

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29, 2024

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All Are Welcome



*The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses.
Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses,
the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders;
and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.*

(Nm 11:25)



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985

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Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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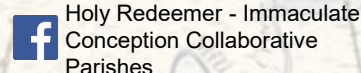
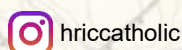
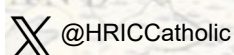
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Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/28)

4:00pm **IC** *Stephen M. Boy, Elaine Tuttle*
(Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** *John R. Minihan* (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (9/29)

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

9:00am **IC** *Mark Walter Benson* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

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

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

Monday (9/30)

9:00am **IC** *Mark Walter Benson* (Fr. Stanley)

Tuesday (10/1)

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

Wednesday (10/2)

9:00am **IC** *Niles, Keefe, Swochak, & Macri families*
(Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (10/3)

9:00am **IC** *For all of God's Blessings* (Fr. Stanley)

Friday (10/4)

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

Saturday (10/5)

4:00pm **IC** *Rita Snow, Thomas Vincent Smith, Michael & Christopher Stone* (Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (10/6)

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

9:00am **IC** *Irene Palaima, Gilda LaBarba*
(Fr. Stanley)

10:00am **St. Ann** *Jerry Mullen, Paul & Helen Ringenbach* (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** *Robert Filomia* (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers please remember all of the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Vigil Mass is live-streamed online through our website: hricatholic.org as well as our Facebook page.

Adoration

An Encounter with Christ

Don't put off genuine prayer in the presence of God because it might change you. Expect that you will be changed: by grace, by attentive listening, and by holy aspirations which His crazy love for you will set you free to love as He loves.



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)

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Control is one of the things we value and cherish the most. Sometimes co-mingled with self-determination, we want to be the one to direct the flow of everything from an agenda for a meeting to the major decisions of our lives. Sometimes we have been lulled into this through the promise of “personalizing the experience” or customizing our approach. But really, as attractive a selling point as these might be, they really belie an inner desire to exercise control over the many details that make up our lives. We want to choose the color. We want to pick the music. We want to set the itinerary. We want control.

One of the scariest things we can endure in life is a moment when we lose control. When I was a little kid, my family spent a day at the beach on Cape Cod. It was magical: playing in the sand and dodging the gentle waves as they rolled onto the shore. And then...a bigger wave unexpectedly came and crashed right on top of me. Even to this day, I remember the sheer terror of being rolled around by the force of the salt water and sand. I needed to breathe, but couldn't because I was submerged. I wanted to stand, but couldn't figure out which way was up. I wanted to scream for help, but my mouth quickly filled with seawater and it all came out so garbled. It only lasted for a moment and emerging from the foamy froth as the wave finally receded, I saw my parents hovering right over me to pluck me from the abyss. At last, I could stand again and be in control.

Looking back over time, the most scary incidents of my life have been when I was feeling totally out of control: falling on an icy black diamond ski slope, being involved in a head-on car collision, calling 9-1-1 for a friend who had collapsed from a stroke and was unresponsive. Calm and peace were restored when the motion stopped, when the situations resolved, when the healing and recovery was made manifest...when control was regained. Control is important in most aspects of life.

Except for one thing: when dealing with the Holy Spirit. If there is one lesson that has been offered over and over again, one lesson that has been hammered into us by Prophets and Apostles alike is that God's Spirit will not be controlled. The Spirit comes and goes as it will. The Spirit shows up or it doesn't. The Spirit stirs people's hearts or it doesn't. The Spirit enflames the ardor of one group and chills the passions of another. While we can point to various signs that the Spirit is acting powerfully in our midst: “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (from Galatians 5:22) directing or shaping or molding what and where the Spirit will act is well beyond our pay grade. That the followers of Moses and of Jesus both struggled to understand this simply demonstrates the limits of our human nature to deal with a transcendent God.

How many of us have ever prayed to ask God to do something for us? How often have we implored the Lord to fix this or stop that? While Jesus invited us to ask for anything from the Lord, we know that prayer doesn't change God's mind of what God is doing or going to do. Rather prayer

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, September 30

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

Tuesday, October 1

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

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

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, October 2

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Ministry Committee Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

DAR Mtg. 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

Faith, Fun, & Fellowship Mtg. 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, October 3

ICS PTO Mtg. 8:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

HRIC Prayer Shawl Mtg. 2:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, October 4

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, October 5

Quilters Mtg. 11:00am, Nativity Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive after All IC Masses

Sunday, October 6

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive after All IC Masses

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

Faith Formation, Grades K-8 10:00am, IC Parish Center

St. Ann Coffee Social 11:00am, St. Ann Hall

Ministry Fair, St. Ann Church 11:00am, St. Ann Hall

Baptism Preparation Class 12:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Faith Formation, Grade 10 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Faith Formation, Grade 10 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

Collection for the Holy Father and Missionary Efforts

Next week's second collection will support 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

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changes us and and on the best of days helps us to better understand what God is already doing and the reasons why God's Will is best. So our best prayer is actually a surrendering to God's Will, and in effect, surrendering control.

This should both terrify us (let go of control?!) and yet enable us to experience the deeper peace of knowing that in inviting our hearts to consider God's ways, we discover the depths and riches of God's deep love for all the people of the world. This ought to give us great confidence that God who IS in control has a far more comprehensive plan as to how things ought to go than we could ever come up with on our own, despite our best intentions and desires. The Spirit regularly challenges our reluctance to let go and at the same time surprises us by the new life that It engenders.

This weekend's Scriptures offer several stories of the Spirit showing up where it was not expected. The response that God is looking for is that of wonder and awe, not condemnation and jealousy. If God is acting in a new and unconventional way, might that not mean that our traditional ways of understanding the Spirit are insufficient, and that our conventions are possibly too confining instead of comfortably helpful? We all like things that are reliably predictable. We like jobs that are steady. We enjoy friendships that nourish and support. We look for patterns in the weather and note the passing of seasons. Maybe we feel in control and sure of ourselves in the midst and because of their regularity. And yet, throw a hurricane or pandemic or medical crisis in the middle of life... and that comforting sense of control can vanish so shockingly fast that we might be tempted to consider that it was all really an illusion to begin with. And... maybe it all was.

But if with the Spirit comes a healthy dose of chaotic unpredictability, the Lord also provides an unrelenting advocacy and help...a faithfulness that goes beyond words and oaths, a fortitude and strength that can overcome the greatest of obstacles and untie the most confounding of knots. The out of (our) control Spirit will work powerfully in our world to accomplish God's will for the benefit of humankind, which, of course, includes us and excludes none. It is best to be docile to its movements and humble before its ways.

So maybe we suffer through a moment when someone outside of our Church or faith utters a prophecy that rings true and bites hard? So maybe someone apart from our community or nation speaks God's truth in a compelling way that reeks of Jesus but is labeled and packaged differently? So what if the Spirit groans throughout humanity, in words not completely intelligible to the mind but confirming in heart and soul? Would we ever really want God to be subject to even the very best and brightest of us? Or would it always be just better for God to do what God does, whether we understand it or not, whether it comforts us or causes us great consternation? In the end, despite our own inclinations and accustomed levels of comfort, who do we really want in control? The mighty or the Almighty?

Maybe being out of control isn't so bad, after all!

Fall Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison

Pastor

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

It's CORI Time

You can pick up a form in the back of any of the churches and have a priest or deacon verify it with your ID or stop by the IC parish 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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Has there been a time when your faith was questioned by another? How did you or would you respond?

Child: When do you feel God guiding you?

Collaborative Faith Formation

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

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

Baptism

We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on the second Sunday of each month at IC Church at the 11:30 Mass. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Confirmation

In January, Cardinal Seán announced his decision to move the Sacrament of Confirmation from 10th grade to 8th grade. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation process will be changing. While we are working on how this change will be rolled out, please help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not yet be aware.

HR Cookbooks for Sale

If you would like to purchase a copy of the HR parish cookbook, they are available in the IC parish offices during business hours. Stop in and ask for Melinda. They are \$15 each and make great gifts!

They will also be on sale at the IC Harvest Fair (October 19) and the HR Holiday Fair (November 23).



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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes

Prayers for the Sick

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

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

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

Shawls and Lapghans



Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy! We would be happy to deliver to anyone. Or if you personally would like to give one to a friend, relative or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673.

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

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

Looking for Yarn Donations

We are always looking for **yarn donations**. Do you have some leftover yarn from an old project? Maybe a family member who no longer knits or crochets? We are asking for **only full skeins and no wool yarn** (we have some who are allergic to wool.). Contact Helen at 978-771-4673 and she will arrange to pick it up.



The Sacrament of the Sick

The **Anointing of the Sick** is one of the seven Sacraments of our Church and is administered by a priest for healing and inner wholeness. Those who are seriously ill, elderly, or are entering the hospital can request to be anointed. Due to varied schedules and availability, it may not always be possible for a priest to come on short notice to offer the Sacrament, therefore it is strongly recommended that you request the Anointing of the Sick **before going in for a hospital stay, upon entering a nursing home, or at the beginning of hospice care.** Please call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Sept. 21–22	\$1,960.50
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 20	\$ 497.50
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 296.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Sept. 21–22	\$2,754.00

Ongoing Church Maintenance, Sept. 21–22 \$ 747.00

No second collection this weekend (Sept. 29) The second collection next weekend (Oct. 6) is the Holy Father's Peter's Pence. See page 4 for details.

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

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

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Friends of the Poor Fundraiser

Since 2008, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's annual Friends of the Poor Walk has raised more than \$27 million to help neighbors in need in communities across the country. Our conference will not be participating in an official way but we take this opportunity to raise awareness of the ongoing needs of the poor.



Please consider donating by using our online connection. All funds will go directly to our account. <https://bit.ly/stvincent-holy-redeemer>. The PayPal QR code here can also be scanned to make the direct connection for online donations.

Thanks to all of you who attended the Nativity ministry fair last weekend. We need to make everyone aware of the Gospel's call to put our faith *into action*.

Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes in the pews at St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or placed in the poor boxes. Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to HR St. Vincent de Paul.

St. Ann Coffee Social

*St. Ann's Coffee Socials resume on **October 6** following the 10:00 Mass in the church hall.*

We are excited to welcome you all back after our summer break. Please join us—young and old, and in between! They are a lot of fun! For your convenience, the side door on the parking lot side will be open with easier access to the hall.

If anyone is interested in hosting a coffee, or baking your favorite treat, please call or text Donna Pallone, (978) 886-1621.

Also, Holy Redeemer Cookbooks will be available to purchase for \$15.



Coffee and Conversation

Join us for coffee and conversation after the 8:30 Mass on **Sunday, October 13 at Nativity Hall**. Come join us and see what we are serving up!

Activities Committee Meeting

The next Activities Committee meeting is **Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Ann, West Newbury**. We will be working and preparing for the November 23 Holiday Fair.

Holiday Fair News

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

The Holiday Fair is a long-running tradition at Holy Redeemer. It is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving at Nativity Hall. Gift baskets, homemade soups, silent auction items, and nearly new items are available.

Bake sale table donations: Our bake sale table could use some homemade treats. Bake now and freeze them to avoid the rush! Please package donations in individual serving sizes (2–5 cookies per bag, 1 brownie per bag, etc.) and label it so we know what it is (chocolate chip cookies, lemon bars, etc.) and if it has nuts. We also welcome gluten-free items. Questions? Contact **Pauline: 978-504-1792**.

Donated items for the **Nearly New Table** may be brought to Nativity hall after the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, October 27 and after the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3 after the 8:30 Mass. **We will not be able to accept donations for the Nearly New Table after November 3.**

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

Homemade soups are served for **lunch**. Please **contact Marie Greeley (508-523-0404)** to tell us your soup donation and receive your crock pot liner. Drop off your hot soup the day of the fair by 9:00 a.m.

Gift basket donations are needed for our fair. Themed gift baskets at our annual fair are always a huge success. Pick a theme, purchase 3–4 related items and put them in a basket. The committee will wrap them up. Basket donations may be brought to Nativity Hall starting Sunday, November 10. Volunteers will be in the hall for 2 weeks preparing for the Fair. More donation times will be posted on the Hall's glass doors. Donations may also be left in the back of St. Ann, please label donations **"FAIR"**.

This year we will not be mailing **raffle tickets** as the process has become too costly. Instead, we are holding a **50/50 raffle**. Tickets for the 50/50 raffle will be available after Masses on November 2–3 and during the Fair. The winning ticket will be drawn at 2:00 p.m. the day of the fair.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

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

HR Online Giving

HR provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring donation. To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office. Once you register, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hrrcatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then “HR Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724 x 402.

St. Ann Ministry Fair



On **Sunday October 6**, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Ann, we will hold a Ministry Fair in **St. Ann Hall**. Come in for a few moments to learn about many of the ministries in Holy Redeemer Parish and in the HRIC Collaborative.

There will be refreshments, and it will be an opportunity to see old friends and maybe make some new ones.

Adoration at Nativity Church

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Youth Choir

“Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord”

The IC Youth Choir is open to all students grades 2–8.

We begin will practice every Wednesday from 4:30–5:30 in the IC Church.

For more information please contact:

Paula Quann, (609) 519-3236 or
Donna Postle, (978) 317-8903



IC Music Ministry Notes

We are looking for new members to join us.

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

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

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

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

Hail and Farewell Sister Mary

Join in celebrating Sister Mary Braley's many years of service to IC School and IC Parish as she prepares to retire and return to her order of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth in Kentucky. Her retirement ends a 142-year history of service of the SCNs at IC School—since 1882!



Sister Mary has selflessly served the families and children of our parish and school, and we want to ensure we give her an appropriate send-off!

A light luncheon reception is planned for Sunday, October 6 immediately following the 11:30 Mass in the IC School Gym.

Please **no gifts** per Sister Mary's request. Donations may be made to her order for their mission work. Pre-addressed envelopes can be picked up at the IC offices any time and will be available the day of the reception. Or you can mail your donation to: Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, 40 West Drive, Nazareth, KY 40048. Thank you, Sister Mary!

Parish Membership

Welcome! We invite you to become a member of our Parish communities and take an active part in parish life. Registration forms are available at the IC office or online at www.hrrcatholic.org.

Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser for over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame. She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$2,749.27</u>
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No second collection this weekend (Sept. 29) The second collection next weekend (Oct. 6) is the Holy Father's Peter's Pence. See page 4 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.

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!

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.

A Caravan of Love—IC style

Over 40 cars, led by Tom Grella, and Fr. Stanley on a three-wheeled motorcycle, gathered on a sunny September 10th for a "Caravan of Love". The cars were festooned with balloons, signs and messages of hope designed to bring some joy and delight to parishioner Libby Pettingell as she recovers from a serious illness.



These "drive by" caravans have become a tradition at Immaculate Conception as a way in which to show the love, care and fellowship which defines our faith community. Whether for milestone celebrations or demonstrations of prayerful and healing intentions, these expressions of love and comfort are another way for us to show the face of Jesus in very loving and creative ways!



Immaculate Conception School

Mrs. Dunn's Art Classes Explore

Van Gogh's Sunflowers



Knights of Columbus

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

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library.

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 6**.

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." 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 at our website: ichaiti.org.

Tootsie Roll Drive

The Newburyport Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Drive fundraiser after all **IC** weekend Masses on **October 5–6**. Please stop by and support the Knights! Or Venmo the Knights @KofC231.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Harvest Fair 2024

Mark Your Calendar

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

It will include a bake sale, artisan/craft tables, the popular Wall of Wine, scratch ticket tree raffle, Grandma's Attic table, an all-holiday table, a raffle table, door prizes, *and a special dinner for 6 raffle*. Oh, and lest we forget Jan's famous fish chowda!

Harvest Fair Items Are Needed

All Holiday • Grandma's Attic • Raffle

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

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

Get a head start!

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

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

Harvest Fair Wall of Wine

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

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

We need everyone's help.

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

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



Don't Miss This!

We are very excited to offer as a special raffle at the **Harvest Fair:**

A dinner for 6 people hosted by our very own Father Tim!
The date to be mutually agreed upon.



Call Boxes

Dear IC Parishioners,

Over the past few years, we have been exploring ways to help keep all of our parishioners as safe as possible while attending church. One of the recommendations that we are implementing in the weeks ahead is the installation and activation of blue emergency Police Call Boxes near the entranceways of the church. These are usually located near the red Fire Emergency Call Boxes, and operate in a similar way.

Please use these new Police boxes only in an emergency when police help is needed, for example if there was ever an act of violence or an individual was disrupting a Mass or acting in a threatening manner. Once activated, they cannot be turned off and will generate a police response.

While we hope that we will never have the occasion to need them, these are being made available for everyone's safety. In the unlikely event of a disturbance, the quicker that trained law enforcement can be brought to the scene, the quicker safety and peace can be restored for everyone involved.

For all medical emergencies, please call 9-1-1 from your cell phone and stay on the line with the dispatcher. 9-1-1 can also be used for Police and Fire emergencies as well. The call boxes are meant to augment our ability to contact the police in a moment of need, not replace people's good instinct to use their cell phones in an emergency.

Please see Fr. Harrison if you have any questions or concerns.

Save the Date



Do you love to dance?

Did you watch American Bandstand?

Do you enjoy socializing with your fellow parishioners?

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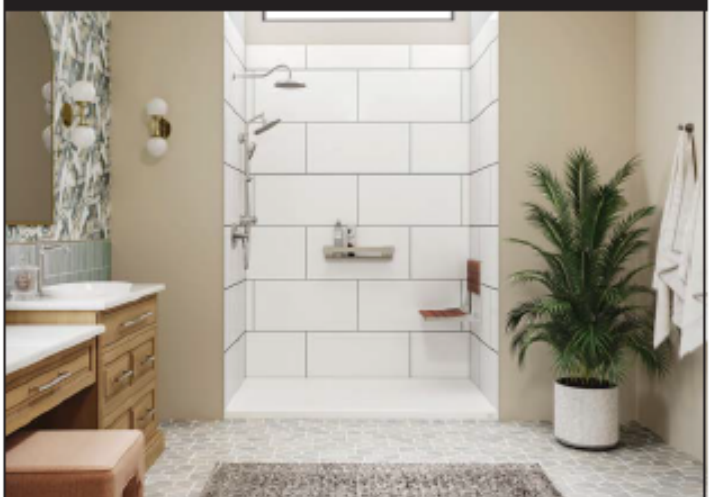
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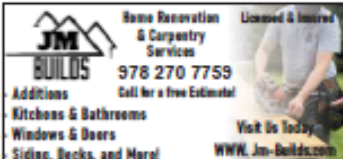
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