

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 2021

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Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it.... He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat.

(from I Kings 19:4–5)

All Are Welcome



HOLY REDEEMER - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

PEP FEST

(PRAY + EAT + PLAY)

ELKS CLUB, LOW STREET, NEWBURYPORT

Save the date!

September 19, 2021
10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Collaborative outdoor Mass, food for purchase
from Big Rig BBQ, games, and family activities

REGISTER FOR TICKETS THROUGH EVENTBRITE
ON THE HRIC WEBSITE (HRICCATHOLIC.ORG)
OR CALL THE OFFICES:
978-462-2724 OR 978-346-8604

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Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/7)

4:00pm IC Jackie Gibbons, Stephen Levesque, Stephen & Loretta Furlong (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
4:00pm St. Ann (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (8/8)

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)
9:00am IC Theodore Hunt, Dorothy Porter Burton, Ted LoPresti (Fr. Stanley)
10:00am St. Ann (Fr. McLaughlin)
11:00am IC Jackie Gibbons, Michael C. Lehane (Fr. Morin)

Monday (8/9)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (8/10)

9:00am IC Margaret Gallant (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (8/11)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (8/12)

9:00am IC (Fr. Morin)

Friday (8/13)

9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley)

Saturday (8/14)

4:00pm IC Helen & Nick Ebacher, John "Jack" Toomey (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)
4:00pm St. Ann Ashley Jones (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (8/15) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Stanley)
9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
10:00am St. Ann (Fr. Morin)
11:00am IC Gene Connolly (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember Joseph Buonomo, Judith Flynn, Charlene Brito, and all the faithful departed.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

 Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#))

Mary: Ark of the Covenant & Jesus: Bread in the Monstrance



With reverence we extol Our Lady who bore Jesus in her womb, but we worship the Real Presence of her Son in the Monstrance at **Adoration**. This posture releases ineffable treasures that expand every soul with graces that flow from their Sacred Hearts!

Don't miss a chance to encounter Our Lady and Our Lord who longs to spend one-on-one time with you! Join us for **Adoration**.

Time: Thursday evenings 7:00–8:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

Place: IC Church

Absent a clergy presider:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament only.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

"Murmuring." What a great word from our Gospel reading this weekend! How descriptive of our human condition. How often have we ever murmured among ourselves?! I think it goes right up there with "grumbled." Something new is offered to us. . .we murmur, "What is it? What do we do with it? Is it good? Should we try it? I'm not sure about it. . .Maybe we should just wait and see. . .".



There was a great commercial on TV many years ago for Life cereal. It had a little boy named "Mikey" sitting at the end of the breakfast table. His older brother had a new box of cereal that he hadn't tried yet. "Hey, let's get Mikey to try it," he says, "He hates everything." Of course, Mikey dives right into the bowl of Life cereal with a big smile on his face, his brother exclaiming, "Hey, he likes it! Mikey likes it!" So, the moral of the story, or rather, the commercial, is, Life cereal must be awesome. Everybody go buy some!

Murmuring. We're not sure about new things. We don't want to be the first to try them. We don't want to make a mistake and commit ourselves to something new in case it turns out awful. Maybe there's a "Mikey" around who we can ploy with the new potential poison, but not I, O Lord. I'm not gonna be THAT guy who chooses poorly and has my breakfast ruined!

Jesus wasn't selling breakfast cereal, of course. He was simply inviting people into a new and life-giving relationship with the God of the Universe. While there will always be those "early adopters" who will give anything a shot, so many of us over the centuries have opted to murmur for a while before opening our hearts and committing ourselves to the Lord.

And maybe God isn't even asking us to re-think the entire universe we live in, only to try a new path or sample a different perspective. Murmur. Murmur. How about

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Face Masks Recommended

After consultation with local doctors, nurses, and members of our Pastoral Council, at this time I am **recommending** that all parishioners age 5 and above wear face masks at all indoor liturgies. Although this is not a mandate, I am requesting this out of an abundance of caution for our most vulnerable parishioners due to the rise of the COVID-19 variants in our area and beyond. It is possible that we will receive additional guidance from the Archdiocese or State that may indicate further action in the weeks ahead, however, I ask for your cooperation and patience as we continue to navigate these uncertain circumstances. Thank you for the generous and loving way that you care for all who come to us for prayer and the sacraments.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, August 9

Summer Faith Formation 8:30am IC Parish Center

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

Tuesday, August 10

Summer Faith Formation 8:30am IC Parish Center

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Wednesday, August 11

Summer Faith Formation 8:30am IC Parish Center

Thursday, August 12

Summer Faith Formation 8:30am IC Parish Center

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, August 13

Summer Faith Formation 8:30am IC Parish Center

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

Saturday, August 14

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, August 15

RCIA 9:00am, IC Parish Center, Room G19

Holy Communion in the Hand

Although many COVID-related restrictions at Mass have been lifted, one thing we are still being asked to do by the Archdiocese is to receive *Holy Communion only in the hand*. When Holy Communion is received on the tongue, it is very likely that the communicant will breathe on the hands of the priest or minister. It is very possible that small droplets of saliva or mucus from the mouth or lungs (which could contain COVID) could be transferred onto the hands of those distributing Communion and possibly passed on to others.

It is for this reason that those distributing Communion would be required to stop and sanitize their hands after every person whom they gave Communion to on the tongue. If we had to do this for everyone, the Communion procession would take an inordinate amount of time and become hopelessly cumbersome. So at this time everyone is being asked to only receive Communion in the hand. This is a temporary restriction that likely will be lifted in the months to come. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

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considering getting involved in a new ministry or service opportunity? More murmuring. . . .Ok, Okay. How about trying a new way of praying? Maybe give the Rosary a shot or perhaps spend some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament? Murmur. Murmur. What about volunteering to go visit the sick or bring Holy Communion to those in the hospital? M U R M U R! Step up and possibly join our Pastoral Council this coming year? (More murmurs. . . murmur, murmur.)

A dictionary definition of a murmur is: "a soft, indistinct sound made by a person or group of people speaking quietly or at a distance." The idea is that in a murmur, things get said, but no commitment is made. Conversations happen, but no real voice is heard. There is no unity in a murmur, other than not to come together with one voice, to remain indifferent, unattached.

I think murmuring must have driven Jesus crazy. He could deal with the zealots, with their one-minded passions. He could deal with those who hated Him. At least He knew where they stood. He could handle the misplaced loyalty and misunderstandings of those who loved Him. He knew they would come around and eventually get it right. But those who were murmuring. . .they were tough nuts to crack! It was hard to break through their low static to make a connection, engage them in dialogue or challenge them to see beyond the status quo. Murmuring kept them from truly hearing Christ's voice calling to them, inviting them to more. Murmuring filled in the silence in which God so often speaks to us. Murmuring keeps us from hearing the tiny whisper of God's Word that has the power to reshape our hearts and world. If only we would listen and respond.

We've heard the Scripture, "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." (from Psalm 95). Well, I'd like to add my own addendum, "If today you hear His voice, stop murmuring so you can better listen to what He has to say!" Whether your experience of murmuring is tied up in a group conversation or simply an echo of other's voices in your heart, consider stepping outside this mind-numbing din and dare to tune-in the one Word that has the power to truly bring new life and love to even the most cynical among us.

His name is Jesus. He is the Bread of Life, the Living Bread that comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world. His voice is clear and distinct. Let us listen to Him today! After all, a lot more is at stake than what to have for breakfast...

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



We now offer Saturday afternoon confessions from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at Immaculate Conception Church. No appointment necessary. These will be held in the main body of the church at the discretion of the priest.

Confessions will also continue to be available at other times and places during the week by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, please contact our Collaborative Offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

Parish Membership

Welcome! We invite you to become a member of our Parish communities. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at www.hriccatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to register.

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Collaborative Parishes



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Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. There you will find the daily readings, be able to listen to them on podcast, and have the opportunity to watch a short reflection piece on the readings offered by a Catholic priest, deacon, religious, or lay person.

Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICcatholic.org; click on HRIC Pastoral Plan; and then click on Lectio Divina.

Collaborative Pastoral Council

Interested in serving on the Collaborative Pastoral Council? At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve in this way. You can list your own name if you are interested as well. No need to ask them at this point—this is just the initial surfacing of names.

The purpose of the Collaborative Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education, and service activities within the Collaborative.

Confirmed, active, practicing members of the three parishes who are 16 years old or older are eligible to be nominated. Send name, address, and phone number of individuals who may be interested by **August 15** to jimwilliamson35@gmail.com. Selection of candidates for expiring terms will be chosen in late August.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Dan Bedard
Priscilla Brown
Charmaine Haan
Bridie Hubley
Joe Messina

Vincent Oberhofer
Mary Shachok
Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker

ENGAGE & FORMED

We have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.

To access the resources of Word on Fire's **ENGAGE**, register at flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

To access **FORMED**, visit (formed.org), click "Sign up," then "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" to log in.



Don't miss the HRIC P E P Fest

Pray + Eat +Play

September 19, 2021

10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Elks Club - 25 Low Street, Newburyport

- Outdoor Mass
- Food for purchase from Big Rig BBQ, drinks and dessert courtesy of St. Vincent de Paul
- Games
- Family activities
- and a **dunk tank!**

Tickets (no charge) required. Sign up via [Eventbrite](#) (link on our website hricatholic.org) or call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.




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RCIA

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Then RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you. RCIA is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or youth that have not yet received the sacraments in the traditional years. If you would like to learn more about this program, contact Deacon John Moranski, 978-432-1443, jmoranski51@gmail.com.

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History of Immaculate Conception Church

On the weekend of August 15, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. From her Immaculate Conception to her Assumption into heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary lived her life as an obedient, humble, and faithful servant of our Lord. On the weekend of the Assumption, Immaculate Conception Church will honor its patron saint, Mary.

For nearly 170 years, Immaculate Conception Church and Parish has served the residents of Newbury and Newburyport. In 2002, Immaculate Conception welcomed into its congregation the parishioners of Newburyport's St. Louis de Gonzague Church and Plum Island's St. James Chapel. In 2015, Immaculate Conception Parish and Holy Redeemer Parish and its two churches, St. Ann in West Newbury, and The Church of the Nativity in Merrimac formed the Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception (HRIC) Collaborative which shares resources to serve the needs of the faith communities across its wide geographic span.

Please enjoy looking back at a brief history of the town of Newbury and the city of Newburyport and the history of our beloved Immaculate Conception Parish.

Newbury was founded when a group of immigrants landed at the mouth of the Parker River in May 1635. Among the first settlers were Mr. Dummer and Thomas Parker. This area had been designated as a "plantation" and became the Newbury Plantation. Many cattle, horses, and sheep arrived by ship in the same year, and stock raising was one of the first business enterprises on the plantation. Mr. Dummer petitioned the General Court to allow him to build the first grain mill in August 1638. The agreement stated that no other mill could exist on the plantation and all farmers on the plantation were to send their crops to this mill only. The boundaries of the town originally extended from the Merrimack River to the Parker River, and from Plum Island to the town of Bradford. Plum Island, a nine-mile-long sandy barrier beach forming the eastern boundary of the town, was a great natural asset to the town from the beginning, an abundant source of salt hay and pasture for horses and cattle during the winter. In 1639, the town petitioned the General Court to be allowed sole use of Plum Island, but the Court divided the use of the island among Ipswich, Newbury, and Rowley. A century later, in 1739, the General Court was forced to enact a conservation measure, forbidding the use of Plum Island as pasture because grazing destroyed the grass roots, causing erosion. The size of the Newbury plantation remained the same until the new inhabitants of the area along the Merrimack petitioned for a new town to be established closer to the water. It took several petitions before their request was granted.

Newburyport was settled in 1635 as part of Newbury Plantation but was not established as a "new" town until January, 1764 and then given the name Newburyport. At that time, it was the smallest town in Massachusetts, measuring 647 acres and had a population of 2,800 people living in 357 houses. Situated near the mouth of the Merrimack River, it was once a fishing, shipbuilding, silverware manufacturing, and shipping center. In 1792, a

bridge was built two miles above the town where the river contained an island. The captains of old Newburyport (as elsewhere in Massachusetts) imported West Indian molasses and then exported the rum they made from it. The distilleries were located around Market Square near the waterfront. Caldwell's Old Newburyport rum was manufactured locally until well into the 19th century. Newburyport prospered and became a "city" in 1851.

Immaculate Conception Church

In 1841, Rev. Patrick Canavan of Dover NH came monthly to Newburyport to celebrate Mass and administer the

sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. Services were held for nearly two years at the residences of Hugh McGlew and others. In 1843, the vestry of the First Presbyterian Society was purchased and moved to a lot on Charles Street. It was

remodeled and repaired and served as a chapel until the church on Green Street was completed in 1853. The cornerstone for Immaculate Conception was laid on April 27, 1852, responding to Newburyport's rapidly growing Catholic population. The residents at that time were primarily Irish immigrants. The new church was dedicated to the Immaculate Conception on March 17, 1853, and the Rev. Henry Lennon was assigned its first pastor. Construction costs for this new church were \$22,000. When Rev. Lennon died, he was buried near the southwest corner of the church on Green Street.

A new pastor turned his attention to building a spire on the church; it was completed in March, 1874, and housed a bell. Later a convent was built at the corner of High and Green Streets for the Sisters of Charity. Now the Parish Center, it houses the Collaborative offices, dining rooms, kitchens, and meeting rooms.

St. Louis de Gonzague Church

French Canadians began to arrive in Newburyport in the 1880s. Most were farmers who came south by train from Quebec farms once their crops were harvested. They worked in the mills and shops in Newburyport during the winter months and would return to



Quebec in the spring. They spoke little, if any, English; eventually, some stayed and became citizens. Most of the French-Canadian immigrants were Roman Catholic. Immaculate Conception Parish provided social activities; however, it was difficult for these newcomers to participate because of the language barrier and cultural differences. In December, 1902, the 1,300 French Canadians, who for the most part had settled in the south end of the city, petitioned

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for a church of their own. With the support of the pastor, they began holding French services in Washington Hall at the corner of State and Essex Streets. On February 27, 1903, Rev. J. L.M. Levesque was named pastor of the new French congregation, and named it St. Louis de Gonzague. The parish held fundraisers and by May 1904, plans to erect a church on Beck Street were announced. The cost to build the church was \$25,000.00. On February 26, 1905, the first Mass was celebrated. On May 30, 1905, the Church was dedicated. The parish consisted of a church, rectory, and school. The school opened in 1907 and had 150 students, and the parish flourished for 97 years.

In December 2002 with the celebration of the final Mass at St. Louis, the two churches were merged with Rev. Robert Connors named as the Pastor of both St. Louis and Immaculate Conception Parishes. The property was ultimately sold for residential use. Today, a stained glass window featuring St. Louis from the original church can be found in the Parish Center lobby.

St. James Chapel, Plum Island

In 1920, as the Catholic population on Plum Island began to increase, especially during the summer months, Immaculate Conception announced plans to build a church there. Four lots were acquired, two purchased by the church and two donated by the Plum Island Beach Company. It was two years before the church was completed and, in the interim, Mass was celebrated at the Pavilion. By summer 1922, St. James Chapel was completed at a cost of \$18,000. The first Mass was celebrated on June 6, 1922 at this seasonal chapel. In 2003, the property was sold and the building was razed. The chapel in the Collaborative Parish Center now bears the name St. James Chapel.

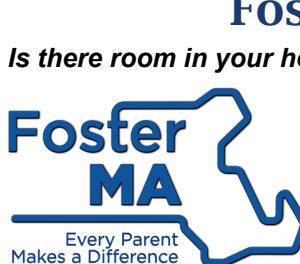


Questions of the Week



Adult: What nourishes your life? What does the phrase "living bread" mean to you?

Child: Why do we eat? What does Jesus mean when He says He is the "bread of life"?



Foster Care

Is there room in your home and heart for a foster child?

There is a need for foster homes in our area to provide children a supportive and healing home during a difficult time. Learn more from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) about Foster Care and Adopting through Foster Care.

mass.gov/foster-care | 1-800-kids-508

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/upcoming-foster-care-adoption-informational-meetings>

Family Prayer Group



Some of our parishioners have formed a group to pray for families and do so on the last Friday of the month, calling the prayer group "Final Fridays for Families" or "FFF" as a result.

It is not burdensome or time-consuming and simply involves receiving a reminder on the last Friday of each month and saying a prayer for families at a time and place that is convenient to you on that day. The group particularly prays for all members and their families and their special intentions. If you would like to join the group and receive the monthly prayer reminder, please let Sheila Cruise or Linda Temple know in our Collaborative Office. They can be reached at (978) 462-2724 or email at: info@newburyportcatholic.org.

Bulletin Information

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

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and want assistance with fundamental needs such as grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, meal deliveries, etc., please call the Collaborative offices at **978-462-2724** or **978-346-8604 (ext. 1000)** and let us know how we can help.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors volunteers would love to give you a call to chat or send you a note. We know that this is a difficult period for everyone, particularly to those who live alone. Let us help brighten your day! If you would be interested in receiving a call or note, please call the HRIC offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 (ext. 1000) and leave your name, address, and phone number and we will reach out to you.

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.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, July 31-Aug. 1	\$6,019.00
IC Haiti, July 31-Aug. 1	\$9,720.65
Mailed In Offertory, week ending July 30	\$1,263.00

The second collection this weekend (August 8) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (August 15) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

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.

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$53,820.00
To Date \$45,880.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to donate or to learn more.



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. 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, hriccatholic.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.

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, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

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 still ready to assist.

To donate, visit our website and donate online at www.svdpnewburyport.org, drop your donation (checks payable to “SVdP of Newburyport.”) into the collection box at Mass, or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Tuesday evenings **takeout only meals** 4:30–5:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

**3RD ANNUAL
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL
GOLF OUTING**

SAVE THE DATE!

3rd Annual Immaculate Conception School
Golf Outing and BBQ Dinner

Monday, September 27, 2021

Renaissance Golf Club
377 Kenoza Street, Haverhill, MA

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.
Tee Off at 11:30 a.m.

All non-golfers are invited to join us under the Renaissance Tent for a
Classic American BBQ served 4:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit the
Immaculate Conception School of Newburyport

IC Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Information regarding the fall 2021 schedule for those children entering grades K–8 will be posted here as well as on our Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in the coming weeks. Contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email agiard@newburyportcatholic.org with questions.

Confirmation

Information regarding the fall 2021 Confirmation Prep. schedule for grades 9 and 10 will be posted here as well as on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in the coming weeks.

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Information regarding the fall schedule for those students who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will be posted here as well as on the parish website (hriccatholic.org) shortly.

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.”**

We are grateful for your continued generosity during the pandemic. 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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

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Mailed In Offertory, week ending July 30	\$2,451.00

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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: hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

Catholic Appeal

**Goal \$22,270.00
To Date \$18,215.00**

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to donate or to learn more.



The 2021 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at HR. Together, we have raised \$18,215 toward our goal of \$22,270. Thank you to all who have participated, especially during this difficult year. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston, and at Holy Redeemer.

We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request, donations can still be made online at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Your participation is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Our conference continues to help those in need and could not do this without your generous offerings. We help with rent, utilities, and food and gas cards; these are the biggest needs right now.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to

HR SVdP, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

You can also place donations in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

HR Prayer Shawl



If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please give their name to Helen hvktax@aol.com or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

HR Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Information regarding the fall 2021 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 will be posted here as well as on our Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in the coming weeks. Contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email agiard@newburyportcatholic.org with questions.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Information regarding the fall schedule for those students who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will be posted here as well as on the parish website (hriccatholic.org) shortly.

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

Confirmation

Information regarding the fall 2021 Confirmation Prep. schedule for grades 9 and 10 will be posted here as well as on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in the coming weeks.

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, hriccatholic.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 Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

St. Ann Retaining Wall Project

Work will begin on the new parking lot retaining wall at St. Ann during the **second week of August**. During this time, parking lot restrictions will be in place until the project is completed. This project is one of the projects that is part of our Capital Campaign. We look forward to completing this much needed work!

HR Holiday Fair Update

The Activities Committee is planning a “scaled down version” of our Holiday Fair, keeping a watchful eye on the CDC recommendations.

The fair will be held **Saturday, November 20**, in the Nativity Hall. Mark your calendars!



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The logo for Sloban Auto Body features a red, vintage-style sedan from the early 20th century. The car has a prominent front grille, round headlights, and a classic body style. It is positioned on the right side of the page, with the company name "SLOBAN AUTO BODY" in large, bold, black letters at the top and "Family Owned & Operated since 1929" in smaller black letters below it. The background of the top half is blue.

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