

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

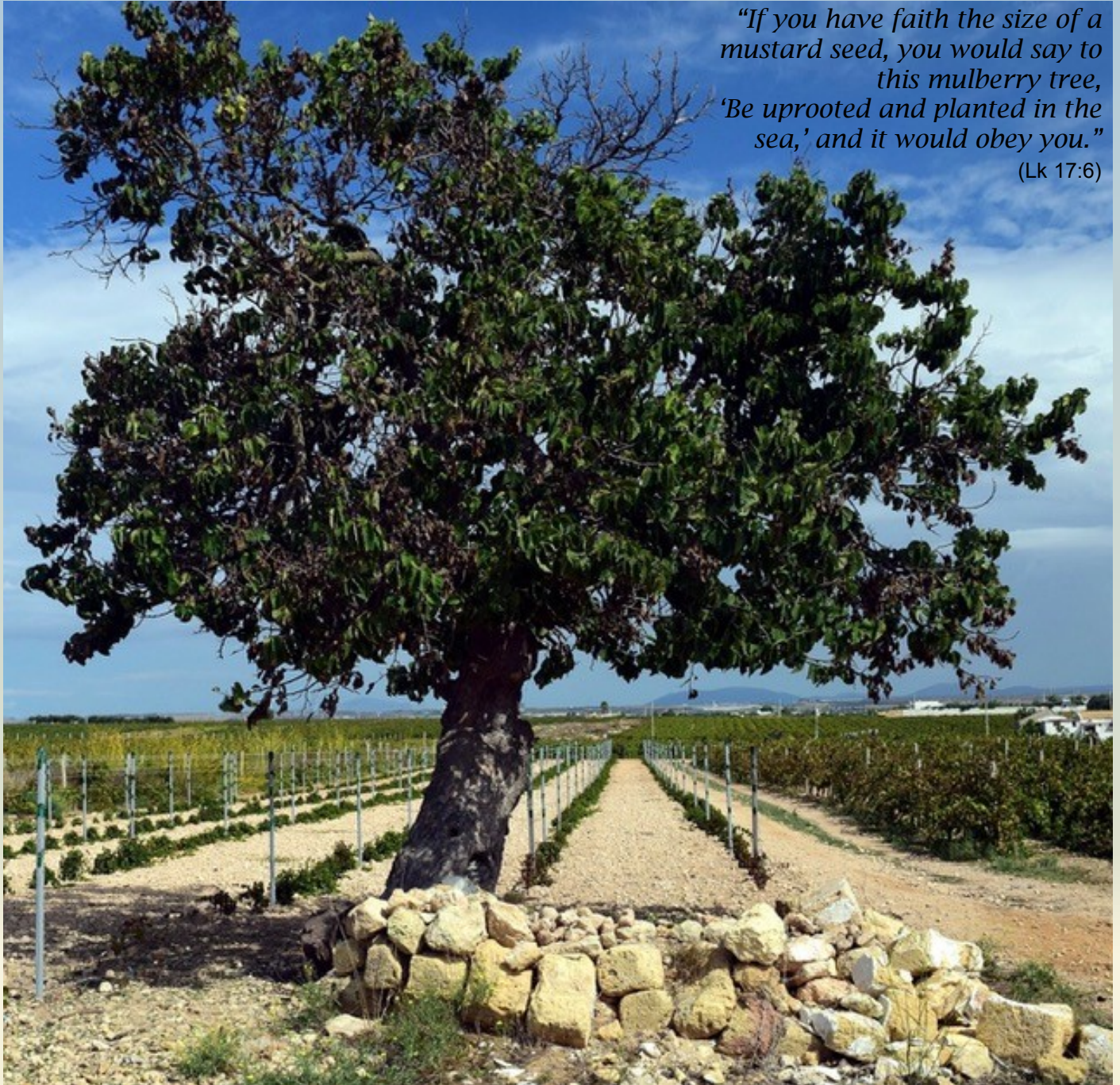
SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2022

hriccatholic.org

*"If you have faith the size of a
mustard seed, you would say to
this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the
sea,' and it would obey you."
(Lk 17:6)*



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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Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

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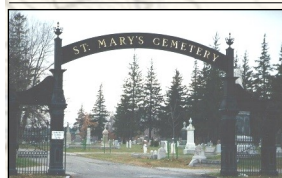
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 Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/1)

4:00pm **IC** Rita Snow, Stephen M Boy, George H. (Buzzie) Lawler III (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (10/2)

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

9:00am **IC** Deceased Members of the Petrillo Family, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council, Mark Walter Benson (Fr. Stanley)

10:15am **St. Ann** Jerry Mullen (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** John L. Sullivan, Ruth W. Sullivan, Ruthanne Sullivan Dearborn (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Monday (10/3)

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

Tuesday (10/4)

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

Wednesday (10/5)

9:00am **IC** Sharon McLaughlin (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (10/6)

No Mass Scheduled

Friday (10/7)

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

Saturday (10/8)

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

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

Sunday (10/9)

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

9:00am **IC** For the Descendants of Patrick & Julia Callaghan Finnegan (Fr. Harrison)

10:15am **St. Ann** Helen & Paul Ringenback

(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers please remember Jerry Mullen and all 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 broadcast online through our website: hriccatholic.org and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](https://www.facebook.com/HolyRedeemer-ImmaculateConceptionCollaborativeParishes)).

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This past weekend, our Collaborative Pastoral Council met for the first time this fall to begin our new work for the coming year. I want to express my gratitude to Jim Williamson for serving as Vice-Chair these past two years as well as to Ann Jaronczyk for being the recording secretary. In an election at the beginning of our meeting, Chris Bergin was selected to be our new Vice-Chair for this coming year and Rich Ryan stepped forward to become our new secretary. Thank you to all for your past and future service!

These past few years, I have relied on the advice and counsel of the Pastoral Council more than ever in shaping our response to the pandemic and making many critical decisions that have enabled us to move forward through these uncertain times. Although we have had certain guidance from the Archdiocese and Commonwealth, many local decisions were left to Pastors to decide for their local faith communities. These are never decisions that one wants to make in a vacuum, so I am most grateful to everyone for their input and advice.

As part of our latest meeting, one of the topics that we discussed was the lifting of remaining COVID restrictions within our worship services. Absent any further directives from the Archdiocese or state, it was strongly felt that it was the right time to return to many of our pre-pandemic practices. While some things like a return to sharing in Communion Cup are regulated by the Archdiocese, most other practices can return to what was known as normal.

In the weeks ahead, we will be making extra efforts to recruit new parishioners to serve in various ministries within the liturgy — including Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Greeters. While face masks are no longer required for anyone attending Mass, I want to support those who wish to wear a mask for their own protection. Hand sanitizer will continue to be made available to all parishioners, and I encourage everyone to use it liberally whenever you feel the need. Additionally, even with cooler weather approaching, we will continue to attend to proper ventilation within our churches. Although we will be removing the remaining roping that once separated certain pews for social distancing, I would encourage people to take advantage of the large variety of seating options that exist within our churches, especially at Immaculate Conception. It is usually easy enough to find a less-populated corner or side of the church for those



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Live Stream Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses on our website:

1. Go to our website (hriccatholic.org).
2. Click on the live-stream map on the homepage
3. You will be directed to the live stream page. Click the image to begin the video.

To watch our live-stream Masses on Facebook:

1. Go to our Facebook page ([facebook.com/hriccatholic/](https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/))
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

No Daily Mass Thursday

There will be no daily Mass at IC on Thursday, October 6.

Columbus Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, October 10 for the Columbus Day holiday. Offices will open on Tuesday, October 11 at 9:00 a.m.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hriccatholic.org to view our online calendar.

Monday, October 3

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

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

Tuesday, October 4

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

Wednesday, October 5

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, October 6

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

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

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, October 7

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

Staff Meeting 1:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

Saturday, October 8

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, October 9

Baptisms 1:30pm, IC Church

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

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

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

Collaborative Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

School year Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation schedules and registration forms are available on the website at (hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Preparation for these sacraments have begun again with the start of the new school year program.

Baptism

We have resumed our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the 2022–23 Fall Confirmation prep. schedule for grades 9 and 10 is available along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or email Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

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wishing a bit more distance from others. As always, I encourage all parishioners to monitor your own health and to stay home if you are sick or test positive for COVID. We will continue to live-stream the 4pm Mass from IC for those who cannot be with us in-person on any given weekend. It is also an excellent way to stay connected with our Collaborative when traveling!

One of the actions we hope to return to our liturgies soon is the Offertory Collection taken up by the passing of a basket. This practice was suspended during the pandemic, replaced by wooden collection boxes that have served us well. But there is a more direct connection to offering our gift when it is taken up all at once and presented with the bread and wine that will be shared in Holy Communion. To that end, we will be looking for additional volunteers to help with the collections along with parishioners who would participate in bringing forward the gifts during the Preparation Rite of the Mass. For those who have helped in the past or who are willing to step forward and help, please let me know or contact our office for more information.

After some scorching summer heat, we are finally enjoying some beautiful fall weather, including some much-needed rain to help our region's drought. In all things, let us give God praise and trust always in the Lord's many blessings among us.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Collaborative Choir Concert



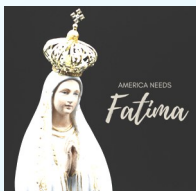
Many parishioners enjoyed a superbly well done concert featuring cantors, choir members, and musicians from both parishes in our Collaborative this past Sunday afternoon at Immaculate Conception Church. With masterful musical work on the organ, piano, flute, and violin, concert goers enjoyed classic pieces like "Ave Verum" and "Panis Angelicus," classic Americana selections such as "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and modern favorites like "You Raise Me Up." Several raffles were held to support various needs of the Collaborative music programs which raised more than \$900. In addition to continuing their regular work in all 3 of our Collaborative churches, a spring concert is planned to celebrate extended Easter music. Congratulations to all of our musicians, cantors, and choir members for an excellent performance!

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

America Needs Fatima

Parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus Council 231 for the "America Needs Fatima Campaign" on Saturday, October 8 at 12:00 noon in Market Square, Newburyport, for a public rosary.

Held annually throughout the world on a day close to the anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun," the famed miracle that took place in Fatima on October 13, 1917, people gathered will simply answer the Blessed Mother's call to pray the Rosary. Please consider joining this beautiful public witness of our faith and prayer for the world. For more information, contact Chris Egan 617-592-5907.



San Marcos Coffee

More Coffee Available

Thank you to all who bought coffee at our quarterly sale last weekend. We still have 40 pounds left (mostly ground) so please call/text Karen Finnegan 978-270-0183 if you missed the sale last weekend and can use some delicious Honduran coffee.

Adoration

Evening Adoration Marks It's Two-Year Milestone!

In 100 opportunities for evening Adoration, more than 100 of you crossed IC's threshold into sacred silence. Now, invite a family member, neighbor or lapsed Catholic to sit with you in the Lord's presence! Be the channel for an awakened prayer life in someone else whose encounter with Christ is the true milestone to celebrate this October! *Enter from Green Street only, please.*



Place: IC Church

Time: Thursdays: 7 p.m.–8 p.m.

Also: Fridays 9:30 a.m.–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. The calendar link can be found on our website: hriccatholic.org.

Questions of the Week

Adult: What could you do to make a difference in the life of just one person?

Child: How have you used the gifts that God has given to you to make life better for someone?

Virtual Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook twice every week. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook. www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program



The HRIC Collaborative Soup & Sandwich Program (formerly the HR Sandwich Program) is asking for volunteers to help make sandwiches for the Lazarus House Ministry. The food will be delivered on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. For more information, please contact either Tom Grella (978-423-0631) or Jill Dobson (978-994-4467).

We deliver about 150 sandwiches each time and we also have been delivering 5 gallons of soup/salad.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown
Cindy Calcina
Pat Connolly
Bill Crounse
Ann-Margaret Ferrante
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler
Charmaine Haan
Hillar Haan

Jay Hanslig
Terence Healey
Sam Kitchen
Maureen Russell
Rob Schweizer
Yvonne Sloban
Tom Tribble
Michael Tucker

Contact the Collaborative offices to add someone to or remove someone from 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 Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

Emmaus Ministry Retreat

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

Emmaus Ministry is Catholic ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us for a one-day spiritual retreat. All are welcome.



Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents, Archdiocese of Boston Pastoral Center, Braintree, MA

Retreat date: October 15, 2022

For more information on this and other retreat times and locations, call (800) 919-9332 or visit www.emfgp.org.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Youth and Adult Altar Servers Needed

As we return to "life after Covid," we are excited to be able to once again welcome altar servers at all of our Masses. We are in need of servers for all weekend Masses at all three Collaborative churches.

Any individual who is 4th grade or older and has made their First Communion is eligible to become an altar server.

We also welcome any adult who might be interested. This is a wonderful way to serve our parish communities and our Lord.

Training will be provided. If you are interested in serving, please call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 and ask for Melinda or Christine.

The Pelican Intervention Fund

Join Us for Our Annual Celebration of Hope

The Pelican Intervention Fund is an Essex County Community Fund with a mission to provide funding for residential 12-step programs. It's geared towards economically challenged adults struggling with active addiction and striving for sobriety.



We welcome the community to our annual Celebration of Hope, an opportunity to hear from our participants and partners who have found hope and sobriety through funded 12-step programs and to connect with family and individual support resources. Representatives from PIF will speak at all Masses in the Collaboratives on October 1–2.

Are you a friend or a family member of someone struggling with addiction or following their own recovery journey? Do you want to support your loved one but need more guidance or funding and don't know where to turn? Maybe you are struggling with addiction and feel alone without resources or friends and family to support you? Please join us, whoever you are.

Date: Sunday, October 9, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Place: Newburyport City Hall Auditorium, 60 Pleasant St., Newburyport, MA

Music and refreshments included.

women at the well

Women at the Well Bible Study group invites you to join us for a new study starting October 17!

We invite all women to come join us at any time, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. The new study, *Keeping in Balance from Walking with Purpose*, is all about managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness rooted in Christ. We meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in person at the IC Parish Center and virtually on Zoom. If you have any questions, or would like to join via Zoom, please email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

If you are unable to make it to every meeting, please do not worry! This group is designed to allow you to drop in whenever you are able to join us, no pre-reading necessary from week to week.

National Men's March

To Abolish Abortion

Please consider joining Steve Swochak for the National Men's March to abolish abortion and rally for personhood. The march will take place in Boston on **Saturday, October 15, from 11:30–3:30**. You can contact Steve Swochak (swochak@netzero.net, 978-462-2855) for details and to join him on the march.

Bulletin Information

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

2022 Rosary Crusade

Join us for the 2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade at Holy Family Parish, Amesbury, on Saturday, October 15, at 12:00 noon. We encourage families to attend.

For more information, contact Stephen Spurk (978-490-8806).

Coordinated nationally by Tradition, Family, and Property and its America Needs Fatima Campaign. Visit ANF.org.

Collaborative Pastoral Council

The HRIC Collaborative Pastoral Council met on Saturday, September 24, for their first meeting of the fiscal year. At this meeting Chris Bergin was elected as Vice-Chair and Rich Ryan as Secretary, Our Pastor, Fr. Tim Harrison, is the Chair of the Council, but the meetings are led by the Vice-Chair. Among items discussed at the meeting were the following:

- Upcoming 175th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Parish (2023)
- Updating of Pastoral Plan
- Formation of a Social Justice Committee and a Spirituality Committee for the Collaborative
- Reports were given about Laudato Si and our newly formed Ministry Committee
- Increasing the use of Flocknote for Collaborative communications
- Returning to pre-Covid liturgical practices

HRIC Pastoral Council Members 2022–2023

Chris Bergin
Ann Jarocyk
Jim Williamson
Jonathan Temple
Cory Beaver
Lucia Parker
Patty Olds
Rich Ryan
Alan McEmber

Greg Jablonski
Steve DiCamillo
Sue Coppinger
Veronica Laite
Ex-Officio
Fr. Tim Harrison
Deacon Paul Dow
Deacon John Moranski
Aaron Giard

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Sept. 24–25	\$3,159.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Sept. 24–25	\$ 901.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Sept. 23	\$ 693.00
Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$2,655.84
Catholic Appeal	\$45,527.00

The second collection this weekend (Oct 2) is Peter's Pence. The second collection next weekend (Oct. 9) is the monthly. Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

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

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

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, 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.

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.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

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."**

The God Minute

Every morning a small group of priests, nuns, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called *The God Minute*. It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free.

Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. www.thegodminute.org

Second Collection Oct. 1–2

This week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection provides support to The Catholic University of America that educates priests and lay people for ministry and supports the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity and prayers will assist the Holy Father and the various missionary efforts at home and abroad. For information on these collections, visit: www.usccb.org/ppc, www.cua.edu, or www.BostonCatholic.org.

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.svdnpnewburyport.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.

Donate your clothes to St. Vincent de Paul

Bundle Sunday **October 15 & 16**
IC Church Parking Lot

Bundle up your old clothes and bring them to church. Saint Vincent de Paul's **Bundle Sunday** donation program is starting up again this fall. A donation trailer will be provided in the Immaculate Conception Church parking lot on Saturday, October 15 from 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Sunday October 16 from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. to collect clothing and shoes only. *No toys, household goods or other non-clothing items can be accepted.* All clean, usable clothing or shoes, bagged or boxed, will help people in need while fulfilling the mission of the Society by putting the Gospel message into action:

As long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me. (Matthew 25:40)

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed at the entrance to the IC Parish Center from 4:30–5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Knights of Columbus



All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month in the IC Nazareth Library.

For more information about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@gmail.com.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Immaculate Conception School

Congratulations to the 2022–2023 Immaculate Conception School Leadership Team. Sixty-two students in the Middle School were inducted with a pinning ceremony on Friday, September 23. They were each presented with a pin to wear with their school uniform—an open blue bible with LEADERSHIP inscribed across in gold letters. The Leadership Team will plan and organize school-wide service projects and events. Responsibilities of the team also include leading the school in prayer each day at morning meeting. Elected representatives in each grade will communicate with Leadership Team Moderator, Mrs. Bridget Lacefield as events and activities are planned. We are excited to watch our young team members lead and thank them for their service to the school. We also extend our thanks to Mrs. Lacefield for her dedication to our students.



Photo courtesy of J. Sullivan

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.



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Descendants of Patrick & Julia Callaghan Finnegan Mass

The Mass on Sunday, October 9 at 9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church will be celebrated for the Descendants of Patrick & Julia Callaghan Finnegan who resided in Newburyport. All descendants are encouraged to attend.

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. 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.



(The free App "Laudate" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)

K of C Tootsie Roll Drive



The Newburyport Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Drive after all IC weekend Masses on **October 1–2**. Please stop by!

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and 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. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

Free Hair Cuts



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

She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

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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HR Offertory, Sept. 24–25	\$1,304.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, Sept. 24–25	\$ 379.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Sept. 23	\$1,495.00
Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 232.50
Catholic Appeal	\$20,895.00

The second collection this weekend (Oct 2) is Peter's Pence. The second collection next weekend (Oct. 9) is the monthly. Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Holy Redeemer Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

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

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

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Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

Greeters Needed

We Are Making Progress, but Greeters Are Still Needed

We have had some people volunteer as greeters to welcome Mass-goers, but we could still use a few more. High school students as well as adults are welcome for this position. In particular, we need folks to greet at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both Nativity and St. Ann.

This little task simply involves smiling and saying hello, handing out bulletins, or perhaps giving directions to the restroom or the ramp.

Would you like to help? Please contact Sue Noyes at susanjnyes@gmail.com.

Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information on what is happening in the Collaborative. You can also find links to our weekly bulletins and our Facebook, Instagram, and twitter pages.

Second Collection Oct. 1–2

This week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection provides support to The Catholic University of America that educates priests and lay people for ministry and supports the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity and prayers will assist the Holy Father and the various missionary efforts at home and abroad. For information on these collections, visit: www.usccb.org/ppc, www.cua.edu, or www.BostonCatholic.org.

HR Prayer Shawl

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We're back to meeting in person! Come join us. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. **Our next meeting is Thursday, October 6. Join us! All are welcome.**

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Want to volunteer at the fair? Have questions? Contact Cindy Quinn, 978-346-0072, cynwinquinn@aol.com.

Veterans in Need

We are asking for donations of gift cards.

We will be collecting gift cards, preferably in \$5.00 and \$10.00 amounts, from CVS, Rite Aid, and Walmart to give at Christmas to Veterans living in Haverhill at the Veterans' Outreach Center and Edith Nourse Rogers Medical Center in Bedford, MA. There will be a collection box in the back of both churches accepting the gift cards until Sunday, November 6.



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