

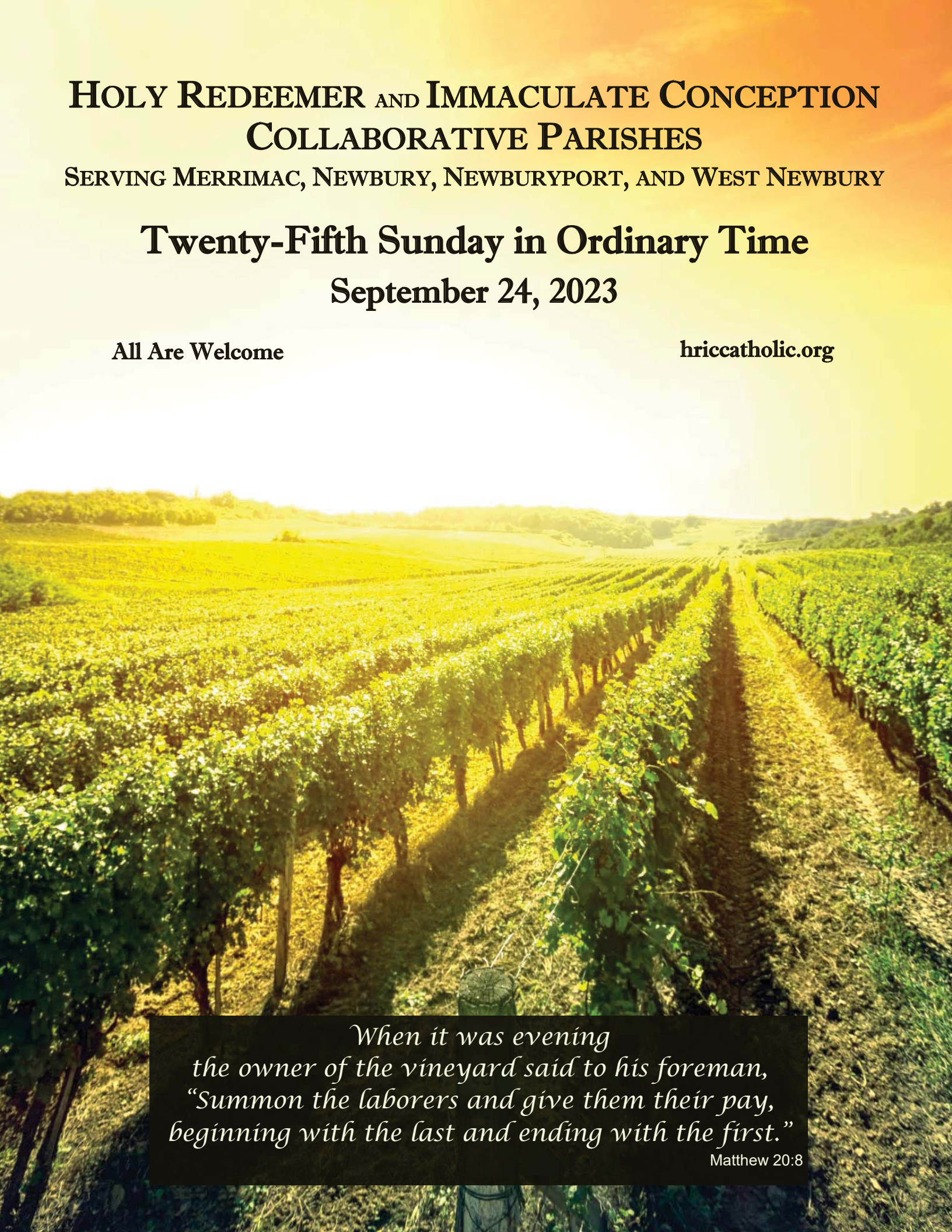
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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2023

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*When it was evening
the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman,
“Summon the laborers and give them their pay,
beginning with the last and ending with the first.”*

Matthew 20:8



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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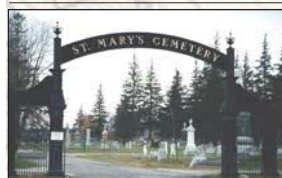
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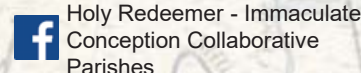
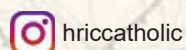
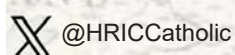
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/23)

4:00pm **IC** *Al Hasapis, Fr. James Broderick, Fr. Paul Berube* (Fr. Stanley)

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

Sunday (9/24)

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

9:00am **IC** *For the Intentions of Denise Giacchetti* (Fr. McLaughlin)

10:00am **St. Ann** *Luella E. LeBlanc* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

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

Monday (9/25)

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

5:30pm **Nativity Confirmation** (Bishop Hennessey, Fr. Harrison, Deacon Moranski)

Tuesday (9/26)

9:00am *James Page, Jeffrey Stone* (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (9/27)

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

Thursday (9/28)

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

Friday (9/29)

9:00am **IC** *Rev. Mario Orrigo* (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (9/30)

4:00pm **IC** *Rita Snow, Mark Walter Benson, Stephen M. Boy* (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (10/1)

8:30am **Nativity** *John R. Minihan* (Fr. Morin)

9:00am **IC** *Barbara Macdonald, George H (Buzzie) Lawler III, George Bergin* (Fr. Harrison)

10:00am **St. Ann** *Jerry Mullen, George H (Buzzie) Lawler III, George Bergin* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

11:30am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)

In your prayers please remember Joan "Joanne" Comick, Edith Sandra Noone, Mary McGinnis, William H. Kelleher, 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 and on Facebook: (Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes).

Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **next Sunday, October 1, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC St. Louis Hall for Hospitality Sunday. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.

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

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.

Food Pantry Collection Update

Thanks to all who have continued to generously contribute to the food collection during the summer. We collected 600 pounds of food and living essentials at the 3 parishes in our Collaborative. The recipients at the senior center pantries in Merrimac and West Newbury as well as the First Parish pantry in Newbury are grateful and pass along their prayers to all in the Collaborative.

If you haven't been able to contribute yet but would like to start, suggested donation items are listed below.

-Canned goods (vegetables, soups, pork & beans, fruit)	-Peanut butter and jelly
-Cereal	-Soaps, deodorant, shampoo
-Rice, Rice-A-Roni	-Toothpaste, toothbrushes
-Tomato sauce	-Diapers
-Pasta, Ramen noodles	-Paper products (tissues, paper towels, toilet paper)

If you have gently used or new **children's books** that are taking up valuable space in your closet, we'd be happy to take those as well to kids who can't afford to purchase these critical but simple items for their development. If you need assistance in removing them, we'll be happy to help, just let us know.

Finally, during the weekend of October 14–15, we'll have another super Sunday challenge, where we'll challenge each other to really make a difference. Remind your neighbors in the pews and on the street to bring just a little something that collectively will make a big difference in the lives of those in need.. The bins will remain at our parishes on an ongoing basis as the need continues to grow.

Thank you again for helping to make a difference.

Questions of the Week

Adult: What does this parable tell you about God and the Kingdom of Heaven?

Child: The Master in the vineyard is very generous. How can you be like him?



Hospitality Sunday

1st Sundays after the 9AM Mass | Parish Center



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, September 25

IC Church Tours, Part III: The Sacraments

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

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

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

Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, September 26

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

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

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

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

IC Choir Practice 6:30pm, IC Church

Wednesday, September 27

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Evening of Reflection: Liturgical Ministers 6:00pm, IC Church

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

Thursday, September 28

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, September 29

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, September 30

Pastoral Council Mtg. 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, October 1

KofC Hospitality Sunday 10:00am, IC Parish Center Lobby

St. Ann Coffee after Mass 11:00am, St. Ann Hall

Baptism Prep. Class 12:00noon IC Charity Dining Room

IC Confirmation Prep., Year 2 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Confirmation Prep., Year 2 7:00pm, 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.

Women at the Well

**New Bible Study on the Women in Scripture
Begins October 16.**

women at the well

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

Our new Fall study about women in Scripture, *Discovering Our Dignity by Walking With Purpose*, will begin October 16.

We invite all women to come join us, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. The group meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in person at the IC Parish Center and virtually on Zoom starting October 16. If you have any questions, or would like to join via Zoom, please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com.



Christine & Paul Blanchette
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Fr. George Morin



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October 25 - November 7, 2024

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Contact: alexandra@206tours.com or cat@206tours.com

Fr. Tim Harrison

Category A: Porto Deck-Outside Balcony, 215 sq.ft.
Category B: Lisbon Deck-Outside Balcony, 215 sq.ft.
Category D: Douro Deck-Panoramic Window, 161 sq.ft.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Pelican Intervention Fund



For those who receive contribution envelopes in the mail, in October you will notice a new envelope for The Pelican Intervention Fund. These envelopes are not dated. You can drop your contribution in the collection at any time according to your means. Make checks payable to HR or IC Parish.

Over the next week, at 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 for your continued support. Visit our website at www.pelicaninterventionfund.org

Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in the month of **August**:

**Aiden Richard Daffe • John Patrick Hunt Jr., •
Jameson Daniel Loan • Russell Kane Lynch •
Siobhan Kathleen Ragan • Julianna Kelly Wiseman**



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Jesus Is Calling

What a paradox to hear Jesus calling despite Adoration being a silent experience! Do not be afraid of the paradox nor of the silence. He will speak directly to your heart--no ears required for this Language of the Soul. Come & Be at Adoration.

Place: IC Church
Enter through the Green Street door only.

Times: Thurs. 7-8 p.m.
and
Fri. 9:30-12 noon

Note: If a Friday funeral is scheduled, or in the absence of a presider, IC Church will remain open for "Sacred Silence" only. Check the HRIC calendar online for updated information.



HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, September 27



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.

Call to Social Action— Young Parishioners

The Social Action Committee seeks to live the pillars of Catholic Social Justice teaching through activities which support the communities served by our Collaborative. An example of the work the Social Action committee strives to do is the food collection program. See page 3 for details.

This year, the Social Action Committee will focus on providing opportunities for young parishioners to become more involved. Some suggested topics and social justice issues listed below.

- Establish a warm clothing collection drive for Newburyport
- Participate in book collection program within the food drive
- Participate in service days at Lazarus House
- Establish a working relationship with Fr. Tulio in the Bronx to aid the less fortunate in South America

In addition to the projects listed, participants will be encouraged to bring their own ideas for projects to the table for consideration. The work contributed through involvement with these projects can be used to satisfy required service hours for school/faith formation.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Melinda in the IC parish office (978) 462-2724.

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.

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

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

IC Haiti

Thanks to all who contributed to the August collection for IC Haiti. Your generous response to our summer appeal puts IC Haiti in a good position to fund the 2023–24 school budget for the Father Marc Piché school in Puit Chacha, Haiti. We are currently waiting to receive a detailed budgetary request from our partner, Health Equity International, which oversees the operation of the school in Puit Chacha. The ongoing crisis in Haiti will certainly impact the costs for running the school, but we are confident we are now able to fund this year's school budget thanks to your generosity.

To learn more about IC Haiti, please go to our website, ichaiti.org, where you will find an eight-part series on the history of our engagement with Haiti.

Our next collection will take place in December which is actually the first collection for the 2024–25 school year. If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti at any time during the year, you can do so by any one of the means listed below:

- Place an envelop marked "IC Haiti" into a second collection box in any of the churches. If you write a check, make it out to "IC Haiti"
- Send a check made out to "IC Haiti" to IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950
- Go to our website, ichaiti.org, and donate via PayPal.

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.hriccatholic.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.hriccatholic.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.

Scout Troop 21 Yard Sale

Saturday, October 7, 7:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

The Yard sale will be held at 304 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950. The proceeds from this event allows Troop 21 to fund its activities.

A Scout is: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. Troop 21 aims to prepare members to make ethical and moral choices by instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law—the foundations of Scouting—along with skills that last a lifetime.

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

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@hriccatholic.org.

Bulletin Information

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

HRIC Pastoral Council

Invitation to Participate in the Pastoral Council Meetings

The Collaborative Pastoral Council will meet on **Saturday, September 30, at 10:00 a.m. at IC St. Louis Hall.**

We invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council, please reach out to Jim Williamson at Jimwilliamson35@gmail.com.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Sept. 16–17	\$1,517.00
HR Mailed-In Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 15	\$ 225.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$1,110.00</u>
Total Weekly Offertory	\$2,852.00
Clergy Trust, Sept. 16–17	\$1,088.00

The second collection this weekend (Sept. 24) is *Ongoing Church Maintenance*. The second collection next weekend (Oct. 1) is the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection also provides support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests, lay people for ministry, and will assist the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various missionary efforts at home and abroad. For information on these collections, go to:

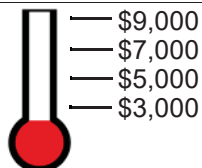
1. www.usccb.org/national-collection/peters-pence
2. www.cua.edu
3. www.BostonCatholic.org

Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Holy Redeemer Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

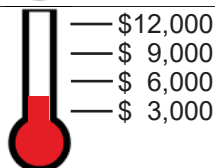
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

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

St. Ann Church Painting Project
Goal \$9,000.00
To Date \$1,728.00



Nativity Hall Air Conditioning
Goal \$12,000.00
To Date \$4,895.00



Holy Redeemer Projects

Painting the Interior of St. Ann Church

We are raising funds to give the interior of St. Ann Church a new coat of paint. We need approximately \$9,000 to complete the project. Special envelopes have been included in the monthly packets for those who receive them, or blank ones are available at the back of the church. Once the money has been raised, we will schedule the painting to be done. Many thanks for your support and generosity in helping to complete this work!

Air Conditioning for Nativity Hall

We are raising the funds to add air conditioning to Nativity Hall. Like the church, we intend to install the heat pump "splits" that have enabled us to enjoy a more comfortable environment for worship this summer. We hope to see this work done for about \$12,000. Special envelopes for this are included in the monthly packets for those who receive them and blank envelopes are available in the church. Once we have raised these funds, we will proceed with the project. Many thanks for your generosity and support!

St. Ann Coffee Hour

St Ann Church Welcomes All to the Return of Our "Coffee And..."

We are happy to announce that the first "Coffee And..." will be on **Sunday, October 1**, after the 10:00 Mass. We hope you will join us in the church hall, for coffee and baked goods, to visit with old friends, and to make new ones. For your convenience, the side door on the parking lot side will be open with easier access to the hall.



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!

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



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 5 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.

Communion to the Homebound

We would like to offer our Holy Redeemer parishioners the opportunity to receive the Eucharist if you are homebound or unable to attend Mass on a regular basis. If any parishioner knows of someone who might be interested in receiving the Eucharist, please also let us know. This could be a one-time occasion, or a regular schedule could be arranged. Please call Melinda Burrell at 978-346-8604 to schedule a visit.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Sept. 16–17	\$4,613.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 15	\$4,802.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,228.84
Total Weekly Offertory	\$12,643.84
Clergy Trust, Sept. 16–17	\$2,350.00

The second collection this weekend (Sept. 24) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (Oct. 1) is the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection also provides support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests, lay people for ministry, and will assist the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various missionary efforts at home and abroad. For information on these collections, go to:

1. www.usccb.org/national-collection/peters-pence
2. www.cua.edu
3. www.BostonCatholic.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.

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. 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

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!

Bundle Sunday Clothing Donation Event

October 7–8, Immaculate Conception church parking lot. Clothing, coats, and shoes of every size accepted. No toys or household items. The donation event will take place on Saturday, October 7, from 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 8, from 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon.

Donate your clothes to St. Vincent de Paul Society on

Bundle Sunday

October 7-8

IC Church Parking Lot

Saturday, October 7 (8:00am-6:00pm) and Sunday, October 8 (8:00am-12:00noon)

Clothes and shoes only, please (no toys or household items).



Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School continues to integrate STEM education into daily learning for students. A concentrated professional development program developed by Worcester Polytechnic Institute's STEM Education Center is guiding IC educators through hands-on experiences and project-based learning that follow cooperative learning pedagogy.



By engaging students in meaningful real-world problems, skills are developed in problem-solving as the engineering design process is applied to create classroom visuals, models and solutions. This approach is integrated for assignments in all content areas and grade levels.



Pictured, IC faculty collaboratively problem solve during training sessions. Upper left, IC Math teacher Jen Godfrey, WPI alumna, and Mia Dubosarsky, Director, WPI Professional Development STEM Education Center.

Community Service of Nbpt.

Roll into September: Toilet Paper and Paper Towel Drive

Community Service of Newburyport is collecting toilet paper and paper towels through September. You can drop off your donation in the IC Parish Center lobby, The Dance Place in the Tannery (50 Water Street, Nbpt.), or the YWCA Newburyport (13 Market St., Nbpt). Paper products are not covered by WIC and SNAP benefits (as food is) and these costly items are often sacrificed for the sake of feeding the family. Please help if you can. These items fly off the shelf as soon as they come in.

Community Service of Newburyport has been helping families in need since 1912.

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website tcfnwburyport.org.

Our next monthly support meeting is Monday, **September 25** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 from 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Mel Yell, 978-764-2547 or Heidi Damiano, 978-360-7525 with questions.

IC 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



IC 175th Anniversary Gala
Save the Date!
December 8, 2023 7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Mission Oak Grill, Newburyport
Come and celebrate
Details to follow

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

Holiday Items Raffle Prizes Grandma's Attic Items
Wall of Wine Prizes Baked Goods

Please consider helping us make our Harvest Fair a success by dropping off your donations for **Grandma's Attic** or the **Holiday tables** in the baskets provided at the entry of St. Louis Hall. If you have a gift card or voucher for the **Raffle table**, please give it to Melinda in the parish office.

Baked goods are needed! It's not too early to start baking and freezing cakes, breads, and cookies. Pies are welcome too **and** perhaps consider gluten-free items. Baked goods may be dropped off on Friday, October 20 after 3:00 p.m. or on the day of the fair (Oct. 21), any time after 7:30 a.m.

Volunteers: We could use the help of people who might want to volunteer for the day of the fair to help sell raffle tickets, assist with serving lunch, help at the bake table, etc. If you are interested in helping out, please attend our meeting on **October 5 at 9:45 a.m.** (following Daily Mass) in IC St. Louis Hall.

If you have any questions, please email hbees@comcast.net.

IC Parish: 175th Anniversary

Immaculate Conception Parish celebrates 175 years

In celebration of this milestone of faith and service to the greater Newburyport community, the parish is planning a series of events throughout the year. A committee has formed to create, plan, and execute these yearlong events, focused on celebrating the history of our parish and our patroness. If you would like to be part of the planning, join our next meeting on Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. in IC St. Louis Hall. All are welcome.

175th Anniversary Website Page

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

IC Church Tours

IC Church Tours Part III: What we do best—Sacraments!

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Date: Monday, September 25

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.*



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.

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



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