

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 2023

All Are Welcome

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*For where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them.*

(Mt 18:20)



## 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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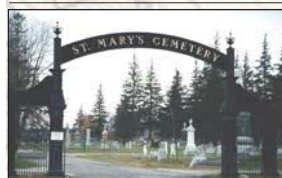
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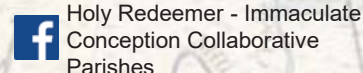
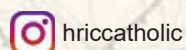
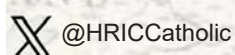
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (9/9)

4:00pm **IC Rose Rowe, Al Hasapis** (Fr. Richard & Deacon Moranski)

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

### Sunday (9/10)

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

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

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

11:30am **IC Daniel, Michelle, & Carole Bradley, Judith Vevinat, James Edward Doyle** (Fr. Richard)

### Monday (9/11)

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

### Tuesday (9/12)

9:00am (Fr. Stanley)

### Wednesday (9/13)

9:00am **IC Sophie Stoia** (Fr. Richard)

### Thursday (9/14)

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

### Friday (9/15)

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

### Saturday (9/16)

4:00pm **IC Carmella Herlihy, Richard & Barbara Hanley, Joseph Keefe, Laurie Ann Freeman** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

### Sunday (9/17)

8:30am **Nativity Jozef Kardas & Family** (Fr. Morin)

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

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

11:30am **IC Joseph Carmody, Josephine Minalio, Stanley Baikewicz** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

*In your prayers please remember Geraldine Fowler, Rev. Mario Arrigo, 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](http://hricatholic.org) and on Facebook: (Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes).

## 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/hricatholic/](http://www.facebook.com/hricatholic/)

## AED Kits for the Collaborative

Earlier this year, we installed 8 AED (Automated External Defibrillator) kits in our worship spaces and parish halls. To date, we have received many donations that have covered the cost of **all but 2** of the AEDs that were purchased.

We continue to accept donations to cover the cost of the remaining 2 AEDs. The total cost per AED installed is \$2,192. Please contact Dennis LaMalfa for more information: 978-462-2724 x451, [dlamalfa@hricatholic.org](mailto:dlamalfa@hricatholic.org).

## From the Pastor

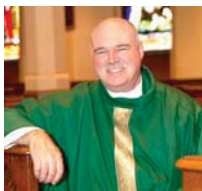
Dear Parishioners,

I would be willing to wager that almost every one of us, almost every day, vastly underestimates the power of prayer to transform and enhance our lives. It's not that many of us, even most of us, don't pray regularly. We do. We gather for Daily Mass or Sunday Eucharist. We spend time in personal prayer, reading the Sacred Scriptures, praying the Rosary and more. We intercede for others, our Church, and world. We spend time in quiet, silent prayer without words, meditating on the things of God and pondering His Will. We suffer with others who are struggling, thus our tears for them become our heartfelt plea before God. We offer our own afflictions, addictions, and difficulties before the Lord, hoping for relief and healing. We pray and pray and pray.

And yet, I still believe that we often and mostly sell God short on what He can and will do for us and all who believe. Jesus tells us in this weekend's Gospel, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt 18:19–20) His words to us convey an enormous power and responsibility to come together in true unity and with great purpose.

But we don't do that well or often, do we? We might all say the obligatory, "Lord hear our prayer," during the Universal Prayer at Mass. But are we all really asking the same thing from the Lord? Are we even paying attention to what we are being asked to pray for? When was the last time we truly and substantially brought our hearts together in a singleness of mind and purpose to fervently petition God for anything? We may do many things with great effort, and we may come together around many causes, but do we really understand the power that has been entrusted to us in our prayer—our communing conversations with Almighty God?

On the evening of September 11, 2001, in an age before most social media and text messages, we opened the doors of the church where I was serving and placed a billboard outside simply saying, "Mass at 6pm." Nearly 600 people came together in prayer as we all struggled in our nation to make sense of the terrorist attacks and mourn the loss of loved ones, and dare I say, some of our collective innocence. Our prayers that night were many and varied—for those who had died, their families, our communities, our country and for our world. Some wanted vengeance and payback. Some just wanted all of the killing to end. Some wanted justice to be served. Some wanted a better world where hatred and violence had no place. Some just wanted to go back to the way things were before that fateful day. Some just wanted their spouse or parent, their relative, friend or neighbor back...to embrace them once again and be reassured by their love, though they knew that was impossible in the present moment. We all wanted peace, though few could agree on what exactly that might look like or how we might



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achieve it. We all wanted God to fix things, to do something about this terrible tragedy. Yet we had no idea how, when or what God would/should/could ultimately do.

So we just came together. In our gathering, explicitly and implicitly, we trusted that the Holy Spirit would direct our prayer so that we could converse and commune with God, even if our limited human words seemed to fall short of the moment. And an amazing thing happened: there was a sense of peace and calm that pervaded our assembly that night. It was temporary, but it was like a healing balm on a large group of hurting souls. There was great strength in our coming together, in our turning to the Lord for answers that were elusive, for inner harmony when it could be found nowhere else. In our Communion Rite at Mass, we hear the words of Jesus: "Peace I leave you. My Peace I give you." Those words came true for us as a community that night. What we were all really asking for, I think, was for Christ's Peace (not as the world gives it, but only as He gives it) to be made real for us, because only there will we ever find real harmony. Our prayers were heard and answered in abundance that night.

So, what shall we pray for today?

Here's a short list for consideration:

- For better unity among the citizens of this nation, that we might overcome petty differences and (mis?)perceived polarizations to use our limited resources to work for our common good and that of our shared world.
- For an end to abortion-on-demand in our state and nation. For an end to all the conditions and reasons why people might seek an abortion in the first place, or see it as a solution to challenges and life circumstances. For better health care for women who are pregnant. For better access to food, clothing, and shelter for young families.
- For healing, mercy and forgiveness among family members. For greater strength and resiliency among married couples. For a greater reliance on God's love as the basis and source of all human relationships.
- For a genuine and lasting solution to the scandal of homelessness in our communities and across our nation.
- For true healing from the many sources of addiction suffered within our society: illegal drugs, pornography, alcohol, tobacco, unbridled gambling in its many forms, greed, power, and control. That we might all learn, with the help of God's Grace, to live our lives with dignity, freedom, and joy.
- For an end to violence in speech and action. That our words may not lead to hatred, nor our thoughts to aggression and bloodshed. For better ways to deal with the authentic differences among us.
- For greater faith. That the words of Scripture might come true: moving mountains and uprooting trees. That our spiritual and ecclesial landscape may be reshaped through our common prayer.
- For a deeper sense of hope. That our confidence in God's saving plan may increase and guide our own actions and decisions in the months ahead.
- For more love in our hearts, among our neighbors and friends and in our world. Just because!

So... there's a few thoughts, a beginning of a list of things to pray for. I hope in some way, each of you have been able to say, "Amen!" I hope that each of you can add substantially to that list as well. But most of all, I hope that we can all come together and exercise the power of genuine prayer before the Lord in a way that will bring forth greater blessings for us all. We have this power, this gift from the Lord. Let us use it well today.

Late summer blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

## This Week in Our Collaborative

### Monday, September 11

**IC Church Tours, Part I: History/Architecture/Motifs**

9:30am, 1:00pm, and 7:00pm IC Church

**AA Meeting** 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

**Scout Troop 41 Mtg.** 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

### Tuesday, September 12

**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

**IC Choir Practice** 6:30pm, IC Church

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

### Wednesday, September 13

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

**Holy Jammers Practice** 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

**IC 175th Anniversary Committee Mtg.** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**Social Action Committee Mtg.** 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

### Thursday, September 14

**Adoration** 7:00pm, IC Church

### Friday, September 15

**Adoration** 9:30am, IC Church

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

### Saturday, September 16

**Holy Quilters Mtg.** 8:30am, Nativity Hall

**Confessions** 3:00pm, IC Church

### Sunday, September 17

**Coffee Hour** 9:30am, Nativity Hall

**All-City Choir Rehearsal** 2:00pm, 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.

## Adoration in Action

Expectant faith is not passive. The Holy Spirit draws you to Adoration for Divine Love to **activate** your soul towards right worship! Answer the Holy Spirit with a Holy Hour!

**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.



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Pelican Intervention Fund Update



For those who receive contribution envelopes in the mail, in October you will notice a new envelope for The Pelican Intervention Fund that you can drop in the collection at any time. Make checks Payable to HR or IC Parish.

At the end of the September 16 and 23 Masses, P.I.F. will provide a brief update on our mission and our work to date which you have generously supported these last 8 years.

Unfortunately, the opiate crisis continues to grow. In 2022, over 2,357 Massachusetts opiate fatalities were confirmed, a 9% increase from 2016. 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.

Pope Francis spoke of this crisis on his August 27 weekly address, stating, ***"We cannot be indifferent to people caught in addiction. The Lord Jesus stopped, became close, healed wounds. We too are called to act to stop before situations of fragility and pain, to know how to listen to the cry of loneliness and anguish, to bend down to lift and bring back to new life those who fall into the bondage of drugs."***

We look forward to sharing the Pelican Intervention Fund updates and thank you in advance for your continued support.

With great gratitude,  
Steve and Kim Keene

View our weekly bulletin online on our website:  
[hricCatholic.org](http://hricCatholic.org).

## HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

**Next delivery is Wednesday, September 13**



The HRIC sandwich program is asking for volunteers to help make sandwiches for the Lazarus House Ministry. **Sandwiches** are to be **individually wrapped** and cut then bagged, then returned to the original bread loaf sleeve, if you can label what sandwiches are in there, then please do. Cold cuts, cheese, and peanut butter and jelly are appreciated. No condiments on the sandwiches please. Casseroles are also being accepted. Pans can be picked up at the church or you can use a disposable pan of your own. Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from **7:00–9:00 am. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.** Fresh **vegetables** and **coffee** are always welcome. A list was sent to us of some **spices** the kitchen is in need of: Maggi seasoning, chicken bouillon, oregano, garlic powder, black pepper, red pepper flakes, salt, nutmeg, vinegar, adobo, and minced garlic. Thank you for all who have been donating, we have been delivering well over 150 sandwiches every time along with casseroles during these summer months.

Questions? Contact [hricsandwichprogram@gmail.com](mailto:hricsandwichprogram@gmail.com).

October 2, 2023

## IC 5TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

RENAISSANCE GOLF CLUB  
377 KENOZA STREET, HAVERHILL, MA

Don't Golf?  
Join us for a BBQ dinner!  
All families are invited to  
join us for a fun evening  
with the purchase of a  
Dinner-Only-Ticket



All proceeds will benefit the  
Immaculate Conception School Newburyport, MA



## IC Haiti

May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA.**

## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** Do you think to ask forgiveness from your friends and co-workers as well as your family members?



**Child:** Think of a time that you forgave someone and how that made you feel.

## An Evening of Formation and Reflection

*For All Liturgical Ministers Wednesday, Sept. 27, 6–8 p.m.*

**Location:** Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport  
**Presenter:** Fr. George Morin

All Eucharistic ministers, lectors, greeters, servers, ministers of Communion to the sick and homebound and those in the hospital and in nursing homes, and anyone else interested in these ministries in both of our parishes are invited to this event. Current ministers are encouraged to attend as part of your ongoing training for these ministries.

Join us for an evening of reflection and formation to help all understand better the liturgical ministries to which they have been called. It will *not* be a training session as you have already been trained. Instead, it will be an evening where you will learn about the importance of your ministry and the theology behind its significance. The tone of the evening will be prayerful and reflective.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Prayer Shawls for the Sick

Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to deliver a prayer shawl to each and every person on our Prayers for the Sick list to let them know we are praying for them. The ministry group is searching for contact information for the names on our list. If you know any of these people, we would be happy to deliver to them (we will leave it at their door so we don't intrude). Please contact Helen at 978-771-4673 to set up a delivery time.

## Prayers for the Sick

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

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

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

## Free Concert

### Interfaith Choir Concert

Sunday, September 24 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Church, 42 Green St., Newburyport

Join us as we celebrate the bond of shared music at a concert featuring church choirs from the City of Newburyport.

**All are welcome** to attend this interfaith program of sacred music hymns, and spirituals performed by church choirs of Newburyport. Audience members will have a chance to join in singing as well!

This event is hosted by Immaculate Conception Parish in continued celebration of our 175th anniversary.

Parking is available in the lot in the rear of the church on Court Street.

## 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. Our next meeting is **September 12**.

Also, all are welcome to join us for **Hospitality Sunday** on the first Sunday of every month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the IC Parish Center for free coffee and donuts. Our next Hospitality Sunday is October 1.

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

## Collaborative Faith Formation

### School Year Programs (K-10, Including Sacramental Prep.)

Faith Formation schedules and registration forms for the 2023-24 school year are now available on our website at [www.hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://www.hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation).

### New: Online Payment Option

Online payment via our online giving site is now available in addition to the traditional payment-by-check option. Visit our website for more details and how to take advantage of online Faith Formation payments: [www.hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://www.hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation).

### 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.

## HRIC Pastoral Council

As you may have noticed over the summer, we have been seeking Collaborative members to consider being part of our Pastoral Council.

We are happy to say that we have received five nominees for the five positions we need from IC and two nominees for the two needed from HR. We thank these parishioners for coming forward to aid the Collaborative in this ministry. The following Collaborative members will be the new members of our Collaborative Pastoral Council:

### HR

Kathy Peavey, Bob Belmont

### IC

Dave Olds, Mike Corbett, Amanda Barkus, Christi Kornetsky, Colleen Mulholland

## Confessions

We offer confessions Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 p.m. at IC Church. 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.

## Pilgrimage Opportunities

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: April 8-16, 2024

With Fr. George Morin and Christine and Paul Blanchette

\$2,599 (double occupancy) from Boston (add \$649/person for Dubrovnik option)

Visit [www.206tours.com/blanchette/medjugorje/](http://www.206tours.com/blanchette/medjugorje/), scan the QR code, or contact us: [Alexandra@206tours.com](mailto:Alexandra@206tours.com) or [cat@206tours.com](mailto:cat@206tours.com)



### Pilgrimage to Fatima and Flavors of Portugal Duoro With Fr. Harrison

\$8,174 (double occupancy) from Boston in Cabin D (Cabin upgrades available at an extra cost).

Visit [www.206tours.com/blanchette/fatima/](http://www.206tours.com/blanchette/fatima/), scan the QR code, or contact us: [alexandra@206tours.com](mailto:alexandra@206tours.com) or [cat@206tours.com](mailto:cat@206tours.com)



# IC 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

## 175th Anniversary Website Page

Take a minute to visit the IC 175th Anniversary page on the Collaborative Website, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) for many upcoming events as well as past events and photo links.

## 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



## IC Church Tours

### IC Church Tours Part I



Hear how architecture supports unique Form & Function in all 7 areas of IC Church.

Discover religious motifs embedded everywhere in wood, wool, tin, marble, & glass.

Bring your cell phone & curiosity!

**Date:** Monday, September 11

**Place:** IC Church interior

**Times:** 9:30 a.m.\* and repeated  
1:00 p.m. and  
7:00 p.m.

*\*If a funeral is scheduled, it will preempt this session.*

## St. James Chapel, Plum Island

### IC's 175th Anniversary History Continued



Anxious to provide for the growing number of Catholics summering on Plum Island, Rev. Ryan, on August 10, 1920 announced plans to build a church there. For this purpose, four lots of land were acquired; two purchased by the Parish and two donated by the Plum Island Beach Company. It was almost two years before the church was built and in the meantime Mass was celebrated at the New Pavilion.

By the summer of 1922, St. James Chapel was completed at a cost of \$18,000. It was a spacious, wooden structure covered in stucco. The first Mass was celebrated there on June 26, 1922.

St. James Chapel was closed in fall 1996. Eventually the building was razed and the property was sold. Now, the chapel in the current Immaculate Conception Parish Center bears the name St. James Chapel.



## 175th Anniversary Harvest Fair

The Harvest Fair is **Saturday, October 21**. It will include a bake sale, artisan/craft tables, a wall of wine, Grandma's Attic table, raffles and door prizes, all-holiday table, 175th anniversary commemorative items, and much more.

## Harvest Fair Items Needed

**All-Holiday Items Raffle Prizes Grandma's Attic Items Wall of Wine Prizes**

**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**?

Drop off your donation of items for the Holiday or Grandma's Attic tables in the baskets provided at the entry of St. Louis Hall. However, if you have a gift card or voucher for the raffle, please give it to Melinda in the Parish Office. Email [Hbees@comcast.net](mailto:Hbees@comcast.net) with questions.



The IC Harvest Fair committee introduces the. **"Wall of Wine"** booth at the IC Harvest Fair on **Saturday, October 21**. The "Wall of Wine" will be filled with bottles of wine valued from \$15-\$75 or more! Each bottle will be in a foil sack and numbered. (Red foil for Red/Rose wines, silver foil for white wines)

For only \$10.00 you can try your luck and choose any bottle. The bottle will always be valued at \$15 or more and the bottle may be a premium wine valued at \$30+. You must be 21+ to participate.

Want to help make this booth a success? Please purchase one or more bottles of wine valued at \$15.00 or more and donate them to the Wall of Wine. We will be collecting all wine donations at weekend Masses in October, prior to the Fair. Call Kathie 978-992-6450 for more information or to have your wine donations picked up.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

|                                             |                   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| IC Offertory, Sept. 2-3                     | \$4,361.00        |
| IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 1 | \$1,450.00        |
| IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving           | \$3,228.84        |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>               | <b>\$9,039.84</b> |

The second collection this weekend (Sept. 10) is the Monthly. Next week's second collection (Sept. 17) supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston (Clergy Trust). On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, visit [www.clergytrust.org](http://www.clergytrust.org).

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: [hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving](http://hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving).

## IC Fall Mass Schedule Change Reminder

Beginning September 10, the Sunday Mass Schedule at IC will change as follows:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

**11:30 a.m. (note time change)**

## IC St. Vincent de Paul Walk for Our Poor



Immaculate Conception's St. Vincent de Paul Society's annual fundraiser, "The Walk for our Poor" will be held on **Saturday, September 23.**

Registration will be in the IC parking lot, at 10:00 a.m. and the Walk will start at 10:30 a.m. We will be starting and ending at Immaculate Conception's parking lot. This 3K walk is one of SVdP's fundraisers. We encourage all parishioners, families, and friends to join us as we walk through downtown Newburyport to raise awareness and money so we can continue to serve the many needy in our communities.

Go to our SVDP WALK FOR OUR POOR website at: <https://www.fopwalk.org/event/2930> and you can sign up to walk for IC or donate to one of the walkers already registered. This link will take you directly to the Immaculate Conception, Newburyport walk page.

The weekend of Sept 9-10, we will have a table at the Green St. door of IC church to sign up to "walk" and then gather sponsors to support your walk. There will also be sponsor sheets for anyone to sign up and donate to sponsor the clergy who will be walking with us.

## Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School faculty and staff, pictured, are excited to welcome the 2023-2024 school year. Following tradition, the August onboarding meetings began with a day of spirituality and prayer. This year's theme is



Fr Tim with the ICS Faculty and Staff at Mass for their day of prayer prior to the opening of school

"You Are the Light". The staff attended Mass to open the year with a community and faith-building experience which mirrors how the school students' begin—in prayer and in communion with God. Every school-day morning the IC students and faculty gather together in the gym for prayer and announcements. Monthly

church Masses and prayer services are led by a different grade. In addition, bi-monthly Mass is celebrated in the Parish Chapel with Fr. Tim and just one grade level. This provides students with the opportunity to experience the Mass in a smaller space where the altar is just an arms-length away.

As Immaculate Conception School enters its 141st year of educating children, we ask God to continue to bless our community as He shines His light upon us.

Photo courtesy of Steve Swochak

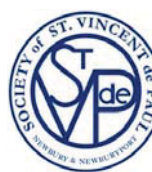
## IC Online Giving

Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

To learn more visit our website, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.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.

## 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.svdnewburyport.org](http://www.svdnewburyport.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!

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

|                                             |                   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| HR Offertory, Sept. 2-3                     | \$2,161.00        |
| HR Mailed-In Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 1 | \$ 610.00         |
| HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving           | <u>\$1,110.00</u> |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>               | <b>\$3,881.00</b> |

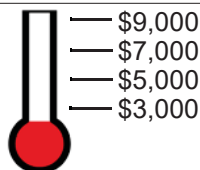
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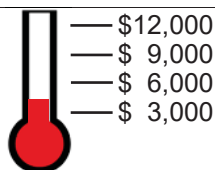
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.

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## Talk the Talk and Walk the Walk!

After an interruption of several years, the Holy Redeemer conference will once again be raising money as part of the national Friends of the Poor Walk conducted each year in connection with the celebration of the feast of our patron St. Vincent de Paul.

The Friends of the Poor Walk will be held on Saturday, September 23 in conjunction with the Immaculate Conception conference.



Registration will be in the IC Green Street parking lot at 10:00 a.m., and the Walk will start at 10:30 a.m. We will be starting and ending at the IC parking lot. We encourage all parishioners, families, and friends to join us as we walk through downtown Newburyport to raise awareness and money so we can continue to serve the many needs in our communities.

Donations can be made in person or using the envelopes provided in the pews of each church. Additional details of the on-going need to deal with those in our community that face eviction, interruption in utilities service, or food insecurity will be shared. As always, we appreciate your generosity and ask that you pray for the success of our work.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul



Back-to-school needs are upon our community. We are routinely helping families with children in school and any gift cards (Walmart, etc.) and cash donations would be very much appreciated.

Please continue to use the envelopes provided in the church pews, place your donations in the poor boxes, or mail donations to 4 Green St. Merrimac, MA 01860. Your donations are very much appreciated.

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

## Activities Committee Updates

### Next Meeting: September 27

We will meet on Wednesday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Merrimac hall to get our Holiday Fair plans underway. Many, many hands are needed and we welcome your help!

### 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 Supper, September 23

We are planning a ham and bean supper followed by BINGO on Saturday, September 23 after the 4:00 Mass at Nativity. We will be serving sliced ham, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, and homemade apple crisp for \$10 per person, 12 and younger: \$5. After dinner, BINGO cards will be available for \$1 each for cash prizes.

### Holiday Fair, November 18

**Bake sale table:** planning ahead! Our bake table could use some homemade zucchini breads. We understand they freeze well. Bake now to avoid the rush!

**Lawn signs:** Anyone who has an advertising lawn sign from last year, please return to the back of either church so we can change the date and get it cleaned up and ready to use for this year's fair.

**Holiday Fair baskets** We are collecting baskets for the November fair. Please consider donating your empty wicker baskets by leaving them in the back of either church. Also, we are looking for donations of 1 1/2"-2" wired Christmas ribbon, clear jumbo plastic bags for the baskets, and heavy-duty paper for wrapping and stuffing the baskets. Donations can be left in the back of either church.

## Shawls and Lapghans



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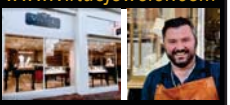
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