

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022

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While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him... “this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.”

(from Luke 15)

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985

Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

Phone: 978-346-8604

Email: info@hricatholic.org

Nativity

Parish offices and church:
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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

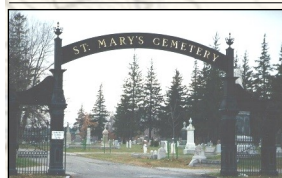
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 Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

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)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
 11:30am **IC** *James F. Doyle, Thayer Fremont-Smith* (Fr. Morin)

Monday (3/28)

9:00am **IC** *Joseph P. Messina* (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (3/29)

9:00am **IC** *Joseph P. Messina* (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (3/30)

9:00am **IC** *Joseph P. Messina* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (3/31)

9:00am **IC** *Joseph P. Messina* (Fr. Morin)

Friday (4/1)

9:00am **IC** *Joseph P. Messina* (Fr. Stanley)

Saturday (4/2)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 4:00pm **IC** *Lawrence Twomey Jr., Jack & Mary Graham* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (4/3)

8:30am **Nativity** *Jennie Alden Johnson* (Fr. Morin)
 9:00am **IC** *Paul Kolman* (Fr. Harrison)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)
 11:30am **IC** *Leo Finnegan, Laura Meader Hartman, Paul Kolman, Melinda Carey* (Fr. Stanley)

In your prayers, please remember Susan Priest, Melinda Carey, and all the faithful departed.

Attention: Mass time change for Sundays

Because of the closure of the Rock's Village Bridge due to a trucking accident, we are moving the Sunday Mass at St. Ann to 10:15 a.m. until further notice.

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 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).
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,

Much has been said over the years about the parable of the Prodigal Son. Along with the parable of the Good Samaritan, they are perhaps the best-loved of all of Jesus' stories contained in the Gospels. I'm not going to re-hash the many different aspects of this time-honored Scripture lesson, but I do wish to lift up one or two little details that sometimes get overlooked in its retelling.

As the story goes when the youngest son was returning to his village, "While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." (Lk 15:20) That the father was somehow looking at the distant horizon at just the moment the prodigal son came over the hill was no coincidence. The reality behind this simple, little detail, betrays the enormity of the father's earnest desire to have his son back. It was likely that he spent many hours each day, scanning the landscape, hoping one day to catch a glimpse of his wayward son coming home.

And when it finally happened, it was a day of rejoicing unlike any other!

The father, throwing all the dignity of old age aside, ran to his son and before the young man could even get his meager words of contrition out of his mouth, his father was upon him, hugging him, kissing him. Forgiveness had already happened. There had been a death, now there was a resurrection! And taking his role of fatherly love to its fullest, he made certain that everyone else in the village would know of his complete and unconditional forgiveness of his son. He immediately ordered a robe to be placed on his shoulders, sandals for his feet, and a ring to be placed on his finger—all signs that he came back not as a slave or servant, but as a son, with his full inheritance and rightful place in the family restored. That the "fatted-calf" was

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IC Haiti Appeal This Weekend

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 churches or send them to: **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, March 28

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

Lent Penance Service 7:00pm, Nativity Church

Compassionate Friends Mtg. 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, March 29

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 30

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, March 31

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Consecration to St. Joseph Mtg. 8:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Friday, April 1

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, April 2

Holy Quilters 9:00am, Nativity Hall

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

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, April 3

RCIA 9:30am, IC Conference Room 209

IC Confirmation Prep., Year 1 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.

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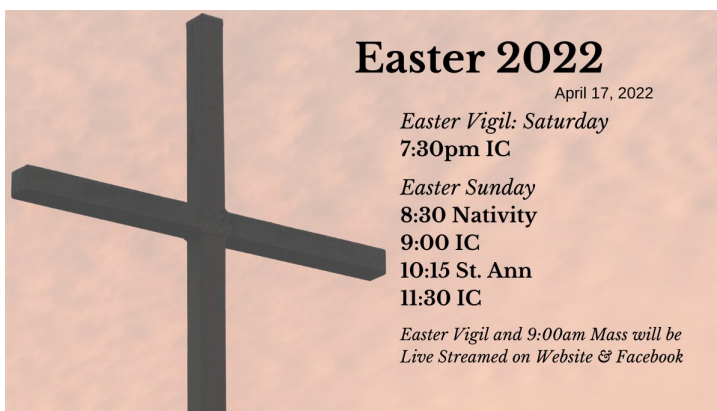
ordered to be slaughtered was a sign that complete reconciliation could only occur when his son was reunited to all those in the village who would have been deeply offended by the manor of his prior departure. The father would have had to personally escort his returning son back into the village as much to welcome him home as to physically protect him from the violence sure to come from angry villagers with long memories! The fatted-calf, slaughtered and prepared, was more food than any single family could eat. It was enough to feed the whole village, who would have been invited to come at the father's insistence and make peace with his son.

And then, to complete his passionate mission of reconciliation, the father once again abandon's the dignity of his station (and a village-full of guests) and goes outside to plead with his eldest son to come in and make peace with his brother. It is here that this parable is left unfinished by the Lord . . . on purpose, I think. Rather than risk presenting an outcome with all of its completeness like so many other stories, this one remains unresolved, perhaps to invite each one of us to consider what might be our role in the story. Are we the father-figure, fervently seeking to reconcile with another who has left us for dead? Are we the impetuous younger son who ran away with and squandered the many blessings given to us by those whose love we badly underestimated? Are we among the villagers, clinging to painful memories and holding deep-seated grudges about long past injuries? Or are we like the oldest son who refuses to ponder mercy and forgiveness, to leave open the possibility of true reconciliation and healing? Maybe we find ourselves echoed in each of these vibrant characters from time to time. Maybe this oh-so-human of stories speaks to our hearts, reminding us of our own deep, inner desire and longing for the divine? It is the parable of the Lost Sheep, re-packaged and enhanced for hearts that need rending, for souls that crave healing.

As we continue our Lenten journey of faith, remember just how relentless and obsessed the father is about the full and complete reconciliation of his son on every level . . . not resting until it is fully accomplished. And then, realize that God the Father is acting in the very same way to bring you and me together in the wholeness of His eternal Kingdom, which begins in the here and now and will be seen in its totality in the age to come. There will exist a true and lasting peace that only comes from a right-relationship between God and us and from one person to the next.

May we open our hearts to this freely-offered gift today. Remember, everything that God has is given to us in Christ. In the offering His Son, God held nothing back from those who would open their hearts to His saving love.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



Easter 2022
April 17, 2022

Easter Vigil: Saturday
7:30pm IC

Easter Sunday
8:30 Nativity
9:00 IC
10:15 St. Ann
11:30 IC

*Easter Vigil and 9:00am Mass will be
Live Streamed on Website & Facebook*

Collaborative Pastoral Council

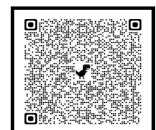
We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings, giving you a chance to listen to our discussions and to comment or ask questions at certain points in the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, April 2 at 10:00 a.m. at IC St. Louis Hall**. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council or would like to join the meeting, reach out to Jim at Jimwilliamson35@gmail.com.



Join the Knights!

Second Tuesdays at 7pm
IC Parish Center Library

For More Info:
Matt Blanchette
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kofc231@gmail.com



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Lenten Offerings

Here are some activities the Collaborative is sponsoring.

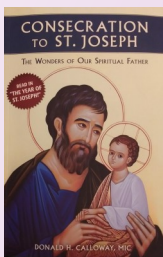
Consecration to St. Joseph

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.



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., Nativity Church

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 31, and April 7.

Thursdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m., IC Church

Adoration: Watch and Pray

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. On the night before He died, Jesus asked Peter, James & John to watch & pray (Mark:14 32). The place & prayer request was personal. Jesus calls you by name too. Accept His invitation to watch & pray uniquely, silently, individually at Adoration. Come. Be still. Be transformed.

*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.

Online Resources

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

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to 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

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	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	No mouthwash or loose items please
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 or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

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

San Marcos Coffee Still Available

If you missed the Honduran coffee sale last weekend, we still have 25 pounds available. Your choice of whole bean or ground at \$10 per pound. Contact Karen Finnegan 978-270-0183 (text or voice).



A special thanks to our teen volunteers Rachel Janes and Joe Powis who helped with the December and March coffee sales by doing the pickup from Orange, MA, and labeling and organizing

242 pounds of Honduran coffee!

Muchas Gracias to all of you who so enthusiastically support this project!

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
Fr. Drew Christiansen
Susan Gerroir
Charmaine Haan
Hillar Haan
Jay Hanslig

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.

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

Questions of the Week



Adult: How have you or your family welcomed a family member who has been distant from you? How do you think you or they might act if this has not occurred in your family?

Child: Who is the one person you most need to say "I'm sorry" to in your family?

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. 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.)

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, March 19–20	\$1,935.00
Ukraine, March 19–20	\$2,145.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending March 18	\$ 640.00
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 27) is IC Haiti. The second collection next weekend (April 3) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to

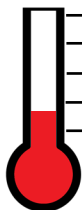
Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

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



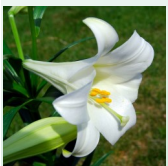
HR Catholic Appeal
Goal \$21,640.33
To Date \$7,600.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



\$21,640.33
\$20,000
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$ 5,000

HR Easter Flowers



We are now taking donations and memorials toward the purchase of Easter flowers. Simply mail in or place an envelope in the offertory box with the names of those you wish to be remembered or make a donation for the flowers. Please make sure your gift is received by **noon on Monday, April 4** so that the names can be included in our Easter bulletin

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 be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

HR Activities Committee Meeting

The Holy Redeemer Activities Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. in Nativity Hall. We are always happy to see new faces. All are welcome to attend and help plan the 2022 HR activities such as bingo night, dinners, and the November holiday fair, to name a few. All are welcome to join us.

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** for the month of **April**.

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.

Stations of the Cross at HR



The 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross on Friday April 1 at Nativity will be lead by Jim Quinn. A "simple supper" of creamy orzo soup will be served in the hall starting at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome. No reservations needed!

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your generosity to the HR Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. We would be unable to help our local clients without your assistance. All donations go directly to those in need.

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 PARISH

HR Online Giving

Holy Redeemer now provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish community. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, 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.

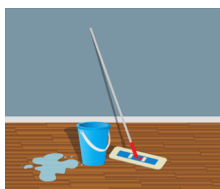
If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

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

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.



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. All tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. We will also be raffling off two tickets to see The WHO at TD Garden on May 18. Tickets for concert chances will be \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00.

Raffle tickets can be purchased after all HR Masses on **March 26–27 and April 2–3**. Please support our adult 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.

The Pelican Intervention Fund

We provide funding for non-profit, 12-step residential sober homes for economically challenged men and women struggling with addiction. Questions? Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more. Donations can be made to:

“The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF”

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

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.

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.svdpnnewburyport.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 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 Monday, April 18, 2022 (Note date change).

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IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, March 19–20	\$3,937.00
Ukraine, March 19–20	\$8,128.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending March 18	\$3,098.00
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 27) is IC Haiti. The second collection next weekend (April 3) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

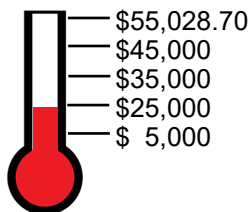
If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950**

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



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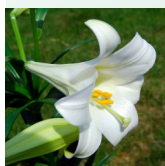
Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



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.

IC Easter Flowers



We are now taking donations and memorials toward the purchase of Easter flowers. Simply mail in or place an envelope in the offertory box with the names of those you wish to be remembered or make a donation for the flowers. Please make sure your gift is received by **noon on Monday, April 4** so that the names can be included in our Easter bulletin

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.

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.

Immaculate Conception School



The Immaculate Conception School basketball program has had a banner year! Both Girls and Boys Varsity teams won the North Shore Catholic Elementary School Basketball League which advanced them to play for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Championship title. On Sunday, March 21, both teams played in Braintree against St. Catherine's School of Norwood, winners of the South Shore Catholic Elementary School Basketball League. The girls played first—playing hard and courageously but coming up just short. The boys followed—winning with a commanding performance on the court. The boys will play for the New England title on April 2 in Burlington, Vermont. Their first opponent will be the top Catholic school team from Bridgeport, CT.

The IC is blessed to offer a basketball program that includes students from Grade 1–8. Our dedicated parents and guardians who volunteer as coaches, plus our beautiful full-size basketball court and gymnasium are invaluable to the success of our basketball program. Go Pelicans!



Newburyport Scouting

Newburyport Scout Troop 21 Invites Youth Ages 11–17 to Join

The Scouts BSA Troop 21 is inviting boys and girls aged 11–17 to join and participate in the adventures of Scouting. Troop 21, led by Leonard Wallace and Dr. Michelle LaFlamme, offers opportunities to learn and develop life and leadership skills, make new friends through a combination of outdoor activities, visits to cultural or historical sites, and much more.

Troop 21 welcomes any youth looking to join; no prior Scouting experience is necessary. If you were previously a Scout and dropped out of the program or did not join Cub Scouts, we'd love for you to drop back in!

For more information about Troop 21 or to get information on upcoming troop events, please check out our website at www.nbptroop21.org.

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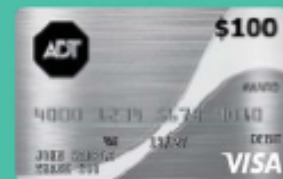
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