HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 4, 2018

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You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

- Mark 12:30-31

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

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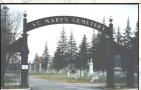
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (11/3)

4:00pm **IC** Bartley "Bart" Welch, Mary, Lawrence, Michael, Patricia, William, Daniel & Jeanne Twomey, The Grenier Family, Frank Lombardi, For the intentions of Mi Suk Choi (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm Nativity Dorothy R. Batchelder (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (11/4)

7:15am IC Regina M. Stronge, Mary Reilly, Sean Perkins, Magda Javor (Fr. Harrison)

8:00am Nativity (Fr. Morin)

9:00am IC Sandra Siemasko (Fr. McLaughlin)

10:15am St. Ann (Fr. Morin)

11:30am IC Robert Kealey (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (11/5)

9:00am St. Ann (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (11/6)

7:15am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (11/7)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (11/8)

7:15am IC Jack Cohane (Fr. Morin)

Friday (11/9)

9:00am Nativity (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (11/10)

4:00pm **IC** Helen "Dolly" Barewich, Bartley Welch, Patricia Cody, Jacquetta Johnson (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Joan V. Jarman* (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (11/11)

7:15am IC Stefan Javor (Fr. Morin)

8:00am Nativity Henry Duhamel (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** Sean Perkins, Betsy Lane, William Griffin (Fr. Morin)

10:15am St. Ann (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am IC Andrew Filomia (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Patricia Cody, Barbara Mahoney, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport Nativity—Merrimac St. Ann—West Newbury

Archdiocese Web Site

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Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to <a href="https://hittps

Mass Scripture Readings: Nov. 4-Nov. 11, 2018

In praying with the Scriptures, we have the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord while discerning His ever-gracious invitation to love as He loves us. Please refer to the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to http://www.hriccatholic.org/blog/lectio-divina or to www.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Nov 4: Deuteronomy 6:2-6: Psalm 18; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34
- Monday, Nov 5: Philippians 2:1-4; Psalm 131, Luke 14:12-14
- Tuesday, Nov 6: Philippians 2:5-11; Psalm 22; Luke 14:15-24
- Wednesday, Nov 7: Philippians 2:12-18; Psalm 27; Luke 14:25-33
- Thursday, Nov 8: Philippians 3: 3-8a; Psalm 105; Luke 15:1-10
- Friday, Nov 9: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 46; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22
- Saturday, Nov 10: Philippians 4:10-19; Psalm 112; Luke 16:9-15
- Sunday, Nov 11: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

R.C.I.A

RCIA classes meet at 10:15, IC Parish Center, G19

The R.C.I.A. program is for people interested in joining the Catholic Church and/or learning about the Catholic faith. Anyone over the age of seven who wishes to become baptized, or has been baptized in another Christian Church, and/or is interested in the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation is welcome. If you have a friend or family member who might be interested, please have them contact Marin Fortune: fortune@newburyportcatholic.org.

Free Hair Cuts



Donna Koen, a parishioner and licensed hairdresser of 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.



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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, November 5

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

HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, November 6

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Wednesday, November 7

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

Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Parish Boosters Meeting 2:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

ICS PTO Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, November 8

Pastoral Plan Discipleship Priority ChristLife Meeting 6:15pm,

IC Charity Dining Room

Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

Friday, November 9

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

Saturday, November 10

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, November 11

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church

Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church

Celebrating the Sacraments

Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm or by appointment. HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass or by appointment.

Baptism

Call the Parish offices for information and to register.

Marriage

Archdiocesan guidelines request that couples planning to marry in the Church contact the church at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick

This Sacrament should not be seen as only administered when there is danger of death. Please call us if someone is in the hospital, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.

High School Open Houses

St. Thomas Aquinas HS Open House

197 Dover Point Road, Dover, NH, Sunday, November 4 at 1:00pm and Monday, November 5 at 6:00pm.

3rd Annual Advent Vespers Series

For two Wednesday evenings this Advent, come for a rare opportunity to pray with Russian icons as a complement to our traditional Western antiphonal Evening Prayer. This reflective and beautiful way to add prayer to Advent is sure to inspire with word, song, silence, and images.

Dates: December 12 and December 19

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Place: St James Chapel, IC Parish Center

Advent Adventure with Icons

Reserve your seat on the bus for a road trip and private tour to the Clinton, MA Museum of Russian Icons! Tentatively scheduled for **December 5**, this 6-hour event will include:

- a private docent to explain the icons on exhibit
- an opportunity to dine at the attached tea room or to shop in downtown Clinton
- transportation from IC parking lot and
- uplifting Collaborative time together as we explore an art form unlike our Western religious art. If you liked the MFA trip to Boston for the Botticelli exhibit, you're likely to love this road trip too.

Tentative date: Wednesday, December 5
Tentative departure/return: 9:00am–2:30pm

Tentative fee: \$20 per person

Registration required. RSVP to Mary Schmidt: 978-462-6191 or maryschmidthomepro@hotmail.com. Registration is open to the public while bus/museum quotas are unfilled.

Feast of the Holy Family "Open House"

Save the Date

Meet the Holy Family at their house! All are invited. The Adult Faith Formation Team is planning a free, festive Open House for parishioners of all ages. To celebrate the Christmas season and the Holy Family, a reception of treats and nativity scenes will be on display. Any HRIC family or individual is invited to share their personal crèche scene at the Open House. Don't have a manger scene to loan us? Book this as a stocking stuffer event for a grandparent or child!

Date: Sunday, December 30

Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Place: Nativity Hall, Merrimac

Participants are invited to set-up their own manager scene. Be creative. But if you need assistance, that is available. All mangers on loan must be registered in advance to assure adequate floor space and set-up time.

If you are interested—or know someone who might be—contact Mary Schmidt, <u>maryschmidthomepro@hotmail.com</u> or 978-462-6191.

{Events are sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer, resting silently in God, facilitates the process of inner transformation. Our prayer without words is one of intention to surrender to God's presence and action in our lives and desire for a closer relationship with God. Join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm, in the IC Conference Room 209. Join us as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of this prayer in our own spiritual journey. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

New England Tenors

Save the Date: November 25, 2:00 p.m.

The New England Tenors will be performing a Christmas Concert at Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport.



Date: Sunday, November 25, at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: adults: \$20 per person, Under 12 years: \$12 per person.

Tickets are available from any IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul member and will

be sold after all IC Masses on the weekends of November 11 and 18 or at the door the day of the show.

Complimentary refreshments will be available in the IC School cafeteria at the show's intermission.

{Sponsored by the IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul}

Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our Parish communities and hope you take an active part in parish life. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at www.hriccatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What do you do for yourself? Do you spend as much time with God as you do with others?

Child: Of all the Commandments, which one is the most important?

How do you love God, your neighbor, and yourself?

All Care Hospice

Did you know that All Care Hospice provides free grief support services to the community and volunteer opportunities to support our hospice program? To learn more about our grief groups and workshops, please contact our Bereavement Coordinator at 781-244-1198. Registration is mandatory for all programs. To learn more about volunteer opportunities in our office providing administrative support or with our patients and families providing companionship, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 781-244-1129. Opportunities available close to home! Visit our website, allcare.org to download a volunteer form.



Immaculate Conception School

Meet our Pre-K and Kindergarten Teachers at the Early Education Fair



This is a great opportunity to meet our wonderful teachers, Mrs. Prader (Pre-K) and Mrs. Connelly and Mrs. Newman (Kindergarten)

November 7, 6:30 - 8 pm, Newburyport City Hall

OPEN HOUSE 9-11 am

- November 27, December 18, January 8 & 16
- Sunday 1-2 pm: January 27 (Catholic Schools Week)

Call Kelley Pappalardo (978) 465 -7780 for a private tour

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, October 27–28

\$10,199.00

The second collection **next** weekend is the Monthly.

IC Grand Annual Goal \$100,000 To Date \$26,645.00



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



 Collection
 \$ 15.50

 Poor Box
 \$136.00

 Total
 \$151.50

Memorials

Since it is the custom in the Church to remember the dead during the month of November, any parishioner who wishes to include a picture of a loved one on our memorial altar is invited to place it next to our baptismal font any time after Mass through the end of the month. Each picture should be no larger than 2" X 3". All pictures should be removed after the Thanksgiving weekend.

The Mass of Remembrance will be on Saturday, November 17 at 4:00.

IC Knitting Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets Tuesdays at 1:00pm in room 209 in the IC Parish Center. We knit/crochet prayer shawls, hats, mittens, scarves for charity.

Come join us; we meet every Tuesday at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call Julia O'Connor 978-465-3350 or Frances Ronan 978-462-4972.

Adoration

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in IC's St. James Chapel on Fridays from 8:00am-12:00noon.

Coffee & Baked Goods Sunday



The Pastoral Plan Welcoming Priority will sponsor a Coffee and Baked Goods Sunday at IC St. Louis Hall on **Sunday, November 4**, at 10:00 a.m. (between the 9:00 and 11:30 Masses). All are invited.

Immaculate Conception School



The IC Cross Country Teams are Catholic League Champions! In the final week of competition, the IC runners finished out the season in grand style. Both teams took first place at Bishop Fenwick High School, running against many Catholic elementary schools.

The girls had been poised for the win all season. The boys were determined to end on a high note, which they did with fierce determination. Both teams also competed in the Jim Munn Invitational in Gloucester. Twenty-four teams, hundreds of runners. The girls placed 5th overall and the boys were 12th. Congratulations to all of our runners for their individual success and their contribution to the team's success. A special thank you to coaches King, Jones, and Furneux who inspired our students every step of the way.



The championship trophies

IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides 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 community. (At this time, Online Giving is available for only IC members.) Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "Online Giving" to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to. If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made. Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

Call for Bakers



We are in need of bakers for our monthly coffee hours. This could be a good service project for a student or maybe just a way to use your "Star Baker" talents. If you would like to help, email Maureen Catino at

Maureenc@monumentmortgage.com.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Fall Programs

If you have not as yet registered your child for Religious Education classes, please don't hesitate! It is never too late to register. Classes for grades K–8 are held Sunday mornings from 10:05–11:05. For more information, contact the Religious Ed. office.

We would love to have a list of **substitutes** to call upon should one of our catechists not be available. Please consider helping us in this capacity.

The students are now busy gathering non perishable items to be distributed to local needy families in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Their efforts will be very much appreciated by many.

Reminder: No Class next Sunday, November 11 due to the Veteran's Day Holiday.

Confirmation

Confirmation 1 and 2 will take place Sunday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church. Please remember: your candidate must be accompanied by an adult.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Baptism information: www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism

November 11 is the date for the next group Baptism. Please call the Parish Office for information and to **pre-register** for the next Baptism class.

Reconciliation / First Eucharist

We are beginning the process of preparing students for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Please contact the Religious Ed. office at 978-462-2724 to register your child or for more information. Forms to register are available on the website at http://www.hriccatholic.org/First-Eucharist--First-Reconciliation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish.

Liturgical Ministers

Please remember when submitting your CORI form by mail, **a picture ID** must also be submitted for verification purposes. Complete and submit this form to the Parish Office as soon as possible as they are now past due. Forms are available in the sacristy.

Also, be aware that the Archdiocese **will not** accept copies so please submit your form in person or by mail.

IC Parish Boosters

The IC Parish Boosters will be meeting on **Wednesday**, **November 7** at 2:30pm in the Pastoral Center Charity Dining Room. Final preparations are underway for the **Parish Christmas Fair** scheduled for **Saturday**, **December 1**. Please, come join us.

Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday**, **November 13** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205. We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at membership@kofc231.org, (978) 572-0231.

IC Parish Boosters

Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 1, 2018 9am–2pm., IC School Gym. (Setup Friday, November 30, 2018 5:30–8:30pm.) Contact: Melinda Burrell, 978-462-2724 or email burrell@newburyportcatholic.org

Call for vendors and crafters: Cost: \$25 for space and table. (Those selling personal items are to take with them what does not sell.)

The parish will host a 50/50 raffle and a **Grammy's Attic** table for **any items that people would like to donate to the Fair.** We are asking for the following:

- Donated candies, homemade baked goods, penny candy for children
- · Items for children to go shopping for their parents
- Craft items
- Books
- DVDs
- Be creative!



Children's Area

(Teen volunteers to assist with children's area and gift wrapping.)

Food

Chili and cornbread, coffee, pastries, hot dogs, chips, soda, bottled water, desserts

Silent Auction

We are looking for donated items to support the Silent Auction. Vendors and crafters will also donate items for the raffle table.

Visit "North Shore Vendor Events" on Facebook to see our Christmas Fair ad.

Florida Hurricane Relief

Dear Parishioners,

We have been made aware of an individual family's need in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. This family (a relative of a parishioner) lives in Panama City and lost everything in the storm. They are asking for our help both through a request for donated items as well as through a GoFundMe page. A list of needed items can be found on our website and Facebook pages, but they include basic items for a husband, wife, grandmother, and 3 boys, ages 10, 15, & 17. Maria Hale, a parishioner, will be collecting the donated items in baskets in the foyer of Immaculate Conception Church. Thank you for your generosity in helping our brothers and sisters in need. www.gofundme.com/gxv84-hurricane-michael-relief.

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal, provided by volunteers, is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Inform the funeral director that you request this service when making arrangements.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.

HR Grand Annual Goal \$25,000 To Date \$6,425.00



HR Prayer Shawl



Do you know of any woman, man, or child who needs comfort and could use a Blessed Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket? Please call Helen Kelley 978-771-4673 or Terry Duhamel 978-384

-8099 for a shawl or more information.

Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday**, **November 7**.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

There is a wonderful way to honor someone who has requested "No gifts, please." You can send a check to Holy Redeemer Saint Vincent de Paul at 4 Green Street in Merrimac. Your donation will

honor someone's celebration and will also help those in need. A note will be sent to let that someone know about the donor's meaningful gift. Donations can be made to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant occasions.

If you are writing a check for us, please write the check to HR Saint Vincent de Paul to help expedite our banking.

Champagne Breakfast for Spiritual Adoption Program

Thank you to all who donated and returned their baby bottles to help support the Pregnancy Care Center. Mary McCarthy spoke about the mission of the Pregnancy Care Center and how the three Care Centers could not operate without the generosity of many. Mary's message to all that attended the champagne breakfast was to keep praying! Prayer is a powerful tool for anyone in crisis and those who are helping.

EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has got you covered. Check this link daily for news about the Catholic Church, and the latest issues in Catholicism. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource.

www.ewtnnews.com/

HR Religious Education

All families can find registration forms, class schedules, and calendar events online at: hriccatholic.org. Click on Faith Formation, then Holy Redeemer tab. Collaborative bulletins can be found on this site, too.

Sun., 11/4

Grades 3–6 at Merrimac Hall, 9–10 a.m. **Grade 9** class at Merrimac Hall, 6–7:30 p.m.

Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

Doreen O'Leary (Rel. Ed. email: reledhrp@gmail.com)



Pictured: Some of our first graders and teen small group leaders on First Grade Activity Day. The theme of the day was "Let Your Light Shine!"



Veterans Gift Bags

50 gift bags, for male and female veterans, will be put together on Sunday, November 11 for Veteran's NE Outreach Center—Haverhill. We are asking for donations: travel size personal hygiene items, perfume, cosmetics, playing cards, socks, mints, notepads, pens, Dunkin' Donuts gift cards, candy, gum, hat, gloves, etc. Please label your bag "Veterans Donations" and leave in the back of either church.

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember the Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** on November 17.

HOLY REDEEMER HOLIDAY FAIR

Fair Raffle Tickets for Sale

Raffle tickets will be available one half hour before and after all masses starting November 3 and through the day of the fair. Please be on the lookout for tickets being mailed to all registered parish family households. All cash prizes total \$1,000. 1st Prize: \$500, 2nd Prize: \$300 and 3rd Prize \$200. Donations for these raffles are a book of 6 for \$5. If you need tickets, please call Barbara Boucher 978-346-7116 or email: Babsnboo1@verizon.net.

Holiday Fair Donations

Donations Needed

Nearly new items are needed for the fair. Do you have any hidden treasures tucked away? Contact Stefania Zak at 978-363-2472.

Bake Sale Donations Are Needed

There are very few people volunteering to bake. We are putting out a call for help. We need bakers! Please contact Pauline with questions (pduhamel2@yahoo.com).

Gift Baskets Needed

Themed gift baskets at our annual fair are always a huge success thanks to the baskets filled and donated by individual parishioners. If you or your family has never donated a gift basket, give it a try this year.

Simply pick a theme, find a nice basket, (baskets are at the back of both churches to use) and fill it creatively! If you form a group, filling a basket is easy if each member contributes an item or two.

Suggested basket themes: sports, baby, movies, candles, chocolate, bedtime, dinner, toys, candy, pets, books, gardening, travel, wine, Thanksgiving, date night, cooking, music, Christmas, games, and more.

Silent Auction Items Requested

We are looking for Silent Auction items. Do you have something to donate? Questions? Call Carole 978-346-9031.

Less Than 1 Month until Our Fair: Saturday, Nov. 17

For many, many years our **Holiday Fair** has been an important fundraiser for our parish. It has been an opportunity for us to build our church family and welcome the larger community to our parish. Each volunteer does his or her part through baking, basket donations, volunteering at the fair, selling raffle tickets, making soup, set up, etc. Each contributes according to ability and, as a result, our parish community benefits from the work—whether great or small—of all.

Please consider helping out this year. Contact our group leaders to help out. Also, volunteer signup and soup volunteer clipboards are in the backs of both churches.

- Themed Gift Baskets: Roberta Homan (Rhoman1980@aol.com)
- Bake Table: Pauline Duhamel (<u>Pduhamel2@yahoo.com</u>)
- Silent Auction Items: Carole Sokolowski (Carole.sokolowski@merrimack.edu)
- Raffle Tickets: Barbara Boucher (<u>babsnboo1@verizon.net</u>)
- Nearly New Items: Stefania Zak (<u>stefZ0717@verizon.net</u>)
- Homemade Soups: Marie Greeley (<u>regr3@outlook.com</u>)
- Fair Coordinator: Cindy Quinn (cynwinnquinn@aol.com, 978-346-0072)

Fair Donation Drop Off Times

The Activities Committee has posted a calendar on the glass door of Nativity Hall updating when workers will be in the hall and when the hall will be open for dropping off donations.

Please consider helping with the hall setup. Many hours go into preparing the hall for our fair.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Local Free Meals for Those Seeking Assistance

Please call ahead for details and/or possible restrictions. Phone numbers and locations are at www.hriccatholic.org/local-food-pantries---markets.

Monday Meals

9 am Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
11 am Lunch, Greek Orthodox Church, Newburyport
5–6 pm Dinner, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport

Tuesday Meals

9 am Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
11 am-12:30 pm Lunch, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport
5 pm Dinner, Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

Wednesday Meals

9 am Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport **11 am** Lunch, The Salvation Army, Newburyport

Wednesday Meals (Cont.)

4–6 pm, Main Street Congregational Church, Amesbury **Thursday Meals**

9 am Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport **5 pm** Dinner, The Salvation Army, Newburyport

Friday Meals

9 am Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport 11 am–12:30 pm Lunch, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport

Saturday Meals

8–10 am Breakfast, Central Congregational Church, Nbpt. Dinner Delivery for Pettengill Clients (once/month)