

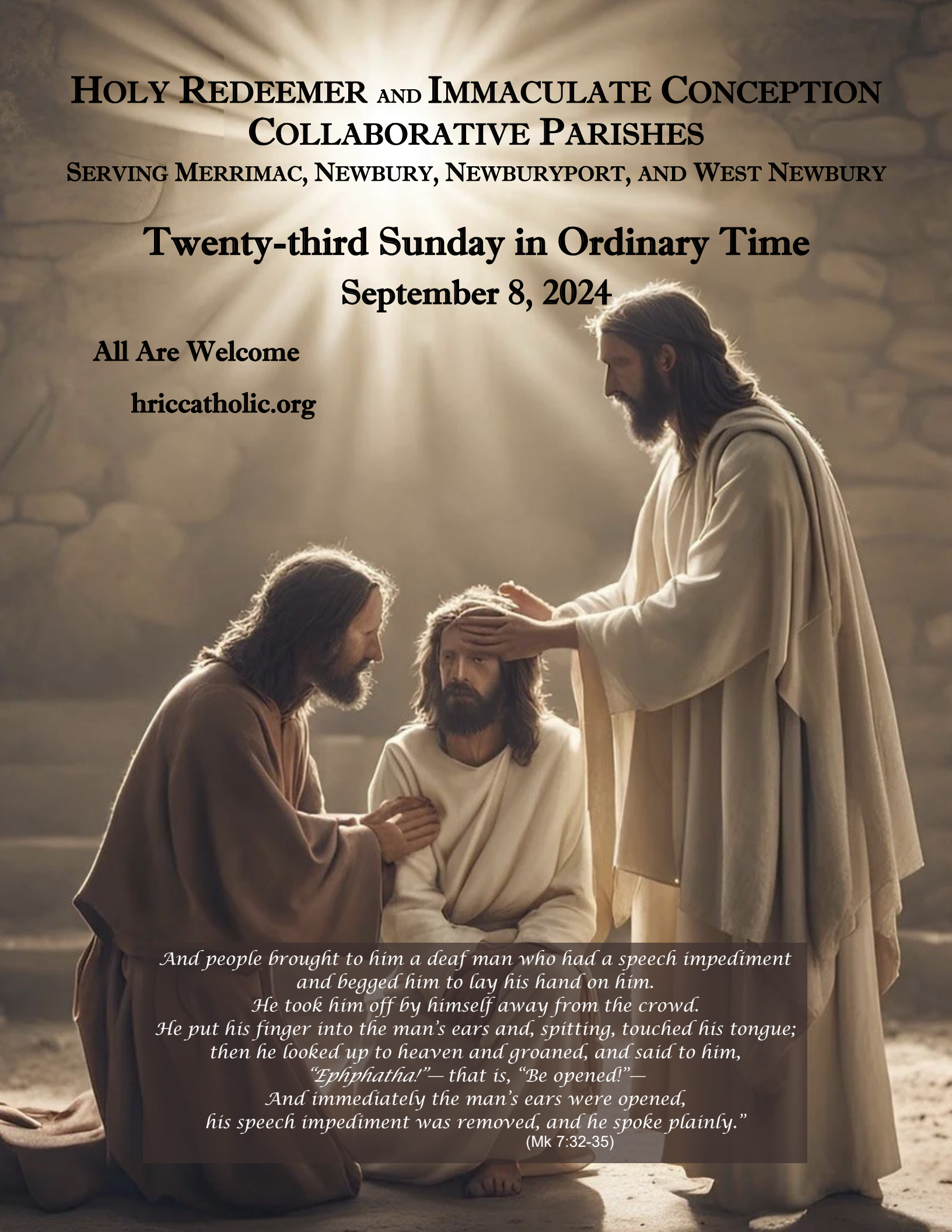
HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2024

All Are Welcome

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*And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment
and begged him to lay his hand on him.*

*He took him off by himself away from the crowd.
He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue;
then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him,
"Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!"—*

*And immediately the man's ears were opened,
his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly."*

(Mk 7:32-35)



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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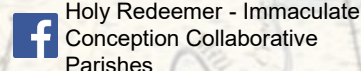
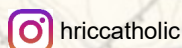
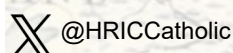
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Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/7)

4:00pm **IC** Jack Burrell, Rose Rowe (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

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

Sunday (9/8)

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

9:00am **IC** Joan Griffin, Diane Hillier Finlay, James Carew (Fr. Richard)

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

11:30am IC Michael Filomia, Marie Freeman, Bruce Tibbets (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (9/9)

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

Tuesday (9/10)

9:00am **IC** For the intentions of Adele Marchuska (Fr. Stanley)

Wednesday (9/11)

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

Thursday (9/12)

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

Friday (9/13)

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

Saturday (9/14)

4:00pm **IC** Jack Burrell, William Kelleher (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (9/15)

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

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

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

11:30am IC Sean Hanley, Joseph Messina and the deceased members of the Perruccio family (Fr. Stanley)

Please note that the later Mass at IC on Sundays will change to **11:30 a.m.** beginning on September 8.

In your prayers please remember Janet Michaud 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 as well as our Facebook page.

Bulletin Information

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

Questions of the Week



Adult: Do you ever speak on behalf of those who have no voice or are not heard?

Child: How do you use your voice for good?

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



When I was a kid, my parents gave me a cassette recorder for my birthday one year. I had a lot of fun with it over the years recording music from the radio and various sounds and conversations with family and friends. One thing I noticed immediately, however, was that whenever I recorded my own voice, it always sounded “wrong.” It was me on the recording alright, but my voice didn’t sound much like what I thought my voice should sound like. At first, I thought it was the microphone or some glitch on the tape recorder. But then when I mentioned it to others, they all said the same thing...that their voices sounded different when recorded. The only thing is that I thought “their voices” sounded completely normal, it was only mine that sounded weird. I would come to realize after some further conversations that because of where our ears are in relation to our mouths and vocal chords, we don’t “hear” our voices the way they are heard by everyone else on the planet. It is a strange phenomenon—the one (us!) closest to our voices hears them differently from everyone else.

Imagine, now, that we couldn’t hear at all. If we were deaf or greatly hearing-challenged, and spoke—our voice would likely sound stranger still, or give us no reference point at all. We might be too loud or too soft, inflections and nuances in our speech that so many of us take for granted would be lost. Pronunciations would become unintelligible and the ability to carry on a conversation would quickly fall apart. We might see people “speaking” to us, but their words and that which they wish to communicate might be mostly lost. For a few annoying individuals, this might be seen as a blessing(!), but for the vast majority of situations, it would be an incessant curse.

For us and for them.

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Collaborative Ministry Fair at IC

Join us in IC St. Louis Hall on September 7–8 after all IC Masses



The Collaborative Ministry Committee will sponsor a Ministry Fair after all IC Masses this weekend.

This weekend we will have tables set up after all the IC Masses where representatives of all our Collaborative ministries will be present to explain what they do to serve our parish and local communities and to encourage new volunteers. We invite you to please stop by to enjoy some refreshments and to learn more about what parish members are doing in the community and how you might become part of one or more of them. No presentations: just an opportunity to learn about our Collaborative ministries and enjoy the company of other parishioners (and cookies)! Please join us today after all IC Masses.

Note: The Ministry Fair at Holy Redeemer Parish will be postponed to a later date.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, September 9

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

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

Tuesday, September 10

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

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

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

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, September 11

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

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

HR Activities Committee Mtg. 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

Thursday, September 12

Catechist Mtg. 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Pilgrimage Information Night 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Friday, September 13

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, September 14

Confessions 3:00pm, 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.

Clergy Trust Collection

Next week's second collection (September 15) supports 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

It's CORI Time

2025 CORI forms are now available. You can pick up a form in the back of each of the churches and have a priest or deacon verify it with your ID or stop by the IC parish center offices and fill one out there. CORI forms are also available on our website so you can download one and fill it out ahead of time.

Remember that the Archdiocese of Boston requires all volunteers in the church who are 18 years of age and older to fill out a CORI form every year. We appreciate the cooperation of all those required to complete the CORI and we particularly thank you for keeping the pledge to protect those among us who are most vulnerable.

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Conversation, the very bedrock of human society, is a two-way street. Information-offered, information-shared. When this breaks down, we all suffer the consequences. Now enter Jesus and His mission to share the Good News. Despite the true blessing this healing narrative portrays for the man who was deaf and mute, the richer treasure that was harvested in this encounter was a restoration of harmony in this seaside village. A small but important detail offered in the Gospel story is that "people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him." (Mk 7:32) The deaf man didn't come on his own, but rather was deemed important enough and beloved enough for others to petition Jesus on his behalf. Whatever his role in the village, he was greatly valued and was an integral part of this small community and family. For him not to be able to effectively communicate or hear and understand them was a burden that they all shared. While he received his speech and hearing, the entire community received clarity and more effective interaction. Finally, he could laugh with them, share stories together, and be closer to his family and friends. And, this village was given a hint at much more to come!

What was the first thing that this formerly deaf-mute man would hear? Stories about Jesus and how exceedingly astonished they all were, about how He made the deaf hear and the mute speak...echoing the promises of Isaiah from long ago and enflaming their hearts about what is yet to come from Jesus and God. Jesus did all things well! With a clear voice, he could now give witness to what Christ did for him and point to what God is doing for us all. Miracle—Healing—Wholeness—Witness—Evangelization—Fulfillment. It is a pattern that was repeated over and over again for those whose hearts were ready and whose minds were open to the greater possibility of God's love for them.

Today, while our own voices may sound strange and distorted if we ever hear ourselves on a recording, may they be unambiguously clear about one thing: Jesus is the Lord and through Him we have salvation and lasting fulfillment. This is Good News, no matter what the media may suggest. May we open our ears, hearts, and the entirety of our lives to this blessing!

Late Summer Blessings to all,
Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Knights of Columbus

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 about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library.



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

A Retreat for Ordinary Time

Finding the Narrow Road to Spiritual Maturity

"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few." Mt 7:13-14

Ordinary Time is called ordinary as its weeks are numbered, or ordered. Ordinary Time Mass readings focus on the life of Christ to learn how he lived in his Father. This is the time of personal conversion and commitment to follow Christ and a fitting time to explore your own relationship with Christ and your spiritual maturation.

Scripture cautions us that few find the narrow gate and enter to walk the constricted road that leads to life. Our retreat will focus on how you can find this gateway in your life and identify your roadblocks to this path, as well as what attracts you to the broad road.

I will provide appropriate material for reading and reflection and meet with you for four spiritual direction sessions. I will listen deeply as you share and, together, we allow the Holy Spirit to move us and bless and guide our sharing.

You may schedule direction sessions throughout the retreat. We will meet in person or Zoom at a time convenient for you. This offering is designed to provide an affordable, convenient, safe retreat and create an intimate space for you to share yourself deeply with the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Retreat opens September 15 and closes October 12.

Four one-hour spiritual direction sessions scheduled at your convenience. Suggested donation: \$90.00

Spiritual director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastoral Counseling. Call (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information.

Pilgrimage Info. Night

The HRIC Pilgrimage Ministry is excited to announce two Pilgrimages for 2025. See right column for ads.

Medjugorje with Fr. George: April 28–May 6, 2025

Great Shrines & Saints of France with Fr. Tim: October 13–25, 2025

Interested in one or both of the Pilgrimages? Join us on September 12 for a travel night information session. It will include a brief presentation, Q & A time, and some light refreshments.

Thursday, September 12 7:00 p.m. IC St. Louis Hall

A Liturgy of Celebration

Mark your calendars! A Liturgy of Celebration will be held on Saturday, September 14, at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish in Lowell to commemorate the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur's 175 years of an Enduring Legacy of Goodness in New England.

On October 16 at the Marriott in Burlington, we will come together to commemorate 175 years of courage, dedication, and service to the community. Since the arrival of three Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in Boston in November 1849, their journey has been one of profound commitment to making known God's goodness through education and advocacy, especially for women and children. Join us and learn more about the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur at www.snddeneastwest.org/175NE.

MEDJUGORJE



\$2,949 per person
from Boston (BOS)

*All Pricing Based on Double Occupancy.
Pricing available from any airport: www.206tours.com/airports

Optional 4 nights Post Tour to Dubrovnik and Split:
May 06 – 10, 2025
\$1,873 per person

April 28 - May 06, 2025



The HRIC Pilgrimage Ministry is excited to announce two Pilgrimages for 2025. Website registration is open now for both of these fantastic itineraries (links below). **Join us for our pilgrimage information night on September 12, 7:00 p.m., IC St. Louis Hall. Details in left column.**

Medjugorje: www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/medjugorje/
(Booking Code PB042825)

France: www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/france/
(Booking Code: PB101325)

Great Shrines & Saints of France

October 13 - 25, 2025

\$7,149 per person from Boston (BOS)

All prices based on double occupancy.
Pricing available from any airport: www.206tours.com/airports



Spiritual Director:
Fr. Tim Harrison

Group Leaders:
Paul & Christine
Blanchette

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Evening of Reflection for All in Ministry

The Collaborative Ministry Committee is sponsoring an Evening of Reflection, led by Fr. George Morin, on Wednesday, September 25 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at IC Church. Any Collaborative member who is involved in any ministry, committee, or involved in any other way is invited to attend. We held a similar event last September which was very well received.



Please join us again or come for the first time.

Adoration: Choose Rest



The world is fast, noisy, and busy. Why not choose slow, silent, and restful? This option is offered every week. Be renewed. Be choosy. The rest will follow.

Wednesdays 3:00–4:00 p.m. Nativity Church

Thursdays 7:00–8:00 p.m., IC Church (*enter at Green Street door only*)

Fridays 9:30 a.m., IC Church (unless a funeral is scheduled)

Collaborative Faith Formation

**School Year Programs
(K–10, Including Sacramental Prep.)**

Faith Formation schedules and registration forms for the 2024–25 school year are now available on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation. Please be sure to check out the new information for Confirmation prep.

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.

Free Piano

Are you looking for a piano for your family? We have one for you! It has been in storage for a bit, so it may need tuning and a little dusting off. It is in good playing condition (all the keys work!)

If you are interested, contact Dennis LaMalfa in the IC offices: 978-462-2724.



Prayers for the Sick

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

Rosemarie Anderson	Renee Fowler	Carol O'Neal
Patricia Baikewicz	Raymond Gibbons	Eleanora Paciulan
Kathy P. Brodeur	Ed Hardy	Joseph Palumbo
Priscilla Brown	Jane Harney	Joanne Pesa
Vasfije Buhali	Chloe Hequet	Elizabeth Pettingell
Autumn Rose	Linda Hofferty	Donika Pulake
Coulombe	Armand Hyatt	Rose Raimo
Bill Crounse	Justin Johnson	Rob Schweizer
Drew Daubach	Michael Juralewicz	Yvonne Sloban
Kristen D'Entremont	Arthur LaPointe	Gary Smith
Deb Downie	Michael	Arlene Stoddard
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	Lichtenstein	Taylor
John Flynn	Johannah Lord	Captain Bill Taplin
Jeanine Ebacher	Sia Mahalati	Tom Tribble
Fowler	Ovidio Martinez	Michael Tucker
	Patricia Carey	Maddie Villers
	McCarthy	Laurent Vincent

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

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 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, October 3 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us!

Looking for Yarn Donations

We are always looking for **yarn donations**. Do you have some leftover yarn from an old project? Maybe a family member who no longer knits or crochets? Any amount is welcome. Contact Helen at 978-771-4673 and she will arrange to pick it up.



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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, September 11



This program delivers soup and sandwiches to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday 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 & jelly are favorites. Please do not use condiments.

If you have abundant garden produce or are able to pick up a few extras at the supermarket, fresh peppers, onions, carrots, and corn are most welcome! 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 7–9 a.m.

Cursillo Corner



*"Now **faith** is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. By **faith** we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible...."*
Hebrews 11

We have been blessed to have many people from the HRIC community enjoy the experience of Cursillo again post Covid. Many thanks to friends, family, and sponsors who supported their candidates with their prayer and participation.

The opportunity to share in this 3-day, joyful re-introduction to the love of Christ will begin again in October 2024 at St. Basil's Seminary in Methuen. All are encouraged to further explore Cursillo as a part of your faith journey.

Weekends in 2024/2025 are listed below:

Men	Women
October 3–6	November 7–10
December 5–10	January 3–5
February 6–9	March 6–9
April 3–6	May 1–4
	June 5–8

Contacts: Pat Temple 617-899-0424

Jonathan Temple 978-809-9337

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/.



IC 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.

Car Donation Still Needed

We are still 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 IC 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!

IC Music Ministry Notes

We are looking for new members to join us.

Youth Choir: Children, grades 3–8, will sing once a month at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday family liturgy. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 4:30–5:30pm in the church. Youth choir follows the regular school schedule, so when there is no school, there is also no rehearsal or singing at Mass scheduled. The Youth Choir also sings at the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass and may perform for the local community at various times throughout the year as part of our parish's community outreach program.

Adult Choir: Individuals, grade 9–adult sing every week at the 11:30 a.m. Sunday liturgies. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:00–8:45 p.m. in the choir loft. We have a few spots for new members so why not give us a try by singing with us for the Advent/Christmas season? It's time well spent filled with lots of faith, friends, and fun. This choir also sings on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., performs at fundraising concerts, and for the local community at different times throughout the year.

Musicians Needed: We are looking for musicians to help us out at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday liturgy. If you are in high school or an adult who plays guitar or another instrument, please consider joining us at these Masses. Why not give us a try by joining us for the Advent/Christmas season? No long-term commitment with lots of faith, friends, and fun.

All choirs are currently looking for new members.

There are no auditions...everyone is welcome. Why not give us a try? You'll have lots of fun, make new friends, fine-tune your talents and receive a multitude of blessings in return. Come and join us today!

Questions? Call Donna Postle, Music Director, at (978) 317-8903.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Aug. 31–Sept. 1	\$6,522.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending August 30	\$4,292.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$2,972.59
Total Weekly Offertory, Aug. 31–Sept. 1	\$13,786.59

The second collection this weekend (September 8) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (September 15) is Clergy Trust. See page 4 of the bulletin for details.

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.

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.

Harvest Fair 2024

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, October 19 • 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

It will include a bake sale, artisan/craft tables, the popular Wall of Wine, scratch ticket tree raffle, Grandma's Attic table, an all-holiday table, a raffle table and door prizes. Oh, and lest we forget Jan's famous fish chowda!

Harvest Fair Items Are Needed

All Holiday • Grandma's Attic • Raffle

Please consider helping us make the Harvest Fair a big success!

Bins are now set up just inside St. Louis Hall for collecting donations for the All Holiday, Grandma's Attic and Raffle tables. If you have a gift card, tickets to a musical or sporting event, or voucher for a mini vacation, please call Melinda at the office 978-462-2724.

Get a head start!

Many baked goods are needed! It's not too early to start baking and freezing cakes, breads, and cookies. Pies are welcome too. Also consider gluten-free items.

If you have any questions, please contact Betty: 978-595-7776.

Immaculate Conception School



Pictured: the school staff met for daily Mass last week and received a blessing for the school year from Fr. Tim.

IC Fall Mass Schedule Change

Reminder: Beginning September 8, IC Sunday Mass times will change to our fall schedule. Sunday morning Mass times at IC are:

9:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. (Note time change)

The Saturday vigil is still at 4:00 p.m.

The schedule will remain in effect through Memorial Day 2025.

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.

Harvest Fair Wall of Wine

I.C. Harvest Fair on October 19 is fast approaching.

It's time to begin filling up the Wall of Wine.

Last year the Wall of Wine was a tremendous hit, emptying the wine rack in only 2 hours.

We need everyone's help.

Simply donate some wine to fill this year's rack. Bring a bottle of white, rose, or red wine valued at \$15 or more to church with you and put it in the "wine bin" in the Green Street entrance.

We are hoping to have some premium wines (\$40+) donated to enhance everyone's choices.



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HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Aug. 31–Sept. 1	\$1,874.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending August 30	\$ 450.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 372.50
Total Weekly Offertory, Aug. 31–Sept. 1	\$2,696.50

The second collection this weekend (September 8) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (September 15) is Clergy Trust. See page 4 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.**

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Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. Please use 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.

Thank you all for your generous response to our back-to-school campaign!

The Cookbooks Are Here!

Thank you to all who contributed recipes and worked so hard to make our parish cookbook a success. If you would like to purchase a copy, they will be for sale (\$15 each) after the 4:00, 8:30, and 10:00 Masses at both St. Ann and Nativity for the next two weekends: September 7/8, and September 14/15.

They make great gifts too!



Fleece Blankets for Veterans

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are having a volunteer event on **Sunday, September 8 at Nativity hall**. We will be making fleece blankets for veterans from **9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

We would like to open this volunteer event to our fellow parishioners to come help us make blankets. Maybe there's a teen who needs service hours or someone with a stash of fleece? We are asking anyone interested in joining us to bring the following supplies:

- 2 yards of America-themed fleece
- 2 yards of coordinating color fleece
- Scissors that are sharp
- A ruler



This is a no-sew blanket—we just cut the edges into fringe and double knot it. Easy and fun! We will have coffee on as well. If you are interested in helping call 978-346-9448 so that we can set up enough tables for participants.

Holiday Fair News

Save the Date. The Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair is Saturday, November 23.



The Activities Committee is working hard for our Parish. Planning in advance makes our Holiday Fair very successful. Summertime weather is a great time to paint **baskets**. When cleaning and organizing your home, check if you have any **baskets to**

donate. Leave the baskets in the back of either church. We will pick them up and get them cleaned and painted for our **Basket Table**. If you have questions, please call Jackie: 978-270-4325.

Since you are cleaning and organizing your home, (or thinking you should!), if you come across any “treasures” that you don't need anymore, perhaps set them aside for our **Nearly New Table**.

The **Silent Auction Table** is also looking for donations. If you have pieces of art, collectables, sport tickets, a weekend getaway, **new** small appliances, etc., consider donating it to the Silent Auction. Most any donation is fun to display on the table and watch the bidding. If you have questions, please call Carole: 978-346-9031.

Our next **fair meeting is September 11 at 6:30 p.m.** in Nativity Hall. Please join us and help plan for the fair.

Holy Redeemer Ministry Fair to be Rescheduled

The Ministry Fair at Holy Redeemer Parish will be rescheduled to a later date. The Ministry Fair at IC will be held at the IC Parish Center, after all the IC Masses, on September 7–8. Please join us if you are attending Mass at IC that weekend.



Adoration at Nativity Church

Eucharistic Adoration is offered on Wednesdays from 3:00–4:00 p.m. at Church of the Nativity. Join us weekly for one hour of Sacred Silence.



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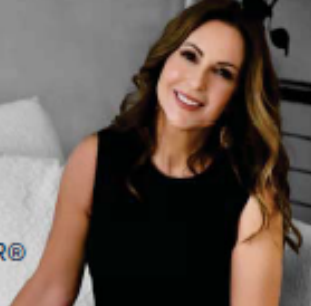



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