

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3, 2023

All Are Welcome

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*He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me.
You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."*

(Mt 16:23)



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

Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

Phone: 978-346-8604

Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Nativity

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

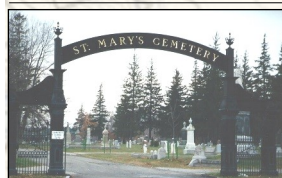
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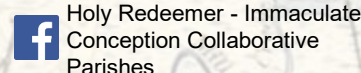
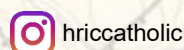
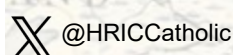
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/2)

4:00pm **IC** *Jamie Grabowski, Derek Hines, Michael Hines, Virginia Reardon* (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (9/3)

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

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

10:00am **St. Ann** *Jamie Grabowski, Derek Hines, Michael Hines, Chris Cheney* (Fr. Stanley)

11:00am **IC** *Michael Filomia, Al Hasapis* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Monday (9/4)

9:00am **IC** *Michael Aldrich (Memorial Mass), Michael Perruccio, Michael Stone, & Jeffrey Stone* (Fr. Richard)

Tuesday (9/5)

9:00am *William Stogryn* (Fr. Richard)

Wednesday (9/6)

9:00am **IC** *The Niles, Keefe, Swochak, & Macri families, Eleanor Carlin O'Donnell* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (9/7)

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

Friday (9/8)

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

Saturday (9/9)

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

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

Sunday (9/10)

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

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

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

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

Please note that the later Mass at IC on Sundays will change to 11:30 a.m. beginning on September 10 (the weekend after Labor Day weekend). September 2–3 weekend Mass times at IC are 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.

In your prayers please remember Claire Foley, John J. Motzi Sr., Raymond Babcock, 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 and on Facebook: (Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes).

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.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Navigation systems are a wonderful thing. Whether you use a built-in system that is part of your car or use an app on your phone, they have this uncanny, preternatural way of getting you where you are supposed to go. Until they don't.



Some years ago, I was driving a group of friends to a restaurant in New Hampshire at a country inn located up a mountain. My GPS was relentless: turn here, go there, take a left in 100 feet... And then all of a sudden, as the road we were on got narrower and less maintained, we came to a dead stop where a large boulder blocked the road. Clearly my device wanted us to go forward on that road, but the boulder said otherwise. After backing down the road, turning around and following another set of definitive instructions that were just as precise, didn't my navi bring us to the other side of that boulder on the same road! Unbelievable!

We eventually got to dinner that night, but the image of the stark, lone, boulder blocking our path, not once, but twice sticks in my mind.

Following last week's Gospel where Jesus had just praised St. Peter for his divine-given insight into who Jesus really was, He now bitterly berates him, calling him, "Satan," and labeling him an obstacle, because he was thinking as a human being, and not as God does. Poor St. Peter got his tail feathers singed for just being who he was.

But that was precisely the point: Jesus didn't want Peter or any of His followers to simply be what they were. He wanted them to become more – to become better images of God's love in this world. Yes, we will all have some "human moments," times where we act our age (or fail to), fall back on old habits or neglect to be the adult in the room. Our list of failings is long, varied and quite colorful. But these are not our finest moments and will actually get in the way of our furthering God's Kingdom if they go unchallenged and unchecked.

Human categories are limited to the things of this world, to the values that are proposed by others and the limited vision we use to make our choices and find our way through this present life. God, of course, is not held back by any of this, and will always have fresh, new and creative ideas, no matter how bleak the present circumstances may suggest. It is through our faith and regular prayer that we discover how to conform our thoughts to those of God's and shed the limits that our fallen human nature will impose. We do this best when instead of thinking about all of the things that can go wrong in a particular situation, we instead ask and invite the Lord to show us the possibilities

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Labor Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will be closed all day on Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day holiday.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, September 4, Labor Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 5

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

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

IC Choir Practice 6:30pm, IC Church

Wednesday, September 6

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

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

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

Thursday, September 7

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

IC Harvest Fair Mtg. 10:00am, IC Charity Dining Room

HR Prayer Shawl Mtg. 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Sicily Pilgrimage Meeting & Mass 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall/
St. James Chapel

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, September 8

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, September 9

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, September 10

Catechist Formation Mtg. (K-8) 10:00am, IC Charity Dining Room

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

Collaborative Calendar



Did you know we have an online Collaborative calendar? It lists Mass times and all Collaborative events and activities. Access it through the calendar tab on our website: hriccatholic.org or you can scan the QR code.

Let Nothing Obstruct

60 minutes a week in silent **Adoration** will unveil dissonance, a tension or what lingers as an obstacle to grace. Jesus wants to release all that. Be not afraid. He will speak to your heart. Adoration will be your translatable tool to understand His language of love.

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.



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of what may be. God sees through the obstacles that block our paths and lights up a clear pathway to the good that we are to achieve for the sake of His Kingdom when we are faithful to doing His will.

And what is His will for us?

Humility and trust, that God knows better than we do about what needs to happen in any circumstance. Making mercy, love, forgiveness, and compassion our daily bread and our life's breath. Internalizing God's Word so that His words are truly a lamp unto our path. And seeing His presence in those who are our neighbor, proximate and local, especially the poor and suffering, the lonely and forgotten.

Be about these things, and boulders will split in front of us and our pathway will clear, not always to where we would want to go on our own, left to our particular desires. But instead, we will see a new way forward, imbued with God's fingerprints and emmeshed with fresh opportunities to connect others to God... and God, through them, to us.

Labor Day Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Collaborative Faith Formation

It's time to sign up for
Faith Formation
classes



Registration now open for
the 2023-2024 school year.

Forms available on our website
(hriccatholic.org) under the
Faith Formation tab.

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

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

New: Online Payment Option

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

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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: How do you deal with the burdens of life in a faithful way?

Child: When can it be hard to follow Jesus?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **this Sunday, September 3, after the 9:00am 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.



Hospitality Sunday

1st Sundays after the 9AM Mass I Parish Center



IC St. Vincent de Paul Walk for Our Poor



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

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

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

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

Recitation of the Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. (before 9:00 Mass) in person at IC Church or on Facebook. www.facebook.com/hricatholic/

IC Haiti

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

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

October 2, 2023

IC 5TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

RENAISSANCE GOLF CLUB
377 KENOZA STREET, HAVERHILL, MA

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



All proceeds will benefit the
Immaculate Conception School Newburyport, MA



Bulletin Information

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

Thanks from the Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your **ongoing** generous donations of food and personal care items! Your continuing contributions are helping many families in need. We monitor the bins and distribute the much needed items to the food pantries serving the local communities within our collaborative.

An Evening of Formation and Reflection

For All Liturgical Ministers

Wednesday, September 27, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Location: Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

Presenter: Fr. George Morin, Our Beloved Retiree

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 wonderful event. Current ministers are strongly 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 (with no quiz at the end!).

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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

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

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.

HRIC Pastoral Council

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

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

HR

Kathy Peavey, Bob Belmont

IC

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

Confessions



We offer confessions Saturdays from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at IC Church. Confessions are also available at other times and places during the week by appointment only. For more information or to schedule a time for confession, contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

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Christine & Paul Blanchette
Pilgrimage to

Medjugorje

APRIL 8 -16, 2024

Spiritual Director:
Fr. George Morin

Inclusions:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes & surcharges
- 7 nights accommodation
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Transfers, transportation
- Wireless headsets
- Assistance from professional local Catholic guide(s)
- Visit to Community Cenacolo
- Sightseeing and admissions fees
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person), Flight bag

Dubrovnik
2 nights: April 16-18, 2024
\$649 per person
*All pricing is based on double occupancy

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REGISTER USING THE QR CODE

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Flavors of Portugal Duoro River Cruise

October 25 - November 7, 2024

\$8,174 per person from Boston (BOS) in Cabin D
Cabin A : additional \$950 per person
Cabin B: additional \$750 per person
*All pricing based on double occupancy
Leave from Any airport: www.206tours.com/addon

Fr. Tim Harrison

Inclusions:

- Round-trip airfare from Boston (BOS)
- Airport taxes and Surcharges
- 11 nights accommodation (combination ship and hotels)
- Transfers
- Breakfast and dinner daily, lunches when on cruise
- Transportation
- Tour escort
- Assistance from professional local Catholic guide(s)
- Sightseeing and admissions fees
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Whispers headsets
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person), flight bag

Register Online:
<https://www.206tours.com/blanchette/fatima/>

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

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Aug.26-27	\$1,985.00
HR Mailed-In Offertory, Week Ending Aug. 25	\$ 595.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 311.25
Total Weekly Offertory	\$2,891.25

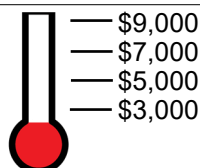
Catholic Relief for Maui, Aug 26-27 \$1,625.00

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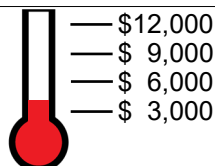
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

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 \$1,478.00



Nativity Hall Air Conditioning
Goal \$12,000.00
To Date \$4,615.00



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. This spring, a group of parishioners formed a small committee to pick out new colors. 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. Taking advantage of current rebates, we hope to see this work done for about \$12,000. In addition to helping with a number of parish meetings that have resumed, this project will also be helpful with the occasional meal following funerals and other events. 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!

HR St. Vincent de Paul



As we enter the dog days of summer, please remember that back to school needs will be upon our community very soon. We are routinely helping families with children in school and any gift cards (Walmart, etc.) and cash donations would be very much appreciated.

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

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

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, September 7 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.

Activities Committee Updates

Next Meetings: September 6 & 27

The Activities Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Merrimac hall. We will be making final preparations for our ham and bean supper. Please join us.

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

Coffee and Conversation, September 17

Please join us after the 8:30 Mass on September 17 for coffee and conversation. We would all love to hear what you did on your summer vacation!

Ham & Bean Supper, September 23

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

Holiday Fair, November 18

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

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



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Aug. 26–27	\$3,714.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Aug. 25	\$1,375.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,262.59
Total Weekly Offertory	\$8,351.59
Catholic Relief for Maui, Aug 26–27	\$3,640.00

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If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul

If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are ready to assist.



You can now make online donations on our website: **www.svdpnnewburyport.org**. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to “**SVdP of Newburyport**” and drop it into the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Breaking Bread Meal Dining-in Now Available

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner. Supper is served from 4:45–5:30. Those who prefer to continue “Grab & Go” can pick up at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Walk for Our Poor

“The Walk for Our Poor” will be held on **Saturday, September 23**. See page 5 of the bulletin for details.

IC Online Giving

IC Parish offers Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation.

Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then click on “IC Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to. It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

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

View our weekly bulletin online on our website:
hricatholic.org.

Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School faculty and families are eager to start the new school year! Students will arrive on Tuesday September 5.

A new garden on Washington Street welcomes all who visit—a gift from the Class of 2023. Bathing birds and beautiful butterflies are already enjoying the new garden which includes pink hibiscus plants, purple butterfly bushes, hostas, and ornamental grasses planted along the brick foundation of the building. A blue ceramic birdbath sits at the center of the garden and a plaque hangs above.



The Class of '23 also embellished the school grounds with a little book library which is located on the playground. Both the garden and the little library enhance the beauty of the outdoor grounds.



The faculty and staff wish all of our IC students and alumni, especially the Class of 2023, all the best for a successful and rewarding school year!

St. Mary's Cemetery

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. 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. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

Parish Center Elevator

The elevator at the IC Parish Center is out of order until further notice. If you are unable to visit the Parish Center via the stairs, please contact our office at 978-462-2724 and we will make arrangements to connect with you.

The Pelican Intervention Fund



We provide funding for non-profit, 12-step residential sober homes for economically challenged people struggling with addiction. Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

Donations can be made to “**The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF**” Essex County Community Foundation, 175 Andover Street, Danvers, MA 01923

IC 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

175th Anniversary Prayer

Immaculate Conception Church 1848-2023

Gracious and loving Father, on this 175th anniversary of our Parish, we celebrate our past and rejoice in our present.

We praise You for all the joy we have shared in these years of faith and fellowship. We pray for all who together make up this community of Your people.

Through the guidance and intercession of our Patroness, may we be ever mindful of the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit who renews all things.

May our Parish continue to grow as a home for all who seek Your love and mercy. Mary, Queen of Peace, conceived without original sin, pray for us. Amen



IC Church Tours

IC Church Tours Return as a Free Miniseries



Enjoy three spiritual walk-n-talks designed to awaken gratitude to God and to our visionary forebears. See seeds of faith intentionally planted as efficacious spiritual prompts in 2023. Each of three 1-hour sessions (each presented 3X) has a different theme.

Save the Dates:

Part I: History/Architecture/Motifs:

Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Part II: Saints/Pastors/Benefactors:

Sept. 18 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Part III: Jewish Roots/Catholic's Big 7:

Sept. 25 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Free Concert

Interfaith Choir Concert

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

Immaculate Conception Church, 42 Green St., Newburyport

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

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

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

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



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, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. in IC St. Louis Hall. All are welcome.

175th Anniversary Harvest Fair

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

Harvest Fair Items Needed

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

How Can You Help? Do you have any "once loved" holiday items from **any holiday** that you no longer use or display at home that could be donated to our **All-Holiday Table** especially Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas?

Do you have a "gently used" item for the **Grandma's Attic Table**?

Perhaps you could donate a gift card to a local restaurant, tickets to a sporting or musical event, or a weekend at a summer cottage or ski resort for our **Raffle Prizes**?

Please consider helping us make the Harvest Fair a success by dropping off your donation of items for the Holiday or Grandma's Attic tables in the baskets provided at the entry of St. Louis Hall. However, if you have a gift card or voucher for the raffle, please give it to Melinda in the Parish Office. If you have any questions, email Hbees@comcast.net.



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.

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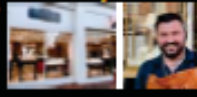
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