HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Second Sunday of Lent March 13, 2022

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All Are Welcome



Russian Orthodox image of the Transfiguration

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

(Lk 9:35)



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

"Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters..."

St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985 Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

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Nativity

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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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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

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Mass Schedule

Saturday (3/12)

4:00pm Nativity (Fr. Harrison) 4:00pm IC For the Intentions of Gregory D'Ambrosio, Frederick T. Jones & Helen Burke

Jones , Dan Ryan Jr. (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

Moranski

Sunday (3/13) Daylight Saving Time begins

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am IC Elaine Murphy (Fr. McLaughlin)

10:00am St. Ann (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am IC Laurine Sullivan, Ron Sylvester

(Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

Monday (3/14)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Tuesday (3/15)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (3/16)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (3/17)

9:00am IC John Comer (Fr. Morin)

Friday (3/18)

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

Saturday (3/19)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Maureen Heaton* (Fr. Stanley & Dagger Dow)

Deacon Dow)

4:00pm IC Lawrence Twomey Jr., Emily & Jim

Saccone, James J. Saccone (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (3/20)

8:30am Nativity Joseph Kardas (Fr. Morin)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

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

11:30am IC Barry Ewing, Faris Abu-Jawdeh, Laurel Wightman Ryti, Valentina Perry, Kathy

Mcaleenan (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Mildred Beebe, Gurney Arnold, Paul Kolman, 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: (Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes).

Live Stream Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses on the website:

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

To watch our live-stream Masses on Facebook:

- 1. Go to our Facebook page (facebook.com/hriccatholic/)
- 2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
- 3. The **IVE** video should be the first one on the list.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners.

When we consider the exotic imagery of the Transfiguration, we might wonder whether this transcendental event occurred for the benefit of Jesus, His inner circle of disciples, or was recorded and preserved for the



edification of the wider Christian community who were the recipients of the Gospel.

The answer, I suppose, is that all three were blessed by the experience. First, Christ Himself, in His humanity, experienced a deepening of His own self-understanding over time and grew in His appreciation of His own role before God the Father. To see His connection with the greatest of the Law-givers and the greatest of the prophets confirmed the precious, singular place that the Lord held in the history of our redemption and God's plan of salvation. This dreamy scene made explicit that Christ was the fulfillment of all that had gone before and represented a complete continuity of God's saving work—past, present, and future. Although none of the Gospel writers include what was said between Jesus, Moses, and Elijah, we can imagine that they spoke of God's glory and faithfulness. All were witnesses to the saving power of God, therefore all would be lasting instruments of the fullness of God's love for us, each in their own way. Christ, was, of course, the ultimate expression of that for us all.

We don't often think of Jesus as having a "leadership team" among the apostles. Yet when we look at the Gospel accounts, Peter, James, and John were always being called away by themselves by the Lord for various experiences. Jesus would often lead the other 12 through His interactions with these three. That they would be singled out to witness the Transfiguration event is completely consistent with the inner knowledge and insight that they must have gained from their closeness to the Lord. As Jesus was continually calling them to open their minds and hearts to the new things that God was unfolding in their midst, this experience must have been both strangely compelling and terrifying at the same time. Peter, the Rock on which Jesus would build His Church, was reduced to incoherence from the event. And yet, recalling it after Jesus' resurrection, must have gone a long way to confirm their faith and strengthen them for the mission ahead.

Which comes to us, the modern-day hearers of Luke's Gospel. Although we can sometimes be tempted to read the Gospels as a historical narrative of what Jesus did and said, and their are certainly passages that come off that way, we must remember that first and foremost, the Gospels were written to call the hearer (or reader) to faith, that we might come to know who Jesus is and believe that He is the Son of God. Through this belief, we have life in His name. So, we can see that St. Luke intentionally shares this pericope with us to use as a lens to understand who Jesus is—the fulfillment of all of God's promises and the present hope for salvation. Modern-day storytelling often

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, March 14

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

Oberammergau Pilgrimage Meeting/Mass 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Tuesday, March 15

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* HR Confirmation Prep., Year 2 6:45pm, *Nativity Hall*

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, March 16

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Cub Scouts Mtg. 4:00pm, St. Ann Hall

New Hope Family Support Group 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, March 17

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

IC First Communion Parent Mtg. 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall Consecration to St. Joseph Mtg. 8:00pm, IC Church

Friday, March 18

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

IC Stations of the Cross 5:15pm, IC Church

HR Simple Supper 5:15pm, Nativity Hall

IC Simple Supper 5:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Stations of the Cross 6:00pm, Nativity Church

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Saturday, March 19 San Marcos Coffee sale after all Masses

First Penance 1:30pm, IC Church Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, March 20 San Marcos Coffee sale after all Masses

RCIA 9:30am, IC Conference Room 209

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

Adoration

Join us for Adoration at IC Church.

Note: enter at Green Street door only.

Thursdays: 7:00-8:00 p.m. Fridays: 9:30 a.m.*

*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.

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

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

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does this sort of thing well by offering a flashback recalling a significant event in a character's history that best defines them, or using a dream sequence to explain things that might otherwise have gone unsaid. Thus the reader or movie-goer is invited deeper into the narrative and given inside information that will later prove essential to the story as a whole. St. Luke wants us to know that Jesus in not opposed to the Law that Moses gave nor divergent from the many prophecies uttered, but instead is in complete harmony with what has been, so that He might bring everything to its relationship before God.

In light of that, what is our takeaway from this iconic passage? I think it is best seen as a profound reminder of the full divinity of the Lord that is wonderfully enfleshed in Jesus' humanity. We only come to knowledge of anything through our human experiences. In experiencing the complete life and witness of Jesus, we encounter the real presence of the divine through Him. As the Lord once said to Phillip, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works." (Jn 14:9-10) So, the Transfiguration reminds us of how close our God is to us through Christ, and Christ as our brother and Savior has shown us the deep intimacy of everything our relationship with God can be. This ought to give us encouragement in times of distress and hope when we have fallen short of the love we are called to imitate in Christ. In the fullness of Jesus Christ, we encounter the generous mercy of God the Father. It just doesn't get any better than that!

Lenten Blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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Mask Requirement Update

As of March 2022, the mask requirement in the Archdiocese of Boston has been lifted. We recommend that one be worn at the discretion of each person. Those distributing Holy Communion will still wear a mask for that moment. Additionally, we will continue to maintain sections in each of our churches were parishioners may sit more distant from each other.

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Collaborative Lenten Offerings

Here are some activities the Collaborative is sponsoring.

Consecration to St. Joseph

All are welcome to a 33 day, at-home retreat with weekly meetings during Lent

Weekly meetings will provide "followship" with parishioners plus their unique perspectives on how the piety of their "at home retreat" is blessing them!

Thursdays through April 7, 8:00–8:45 p.m., IC St. Louis Hall, 1st floor

For more details and to reserve your copy of the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph*, please RSVP to kofc231@gmail.com.



Stations of the Cross and Simple Supper

Immaculate Conception Parish

Fridays during Lent at IC Church

Stations of the Cross begin at 5:15 p.m. in the church Simple Supper will follow, around 5:45 p.m. in St. Louis Hall

Holy Redeemer Parish

Fridays during Lent at Church of the Nativity Simple Supper is served at 5:15 p.m. in the hall Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the church

Lenten Penance Services

Monday, March 28, 7:00–8:00 p.m., Church of the Nativity Monday, April 4, 7:00–8:00 p.m., St. Ann Church Monday, April 11 (Holy Week), 7:00–8:00 p.m., IC Church

We also offer individual Confessions every Saturday from 3:00–3:30 at IC. No appointment necessary.

Adoration

Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m., IC Church

Fridays, 9:30 a.m.–12:00 noon, IC Church (Unless there is a funeral scheduled for that day. Please check the Collaborative calendar for changes.)

Online Resources

Visit our website for more resources: hriccatholic.org/lent-2022.

Family Prayer Group



Some of our parishioners have formed a group to pray for families and do so on the last Friday of the month, calling the prayer group "Final Fridays for Families" or "FFF" as a result.

It is not burdensome or time-consuming and simply involves receiving a reminder on the last Friday of each month and saying a prayer for families at a time and place that is convenient to you on that day. The group particularly prays for all members and their families and their special intentions. If you would like to join the group and receive the monthly prayer reminder, please let Linda Temple know in our Collaborative office. Contact her at (978) 462-2724 or email at: info@hriccatholic.org.

Lenten Guidelines

All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by anyone 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. (When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.



TICKETS: Before March 31, 2022: \$39 After April 1, 2022: \$49

*Boxed lunch available at extra cost



For more information, visit **JesusIsHereBoston.org**

Helping Our Homeless

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

As in past years, the homeless in our Collaborative need our help, and the pandemic has brought new suffering to many. We again will be collecting Homeless Care Packs at all three churches. This is a one-gallon Ziploc bag filled with personal care items for men, women, and children. They will be distributed to local agencies serving our homeless, including Pelican Intervention Fund, St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army, YWCA, Community Service, and others.

Easy to carry, travel-size personal care items are best and can be found in many local stores. There will be a collection box at the entrance of each church and in the lobby of the IC Parish Center, or you can contact a member of our Confirmation classes.

Please, no clothing, used or damaged goods, as these are discarded. For more information or to help, contact Aaron Giard at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org, or Jonathan Temple at jntemple@comcast.net Thank you for your generosity and compassion. *Items needed:*

Shampoo Toothbrush Toothpaste Deodorant Razor Socks Gloves Shaving Cream Cough drops
Protein bars
Soap
Life Savers candy
Disposable face
cloths
Kleenex packs
Hand sanitizer

Feminine hygiene products (Women) Umbrellas Antiseptic Wipes

No mouthwash or loose items please

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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.

ENGAGE & FORMED

We have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.

To access the resources of Word on Fire's **ENGAGE**, register at <u>flocknote.com/hriccollaborative</u> or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

To access **FORMED**, visit <u>formed.org</u>, click "Sign up," then "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" to log in.

Bulletin Information

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

Questions of the Week



Adult: Aware of the pace and noise of daily life, what can we do during Lent to become quieter allowing us to focus on Jesus and one another?

Child: What can you do during Lent to keep Jesus present in your life?

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 Susan Gerroir Charmaine Haan Hillar Haan Joe Messina Vincent Oberhofer Maureen Russell Rob Schweitzer Ruth Sullivan Mark Thibeault Michael Tucker Jim Williamson

Contact the Collaborative offices to add someone to or remove someone from our prayer list: 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

San Marcos Coffee March 19-20



We will have plenty of freshlyroasted Honduran coffee available for purchase after all collaborative Masses on Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20.

\$10 per pound for this specialty coffee (whole bean or ground). Your

purchase helps the poor farmers earn a fair wage for their hard work.

Gracias from Honduras!

IC Haiti

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."

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.

women at the well

Welcome to Women at the Well: A weekly Bible Study for women seeking to grow closer to God and cultivate community!

We meet every **Monday at 6:30 p.m.** If you can't 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.

In-person: IC Charity Dining Room

Zoom: Email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

New Hope Family Support Group First & Third Wednesday of every month

For More Info: Corey Beaver 781.854.2541 3foldrecovery@gmail

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HOSTED BY Carey Beaver INTERVENTIONIST & RECOVERY COACH

New Hope Family Support Group Immaculate Conception

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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.

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

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Winter Weather Mass Cancellations



Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if either Pentucket Regional or Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement

weather. Any Faith Formation classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Chanel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information.

Personal Directed Lenten Retreat

Consider a Personal Directed Lenten Retreat that reflects and supports your spiritual practices and your unique relationship with God for your Lenten journey.

What cross are you carrying, what unmet needs are you experiencing, what losses or trials are you suffering, what desires are you holding in your heart?

During Lent, accompany Jesus as he carries his cross. Bring your cross, needs, suffering, and desires to Jesus as you ponder his own time of suffering and trial. A personal directed retreat may support and guide you to share deeply with Jesus his salvific suffering, know and accept his love and healing, and express your love for him. Deepening love and trust in Jesus may strengthen you to take up your cross each day and follow him.

Retreat can begin any time during Lent. Retreat Closes: April 13.

You may schedule direction sessions throughout Lent as desired and at your own pace. We will meet via telephone or Zoom on a day and time convenient for you. During the first session we explore your focus for Lent. I will provide related material for prayer and reflection and meet with you for four additional one-hour individual sessions of Spiritual Direction during Lent as we are led by the Holy Spirit.

Please Call Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director: (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information. Suggested donation: \$80.00

New Office Hours

Office hours at IC Parish Center are M-F 9:00-3:30.



Join the Knights!

Second Tuesdays at 7pm IC Parish Center Library

For More Info: Matt Blanchette 978.697.5135 kofc231@gmail.com



IC PARISH

IC Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021–22 schedule for those children currently in Grades K–8 is posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to either Aaron or Melinda at agiard@hriccatholic.org or burrell@hriccatholic.org respectively.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Students are currently preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

Baptism

No Baptisms will be taking place during the season of Lent. We will resume our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month here at IC beginning in May at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for more information.

Confirmation

Students are currently in the process of preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

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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The Pelican Intervention Fund

Our mission is to provide funding for non-profit, 12-step residential sober homes for economically challenged men and women struggling with addiction.

Donations can be made to:

"The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF"

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

Questions? Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

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IC Offertory Collection

Ash Wednesday, Catholic Charities, March 2 \$1,385.00 IC Offertory, March 5–6 \$7,393.00 Utility & Energy, March 5–6 \$1,401.00 Mailed in Offertory, week ending March 4 \$1,565.00 Grand Annual \$102,070.00

Thank you to all who have helped us reach our Grand Annual goal this year.

The second collection this weekend (March 13) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (March 20) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

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: hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.





Visit <u>bostoncatholicappeal.org</u> to learn more or to donate.

IC Online Giving

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

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

Once registered, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

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

Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser for over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. She is happy to help our parishioners in need.

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.

Immaculate Conception School



The Immaculate Conception School Read-A-Thon is a wonderful way for students to fundraise for the school while reading! The children read to reach grade level benchmarks for minutes read as a class and as individuals. Prize baskets, such as the

one pictured here, are a motivating factor as children chart their reading progress An each day. online l fundraising platform allows family and friends from across country the to sponsor the children as they read and raise funds for the school. Last year's Read-A-Thon raised \$25,000 for the IC! What a fabulous way to support and encourage a joy of reading!



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.

To donate, you can visit our website to donate online at www.svdpnewburyport.org, or drop your donation (checks payable to "SVdP of Newburyport") 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

Tuesday evenings **takeout only meals** 4:30–5:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Scientific Education for IC Parish Students

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Fund. Email your request for an application to maryakscholarship@gmail.com.

Scholarship eligibility:

- Young man or woman parishioner of IC Parish
- High school graduate in pursuit of a scientific education

Completed applications must be postmarked and returned to the Trustees no later than Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

St. Mary's Cemetery

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

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HR Offertory Collection

Ash Wednesday, Catholic Charities, March 2 \$ 377.00 HR Offertory, March 5–6 \$1,470.00 Mailed in Offertory, week ending March 4 \$1,445.00 Grand Annual \$20,350.00

Thank you to all who have contributed to this year's Grand Annual collection.

The second collection this weekend (March 13) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (March 20) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

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.





Visit <u>bostoncatholicappeal.org</u> to learn more or to donate.

Stations of the Cross at HR



The 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross on Friday March 18 at Nativity will be lead by Cindy Quinn. A "simple supper" of corn chowder will be served in the hall starting at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome. No reservations needed!

Coffee Hour

Please join us for C.C.D.:

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after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 20 in Nativity Hall. All are welcome!



Raffle Tickets to Benefit HR SVdP Society



Take a chance at winning a 50/50 raffle, golf foursomes, restaurant gift certificates, autographed sports memorabilia and yoga classes. We will also be raffling off two tickets to see The WHO at TD Garden on May 18.

Raffle tickets can be purchased after all HR Masses on March 26–27 and April 2–3. Please support our hockey tournament to benefit the Holy Redeemer St. Vincent DePaul Society. Visit our website to purchase tickets online: https://shamrockshootout.wordpress.com/.

Raffle winners will be drawn at the hockey tournament on April 2–3 at the Haverhill High School rink. Winners need not be present. Admission to the tournament is free.

HR Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021–22 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

Baptism

No Baptisms will be taking place during the season of Lent. We will resume our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at IC Church beginning in May at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021–22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 and 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

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

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to HR SVdP, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

HR Prayer Shawl

If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Helen hvktax@aol.com or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would



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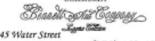
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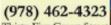


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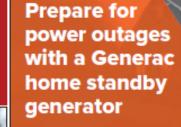


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