. With prayer and discussion we respond with whatever help is appropriate. Our work typically involves close collaboration with various local agencies and public assistance contacts when a more comprehensive response is needed.

Anyone interested in joining us can call 978-364-8604 and leave a voice message at the HR St. Vincent de Paul prompt or email Marie Pierce at mvpierce4@gmail.com or Dave Olds: dolds777@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions about joining.

Please continue to give generously using our poor boxes and the envelopes provided in the pews of both churches. Your donations are very much appreciated. Mail donations to 4 Green St. Merrimac, MA 01860.

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 assistance, please have them call our hotline at 978-346-8604 X4.

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** for the month of **August**.

Chamber Music Festival Rehearsal at Nativity

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

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IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 21	\$3,530.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,012.59
Total Weekly Offertory	\$15,810.59

Electrical Cooling Costs, July 22–23 \$ 529.00
Grand Annual Goal: \$100,000 \$82,430

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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.

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 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!

SAVE THE DATE October 2, 2023

IC 5TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

RENAISSANCE GOLF CLUB
377 KENOZA STREET, HAVERHILL, MA



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Immaculate Conception School



PELICANS NEST PRE-K PROGRAM

Pelicans Nest Pre-K provides an educational foundation through faith, fun, imagination, collaboration and social interactions!

- Flexible Scheduling
- Full Day
- ½ Day includes lunchtime and recess
- Before Care & After Care 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Weekly Classes in Art, Music, Spanish, Gym. Multiple outdoor play times a day.
- Daily involvement with the larger school community, Buddy Program, Church Buddies.

Limited Openings Remain for 2023/24

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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.

Newburyport Scouting

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

The Scouts BSA Troop 21 is looking for boys and girls aged 11–17 to join and participate in the adventures of Scouting! Based in Newburyport at Immaculate Conception Church, Troop 21 is the oldest Troop to be chartered in Newburyport.

Troop 21, led by Leonard Wallace and Dr. Michelle LaFlamme, offers opportunities to learn and develop life and leadership skills, make new friends through a combination of outdoor activities, visits to cultural or historical sites, and much more. We welcome any youth looking to join; no prior Scouting experience is necessary. If you were previously a Scout and dropped out of the program or did not join Cub Scouts, we'd love for you to drop back in!

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

IC 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

IC Berry Festival

Sunday, July 30 12:00 noon–4:00 p.m.,
Rain or shine



On the IC Church lawn at the corner of Green and High Streets

Strawberry/blueberry shortcakes with homemade biscuits, hand-picked local berries, topped off with fresh, homemade whipped cream \$5.00

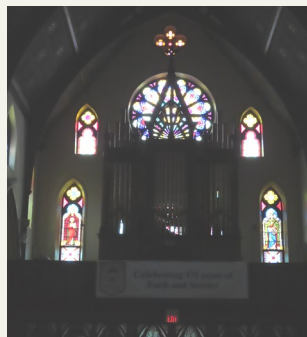
Bottled Water \$1.00

All proceeds to benefit HRIC Ministries

IC Celebrates 175 Years with a Church Tour

Yankee Homecoming Olde-Fashioned Sunday will include a detailed tour inside Immaculate Conception Church.

Sunday, July 30, 12:30–2:00 p.m.
Entrance at Green Street Main Door.



•Come for all 90 minutes or merge into or out of the tour at your pace.

•Stay for the air-conditioning, handouts, a seat, and water.

•Walk through God's House up close in 5 distinct areas.

•Spot IC's 5 classic neo-gothic architectural features.

•Take the Scavenger Hunt Challenge.

•Find fossils in the sanctuary marble.

•Bring your group since it's all FREE.

(Late-comers? Casual Q/A 2:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.)

175th Anniversary Prayer

Immaculate Conception Church

1848-2023

Gracious and loving Father, on this 175th anniversary of our Parish, we celebrate our past and rejoice in our present.

We praise You for all the joy we have shared in these years of faith and fellowship. We pray for all who together make up this community of Your people.

Through the guidance and intercession of our Patroness, may we be ever mindful of the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit who renews all things.

May our Parish continue to grow as a home for all who seek Your love and mercy. Mary, Queen of Peace, conceived without original sin, pray for us. Amen

Parade Marchers for Yankee Homecoming Float

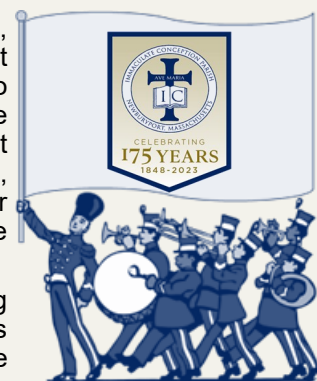
The float is complete, the tee shirts have arrived and *Team Immaculate Conception 175* is ready for the Yankee Homecoming parade!

For those who are marching, please arrive at Market Basket at 10:30 am on Sunday, August 6 to line up for the judging of the floats. Judging will take place at 11:00 a.m. Wear your tee shirt, bring your ministry sign and your walking shoes. There will be water for everyone in the truck.

For those who will be watching from the parade route to cheer us on, come and watch from the lawn at the Parish Center on High Street. The only thing you will need is a chair and a donation of canned goods for the food pantry. Don't miss your chance for a front row seat!

Thanks to the many volunteers for the time and creativity to make this happen!

Philippians 4:4-5 Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let your joy overflow!



Harvest Fair Items Needed

All-Holiday Items Raffle Prizes Grandma's Attic Items

How Can You Help? Do you have any "once loved" holiday items from **any** holiday that you no longer use or display at home that could be donated to our **All-Holiday Table** especially Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas?

Do you have a "gently used" item for the **Grandma's Attic Table**?

Perhaps you could donate a gift card to a local restaurant, tickets to a sporting or musical event, or a weekend at a summer cottage or ski resort for our **Raffle Prizes**?

Please help support our Parish's 175th Anniversary Harvest Fair by setting aside your treasures now! Drop off dates will be announced in a future bulletin.

175th Anniversary Harvest Fair

We are planning to hold a Harvest Fair on Saturday, October 21. The fair will include a bake sale, artisan/craft tables, a wine rack, Grandma's Attic table, raffles and door prizes, all-holiday table, 175th anniversary commemorative items, and much more.

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