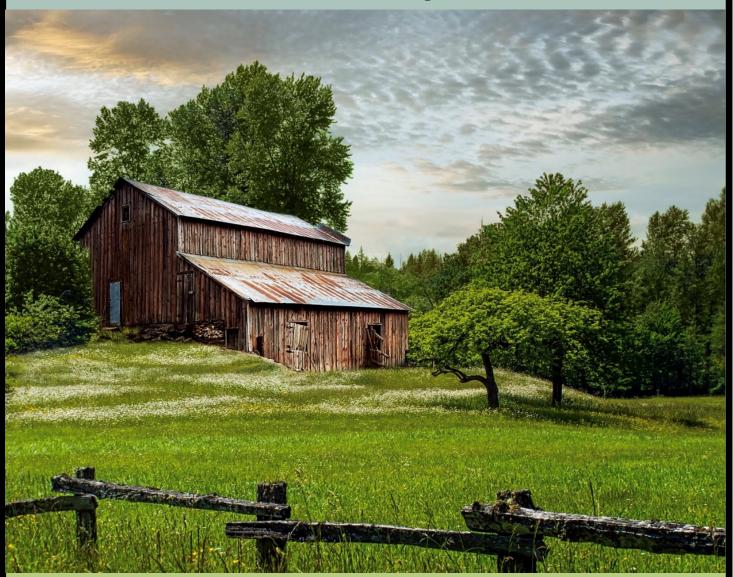
HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 31, 2022

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"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!"

But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'" (Lk 12:16-20)

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

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Phone: 978-346-8604 Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Collaborative Staff

Immaculate Conception

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/30)

4:00pm **IC** John Kearney Herlihy, Kim Reilly Dow, Henry Szymura, Jean Basque, Carroll Lalley (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm Nativity (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (7/31)

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski) 9:00am IC Kevin D Mahoney (Fr. McLaughlin) 10:15am St. Ann (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow) 11:00am IC (Fr. Stanley)

Monday (8/1)

9:00am IC Raymond Haley (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (8/2)

9:00am IC Matt Perkins (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (8/3)

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

Thursday (8/4)

9:00am IC Jeffrey Stone (Fr. Stanley)

Friday (8/5)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (8/6)

4:00pm IC Elizabeth Armstrong, Dorothy Porter Burton, Jeffrey Stone (Fr. Stanley) 4:00pm St. Ann (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (8/7)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski) 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison) 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski 11:00am **IC** Achille Leone, Florence Leone, John Leone, Michael C. Lehane (Fr. McLaughlin &

11:00am **IC** Achille Leone, Florence Leone, John Leone, Michael C Lehane (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow) In your prayers, please remember James Stanton 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: https://hrcathlic.org and on Facebook: (Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes).



Live Stream Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses on our website:

- Go to our website (<u>hriccatholic.org</u>).
- 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 Video should be the first one on the list.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Vanity. It is an odd word. Usually synonymous with the bathroom sink and mirror, it conveys an accepted but slightly exaggerated concern for one's appearance. The word is defined as: a noun that elicits excessive pride in one's outward looks or accomplishments; conceit. It



is something about which one is vain or conceited or it expresses worthlessness, pointlessness, or futility.

It is in these last few sentiments that Qoheleth, a teacher and "collector of sentences," looks upon the fruitlessness of human action. We can labor all of our days after many seemingly worthy efforts, only to have to give it all away when we die. Maybe he was the originator of the old phrase, "you can't take it with you!" Only in God do we find anything of merit, anything that might last. Qoheleth would go on to say in his writings, "I have seen all manner of things in my vain days: the just perishing in their justice, and the wicked living long in their wickedness." (Ecc 7:15) He also uttered the passage that was made famous by the rock band, The Byrds, back in 1965 in their cover of a Peter Seger song, "Turn, Turn Turn! (To Everything There Is a Season)." Often proclaimed at funerals, the passage concludes with this line: "I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever; there is no adding to it, or taking from it. Thus has God done that he may be revered. What now is has already been; what is to be, already is: God retrieves what has gone by." (Ecc 3:14-15)

While he might be rightly critiqued for his rather cynical view of creation and human life, Qoheleth does keep his focus on the eternity that is found in God alone, with all human efforts and achievement falling vastly short of the true glory that is God's alone. Jesus picks up on this when warning us all about storing up treasure in what matters to God, not settling for human riches or wealth. What is particularly lacking in this weekend's Gospel parable was the concern of the wealthy landowner for the workers on his property and his local community where they lived along with an utter failure to see himself in a necessary dialogue with God from whom all of these blessings ultimately came. God, after all, brought the favorable weather conditions, rain, and the needed soil nutrients to produce such an abundant crop...ought not God have a say in how these things might be distributed? There was not even so much talk of offering the first fruits of the land, as the Torah would have required. Even a quick prayer to seek God's blessing and guidance would have been helpful. But no, it was just a private, inner conversation, the landowner talking to himself. It was all, such vanity...as Qoheleth would say!

The opposites of vanity are helpfulness, modesty, humility,

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Bulletin Information

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

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit <u>hriccatholic.org</u> to view our online calendar.

Monday, August 1

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

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

Tuesday, August 2

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

Wednesday, August 3

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, August 4

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, August 5

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, August 6

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, August 7

Coffee & Muffins after Mass 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall RCIA Session 10:00am, 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.

Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, <u>www.hriccatholic.org</u> for up-to-date information on what is happening in the Collaborative. You can also find links to our weekly bulletins and our Facebook, Instagram, and twitter pages.

Collaborative Pastoral Council

We are looking for parishioners who might be interested in serving on the Pastoral Council. At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve the parish in this way. Please list your own name if you are interested and/or list the names of others. No need to ask them at this point—this will be done as the process unfolds. No one will be chosen for this Council until they understand what they are being asked to do and the time involved.

The purpose of the Collaborative Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education, and service activities within the parish.

All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parish who are 16 years of age or older are eligible. Please send the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate and email this information to jimwilliamson35@gmail.com by August 15, 2022. Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council.

Selection of candidates for expiring terms will be chosen by lot in late August.

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humbleness, selflessness, altruism, and meekness, among others. These are some of the qualities that can lead one closer to what matters to God. It starts with a recognition that we come from God and ultimately will return to God, and that if we hope to have anything that will last, it will come from God, not our mere human efforts and fancies.

Much to ponder during these dog days of summer, no?

May the Lord bless us all in the days ahead!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

IC Haiti

Next weekend the second collection will be designated for the ongoing work of IC Haiti. We are grateful in advance for the continued support of parishioners whose generosity has kept the Father Marc Piché elementary school in rural Puit Chacha up and running without interruption. Despite social and political unrest and gang violence in the capital city of Port-au-Prince, the school continues to offer education and hope to over 200 Kindergarten through sixth graders while providing tuition to those who wish to continue their education in a nearby secondary school.

Thank you to all who continue to support our mission to our brothers and sisters in Haiti. The IC Haiti collection will be the weekend of August 6–7.

Holy Jammers



The Holy Jammers musical group meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the IC Nazareth Library to jam for an hour.
All are welcome to join us!

Adoration

Ordinary Time Welcomes *Extraordinary* Time with Jesus

As we continue through Ordinary Time, if you are a visitor or parishioner seeking an extraordinary moment of inner transformation, enter Sacred Silence any Thursday or Friday for serene dialogue with Jesus the Lord in the monstrance. His personal loving words to you will not disappoint.

En Pla Tir

Enter from Green Street only, please.

Place: IC Church

Time: Thursdays: 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

Also: Fridays 9:30 a.m.-12 noon

Note: If a Friday funeral is scheduled, or in the absence of a presider, IC Church will remain open for "Sacred Silence" only. Check the HRIC calendar online for updated information. The calendar link can be found on our website: hriccatholic.org.

Prayers for the Sick

May the comfort and healing of Christ embrace all in our Collaborative who are suffering from illness, especially:

Priscilla Brown
Pat Connolly
Bill Crounse
Ann-Margaret Ferrante
Charmaine Haan
Hillar Haan
Jay Hanslig
Terence Healey
Sam Kitchen

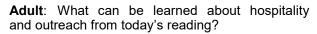
Lori Ouellette Maureen Russell Rob Schweizer Yvonne Sloban Ruth Sullivan Michael Tucker Jack Vinci Jim Williamson

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

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.

Questions of the Week





Child: Sometimes we forget that not sharing what we have with others, especially with those who have nothing, is called a sin of omission. At Mass, we pray that God forgives us for these sins.

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

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

Confessions



We offer Confessions Saturdays from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at IC Church. No appointment needed. Confessions are also available at other times and places during the week by appointment only. For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

Collaborative 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 2022–23 schedule for those children who will be in Grades K–8 in the Fall will be posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in the coming weeks. 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

Preparation for these sacraments will begin again with the start of the new school year program.

Baptism

We have resumed our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the 2022–23 Fall Confirmation Prep schedule for Grades 9 and 10 will be posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in the coming weeks. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or email Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).



SEPTEMBER 10-11

We will be sponsoring a "CORI Blitz" after all Masses for all volunteers, new and returning, on September 10–11, 2022.

For your convenience we will have tables set up that weekend for all volunteers to stop by and fill out their yearly CORI forms for 2023.

The Archdiocese of Boston requires that all volunteers in the church who are 18 years of age and older fill out a CORI form every year. We appreciate the cooperation of all those required to complete the CORI and we particularly thank you for keeping the pledge to protect those among us who are most vulnerable.

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.

Pelican Intervention Fund



Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you
The Pelican Intervention Fund reaches an
important milestone

In 2015, we invited Fr. George and Fr. Tim to our home to hear stories from local young people who struggled with addiction. The young people shared their journeys from addiction to recovery by living the 12-Step Program. Since then, with your support, we have raised over \$500k and supported over 100 men and women into 12-Step, long-term sober living programs! This would not have been possible without your generous donations, support, and prayers.

We have even more exciting news to share regarding this year's Newburyport Yankee Homecoming Parade which will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2022.

The Pelican Intervention Fund has been named the Grand Marshall of the 2022 Yankee Homecoming Parade!!

The Pelican Intervention Fund marchers will be leading the entire parade, this selection was based upon the impact our team had at last year's parade in terms of the energy and enthusiasm our marchers brought to the parade. This is a significant acknowledgement to all the work and support you've provided PIF and the community.

How can you get involved in the parade you ask? There are many options: we need people to march, helping with signs, water, and candy donations. Most importantly, mark your calendar for Sunday, August 7 for the Yankee Homecoming Parade in Newburyport. Our goal is to have over 100 marchers that represent the 100+ men and women PIF has funded into 12-Step Programs over the last 7 years.

For those interested in marching or helping, please contact Kim Keene (978-430-1408).

Donations can be made to:

"The Pelican Invention Fund at ECCF" Essex County Community Foundation 175 Andover Street Danvers, MA 01923

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Visit <u>formed.org</u> and click on "Sign up." Our organization name is "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" (or type in code JRNDGP) Follow the prompts to join and log in.

Knights of Columbus



All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month in the IC Nazareth Library.

For more information about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@gmail.com.

women at the well

Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Seeking a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

Welcome to Women at the Well: A weekly Bible Study for women seeking to grow closer to God and cultivate community! We meet **Mondays 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

In-person: IC Charity Dining Room and Zoom: Email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

If you are unable to make it to every meeting, please do not worry! This group is designed to allow you to drop in whenever you are able to join us, no pre-reading necessary from week to week.

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. There you will find the daily readings, be able to listen to them on podcast, and have the opportunity to watch a short reflection piece on the readings offered by a Catholic priest, deacon, religious, or lay person.

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. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICcatholic.org; click on HRIC Pastoral Plan; and then click on Lectio Divina.

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

Foster Care

Is there room in your home and heart for a foster child?



There is a need for foster homes in our area to provide children a supportive and healing home during a difficult time. Learn more from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) about Foster Care and Adopting through Foster Care.

https://www.mass.gov/guides/upcoming-foster-

careadoption-informational-meetings

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.

New Hope Family Support Group

This support group is designed to help others navigate relationships with loved ones dealing with addiction.

The group is free and open to all.

Location: IC St. Louis Hall

Day and time: 1st and 3rd Wednesday

of every month, 7:00 p.m.

Call, text, or email with questions: 781-854-2541, 3foldrecovery@gmail.com.

Support after Breast Cancer Loss

Do you know a New England area family who has lost a loved one to breast cancer and is in need of financial and/



or emotional support? Runway for Recovery is a Newburyport non-profit that funds families who have lost a loved one to breast cancer. We aim to reduce the financial and logistical burdens of a loss and bolster families with needed psychological, social,

and financial support. Runway for Recovery is committed to being flexible with families in order to address their specific needs. We encourage you to apply and learn more here:

https://runwayforrecovery.org/familygrants/

North Shore Catholic Young Adult Group (NSCYAG)



All young adults, age 18-35 are welcome to join our next event. We meet for rosary and social twice a month on Monday nights at St. Adelaide Church Hall, 708 Lowell St., Peabody, as well as additional activities and events such as bowling, Mass, ice cream social, beach BBQ, mini golf, and laser tag. Visit us on the St.

Adelaide website (www.NSCatholic.org) to learn more or email us at nscyag@gmail.org.

IC PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, July 23-24 Mailed in Offertory, week ending July 22

\$3,519.00

The second collection this weekend (July 31) is Electrical Cooling Costs. The second collection next weekend (August 5) is IC Haiti.

Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the тето.

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green 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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Faith wto action

IC Online Giving

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

Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at 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 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.

Coffee & Muffins



The Knights of Columbus Council 231 will be hosting coffee and muffins after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 7, in IC St. Louis Hall. All are invited to stop by after Mass for some refreshments.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Immaculate Conception School



SAVE THE DATE!

4th Annual Immaculate Conception School Golf Outing and BBQ Dinner

Monday, October 3, 2022

Renaissance Golf Club Haverhill, MA

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. Tee Off at 11:30 a.m.

All IC families (whether you golf or not) are invited to join us under the Renaissance Tent for a Classic American BBQ served 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

> All proceeds will benefit the Immaculate Conception School of Newburyport

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. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

Newburyport Scouting

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

The Scouts BSA Troop 21 invites 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.

For more information about Troop 21 check out our website at www.nbptroop21.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 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!

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.

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.

Cemetery Trash Removal Notice

In order to control rising trash removal fees and to discourage people from littering and leaving trash throughout St. Mary's Cemetery, we will be posting signs within the cemetery grounds that read:

Please respect our consecrated grounds. Remove any trash or discarded items when you leave.

We have also decided not to place trash barrels throughout the cemetery with the hope that this will encourage people to take any trash or discarded items with them. It is also our hope that this will discourage people from littering and piling trash in the barrels because they are under the impression that there is regular trash removal. The cost of regular trash removal would be prohibitive.

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit <u>www.bostoncatholic.org</u> for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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No second collection this weekend (July 31). The second collection next weekend (August 5) is IC Haiti.

Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Holy Redeemer Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

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

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



HR Greeters Wanted

Would you like to serve as a welcoming presence at Mass? We are looking for additional greeters at Holy Redeemer, particularly at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both churches and the 10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Ann.

All are encouraged to volunteer if they wish—men, women, and high school students. If you are able to serve, please contact Sue Noyes at susanjnoyes@gmail.com.

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your continued generosity to the HR Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. 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 St. Vincent de Paul Society, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

HR Sandwich Program:



We have been contacted by Lazarus House to see if we would be able to resume our soup and sandwich deliveries on the second and fourth Wednesdays. We are currently looking for

someone (or several someones) who would be willing to coordinate the program. We deliver about 150 sandwiches each time and we also have been delivering 5 gallons of soup/salad. We have someone who has volunteered to drive and a backup person would be helpful! If you would like more information or are volunteering to help coordinate the program please contact Dottie Carr 978-363-2909 by August 10. Thank you..

HR Online Giving

HR provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring donation. To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

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

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

HR Activities Committee Updates

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. All are welcome to join us.

- Organizational/Planning Meeting on Wednesday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Merrimac Hall. All are welcome. We are always looking for new ideas!
- Welcome Back Dinner Saturday, September 10 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in Merrimac.
- Holiday Fair Saturday, November 19 in Merrimac.

HR Prayer Shawl

Prayer shawls are given freely as a gift. If you know of anyone needing the comfort of a prayer shawl or lapghan or you would like to give one to a friend, relative, or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673 or hvktax@aol.com.

We're back to meeting in person!!! Come join us. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Our next meeting is Thursday, August 4. Join us!





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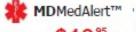
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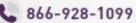
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