

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Third Sunday of Lent

### March 20, 2022

[hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org)



*For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down . . . “Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.”*

(from Lk 13:6-9)

*All Are Welcome*





## Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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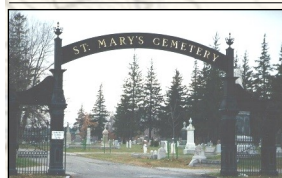
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 Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception  
Collaborative Parishes

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (3/19)

4:00pm **Nativity** Maureen Heaton (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)  
4:00pm **IC** Lawrence Twomey Jr., Emily & Jim Saccone, James J. Saccone, Joseph A. Buonomo (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (3/20)

8:30am **Nativity** Joseph Kardas (Fr. Morin)  
9:00am **IC** Elena Poore, Patricia Kelly (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)

### Monday (3/21)

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

### Tuesday (3/22)

9:00am **IC** For the intentions of Olivia D'Ambrosio (Fr. Harrison)

### Wednesday (3/23)

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

### Thursday (3/24)

9:00am **IC** Paul Kolman (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (3/25)

9:00am **IC** Ellen Sullivan Kopp (Fr. Harrison)

### Saturday (3/26)

4:00pm **Nativity** Frances Pontorno (Fr. Harrison)  
4:00pm **IC** Garry F. Doyle, John E Kelley, Regina Laite, Rev. John F. Leonard (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (3/27)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)  
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)  
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
11:30am **IC** James F Doyle, Thayer Fremont-Smith (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Richard J. O'Brien and all the faithful departed.

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

**IC**—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

**Nativity**—Merrimac

**St. Ann**—West Newbury

**Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online** through our website:

[hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](https://www.facebook.com/HolyRedeemer-ImmaculateConceptionCollaborativeParishes)).

## Live Stream Mass

**To watch our live-stream Masses on the website:**

1. Go to our website ([hriccatholic.org](http://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/](https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/))
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

What is sometimes called, "The Parable of the Fig Tree" is a powerful reminder of the almost-infinite patience of our God. Not that any one of us has any business placing limits on God, but the parable itself hints that someday there will be a moment when God says, "Enough is enough, cut it down!" But not yet. Even the most barren of plants are given a chance to grow and become everything they were meant to be before God. And that means producing fruit!

God takes such delight in His creation working the way it was meant to be—plants and trees producing fruit at the appropriate times . . . and we human beings producing acts of justice and righteousness at moments when they are called for and expected. And God is watching and earnestly looking for everything to work according to His plan. And when it doesn't, God will act so that others may come in their stead to take up the nutrients of the soil and perhaps bear the desired fruit.

In the Scriptures there is a dynamic tension between God's mercy and patience and God's steadfast passion for justice. On the one hand we have the testimony from Isaiah that God's Servant will not "quench the smoldering wick nor snap the bruised reed," (from Is 42:3) giving hope that God's patience will endure as long as there is even the tiniest possibility of new life. And yet at the same time we also encounter the mighty roar of the Lord relentless pursuit of righteousness . . . "His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." (Mt 3:12)

So . . . Yes, we will take the time to fertilize. Yes, we will take the time to water. Yes, we will take the time to prune. Yes, we will take the time for these actions to have an effect and hopefully produce some fruit. But, there will come a time when God will say, "No more time, enough is enough. Cut it down." We are not yet at that time, but it will come.

Lent is an opportunity to do some fertilizing and watering and pruning while it may be of some benefit to us. That we may bear some fruit for the Lord. And what kind of fruit does God look to harvest from us? While the earthly Jesus was fond of figs when they were in season, what God looks for in each of us is a holiness of life, a hunger for justice, a passion for mercy, a generosity of forgiveness, a compassion towards those who suffer, a willingness to help

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## 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/](https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/)

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.**



## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

#### Monday, March 21

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

#### Tuesday, March 22

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

**IC Choir Rehearsal** 7:00pm, IC Church

#### Wednesday, March 23

**Holy Jammers Practice** 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

**Cub Scout Meeting** 4:00pm, St. Ann Hall

#### Thursday, March 24

**IC First Communion Church Tour** 3:30pm, IC Church

**Adoration** 7:00pm, IC Church

**Consecration to St. Joseph Mtg.** 8:00pm, IC Church

#### Friday, March 25

**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 26

**Confessions** 3:00pm, IC Church

#### Sunday, March 27

**RCIA** 9:30am, IC Conference Room 209

**Faith Formation** 10:00am, IC Parish Center

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

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

### San Marcos Coffee March 19-20



We will have plenty of freshly-roasted 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!

### New Office Hours

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

### 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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those in need, empathy for the stranger and support for those who would attempt peacemaking. All these and more are the fruits that God desires. As we heard on Ash Wednesday, "Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you. Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Cor 6:1-2)

In other words, "No time like the present!" So let us be about the things that are important to the Lord and bear some much sought-after fruit for His Kingdom.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

### Second Collection: Ukraine March 19-20

Due to the unprecedented needs brought about by the devastation of the attacks on Ukraine and the immigration of millions of victims fleeing the ravages of the war, I am authorizing a special collection to be taken up at all parishes on the weekend of March 19-20. The proceeds from the collection will be sent to Catholic Relief Services, the overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, and to the Vatican agency for outreach to the Churches in Eastern Europe.

Through news coverage of the war, we have witnessed the immediate human crisis needs, including those caused by the horrendous bombing of a maternity hospital. There will also be longer term needs, for rebuilding churches and hospitals, and other recovery and reconstruction programs.

The people of our Archdiocese have a long history of generosity in times of local, national, and international disasters and for assisting with relief of human suffering. Please join me in supporting the people of Ukraine through our prayers, our concern, and our contributions.

God bless,

Cardinal Seán

### IC Haiti Appeal

The first quarterly collection of 2022 for IC Haiti will be taken up at all Collaborative Masses the weekend of March 26-27.

Our December 2021 collection included donations from parishioners of Holy Redeemer for which the Board of Directors was most grateful.

During this season of Lent, all of us are encouraged to deepen our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Although we are thousands of miles away from Haiti, we have been invited to see our Haitian brothers and sisters with the eyes of Christ. We hope all members of the Collaborative will value and continue to support our outreach ministry to Haiti.

Please use the special IC Haiti envelopes and **make out checks to "IC Haiti."** You may put your envelopes into the collection boxes around the church or send them to: **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Lenten Offerings

Here are some activities the Collaborative is sponsoring.

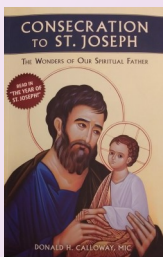
### Consecration to St. Joseph

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

Weekly meetings will provide "fellowship" 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](mailto:kofc231@gmail.com).



### Stations of the Cross and Simple Supper

#### 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

#### 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

### 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.

### Confessions During Adoration

A priest will be available at IC Church to hear Confessions during adoration on March 24, March 31, and April 7.

**Thursdays**, 7:00–8:00 p.m., IC Church

### Adoration



IC Church opens each Thursday 7–8 p.m. and Friday 9:30–12:00 noon\* for private prayer in the presence of the Lord. For 18 months, nearly 100 have experienced the drama of sacred silence. Join us. Sit. Be attentive. Jesus awaits you. No experience necessary, but Benediction is inside the missalette back cover. Spiritual books are also available. Enter at Green St. door only.

\*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: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org).

### Online Resources

Visit our website for more resources: [hricatholic.org/lent-2022](http://hricatholic.org/lent-2022).

## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

## 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](http://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](mailto:agiard@newburyportcatholic.org), or Jonathan Temple at [jntemple@comcast.net](mailto:jntemple@comcast.net). Thank you for your generosity and compassion. **Items needed:**

Shampoo	Cough drops	Feminine hygiene products (Women)
Toothbrush	Protein bars	Umbrellas
Toothpaste	Soap	Antiseptic Wipes
Deodorant	Life Savers candy	
Razor	Disposable face cloths	
Socks	Kleenex packs	<b>No mouthwash or loose items please</b>
Gloves	Hand sanitizer	
Shaving Cream		



## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### 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 [flocknote.com/hriccollaborative](http://flocknote.com/hriccollaborative) or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

To access **FORMED**, visit [formed.org](http://formed.org), click "Sign up," then "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" to log in.

### Questions of the Week



**Adult:** Just as God is patient and hopeful with us, is there anyone in your life who needs your patience and understanding?

**Child:** Like the farmer with the fig tree, God is always patient with us. Is there anyone in your life you need to be more patient with?

### 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  
Jay Hanslig  
Joe Messina

Vincent Oberhofer  
Maureen Russell  
Rob Schweitzer  
Ruth Sullivan  
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.



### Join the Knights!

Second Tuesdays at 7pm  
IC Parish Center Library

For More Info:  
Matt Blanchette  
978.697.5135  
[kofc231@gmail.com](mailto:kofc231@gmail.com)



### 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

### 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.

### 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

### 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](http://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.)

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

<b>IC Offertory, March 12–13</b>	<b>\$4,900.00</b>
<b>Monthly, March 12–13</b>	<b>\$ 899.00</b>
<b>Mailed in Offertory, week ending March 11</b>	<b>\$2,957.00</b>
<b>Grand Annual</b>	<b>\$102,070.00</b>

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

*The second collection this weekend (March 20) is Ukraine. The second collection next weekend (March 27) is IC Haiti.*

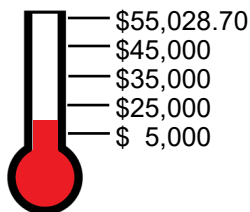
If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to  
**Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street,  
Newburyport, MA 01950**

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: [hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving](http://hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving).



**IC Catholic Appeal**  
**Goal \$55,028.70**  
**To Date \$14,705.00**

Visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org)  
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](http://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.

## The Compassionate Friends

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

Our next monthly support meeting is **March 28** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara for questions at [barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com).

## Immaculate Conception School



A longstanding tradition at Immaculate Conception School is the springtime Celebration of Learning. This year the middle school students will embrace 21st century skills through a STEM/STREAM project on a topic of personal interest. Topics students are exploring include foods around the world, air pollution, the history of music, computer science, invasive ants, and ocean currents, to name a few.

Students first submitted a proposal and then began their research, brainstorming designs and sketching models for their final presentations. Presentations will be designed and constructed to reach the audience in the most effective manner, based on the topic. This will include a variety of platforms and technologies to present their work through 3D design and printing, video, audio, virtual reality, artwork, coding, and circuits, to name just a few.

The STREAM Challenge Project will culminate with the students presenting their research and projects to the school community in April. Pictured, 8th grader Harry Meurer creates 3D images of the brain. His project addresses emotions and the brain.



## 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 PARISH

### IC Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at [www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://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](http://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](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org) or [burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org) respectively.

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#### Baptism

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#### 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](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda [burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org).

## 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 still ready to assist.

You can now make online donations on our website: [www.svdnewburyport.org](http://www.svdnewburyport.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.

## 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 [maryak scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:maryak scholarship@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 Monday, April 18, 2022 (Note date change).

## HR PARISH

### Stations of the Cross at HR



The 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross on Friday March 25 at Nativity will be lead by Carole Sokolowski. A “simple supper” of minestrone soup will be served in the hall starting at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome. No reservations needed!



*Recent participants in the Holy Redeemer Stations of the Cross. Join us at Nativity Fridays during Lent at 5:15 for a simple supper and at 6:00 for Stations.*

## 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.

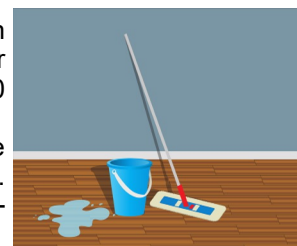
Raffle tickets can be purchased after all HR Masses on March 26–27 and April 2–3. Please support our hockey tournament to benefit the Holy Redeemer St. Vincent DePaul Society. Visit our website to purchase tickets online: <https://shamrockshootout.wordpress.com/>.

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.

## Prepping St. Ann for Easter

It's that time of year again. St. Ann will be preparing the church for Easter on Tuesday, April 12 at 10 a.m.

Please join us if you are available and able to help clean the church. Questions call Dottie Carr at 978-363-2909.





# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, March 12–13	\$1,012.00
Monthly, March 12–13	\$1,119.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending March 11	\$ 995.00
Grand Annual	\$20,350.00

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

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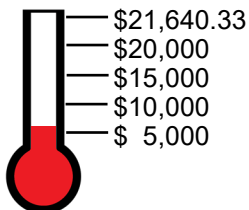
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## HR Online Giving

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Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) and click the "Links" tab, then on "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

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 at 978-462-2724 x7404.

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### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

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### Confirmation

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## HR St. Vincent de Paul

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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  
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## HR Prayer Shawl

If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Helen [hvktax@aol.com](mailto:hvktax@aol.com) or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.





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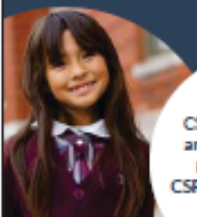
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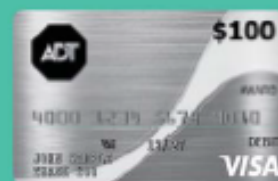
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