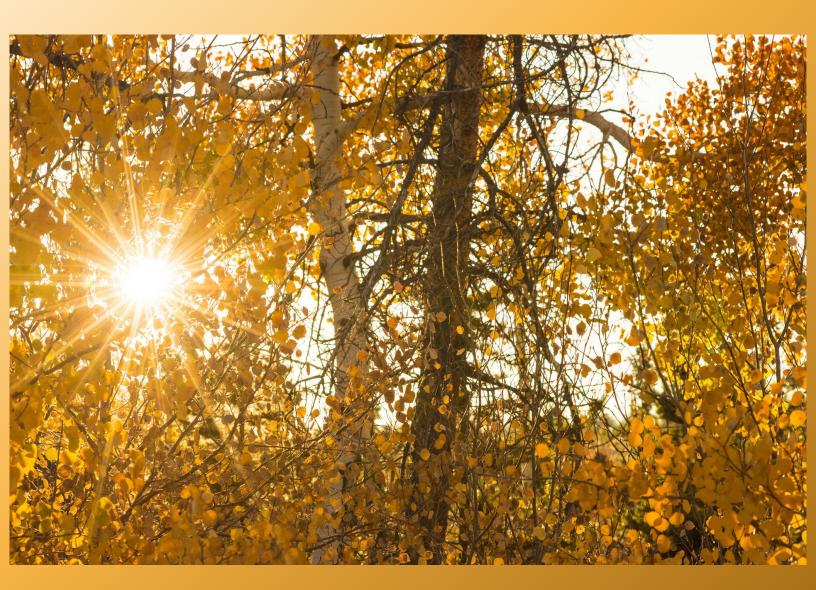
HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 13, 2022



"But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays."

(Mal 3:20a)

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All Are Welcome

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

Saturday, November 19 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Nativity Church Hall 4 Green Street, Merrimac



Get a jump on your Christmas shopping. We have themed gift baskets at great prices.

Visit our "Nearly New" section to find that item you have just been looking everywhere for.

Check out the silent auction items.

Receive a free raffle ticket for our hourly door prizes!

Come for lunch.
We serve a variety of homemade soups. Then, visit the bake sale table for dessert.

Take a chance on one of our cash raffle prizes.

Winner need not be present to win.

Everyone is welcome.

Admission is free.



Invite your friends and neighbors.

Mass Schedule

Saturday (11/12)

4:00pm **IC** In memoriam Sylvia Lolli, Ann Kelleher, Maureen & Roley Waddell, James Leonard

(Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (11/13)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley) 9:00am **IC** *Ann Lyons* (Fr. Harrison) 10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)

11:30am **IC** Edward J. Webber, Margaret Mitton (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

Monday (11/14)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Tuesday (11/15)

9:00am **IC** *George H. (Buzzie) Lawler III* (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (11/16)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (11/17)

9:00am IC Reginald Lormon (Fr. Stanley)

Friday (11/18)

9:00am IC Maureen Heaton (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (11/19)

4:00pm IC Paul F. Doyle, Ann Lyons (Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm Nativity Leonard Desmaris (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (11/20)

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

9:00am IC Sandy Lambert (Fr. Stanley & Deacon

Dow)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

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

In your prayers please remember Neville Baia, Margaret H. Childs, William K. Todd Jr., Frederick Powers Jr., 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: hriccathlic.org and on Facebook: (Hollow Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes).

Laudato Si Series

The last meeting of the Laudato Si series 2022 calendar year is planned for **Monday**, **November 21 at 6:30 p.m.** in IC St. Louis Hall.

The speaker will be from Black Earth Compost, a local company which reduces environmental impact by collecting food and other waste and recycling it into high quality compost for use in commercial landscaping and home gardening. A fascinating business model we would all learn about .

Save the date! We look forward to seeing you all there. Bring a friend; all are welcome.

2nd Collection November 20

Retired Religious Sisters

Next weekend the Archdiocese will take up the collection for Retired Religious Sisters. Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service. For more information, please contact the Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637.

Collaborative Pastoral Council

We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings, giving you a chance to listen to our discussions and to comment or ask questions at certain points in the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, November 24 at 10:00 a.m. at IC St. Louis Hall**. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council or would like to join the meeting, reach out to Jim at <u>Jimwilliamson35@gmail.com</u>.

Youth and Adult Altar Servers

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 parishes 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.

Collaborative Contacts

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info@hriccatholic.org

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This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, November 14

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

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

Tuesday, November 15

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

Wednesday, November 16

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Cub Scout Pack 26 Mtg. 5:30pm, St. Ann Hall

Thursday, November 17
Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, November 18

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

Collaborative Staff Mtg. 1:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

Saturday, November 19

HR Holiday Fair 9:00–2:00, Nativity Hall

Collaborative Pastoral Council Mtg. 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, November 20

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

IC Confirmation Prep, Year 1 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Confirmation Prep, Year 1 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Sicily Pilgrimage



We are beginning preparations for an upcoming pilgrimage to Sicily and the Amalfi Coast of Italy with an optional extension tour to Loretto and Rome in October 2023. We

are hosting an information night on Monday, November 28 in St. Louis Hall in the Immaculate Conception Pastoral Center for anyone interested in finding out more about this awesome adventure. We will begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m. in St. James Chapel and move to the hall for light refreshments and a short presentation on the trip. For more information, please contact Paul Blanchette at (978) 500-5661 or go to pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric/.

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.

IC Haiti News

Speaker on the Unprecedented Humanitarian Crisis in Haiti

We are pleased to announce that Conor Shapiro, CEO of Health Equity International (IC Haiti's "eyes and ears" on the ground in Haiti), will speak briefly at the 9:00 a.m. Mass **Sunday**, **November 13** about the unprecedented, humanitarian crisis going on in Haiti. Then join us after Mass, in the IC Parish Center for an in-depth analysis of the situation, particularly as it is affecting the school community in Puit Chacha and the hospital in Fond-des-Blancs.

An unprecedented, ongoing humanitarian crisis is taking place throughout Haiti. An unstable government and a lack of properly equipped security forces have allowed numerous gangs to take control of large portions of the country. The country's supply chains for essential goods, such as food, water, fuel, and medicines have been cut off by gang takeovers and subsequent blockades of main ports and roads. Travel has been brought to a standstill; and the country has experienced widespread closures of banks, schools, and markets. Food insecurity is now a severe problem for over half the country's populace.

The Fr. Marc Piché school's administration in Puit Chacha cautiously evaluated the risk to students in our region and decided it was safe enough to open on October 11. Although the school experienced reduced attendance on the first days by 40%, we are pleased the students are back in session and that we are able to provide them with our lunch program again despite inflationary food prices.

Please go to IC Haiti website <u>ichaiti.org</u> where you will find a link to a webinar rebroadcast on YouTube entitled <u>Virtual Update: Upholding Care Amid Countrywide Crisis Oct.</u>

13, 2022. There you will find a very thorough description of what's going on in the Southern peninsula of Haiti where the Fr. Marc Piché Elementary School and Saint Boniface Hospital are both located. Suggestions for ways to help are offered at the end of the webinar.

The Board of Directors for IC Haiti will consult with the leadership at Health Equity International to determine how best to use funding to address the current crisis. Health Equity International is the nonprofit organization that runs the Saint Boniface Hospital in Fond-des-Blancs and oversees our school in Puit Chacha. This nonprofit is IC Haiti's "eyes and ears" on the ground in Haiti.

What can we do to help?

- •Become aware and knowledgeable about what's going on in Haiti by attending the talk on November 13.
- Include our brothers and sisters in Haiti in our daily prayers.
- Advocate personally by informing/educating those we know.
- Advocate nationally by contacting our US Representatives and Senators.
- •Advocate locally with "Letters to the Editor" in our newspapers.
- •Donate to IC Haiti. Visit <u>ichaiti.org</u> to donate online or mail checks to IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950. Checks should be made out to "IC Haiti."

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.

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 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.

Collaborative Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs (Grades K-10)

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).

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.

Ouestions of the Week

Adult: Has there been a time when your faith was challenged or questioned by another? How did you respond?

Child: Has God ever been present to you like a small voice helping you to make good choices?

Bulletin Information

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

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.

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.)

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.

New England Tenors



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.

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: hriccatholic.org.

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.

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.

Mass of Remembrance

If you have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or in early childhood, you may feel a very deep loss which few others seem to understand. The St. Augustine community prays for you and invites you to our annual Mass of Remembrance.

Date: November 19, 2022 (Saturday)

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover **Live Stream**: For those who cannot attend in person, we will live stream: StAugustineParish.org/live-stream.

Those attending the Mass will have the opportunity to remember and honor their child with remembrance cards.

HR Parish

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Nov. 5-6 \$1,711.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance \$845.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Nov. 4 \$575.00
Weekly Online Offertory Giving \$378.00

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

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

HR Grand Annual Goal \$25,000 To Date \$3,480.00



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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 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.

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, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 x 402

Shawls and Lapghans



Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy! We would be happy to deliver to anyone. Or if you personally would like to give one to a friend, relative or

neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673 or hvktax@aol.com.

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, December 1. All are welcome!

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

Saturday, November 19, 9:00- 2:00 Nativity Hall

Themed Gift Baskets Silent Auction "Nearly New" Table Raffles Bake Sale Soups for Lunch

Would you like to help with the fair? Here are some ways you can help.

Fair donation drop-off times

Fair donations drop off at the Merrimac hall can be done the week before the fair (Nov. 14–18) starting at 10:00 a.m. We will be in the hall all day Friday (Nov. 18) from 10 a.m.—8:00 p.m. for anyone who would like to drop off donations for the Nov. 19 fair.

Can you donate homemade soup for the fair lunch?

We are gathering our cooks to prepare a spectacular lunch for our fair. Our homemade soups are delightful on a cool, fall afternoon. On our menu we have: fish chowder, corn chowder, pumpkin soup, butternut squash soup, chili, hot dogs and American chop suey. Perhaps we need a broccoli cheddar soup, Italian sausage soup, clam chowder, macaroni and cheese, or your family's favorite soup! Text or email Marie Greeley if you can add to our menu: 508-523-0404, regr3@outlook.com

Silent auction items for the fair

Have an item to **donate for the Silent Auction?** Email Carole Sokolowski, carole.sokolowski@merrimack.edu.

Please donate a Gift Basket to be sold at our Fair

If you are searching for an inspiration to create a gift basket to donate to the fair, there are suggestions written on cards on the Christmas trees in the back of the churches. Donations may be left at the back of both churches or brought to Nativity's Hall the week before the fair during setup. We are also accepting any empty baskets to donate to the Fair. (Please leave empty baskets in the back of either church.) Questions? Call or email Roberta Homan, 978-346-9448, rhoman1980@aol.com.

Bake sale table

Are you able to donate **homemade baked goods, candy, fudge** for the bake table? Email Pauline Duhamel, pduhamel2@yahoo.com.

Raffle tickets

Sell **raffle tickets** to your friends and family. See article, right, for details on how to get raffle tickets.



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.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MA0158P.

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.

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

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

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.hriccatholic.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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Nov. 5–6 \$4,936.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance \$1,316.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Nov. 4 \$2,410.09
Weekly Online Offertory Giving \$3,825.59

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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: https://hitto.org/IC-Online-Giving.

IC Grand Annual Goal \$100,000 To Date \$23,335.00



Remembering Those Who Have Died

November has traditionally been a month in the Church's liturgical calendar when we are called to pray for the dead and confront our own mortality. Over the years, parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish have embraced a beautiful custom of remembering loved ones who have passed through the creation of a small shrine for the dead. During the month of November until the beginning of Advent, parishioners are invited to place a small picture of their deceased loved one on the side altar near the baptismal font and ambry. Together as a community of faith, let's pray for those who have passed, that they may experience the fullness of the Heavenly Kingdom where we hope to one day join with them at the eternal banquet table.



Members of the Blanchette Family celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this past weekend at Immaculate Conception Church for Nick Blanchette and posed for pictures afterwards with Bishop Hennessey and Fr. Tim Harrison

Immaculate Conception School

The Nation's Report Card was released at the end of October, thus quantifying the 2022 National Assessment of Educational Progress. Achievement for reading and math among fourth and eighth graders in the US dropped since 2019 in almost every state, confirming



the learning loss from the pandemic that we all feared. There was one bright spot however—the success of Catholic schools, now the highest scoring group of students in the country. Multiple news articles articulated that learning in-person was the difference as Catholic schools remained open, while public school systems were closed.

Perhaps true, but there's so much more to our Catholic success. Yes, Catholic schools were able to pivot far more adeptly than public school systems. When news of the 2020 shutdown became real, we crafted a plan within hours, communicated it to school families, and began a process that would be adjusted and adapted, as needed. We committed to working together to get through the unknown while staying connected to our students, and listening intently to what worked and what didn't. The educators put plans in motion, but our students did what they do best, day-in and day-out, pandemic or not, their school work! Not some of the work on some of the days, but all of the work on all of the days. That was our expectation. As quoted by the Superintendent in The Daily News, the hope in Newburyport public schools was that 50% of the students would do 50% of the work. The exceptional work ethic that Catholic schools expect remained in place during remote learning and during the 6-foot distanced 2020-2021 school year. The strong student-teacher relationships that our small schools cultivate provided a safety net for those we knew would struggle, and those that unexpectedly faltered. We met with students virtually well beyond the 3:00 p.m. end of the school day, to review lessons, pray together, or just chat. Some school traditions were put on pause, but as I have featured in this bulletin many times, we found ways to adapt and improve those important experiences for the students to keep us connected as a school family. Catholic school children rank highest in the nation in reading and math because of factors that contribute to a meaningful learning experience rooted in faith, family, and figure-it-out-atude. Praise God!

By Joan Fowler Sullivan, Principal

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IC Haiti Speaker November 13

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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.svdpnewburyport.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!

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.

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, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 x 402

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

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IC Mission Appeal: Nov. 26-27

Mission Appeal by the Benedict XVI Institute for Africa

As the Church in African 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.

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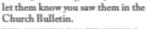
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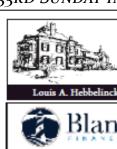
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