

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES
SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026

**How often
must I forgive?**

*Then Peter approaching asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?"*

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

Mt. 18:21–22



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

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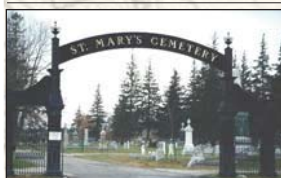
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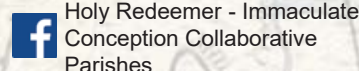
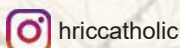
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/12)

4:00pm **IC** *Rose Rowe, For the deceased members of the LaRaia and Cronin families* (Fr. Stanley)

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

Sunday (9/13)

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

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

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

11:30am **IC** *Giovanna Pennucci* (Fr. Harrison & Deacons Moranski, Dow, Giard, Doucette)

Monday (9/14)

9:00am **IC** *John (Jack) Burrell, Paul Kolman* (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (9/15)

9:00am **IC** *For the deceased members of the Lekarczyk family* (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (9/16)

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

Thursday (9/17)

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

Friday (9/18)

9:00am **IC** *For the intentions of Ed Laverty* (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (9/19)

4:00pm **IC** *Carmella Herlihy, Edward Ferreira* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

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

Sunday (9/20)

8:30am **Nativity** *Maria & Jozef Kadas* (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** *Kai Parmenter, For the deceased members of the Mazzaglia, Sylvester and De Simone families* (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am **IC** *Alan Chu* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

Please note that beginning September 13, the later Mass at IC on Sundays changes to 11:30 a.m.

In your prayers please remember Rosemarie Serino 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 as well as our Facebook page.

Confessions:

Saturdays 3:00–3:30 p.m., IC Church

Or by appointment. (Call Collaborative offices to schedule.)

Questions of the Week



Adult: To whom do you find it difficult to show mercy and forgiveness?

Child: How do you let people know that you forgive them?

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

Farewell



It is with great sadness that we will be saying farewell to Immaculate Conception's Music Director, Donna Postle, who will be retiring at the end of September. Donna has been the Music Director here at IC since 1992 and has been instrumental in developing and expanding our music program over the past quarter century to bring it to the excellence that we experience each week. We will miss her deeply, but wish her well in her future plans!

Please join us for a **farewell Mass and reception following Mass on Sunday September 27 at 11:30 a.m.**

Online Giving

Both HR and IC offer Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of one of our parish communities. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the Collaborative offices.

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 on "HR Parish Online Giving" or "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the appropriate site.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724.

Youth Music News

IC High School Praise Singers

The IC Praise Singers is now forming! If you are in high school and would love to sing and/or play your instrument to glorify God, *please contact Paula Quann*: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org.

The IC Praise Singers will sing contemporary hymns at the 9:00 Mass once a month. Rehearsals begin Monday, September 14.

Youth Choir

Does your child love to sing? Join the IC Youth Choir!

The IC Youth Choir is for young people in the 3rd–8th grade. If your child loves to sing, it is the perfect way for them to use their gifts to glorify God and serve our church.

Youth Choir Rehearsals:

Wednesdays, beginning September 16 from 4:00–5:15.

For more information, please contact Paula Quann: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org.

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, September 14

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

Praise Singers Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Tuesday, September 15

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

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

Confirmation Prep Parent/Teen Mtg. 6:15pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, September 16

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:00pm, IC Church

Confirmation Prep Parent/Teen Mtg. 6:15pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, September 17

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, September 18

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

AA Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, September 19

Men's Cursillo Reunion Group 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Merrimac Town-Wide Yard Sale 8:00am, Nativity Hall

Women's Cursillo Reunion Group 9:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Confessions 3:00–3:30pm, IC Church

Ministry Fair at HR 5:00pm, Nativity Hall

Sunday, September 20

Ministry Fair at HR after all HR Masses, St. Ann Hall, Nativity Hall

Faith Formation 10:00am, IC Parish Center

DAR Mtg. 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

Visit our **Website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information in the Collaborative. Find links to our bulletins, our live stream Masses, and our social media pages.

It's CORI Time

2027 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.

Upcoming Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Workshops

All adult employees and volunteers in the Archdiocese of Boston must complete a **one-time** Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) class in addition to their yearly CORI. The training is an in-person, 3-hour training that is needed only once in your life.

If you have not taken the course yet, here is your chance to fulfill that requirement. The Collaborative will be sponsoring two Protecting God's Children workshops on:

- **Saturday, September 26, at Nativity Hall, Merrimac, from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon**
- **Wednesday, September 30, at IC St. Louis Hall, Newburyport, from 5:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.**

You can register online at <https://www.virtusonline.org/> (see registration steps below).

How to Register for a PGC Workshop

- Go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/>
- Click on "First-Time Registrant"
- Click on "Begin the Registration Process"
- From the pull-down menu, choose "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)," ONLY and click "Select"
- When asked, "Have you previously registered with VIRTUS Online?" Click "NO"
- Create a username and password when asked to do so and click "Continue"
- Fill in all the required fields for contact information on the next screen and click "Continue"
- From the pull-down menu for "Location," choose the name of your parish, church, or school
- When the roles appear, choose a primary role and an additional role
- In the box at the bottom, add a title (what you do for parish/school) and click "Continue"
- On the next page, you may choose YES or NO, depending on whether you want to associate your name with an additional parish, church, or school
- Answer the **four** YES/NO questions on the next page and click "Continue"
- When asked, "Have you already attended a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Session?" answer NO
- On the next page, choose a session entitled, "Protecting God's Children for Adults" (ONLY)
- Confirm, and you are done!

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

St. Mary's Cemetery



Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue in Newburyport. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are

faced with. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination.

Call Joseph Viel, Mill City Management Corporation, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

The God Minute



The God Minute is an online prayer community, led by priests, nuns, and lay people who start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are woven into a 10-minute,

guided prayer and then uploaded for all to share.

Listen/pray with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking the dog for a walk. Our mission is simple: to inspire and empower people of faith into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. And it's free.

See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. Visit www.thegodminute.org or scan the QR code.



IC & HR St. Vincent de Paul "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Annual Walk

Save the Date: Saturday, October 3



Both Immaculate Conception Parish and Holy Redeemer Parish are preparing for our annual "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" walk. This is approximately a 3-mile walk easy enough for all ages. The walk begins and ends in the IC Church parking lot.

This is the major fundraiser for us. We need **walkers and sponsors** to make this event a success. Join your fellow parishioners and/or make a pledge for one of our walkers.

As they have in the past, our priests will be walking and are looking for sponsors. **If you would like to sponsor one (or all) of our priests, you can do that as well as simply making a donation to SVdP.**

More details will follow in future bulletins.

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 **Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.

Collaborative Faith Formation

K-8th grade Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation schedules and online registration forms are now posted on our website.

Go to www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation to find links to the schedule and forms.

Confirmation Preparation (8th grade) will begin with two options: September 15 or 16 at 6:15 p.m.

All other grades will begin on Sunday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Baptisms

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information regarding this sacrament.

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00-7:00 p.m. via Zoom for thirty minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God, surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives. This ancient prayer practice opens our minds and hearts to hear God within and in silence over time we are healed and transformed. We remain open to God as we hear Sacred Scripture being read in group Lectio Divina.

For the next thirty minutes we listen to God's words; ponder and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now and contemplate God's message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God.

For more information, call Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Boxes



Immaculate Conception SVdP 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.

Holy Redeemer SVdP offers St. Vincent de Paul clothing drop boxes at two locations. One is located in the Nativity church parking lot and another is located at the West Newbury Food Mart lot (Main St.).

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

IC Haiti

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our ministry to the Father Marc Piché school community in south-central Haiti, there is an eight-part historical overview on our Collaborative website: hricatholic.org/ic-haiti.

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950. Checks should be made out to "IC Haiti."

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.

Mass Scripture Readings

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

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

Cursillo Corner



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

Men

Oct. 1-4
Dec. 3-6
Feb. 4-7
Apr. 1-4

Women

Nov. 5-8
Jan. 7-10
Mar. 4-7
Apr. 29-May 2
June 3-6

Contacts: Pat Temple 617-899-0424, Jonathan Temple 978-809-9337

Adoration: Going Closer to Jesus



Jesus walks with you in your space—whether or not you know. But for Adoration, it is you going into His space! Yes, the Holy Spirit prompts. But it is **you** who step into a silent Holy Hour. Try it any week. Take a first step into a life-

changing *reverence* for His Real Presence.

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 or no Mass is scheduled)

Prayers for the Sick

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

Lucas Aucamp	Chloe Hequet	Carol O'Neal
Paula Cullen	Loriann Herrick	Eleanora Paciulan
Barnhart	Matt Hershey	Jodi Paciulan
Marcia Beeman	Angela Holloran	Joseph Palumbo
Kathy P. Brodeur	Tula Hunt	Carol Parks
Michael Brenner	Emma Hurley	Joanne Pesa
Phyllis Collins	Young Jameson	Elizabeth Pettingell
Autumn Rose	Derek Johnson	Polly Pirri
Coulombe	Gary Johnson	Lorraine Portalla
Kristen D'Entremont	Steve Johnson	Angie Reddy
Neal DesRoches	Denise Kenneson	Regina Seely
Ward Dilmore	Arthur LaPointe	Yvonne Sloban
Jim Dolan	Ed Lavery	Gary Smith
Deb Downie	Michael Lichtenstein	Arlene Stoddard
Dotty Duval	Donna Limone	Susan Sweeney
Ann-Margaret	Johannah Lord	Taylor
Ferrante	Patricia M.	Captain Bill Taplin
John Flynn	Lisa MacDougall	Heather Thompson
Jeanine Ebacher	Monica Maguire	Michael Tucker
Fowler	Sia Mahalati	Maddie Villers
Renee Fowler	Michael Marchese	Laurent Vincent
Cheryl Gallo	Robert (Bob) Marks	Joseph Vonhandorf
John Gutshaw	Michael Martens	Sandra Welch
Jon Haggerty	Ovidio Martinez	
Ed Hardy	Fr. Bill McLaughlin	
Jane Harney	William Murphy	

Contact Collaborative offices to **remove** 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.



We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Our next meeting is **Thursday, October 1**. All are welcome! **Come join us**. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you!

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

Clergy Benefit Trust

Second Collection Sept. 19–20

Next week's second collection 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.

Women's Retreat



The Guest House of St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, MA has been reserved for the exclusive use of the women of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Parishes from Monday, November 30–Friday, December 4. **Only 1 spot left! Call Melinda for details: 978-462-2724.**



64th High School Reunion

Recently, Fr. Morin hosted members of his high school graduating class to a reunion meal. IC parishioners were more than happy to help make this a special occasion.

On the menu was cheese & crackers, salad, and Fr. Morin's famous Beef Bourguignon, served over rice. Homemade yogurt pound cake topped with berries and homemade whipped cream completed the meal. It was enjoyed by all.



Collaborative Pastoral Council Seeks New Members

We are starting a new term for the Pastoral Council and are looking for parishioners who might be interested in serving in this capacity.

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 our parishes.

At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve the Collaborative in this way. If you are interested in serving on the Council, consider nominating yourself. You can also list the names of others. No need to ask them at this point—this will be done as the process unfolds. This is just the initial surfacing of names.

All confirmed, active, practicing members of both of our parishes who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated. Please contact the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 with the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate. Please let us know **by September 18.**

Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council.



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Witnesses to God's Love in Marriage

IC parishioners John and Lori Kelley are pictured receiving a blessing for their 45th wedding anniversary. A bride- and groom-to-be and their wedding party, as they waited for their wedding rehearsal to begin, were able to witness the beautiful, lasting strength of their marriage.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Sept. 5-6	\$7,724.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Sept 4	\$2,567.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,860.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Sept 5-6	\$14,151.00
Catholic Appeal (Goal \$57,000)	\$55,711.00

The second collection this weekend (Sept. 13) is the special monthly. The second collection next weekend (Sept. 20) is Clergy Benefit Trust. See page 7 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.



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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Continuing to Serve Our Neighbors in Need

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul remains committed to bringing hope, compassion, and practical assistance to those in need within our parish and our wider community.

We are preparing for our annual **"Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Walk on Saturday, October 3.** This event is not only an important fundraiser—it is also a chance to show our larger community who we are and that we are ready to serve. We invite you to walk with us and help spread the word. Sponsor sheets are available at the doors of the church.

We also need your help to let our neighbors know that **SVDP is here for them—no matter the amount of the need.** Whether someone requires a small food card or is facing a serious crisis, we want them to know they can reach out. All requests are handled with compassion and complete confidentiality.

Helpline: 978-518-0728 Our volunteers respond to this line 24/7.

Your kindness and support make this ministry possible. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community.

Tuesdays Breaking Bread Meal: Free, hot, three-course meal served 4:45-5:30 p.m. in the IC St. Louis Hall dining room. Take-out meals available at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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IC Harvest Fair

The Harvest Fair is Saturday, October 10

Volunteers Needed

We need your help to make this year's fair a success.

Please consider joining us for the next committee meeting on Wednesday, September 9, at 9:45 a.m. in the IC Charity Dining Room on the first floor of St Louis Hall. Many hands are needed and there are many areas needing help to choose from. For more information, call Betty Harrington 978-595-7776.

Gift Basket Raffle

If you would like to donate a basket for the raffle, there will be a chance to do that after all Masses this weekend (September 12-13). A table will be set up in the vestibule for more information, with themes and suggestions for items to donate. You may choose a themed basket with suggested ideas or offer a basket of your own choosing.



Collaborative Ministry Fair This Weekend at IC



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

We will have tables set up after the Masses where representatives of most of 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 the Parish Center next door to the church 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 these ministries.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

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HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 4	\$ 540.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 678.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Sept. 5-6	\$3,649.00
Catholic Appeal (Goal \$27,000)	\$22,230.00

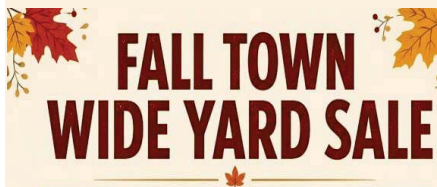
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You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

HR Activities Committee News



We will participate in the **Merrimac Town-Wide Yard Sale** on September 19 with our own yard sale in Nativity hall. Please consider helping out

at the yard sale. We will need workers on Friday, September 18 starting at 10:00 a.m. On Saturday, September 19 we will need workers starting at 7:30 a.m. (The Town Wide Yard Sale runs from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) We will also be selling hot dogs during the yard sale.

Altar Linen Ministry at HR

HR is looking for volunteers for Altar linen care. If this is a ministry that you are interested in and can help with, please contact the offices for more details. 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

Piano for Nativity Hall



We have been given a chance to purchase a very nice, slightly used piano for Nativity Hall at a greatly reduced price. This beautiful Kawai upright is being offered to us for only \$5,000. This is an opportunity too good to pass up!

Retailing new for more than \$12,000, this instrument has been lovingly cared for and beautifully maintained over the years. It comes with its own humidification system, to help keep it in tune during the drier months of the year. Any parishioner interested in making a donation to help offset this cost is invited to contact our offices at 978-346-8604 or 978-462-2724 for more details.

Every donation is welcome. Checks, no matter the amount, can be made out to Holy Redeemer Parish. Many thanks for your generosity in helping our parish to be all that it can be!

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Your kind donations in any form to help our neighbors are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes that can be found on tables at the main entrances of 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**.

Collaborative Ministry Fair at HR



The Collaborative Ministry Committee will sponsor a **Ministry Fair** after all Masses at Holy Redeemer on the **weekend of September 19 and 20**.

On that weekend we will have tables set up after all of the Masses where representatives of many of 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 the respective parish halls 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 these ministries.

Christmas Care Packages

For Our Active-Duty Service Members from Holy Redeemer Parish

The Holy Redeemer Activities Committee would like to send festive Christmas care packages to active-duty members of the US Military.

If you have a family member or neighbor who is currently serving, we would like to send them some yuletide love and support on behalf of Holy Redeemer Parish.

Please provide us with your name, phone number, and/or email address along with the name of the active-duty service member. You may enter the information on the sign-up sheets at St. Ann and Nativity or contact Nancy Jean at (978) 363-5416 (land-line). A member of the HR Activities Committee will contact you to obtain more information about the service member including their military mailing address. We will be collecting names until the end of September.

Note: Active-duty members of the military, as well as veterans, are a protected class. Name, branch of service, address, etc. are kept confidential thus the HR Activities Committee cannot obtain this information without your help! Be assured that the HR Activities Committee will also keep the information confidential.



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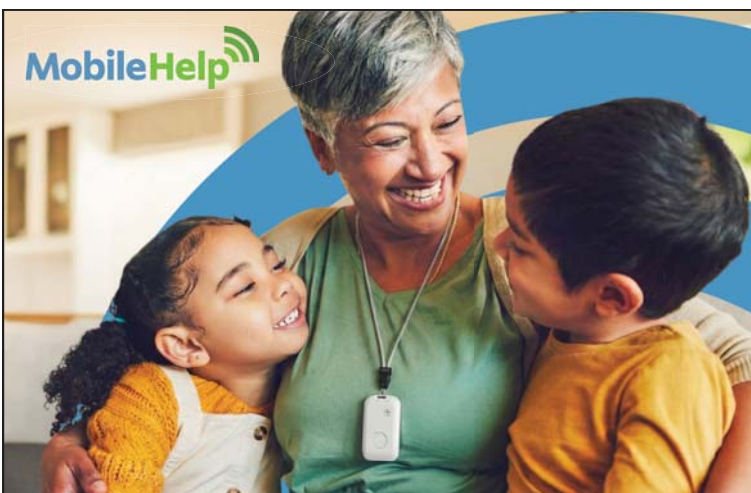
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