# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION **COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

# Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 9, 2022



"And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.'

(Lk 17:15-16)

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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

> Phone: 978-346-8604 Email: info@hriccatholic.org

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Parish offices and church: 4 Green St., Merrimac 01860 Office Hours: By appointment

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#### **Immaculate Conception**

Parish, church, rectory, and offices: 42 Green St., Newburyport 01950 Office Hours: M–F 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

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#### **Immaculate Conception School**

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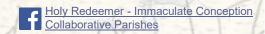
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#### **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday (10//8)** 

4:00pm **íC** (Fr. Morin)

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

**Sunday (10/9)** 

8:30am Nativity Deceased members of the John

R. Minihan Family (Fr. Morin)

9:00am IC For the descendants of Patrick & Julia

Callaghan Finnegan (Fr. Harrison)

10:15am St. Ann Helen & Paul Ringenbach

(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

11:30am IC Edward Aponte (Fr. Harrison & Deacon

Monday (10/10)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

**Tuesday (10/11)** 

9:00am IC Thomas Telega (Fr. Stanley)

Wednesday (10/12)

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

**Thursday (10/13)** 

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

Friday (10/14)

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

**Saturday (10/15)** 

4:00pm IC Ruth Sullivan, May Murray & Anna Murray Crall, Jean Basque (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

4:00pm St. Ann Kimberly Ann O'Hara (Fr. Stanley)

**Sunday (10/16)** 

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am **IC** Sandra Lambert (Bishop Hennessey & Deacon Dow )

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

11:30am IC Joseph Underhill (Bishop Hennessey & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember Tracy McBride 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: <a href="hriccathlic.org">hriccathlic.org</a> and on Facebook: (Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes).



#### **Mass Scripture Readings**

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at <a href="bible.usccb.org">bible.usccb.org</a>. 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.)

#### From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners.

The Gospel stories of lepers being cleansed are certainly dramatic, as images of putrid skin suddenly becoming renewed and fresh send our minds in all kinds of fantastical directions. Although there were many



virulent illnesses that plagued people in a time before most formal medical care was available, the Scriptural references to "leprosy" were most likely not what we would formally recognize as "Hanson's Disease" today. Instead, they likely were instances of many common, and often temporary, rashes and infections. Think: psoriasis, poison ivy and eczema. What made these or any other form of skin disease so confounding, was the very high value that the Jewish people placed on wholeness. Clear, unbroken skin was an essential trait to be able to offer oneself purely before God and in service to the Lord. To come into contact with someone who was impure or "unclean" was to suffer ritual impurity and the need to endure a lengthy cleansing process to enter back into common worship and society. The unclean, were to keep their distance and remain apart from family, synagogue, and work until such a time that they had been freed from their illness AND certified as clean by the priests. Then, they could re-enter the life of the village and community. Far more isolating than any COVIDrelated guarantine, ancient "leprosy" was damning in every way—it took the afflicted away from family and friends, deprived them of their livelihood, and alienated them from the worship of God. In a highly community-oriented society, it was a fate worse than death in many ways.

This is why Jesus' healing of the lepers was so dramatic. He was not just curing a skin condition that might have been uncomfortable or painful, He was healing the lepers of the deep suffering that came from being kept away from all that is good and holy. He also was healing the community that was suffering their absence. To "certify" their healing, Jesus tells the ten to go to the priests that they could be re-admitted to the life of the community. The Samaritan, however, couldn't do this, as he would have been rejected by the Jewish priests because he was a foreigner. So he did the only thing he thought of, he returned to Jesus, who was the source of the healing, giving proper praise to God. And Jesus reveals the deeper purpose behind the miracle—that it was not just to help out ten unfortunate outcasts, but to call people to faith through their gratitude, thus bringing about a properly restored community.

This gives us a glimpse of the bigger picture of Jesus' mission of salvation. He came, not just to cure us individually from sin, but to restore the wholeness and harmony of the entire People of God, that none should be excluded or alienated because of the affliction of sin.

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# **Columbus Day Holiday**

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

#### This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hriccatholic.org to view our online calendar.

Monday, October 10, Columbus Day Collaborative offices closed

Tuesday, October 11

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Wednesday, October 12

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, *IC Nazareth Library* Cub Scouts Pack 26 Mtg. 5:30pm, *Nativity Hall* 

Thursday, October 13
Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, October 14

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, October 15

HR Confirmation Retreat 9:00am, St. Ann Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, October 16

HR Faith Formation, K-8 9:30am, Nativity Hall

IC Faith Formation, K-8 10:00am, IC Parish Center

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

IC Confirmation Prep, Year 1 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall HR Confirmation Prep, Year 1 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 <a href="https://www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation">www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation</a>.

#### **School Year Programs**

School year Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation schedules and registration forms are available on the website at (<a href="https://hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation">hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation</a>). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron (<a href="mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org">agiard@hriccatholic.org</a>) or Melinda (<a href="mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org">burrell@hriccatholic.org</a>).

#### 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: <a href="https://hriccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a>. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x405) with any questions or email Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

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Gratitude for the restoration to wholeness opens the heart to a deepening of faith and a greater trust in God.

While most skin ailments are easily cured by over-the-counter ointments or with proper medical treatment today, the deep wounds of sin and death are only healed with the love and mercy of God poured out for us in the person of Jesus Christ. May we open our hearts to receive His love for us today. Not only will we be blessed by His saving presence in our lives, but our whole world will be the better for it.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



All-Pilgrimage reunion group following Mass at Nativity Church this past week.

A reunion was held for those who participated in any of the past seven pilgrimages that have been hosted from the HRIC Collaborative over the past 7 years. After Mass, parishioners enjoyed a reception featuring photos from all seven trips, plus a peek at an upcoming pilgrimage to Sicily and the Amalfi Coast of Italy planned for October 2023. More details will be available in the months ahead for those who may be interested in participating.

#### **Bulletin Information**

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

# **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 <a href="https://www.evangelizeboston.com/event/annual-wedding-anniversary-mass/?mc\_cid=b33e0fdccd&mc\_eid=17745da004">https://www.evangelizeboston.com/event/annual-wedding-anniversary-mass/?mc\_cid=b33e0fdccd&mc\_eid=17745da004</a>

#### **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."

#### **Snow Removal Volunteers**



We are looking for **volunteers to assist with snow removal** at all 3 churches, the rectories and the IC school this winter. If you are interested in helping us out, please call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

#### **Adoration is Rest**



Maybe use words. Maybe use no words. Simply let the impulse of the Holy Spirit nourish your desire to grow in humility, virtue, age, wisdom and grace. Leave all the rest to Holy One who calls you to savor rest with Him in Adoration's holy hour at dusk. *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: <a href="https://hriccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a>.

### Questions of the Week



**Adult**: This past week, have you taken the time to thank God and praise Him for your life?

**Child**: Do you remember to thank God for all that you have been given?

#### **Archdiocese Web Site**

Visit <a href="www.bostoncatholic.org">www.bostoncatholic.org</a> for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

#### **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.

#### **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.

https://www.mass.gov/guides/upcoming-foster-

careadoption-informational-meetings

# **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 <a href="https://www.emfgp.org">www.emfgp.org</a>.

#### **Cheverus Awards**



On Sunday, October 2, Cheverus awards were presented by Cardinal Seán O'Malley at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Boston. Collaborative parishioners. Dorothy (Dottie) Carr (not pictured) from Holy Redeemer and Maryann Lawler (pictured left) from Immaculate Conception received Cheverus awards as well as Jim Quinn (pictured left), who was nominated by the Archdiocese for his work with Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Recipients for this award are chosen for their service to the Church and God's people. Congratulations to Jim, Maryann, and Dottie!

### 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.



# 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 <a href="mailto:hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com">hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com</a> 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 conact Steve Swochak (<a href="mailto:swochak@netzero.net">swochak@netzero.net</a>, 978-462-2855) for details and to join him on the march.

#### 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)

Marriott Hotels are committed to COVID-19 safety

The hotel is committed to providing a safe environment that aligns with expert protocols for working to defeat COVID-19. The Marriott Cleanliness Council is redefining cleaning and safety standards in food and water safety, hygiene and infection, prevention, and hotel operations. In addition, VOTF will seat fewer people at conference room tables to allow more space between attendees. So, join us with confidence in a safe, enjoyable, worthwhile Commemoration. There's even free parking. Reserve your hotel room: <a href="https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.ml?">https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.ml?</a> id=1658427163091&key=GRP&app=resvlink

### 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.



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# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

# **HR Offertory Collection**

HR Offertory, Oct. 1–2 \$1,471.00
Peter's Pence, Oct. 1–2 \$ 502.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Sept. 30 \$ 363.00
Weekly Online Offertory Giving \$ 232.00

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 9) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Oct. 16) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. 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.

# **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.

#### **Greeters Needed**

We Are Making Progress, but Greeters Are Still Needed

We could still use a few more volunteers. 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 susanjnoyes@gmail.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 for the gift cards until Sunday, November 6.

#### **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: <a href="https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MA0158P">www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MA0158P</a>.

### 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, <a href="mailto:com/cynwinnquinn@aol.com">com/cynwinnquinn@aol.com</a>.
- •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, <u>Carole. Sokolowski@Merrimac.edu</u>.
- •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, <a href="mailto:rhoman1980@aol.com">rhoman1980@aol.com</a> 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 below for details on the raffle.
- •Join us at **our next meeting** on Thursday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Merrimac hall. We will be discussing, planning, and preparing for the holiday fair. Join the fun!

#### **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: <a href="www.hriccatholic.org">www.hriccatholic.org</a> (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.

# **HR Online Giving**

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.

To learn more visit our website, <a href="hricoatholic.org">hricoatholic.org</a> and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x404.

# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

### **IC Offertory Collection**

IC Offertory, Oct. 1–2 \$4,290.00
Peter's Pence, Oct. 1–2 \$1,033.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Sept. 30 \$940.00
Weekly Online Offertory Giving \$2,937.00

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You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: <a href="https://hitto.org/IC-Online-Giving">https://hitto.org/IC-Online-Giving</a>.

### **IC Online Giving**

Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

To learn more visit our website, <a href="hriccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a> and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x 404.

### 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.

# 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.



Fr. Tim and some furry friends who came for the Blessing of Animals on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi following the Immaculate Conception School Mass this past Tuesday.

### **Immaculate Conception School**

The Immaculate Conception School Get Movin' Fun Run was held last Friday, September 30. Led by the 8th grade students, every class gathered outside to dance, stretch, hula hoop, do the monster walk, and just enjoy some exercise and laughter. The school mascot, ICY



the pelican was on hand to pump up the excitement. Each class was dressed in theme costumes, which they voted on



as a class. The Pre-K children were dressed as superheroes, while the 4th graders were bananas. As each class arrived at the event, the 8th grade students formed a tunnel to welcome them. Interacting with the younger students

is part of the fun for the 8th graders, who enjoy leading this fundraising tradition. At the end of the day, the whole school came together in the gym to watch the 7th grade take on the 8th grade in basketball. This portion of the

Fun Run included the presentation of class banners that depicted the class theme. Finishing off the day was a short "dance party" that organically resulted in a wholeschool conga line through the gym to the song, "We Are



Family" by Sister Sledge. Many PTO parent volunteers made the Fun Run possible. Although donations are still



coming in, the IC met its fundraising goal of \$25,000, which will support the children's education with enrichment and field trip opportunities for all grades.

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#### **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.

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# 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!

# **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.

#### **Live Stream Mass**

#### To watch our live-stream Masses on our website:

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

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#### 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.

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. *Music and refreshments included.* 

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#### **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.

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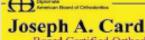
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