# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

# Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 6, 2022



"That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

(Lk 20:37-38)

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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

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### **Immaculate Conception School**

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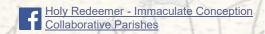
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### Mass Schedule

#### **Saturday (11/05)**

4:00pm IC Patricia Connolly, Jeanne Sheehan (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm Nativity Dorothy Batchelder (Fr. Stanley)

**Sunday (11/06)** 

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow) 9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

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

11:30am IC Patricia Connolly, Paul Michael Doyle, Gerry Mullen (Fr. Stanley)

Monday (11/07)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

**Tuesday (11/08)** 

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (11/09)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (11/10)

9:00am IC Bryan Corbett, Jack Cohane

(Fr. Stanley)

Friday (11/11)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

**Saturday (11/12)** 

4:00pm IC In memoriam Sylvia Lolli, Ann Kelleher, Maureen & Roley Waddell (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)

In your prayers please remember Margaret Axten, Ann Lyons, and all the faithful departed.

#### The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

TICKETS

ON SALE

St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through our website: hriccathlic.org and on Facebook: (Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes).

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

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### From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners.

As I write this on the Eve of All-Hallows (a.k.a. "Halloween"), I am reminded of a particular day on one of our recent pilgrimages that took place on Friday the 13th in Rome. I dubbed it, "creepy day," as our itinerary took



us to the Catacombs of St. Sebastian as well had us celebrating Mass at the church of Santa Maria della Concezione dei Cappuccini. Descending into the catacombs—the ancient underground burial passageways from the early centuries of the Church was spooky enough. If you so much as blinked at the wrong time and missed the intricate twists and turns that our tour guide was leading us through, you would be instantly lost in a maze of dark burial niches only a few of which were illuminated. Most were shrouded in the inky darkness of the subterranean necropolis. If you weren't creeped out by being surrounded by so many buried corpses from long ago, the very real possibility of joining them by getting hopelessly and terminally lost was sobering enough.

But it was the crypt of the Capuchin church that left the most lasting impression on most of us. (BTW—the drink is named after the color of the monks robes, not the other way around...) Underneath what is just an average example of an early baroque church (quite commonplace all over the city of Rome) lies a crypt or ossuary containing the skeletal remains of thousands of Capuchin monks. Arranged in various macabre groupings and signs, the bones of many of these deceased members of this famed religious order are stacked into elaborate piles of femurs and pelvic bones, skulls and assorted appendages. Some are stuccoed into walls and ceilings in all kinds of designs that made sense only to 17th century clerics. This unbelievable compilation was partially the result of an order that came allegedly from a long-ago pope for the religious community to move from one church (with significant lands and cemetery) to a more urban location without much burial space...and to take their dead with them. There are legendary stories of hundreds and hundreds of horsedrawn carts being led through the streets of Rome, stacked high with the remains of monks, many still clad in the decaying remnants of their brown Capuchin habits. If there ever was a Halloween-themed movie yet to be made, this is it!

(It may be interesting to note that a similar scene occurred right here in Newburyport some 150 years ago when St. Mary Cemetery was first opened and Catholics from across the area disinterred approximately 800 of their loved ones from other burying plots around the city and reinterred them in the sacred ground of our parish cemetery.)

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### **Veterans Day**

Collaborative offices will be closed for the Veterans Day holiday on Friday, November 11. Offices will reopen on Monday, November 14, at 9:00 a.m.

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What left a lasting memory for me that day was not simply being surrounded by the shear enormity of death, but a little sign at one end of the Capuchin crypt that seemed to sumup many unspoken sentiments: "What you are now, we used to be. What we are now, you will be." In its context, I can't think of any more sobering statements about life and death.

Our culture is fascinated by death and at the very same time repelled by it. Particularly on Halloween, we "conjure" and relish in all sorts of gruesome displays and "supernatural" embellishments. In a matter of moments as I watch the sun setting on this eve, goblins, ghosts, and ghouls of all varieties and sizes will flood our city streets in search of sweet treats in lieu of the impetus for a little mischief. Hallmark, chocolatiers, and local pumpkin farmers will profit handsomely, and hopefully all will enjoy a little harmless fun.

But the deeper questions about death and the hope for life after death are better entertained not by costumed frivolity, but by engaging the richness of our Christian Faith. Death has been the most vexing of human mysteries from the very beginning of recorded history. Every time and culture has its own custom in addressing this conundrum, from erecting simple burial mounds to the most elaborate pyramids and gilded tombs. Most expressed some hope or belief in some kind of life after death.

From our Jewish roots, this weekend's Scriptures connect that profound hope for life beyond life in the quote from Luke's Gospel echoed on our bulletin cover: "That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the

### This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hriccatholic.org to view our online calendar.

Monday, November 7

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

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

Tuesday, November 8

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

Wednesday, November 9

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, November 10

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, November 11 Veterans Day

Collaborative offices closed

Saturday, November 12

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, November 13

Haiti Humanitarian Crisis Speaker 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Collaborative Baptisms 1:30pm, IC Church

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

HR Confirmation Prep, Year 2 7:00pm, Nativity Church

bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." (Lk 20: 37–38) There is a wonderful passage in the Book of Ecclesiastes after the section that was made famous by the Byrds' song "Turn, Turn, Turn" in the 1960's where after proclaiming that there is a time and place for everything under the sun, it goes on to say, "What now is has already been; what is to be, already is: God retrieves what has gone by." (Ecl 3:15) That is to say, that in God's presence, there is no past or future, but only an eternal now, complete and perfect.

Earlier today, I spent some time at Mass with the 7th Grade class from our school pondering what Heaven would be like, eventually asking them what kinds of food they hoped would be there. I got some typical responses like pasta, chocolate, ice cream, and cake. But then they went deeper, imagining things like ramen noodles, sushi, filet mignon, and lobster! The teacher and I had to add pizza to the list, just to make sure that Heaven was really going to be Heaven! Sophisticated kids, these days, eh?! But the imagery of the afterlife as a great banquet table comes right from the Scriptures: "You set a table before me in front of my enemies," (from Psalm 23) and, "On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples. A feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines," (from Isaiah 25) and again "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son." (from Matthew 22) Even Jesus, sharing a cup of wine with His disciples at the Last Supper, indicated: "I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father." (Matthew 26:29) Apparently, a great feast awaits us all in the time to come!

Heaven, according to the Scriptures also involves being part of a new Kingdom, a place, often described as "paradise." When one of the criminals hanging on the cross next to Jesus said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23: 42-43) This paradise is also referred to as an entirely new realm: "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." (Revelation 21:1-2) Having stood next to many grooms as their brides processed up the church aisle at the beginning of their wedding, on more than one occasion I have had to remind them to breath, as they were so overwhelmed by how beautiful their beloved was as she approached the altar and the beginning of their new life together. What a great image of Heaven—it will be so beautiful and full of hope. that it will take our breath away in its ecstasy!

St. Paul reminds us, "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him," this God has revealed to us through the Spirit." (I Cor 2:9–10) In other words, dream about all that you can, imagine the very best and finest of human goods, and these will fall short of what

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the reality of Heaven will be like. A true and lasting peace shall permanently encircle all: "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." (Isaiah 11:6) and again, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Isaiah 2:4)

Even the need for illumination shall be completely satisfied: "And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever." (Revelation 22:5) It is hard for us to even begin to imagine how amazing this experience will be. And yet this is the free and complete gift offered to us in Christ Jesus, purchased by His blood on the Cross and sealed by water and the Spirit in our Baptism.

We celebrate and claim this awesome inheritance in our rituals and liturgies when we offer what is commonly called the "Last Rites:" "I commend you, my dear brother / sister to almighty God, and entrust you to your Creator. May you return to him who formed you from the dust of the earth. May holy Mary, the angels and all the saints come to meet you as you go forth from this life. May Christ who was crucified for you bring freedom and peace. May Christ who died for you admit you into the garden of his paradise. May Christ, the true Shepherd acknowledge you as one of his flock. May he forgive all of your sins and set you among those he has chosen. May you see your redeemer face to face and enjoy the vision of God forever." (from the Commendation of the Dying)

We pray at the graveside: "Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection, even as it claims our mortal bodies. Grant that our brother / sister may sleep here in peace until you awaken him / her to glory, for you are the resurrection and the life. Then he / she will see you face to face and in your light will see light and know the splendor of God, for you live and reign forever and ever. Amen" (from the Catholic Funeral Rites).

During this month of November, you will notice that our Scripture readings turn towards the consideration of the end times and final judgement. Echoing from the Feast of All Souls Day, it is a longstanding custom among Catholics to pray for all those who have died, presenting them to the Lord in our hearts and among our daily and weekly intercessions. So, Halloween has passed, and creepy or not, the mystery of death remains with us, an eternal scourge and confounding remnant from the first sin. Yet through Christ and God's gracious love and mercy, we have hope for a bright and amazing eternal life with the One who first loved us and still calls us to new life. In the end, Heaven is perhaps best described not so much as a place, but a relationship with God that we have been invited into by Christ and that carries us through this life and blossoms into its fullness in the age to come. May we open our hearts to that great blessing today and always!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

# IC Haiti Speaker

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. In the IC Parish Center following the Mass, Conor will offer an in-depth analysis of the situation, particularly as it is affecting the school community in Puit Chacha and the hospital in Fonddes-Blancs.

Please go to IC Haiti website <a href="www.ichaiti.com">www.ichaiti.com</a> where you will find a link to a webinar rebroadcast on YouTube entitled <a href="Virtual Update: Upholding Care Amid Countrywide Crisis Oct. 13, 2022">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.

## **Collaborative Baptisms**

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in the months of **September and October**:

Francis Andre Brouillard • Emmylou Grace Cavagnet • Ronan McGrath Cullen • Daniella Marie Dunnigan • Lucas Michael Frew • Leo Steven Gullans • Lea Malu Haase • Ryleigh Grace Leonard • Carter Christopher McLean • Whelan Jay Nich • Rylee Ruth Pagliarulo • Calvin Zachary Yeremian

### The Sacrament of the Sick

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 (<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 (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.

### **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.

### **Abandon Yourself to Adoration**



When prayer feels empty, rejoice that prayer is no longer about you! God is Love, not perpetual solace. Bless what seems to be His absence so you advance in holiness by not clinging to feelings. He abides in you by grace. Come & be.

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>.

## 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.

# **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.

# HR Parish

# **HR Offertory Collection**

HR Offertory, Oct. 29–30 \$1,517.00 HR Mission Appeal \$1,068.00 Mailed in Offertory, week ending Oct. 28 \$3,245.00 Weekly Online Offertory Giving \$378.00

The second collection this weekend (Nov. 6) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (Nov. 13) is the Monthly. Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Holy Redeemer Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

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

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

HR Grand Annual Goal \$25,000 To Date \$1,430.00



# **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="hricatholic.org">hricatholic.org</a> and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple 978-462-2724 x404

# **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, December 1. Join us! All are welcome.

### 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

# HR 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.

#### The Fair Committee is looking for some MUSCLE!!

On Sunday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m. (after the Patriots game) we will start arranging the parish hall in Merrimac to begin organizing for our fair on November 19. This means carrying tables from the basement, arranging tables, moving dividers, and stacking chairs.

We also need help in carrying many, many items from the old rectory into the hall. Please mark your calendar and join the activities committee in the fun!!

#### Help with fair preparation

There will be a calendar posted Sunday, November 6, on the glass doors of the Merrimac Hall as to when our volunteers will be working to prepare for the fair. Anyone who would like to volunteer is welcome to add their name to the list in a time slot with others.

#### 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

#### Want to volunteer day of the fair?

Have questions about the fair? Contact Cindy Quinn, cynwinnquinn@aol.com, 978-346-0072.

#### Silent auction items for the fair

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

### **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.** 

### Like Us on Facebook

Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes



#### 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, below, for details on how to get raffle tickets.

### 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.

### **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>.

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# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

## **IC Offertory Collection**

IC Offertory, Oct. 29–30 \$4,703.00
Parking Lot \$376.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Oct. 28
Weekly Online Offertory Giving \$3,825.59

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IC Grand Annual Goal \$100,000 To Date \$7,535.00



# **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 978-462-2724 x404

# 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.

### **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 School**

Halloween was celebrated at Immaculate Conception School in an abundance of ways. Buddy grades, such as Grades 6 and 1, *pictured*, decorated pumpkins together.

Pre-K counted the number of seeds in a jack-o lantern. Grade 2 made a ghost game contraption from white paper cups and balloons that popped puff balls up into the air. School families decorated the trunks of their cars for a very fun Trunk or Treat event.









And....back by popular demand was the annual Halloween Party, which took place on Saturday night. The 8th graders provided fun carnival-type games for the children while a di provided endless dance party music for all to enjoy. Children and adults were dressed in Halloween costumes. New this year were 'Boo-grams' which were little Halloween trinkets delivered to students and teachers with a spooky messenger from a secret admirer. The 'Boo-gram' idea was brought to fruition by the middle school Leadership Team as a way to raise money for St. Francis Xavier Catholic School in Fort Myers, FL in response to Hurricane Ian. Halloween is a very fun time of year which the IC enjoys celebrating together. We value the opportunity to combine creative costumes, parent involvement, and service to others as a way to grow closer to God and our schoolmates.

Photos courtesy of L. Capobianco

### **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.

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#### **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.

# Haiti Speaker November 13

Conor Shapiro, CEO of Health Equity International, will speak briefly at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at IC on Sunday, November 13 about the humanitarian crisis in Haiti. Following the Mass in the Parish Center, he will offer a more in-depth analysis of the situation in Haiti, particularly as it is affecting the school community in Puit Chacha and the hospital in Fond-des-Blancs. All are welcome.

# **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.

## **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.

# **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.

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