

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2022

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“But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’”

Luke 18:13

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

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985

Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

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Nativity

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

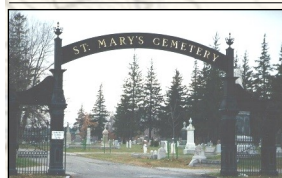
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/22)

4:00pm **IC** Catherine Hallisey, Alan Maxwell,
Maryalice Ennis (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
4:00pm **St. Ann** John & Ellen Johnson
(Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (10/23)

8:30am **Nativity** Jennie Alden Johnson
(Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
9:00am **IC** Donald Albert (Fr. Stanley)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon
Moranski)
11:30am **IC** Gordon McLachlan (Fr. Stanley)

Monday (10/24)

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

Tuesday (10/25)

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

Wednesday (10/26)

9:00am **IC** Paul Brian Finegan (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (10/27)

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

Friday (10/28)

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

Saturday (10/29)

4:00pm **IC** Betty LaFlame, Katherine Doyle Kelley
& John E. Kelley (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (10/30)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
9:00am **IC** Julie D'Ambrosio (Fr. Harrison)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)
11:30am **IC** Earle Baughn (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Patricia M. Connolly 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](#)).

Bulletin Information

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

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.)

SVdP Bundle Sunday: A Huge Success

*The response to the
Society of St. Vincent de
Paul's Bundle Sunday
last weekend at IC Church
was fantastic, and so was
the weather!*



*We plan to offer this clothing
donation event again next fall.
Thanks to all who helped out
and all who donated.*



Upcoming Second Collection

This week's (October 22–23) second collection supports
Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are
called to participate in the mission of the Church and share
their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers
support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and
needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia,
the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America.
The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are
distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the
Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society.
Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

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/)
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hriccatholic.org to view our online calendar.

Monday, October 24

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

Cub Scout Den 26 Mtg. 4:00pm, St. Ann Hall

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

Compassionate Friends Mtg. 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, October 25

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

Wednesday, October 26

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, October 27

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, October 28

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, October 29 HR Mission Appeal Weekend

HR Quilters Mtg. 8:30am, Nativity Hall

IC Confirmation Retreat 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, October 30 HR Mission Appeal Weekend

All Saints Day Festival 10:00am, IC Parish Center

RCIA Session 10:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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



women at the well

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.

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."

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 x405) 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 x405) with any questions or email Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

Questions of the Week



Adult: Have you told God "thank you" for your life recognizing that it all comes from Him?

Child: Do you remember when you pray to thank God for all that you have?

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FORMED The Catholic Faith. On Demand

Enjoy thousands of books, videos, daily reflections, and talks at home or on the go. Visit formed.org and click on "Sign up." Our organization name is "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" (or type in code JRNDGP) Follow the prompts to join and log in.

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

The Pelican Intervention Fund

We provide funding for non-profit, 12-step residential sober homes for economically challenged men and women struggling with addiction. Questions? Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more. Donations can be made to: **"The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF"**

Essex County Community Foundation, 175 Andover Street, Danvers, MA 01923

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.

Virtual Rosary

October is dedicated to the Holy 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.

Confessions



We offer Confessions Saturdays from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at IC Church. No appointment needed. Confessions are also available at other times and places during the week by appointment only. For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

Evening Adoration Marks Its 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.

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 Crouse
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.

New England Tenors

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

SAVE THE DATE



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, NEWBURYPORT

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Annual Diaper Drive

Central Congregational Church in Newburyport is hosting their annual drive-by diaper collection on November 5 from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. The diapers will be distributed by Community Service of Newburyport to residents in the greater Newburyport area. Donating diapers is easy! Simply drive by the Church on Titcomb Street and pop your trunk. There will be folks there to take your donation out of your trunk for you.

Many thanks for your generosity!

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Oct. 15–16	\$4,889.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance	\$ 595.00
Hurricane Relief, Oct. 15–16	\$ 949.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Oct. 14	\$1,619.00
Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,023.84

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 23) is World Mission Sunday. (See page 3 for more information.) The second collection next weekend (Oct. 30) is Parking Lot. 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.

Wedding Coordinators Needed

Would you like to serve your church in a meaningful and enjoyable way? Then consider being a wedding coordinator. All that's needed is a friendly face and the basics of hospitality. Approximately one hour of rehearsal and approximately two hours on the day of the wedding are required. You will be trained and compensated. If you're interested in this rewarding position and want more information, please call Christine or Melinda in the IC offices, 978-462-2724.

IC Online Giving

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

To get started, register as a member of Immaculate Conception Parish if you are not yet registered. Forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

Once registered, 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.

The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website tcfnewburyport.org.

Our next monthly support meeting is **October 24** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 from 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara with questions: 978-697-1349 or 617-410-6309, or barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

Immaculate Conception School

On Saturday, October 15, the Immaculate Conception School Cross Country Team competed in the Catholic School Conference League Meet at Bishop Fenwick High School in Peabody. Ten runners from the cross country team represented the school in four different races. Although the IC did not have enough runners in any race to qualify to place, we are very proud of the team's accomplishments. Varsity girls results: Sophia D. 7th, Delia B. 26th, and Olivia S. was 35th out of the 59 runners in the race. Boys varsity results: Mateo C. placed 7th, and David P. was 24th with 61 runners in the race. Girls JV results: Ashley D. was 14th out of 41 runners. Boys JV results: Ben W. 7th, Liam H. 8th, Henry G. was 17th and Luke B. was 18th. There were 39 runners in that race. Coaches Michelle Garvey, Chris Halpin, and Kevin McSweeney were trailside to guide the runners to the finish line, as well as some pretty cute IC puppies. Sunshine and Pelican Pride was aplenty!



Team IC: Adults back row: Coach Garvey, Coach Halpin, Coach McSweeney.

Left to Right: Ashely, Delia, Olivia, Sophia, Liam, Henry, Ben, Luke, Mateo, and David.



Pelican Puppies
Bentley Hague (L) and
Teddy Capobianco (R)

Wanted: Smiling Faces to Welcome People to Our Church

After the last 2 years, we want to create a warm, welcoming experience for all our parishioners and visitors. First impressions matter.

We are seeking individuals, couples, or families willing to come to Mass 15 minutes early and warmly welcome parishioners to that day's celebration. You can select the Mass you usually attend and how often you would like to serve.

If this ministry interests you, please email Kathie Williamson: Kathie108a@gmail.com and indicate which Mass you will attend. There will be an orientation session for all volunteers in early November.

Substitute Custodians

IC Parish is looking for substitute Custodians to work on an as-needed basis. Duties would include cleaning, event setup, and snow removal. If you are interested in becoming a substitute custodian, please contact Christine or Melinda in the IC offices, 978-462-2724.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC St. Vincent de Paul



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

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

Breaking Bread 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!

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.

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.

Newburyport Scouting

Newburyport Scout Troop 21 Invites Youth Ages 11-17 to Join

The Scouts BSA Troop 21 is looking for boys and girls aged 11–17 to join and participate in the adventures of Scouting! Based in Newburyport at Immaculate Conception Church, Troop 21 is the oldest Troop to be chartered in Newburyport.

Troop 21, led by Leonard Wallace and Dr. Michelle LaFlamme, offers opportunities to learn and develop life and leadership skills, make new friends through a combination of outdoor activities, visits to cultural or historical sites, and much more. We participate in multiple camping trips, hikes, skills events, and Troop-sponsored events. We welcome any youth looking to join; no prior Scouting experience is necessary. If you were previously a Scout and dropped out of the program or did not join Cub Scouts, we'd love for you to drop back in!

For more information about Troop 21 or to get information on upcoming troop events, please check out our website at www.nbptroop21.org.

IC Music Ministry

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



Youth Choir: Children, grades 1–8, will sing twice a month at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Family Liturgy. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 4:30–5:30 p.m. in the church. Youth choir follows the regular school schedule, so when there is no school, there is also no rehearsal or singing at Mass scheduled. The Youth Choir also performs for the community at various times throughout the year as part of our parish's community outreach program.

Adult Choir: Individuals, grade 9–Adult sing every week at the 11:30 a.m. Sunday liturgies. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:00–8:45 p.m. in the choir loft. We have plenty of room for new members so why not give us a try by singing with us for the Advent/Christmas season? No long-term commitment with lots of faith, friends, and fun. This choir also performs for the community at different times throughout the year.

Musicians: We are looking for musicians to help us out at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday liturgy. If you play an instrument or just want to sing, please consider joining us at one of these Masses. Why not give us a try by singing with us for the Advent/Christmas season? No long-term commitment with lots of faith, friends and fun.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 231 PRESENTS:

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NOVEMBER 5, 2022
11:00 AM SHOTGUN START
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E. KINGSTON, NH



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978.697.5135



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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Oct. 15–16	\$1,227.50
Ongoing Church Maintenance	\$ 413.00
Hurricane Relief, Oct. 15–16	\$ 262.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Oct. 14	\$ 528.00
Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 243.75

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 23) is World Mission Sunday. (See page 3 for more information.) The second collection next weekend (Oct. 30) is the Mission Appeal (See article right column). Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Holy Redeemer Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

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

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

HR Fair Raffle Tickets

Did you enjoy the air conditioning in our churches this summer? This is just one of the projects the HR raffle helped fund. Please support our Parish Raffle!

Holy Redeemer Grand Raffle

- 1st prize- \$500.00 cash
- 2nd prize-\$300.00 cash
- 3rd prize- \$200.00 cash



Tickets are \$1 each (\$5.00/sheet of 5). Winners will be drawn at the conclusion of the FAIR on November 19.

Raffle tickets are available in the back of both churches. Also, raffle tickets are available to be printed *at home* from our website: www.hrccatholic.org (under the HR Holiday Fair tab). Or contact any Activities Committee member to have raffle tickets emailed directly to you.

Please fill out raffle tickets with name and phone number, and return stubs with your money (Checks may be made out to Holy Redeemer Parish).

Ways to return tickets:

- Bring them with you to the fair on November 19
- Mail to 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860
- Return them to "the box" in the back of either church by Sunday, November 13.

Greeters Needed

We could still use a few more greeters. High school students and adults are welcome. In particular, we need greeters 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 susanjnoyes@gmail.com.

Archdiocese Web Site

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

HR Holiday Fair

Saturday, November 19
Nativity Hall



Here are some ways you can help:

- **Want to volunteer day of the fair?** Have questions? Cindy Quinn, 978-346-0072, cynwinnquinn@aol.com.
- If you could **make a soup** for the fair lunch and deliver to the hall the morning of the fair? Email Marie Greeley, regr3@outlook.com.
- Have an item to **donate for the Silent Auction**? Email Carole Sokolowski, carole.sokolowski@merrimack.edu.
- Able to donate **homemade baked goods, candy, fudge** for the bake table? Email Pauline Duhamel, pduhamel2@yahoo.com.
- Want to donate a **themed gift basket**? Email Roberta Homan, rhoman1980@aol.com with any questions.
- Do you have any **empty baskets to donate** to our Holiday Fair? If so, please leave baskets in the back of either church or call Roberta Homan at 978-346-9448.
- Sell **raffle tickets** to your friends and family. See article, left column, for details on the raffle.

HR Mission Appeal: Oct. 29–30

Mission Appeal by the Benedict XVI Institute for Africa

As the Church in Africa grows and participates in the New Evangelization of the world Church, the need for a proper formation of the clergy, religious, and laity becomes all the more acute. Integral to this mission of the formation of Church leaders is their formation in theology and spirituality, while paying attention to the cultures of the peoples of the vast continent of Africa.

The purpose of the Benedict XVI Institute for Africa, therefore, is to promote theological and spiritual formation of Church leaders across the African Church, particularly African Theological Faculties, Seminaries, and Religious Houses of Formation. We have been at the forefront of theological, spiritual, and cultural development across Africa, especially in seminaries, houses of formation, and universities.

The recent years have been very challenging for all, with the COVID 19 pandemic. Unlike the counterparts in the Western world, African seminaries, houses of formation, and schools generally do not have access to computers and WIFI. The Benedict XVI Institute for Africa, therefore, is actively engaging on making these basic tools of learning available to different seminaries and local Churches in Africa, and your support will be very much appreciated. Yes, the times are tough, but be mindful that your widow's mite could just be a lifeline for many peoples in the continent of Africa, as we struggle to provide not only educational and formational materials, but likewise medical support as well, which is part of the caritas arm of the Benedict XVI Institute for Africa. Thank you so much that you are able and willing to help. Be assured of our prayers for you and yours.

HR PARISH

Wreaths Across America

Help the Brigadier General James Brickett-Old Newbury DAR honor local heroes! Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon or Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Make a donation online: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MA0158P.

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 at both HR churches for the gift cards until Sunday, November 6.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

The Holy Redeemer Saint Vincent de Paul has been fielding calls for help with rent, utilities, food, and gasoline. Prices are rising and so are needs. Thank you for supporting our Society and allowing us to help our clients. All donations go directly to those in need. If you know of someone who needs help, please have them call our hotline at 978-346-8604 X4.

There are addressed SVdP envelopes in at both churches. Please place donations into the envelopes and either mail or place the envelopes in the collection. You can also place donations in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to HR St. Vincent de Paul Society, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

HR Prayer Shawl

Prayer shawls are given freely as a gift. If you know of anyone needing the comfort of a prayer shawl or lapghan or you would like to give one to a friend, relative, or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673 or hvktax@aol.com.



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, November 3. Join us! All are welcome.**

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.

OTHER NEWS

Voice of the Faithful Conference

Twenty years! Please join us on Saturday, October 29 at the Boston Marriott Hotel Newton, when our friends and supporters will gather (in person again!) to pray, learn, plan, and socialize—as a community—when we honor our commitment, 20 years and continuing, to *Keep the Faith, Change the Church*. The venue is familiar to us for its good food, comfortable meeting space and accommodations, and generous room discount.

Voice of the Faithful's 20th Year Commemoration: *20 Years of Keeping the Faith, Changing the Church* will feature World-renowned Catholic education expert Thomas Groome, Ed.D., of Boston College offering the keynote address *Putting Jesus in Keeping the Faith and Changing Church*. Rev. William Clark, S.J., S.T.D., College of the Holy Cross Associate Professor of Religious Studies, will close the day by celebrating Mass with us. Visit www.votf.org for information and to register.

Event: Voice of the Faithful 20th Year Commemoration

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2022

Time: 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (lunch included)

Place: Boston Marriott Hotel Newton, 2345 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, MA

Cost: \$100 per person (Expansive buffet lunch included)

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Anniversary Mass

All couples in the Archdiocese of Boston celebrating a 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversary are invited to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley at a celebratory Mass with vow renewal and marital blessing on Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Learn more and register at https://www.evangelizeboston.com/event/annual-wedding-anniversary-mass/?mc_cid=b33e0fdccd&mc_eid=17745da004

Amazing Grace Retreat

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In this retreat we will be using: Sacred Scripture, Poetry, Music and a Visual Presentation to bring us closer to recognizing God's grace. Our desire is to learn how to pray for more grace and to live in a state of grace.

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2022

Time: 10:00–3:00 (Bring your own lunch and we will provide the drinks.)

Presenters: Bryn Walsh, Mary MacGillivray, and S. Peggy Cummins.

Place: Notre Dame Spirituality Center,
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