

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 2022

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“ . . . And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table.”

(Lk 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

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Immaculate Conception

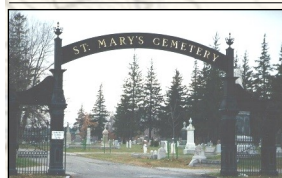
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Collaborative Parishes

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/24)

4:00pm **IC** Joseph John Vincent O'Conner, John E. Kelley & Katherine Kelley (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (9/25)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

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

10:15am **St. Ann** Lue LeBlanc (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am **IC** Rita Godbout, Florence & Peter Boschetti, Stanley Baikewicz (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (9/26)

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

Tuesday (9/27)

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

Wednesday (9/28)

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

Thursday (9/29)

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

Friday (9/30)

9:00am **IC** Mark Walter Benson (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (10/1)

4:00pm **IC** Rita Snow, Stephen M. Boy, George H. (Buzzie) Lawler III (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (10/2)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council, Mark Walter Benson, Deceased Members of the Petrillo Family (Fr. Stanley)

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** John L. Sullivan, Ruth W. Sullivan, Ruthanne Sullivan Dearborn (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember Sharon McLaughlin 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:

hricatholic.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 our website:

1. Go to our website (hricatholic.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/hricatholic/](https://www.facebook.com/hricatholic/))
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,

A priest-friend of mine once said, "there is nothing more Eucharistic than a good meal." When we stop and look at what the pinnacle of our liturgical celebrations encompasses, at the heart of what we do are all the elements of a special, nourishing meal. We gather with family and friends. The love and friendship which endures is strengthened, the bonds between us are recalled. We tell stories, sometimes the same ones, over and over again. Many times, we do not tire of these oft-told tales, because they have become part of our identity and "our story." And we share food and drink. There is festivity in the air! Joy oozes from our celebration and we realize, at least implicitly, that we are being nourished on deeper levels, with the gifts of love and gratitude. Our emotional and spiritual health are strengthened through these encounters. And then, we go back out into the world to share with others what has given us such great satisfaction. A proper meal is not an end unto itself, but, rather, "missions" us to bring something of that blessing back into our places of work, our schools and amongst our neighbors. Realizing how blessed we are, we want to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. Would that everyone could experience the unadulterated joy of this special meal, done well!

This weekend, I am struck by the line in the Gospel, "There was a rich man... who dined sumptuously each day." What a great, descriptive word! A quick definition invites us to consider a splendid and expensive daily culinary experience, achieving regularly and consistently what many of us only very occasionally partake of. Most days, I use paper napkins and rely on a small microwave oven to re-heat things from the freezer. I may not dine sumptuously, but I usually eat well enough. But those

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Free Concert

Sunday, September 25

1:30–3:30 p.m.

IC Church



Featuring the HRIC Adult Choir

Come enjoy an afternoon of sacred music, hymns, spirituals, and instrumentals performed by the HRIC Adult Choir and musicians.

Led by Music Director Donna Postle, the choir will perform a variety of music from choral to contemporary accompanied by acclaimed organist Tim Richard and flautist Judy Manning.

Join us in celebration of the human voice and the transformative power of music.

A free will offering will be graciously accepted in support of the Collaborative Music Ministry.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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special moments with family and friends do stand out and call me to appreciate and be grateful for the many blessings that God has given.

This Gospel, however, challenges us not to feel guilty for what we have, but to realize that in Christ, we are called to see our world in greater depth. The rich man in today's story was not a bad or hateful person. He was not breathing murderous threats. He was not frothing at the bit. His head didn't spin in circles. There was no exorcism to be performed here. He didn't kick Lazarus in the shin and spit on him when he walked by each day. In all likelihood, he was a kind and generous man who tithed and gave to the local synagogue. His sin, his deficit, if you will, was that he didn't really "see" Lazarus. He didn't see himself as being in relationship with him. Lazarus was part of the background—a constant neediness that was an unfortunate feature of the world around. The rich man didn't see how he could make a difference.

Making a difference is something that I think we all crave. We want our efforts to matter, our outreach to be effective, our sacrifices to be appreciated. We want the things that we do for others to change the world for the better. Lazarus just sat and begged. Undoubtedly, the rich man must have given him some tithes from time to time, but nothing seemed to change. He kept begging. Alms kept being given. What difference did it make? What positive change did it bring about? Was it worth the effort?

But the point here is about seeing ourselves in relationship with those who are in need around us. Not because we are going to come up with some magic bullet to cure their condition, but because God loves them. And because we love God, we must love our neighbor. Nowhere does it say in the Scripture that we have to fix all of our neighbor's problems. But is it clear that we cannot ignore them or dare not to see them. I recall a meeting I had in downtown Boston a few years ago. As I was approaching one of the big office buildings, I witnessed a man in a business suit literally step over a homeless woman who had fallen asleep (was drunk and passed out?) on the sidewalk across the street. He never even lost his stride. Apparently this was such a common occurrence there was not even a question as to whether this woman needed help or medical assistance. Her name was Lazarus....

I have gone into many nursing homes over the years, and in my quest to find a particular resident whom I have been asked to visit or anoint or bring communion to, inevitably I have to run a gauntlet of other residents who have been wheeled out into the hallway, presumably to give them a little social time or change of view. They call to me, sometimes tugging at my jacket as I try to work my way down the hallway. Their names are Lazarus....

Not too long ago, I was walking down a city sidewalk in the early hours of the morning. A short, stocky man was lumbering towards me, his head bowed down. He had the darker complexion and attire of someone who was from somewhere else, an immigrant from Central America, perhaps. His demeanor was conveying his supreme effort to melt into the sidewalk and blend with the concrete. He didn't want to engage me in any way. When I took a risk and offered a gentle "Hola" as we passed each other, I was

rewarded with a delightful, shocked look of recognition and a toothy smile. A connection made! He nodded and continued on his way. His name was Lazarus.

You see, Jesus told us the poor and needy would always be with us. He wasn't kidding. Their names are Lazarus, and they permeate our lives, if we dare to notice, dare to care. Our Eucharistic meals, whether held in a worship space or the smaller Eucharistic gatherings we enjoy in our homes or out in restaurants, challenge us to name and recognize our relationship to the many Lazaruses who pepper the landscape of our daily lives. It might require nothing more than a smile, a nod or a halting word in Spanish. It might mean no more than a moment of our time to touch a shaky hand or offer a little food or water. For we who are so blessed, it might demand sharing such a tiny percentage of the great joy that we celebrate in a great meal. But when it is the joy that comes from encountering the real presence of the Lord at our table festivities, that is enough to satiate the many multitudes who lie in wait. If only we would see them....

There is nothing more Eucharistic than a good meal, and I would add: nothing more satisfying than to discover a way to share it with others. Want to really make a difference in this world? *Seeing Lazarus* will show you how. Because the difference we would make is not to be measured by mere human standards but by God's.

May The Lord bless us all in the weeks ahead.

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hriccatholic.org to view our online calendar.

Monday, September 26

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

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

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

Tuesday, September 27

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

Wednesday, September 28

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

HR Activities Committee Mtg. 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

Thursday, September 29

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, September 30

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

All-Pilgrimage Reunion Mass/Mtg. 6:00pm, Nativity Church/Hall

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

Saturday, October 1

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, October 2

HR Faith Formation, K-8 9:30am, Nativity Hall

IC Faith Formation, K-8 10:00am, IC Parish Center

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

Baptism Prep Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

School year Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation schedules and registration forms are now available on the website at (hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (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 is now available along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or email Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

Bulletin Information

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

Adoration

Adoration Requires Presence

God's "tiny whispering voice" (1 Kings 19:11-13) can be heard by your ear of the heart. Your reply? Words are optional. It is your presence with Him in the Monstrance that attains to the spiritual dialogue.

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.



Questions of the Week

Adult: How is your life lived in relation to the homeless, the poor, and those in need of assistance?

Child: Name a time when you shared what you had with someone who did not have all that you had?

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program



The HRIC Collaborative Soup & Sandwich Program (formerly the HR Sandwich Program) is asking for volunteers to help make sandwiches for the Lazarus House Ministry. The food will be delivered on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. For more information, please contact either Tom Grella (978-423-0631) or Jill Dobson (978-994-4467).

We deliver about 150 sandwiches each time and we also have been delivering 5 gallons of soup/salad.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown

Cindy Calcina

Pat Connolly

Bill Crounse

Ann-Margaret Ferrante

Jeanine Ebacher Fowler

Charmaine Haan

Hillar Haan

Jay Hanslig

Terence Healey

Sam Kitchen

Maureen Russell

Rob Schweizer

Yvonne Sloban

Tom Tribble

Michael Tucker

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

San Marcos Coffee

After All Masses, September 24–25

We will roast a large order of Honduran coffee for purchase at all Collaborative Masses on September 24–25.



Fr. Ray Richard, originally of Newburyport, is responsible for starting this project when he was assigned to a poor parish that had many coffee farmers struggling to support their families. He developed a partnership with a parish in

Newton, MA and also with IC to sell the Honduran coffee directly to our parishioners and generate far more income for the farmers.

Fr. Ray has not been able to make his annual visit to Newburyport since the pandemic started but hopes to see us in 2023. He celebrated his 50th Jubilee (ordination anniversary) on September 9. If you would like to send a note of congratulations you can contact him at capray2002@yahoo.com.

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Youth and Adult Altar Servers Needed

As we return to "life after Covid," we are excited to be able to once again welcome altar servers at all of our Masses. We are in need of servers for all weekend Masses at all three Collaborative churches.

Any individual who is 4th grade or older and has made their First Communion is eligible to become an altar server.


We also welcome any adult who might be interested. This is a wonderful way to serve our parish communities and our Lord.

Training will be provided. If you are interested in serving, please call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 and ask for Melinda or Christine.

The Pelican Intervention Fund

Join Us for Our Annual Celebration of Hope

The Pelican Intervention Fund is an Essex County Community Fund with a mission to provide funding for residential 12-step programs. It's geared towards economically challenged adults struggling with active addiction and striving for sobriety.



We welcome the community to our annual Celebration of Hope, an opportunity to hear from our participants and partners who have found hope and sobriety through funded 12-step programs and to connect with family and individual support resources. Representatives from PIF will speak at all Masses in the Collaboratives on October 1–2.

Are you a friend or a family member of someone struggling with addiction or following their own recovery journey? Do you want to support your loved one but need more guidance or funding and don't know where to turn? Maybe you are struggling with addiction and feel alone without resources or friends and family to support you? Please join us, whoever you are.

Date: Sunday, October 9, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Place: Newburyport City Hall Auditorium, 60 Pleasant St., Newburyport, MA

Music and refreshments included.

women at the well

Women at the Well Bible Study group invites you to join us for a new study starting October 17!

We invite all women to come join us at any time, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. The new study, *Keeping in Balance from Walking with Purpose*, is all about managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness rooted in Christ. We meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in person at the IC Parish Center and virtually on Zoom. If you have any questions, or would like to join via Zoom, please 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.

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.

National Men's March

To Abolish Abortion

Please consider joining Steve Swochak for the National Men's March to abolish abortion and rally for personhood. The march will take place in Boston on **Saturday, October 15, from 11:30–3:30.** You can contact Steve Swochak (swochak@netzero.net, 978-462-2855) for details and to join him on the march.

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.

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2022 Rosary Crusade

Join us for the 2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade at Holy Family Parish, Amesbury, on Saturday, October 15, at 12:00 noon. We encourage families to attend.

For more information, contact Stephen Spurk (978-490-8806).

Coordinated nationally by Tradition, Family, and Property and its America Needs Fatima Campaign. Visit ANF.org.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Sept. 17–18 **\$3,895.00**
Clergy Trust, Sept. 17–18 **\$2,117.00**

The second collection this weekend (Sept. 25) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (Oct 2) is Peter's Pence. Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

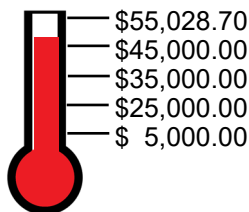
If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

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



IC Catholic Appeal
Goal \$55,028.70
To Date \$45,577.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate or scan the code below.



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.

Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hriccatholic.org 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.

IC Haiti

May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950. Checks should be made out to “IC Haiti.”**

Second Collection Oct. 1–2

Next week's second collection will support the Holy Father's “Peter's Pence” collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection also provides support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests, lay people for ministry, and will assist the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various missionary efforts at home and abroad. For information on these collections, visit: www.usccb.org/ppc, www.cua.edu, or www.BostonCatholic.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.

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.

Donate your clothes to St. Vincent de Paul

Bundle Sunday **October 15 & 16**
IC Church Parking Lot

Bundle up your old clothes and bring them to church. Saint Vincent de Paul's **Bundle Sunday** donation program is starting up again this fall. A donation trailer will be provided in the Immaculate Conception Church parking lot on Saturday, October 15 from 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Sunday October 16 from 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. to collect clothing and shoes only. *No toys, household goods or other non-clothing items can be accepted.* All clean, usable clothing or shoes, bagged or boxed, will help people in need while fulfilling the mission of the Society by putting the Gospel message into action:

As long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me. (Matthew 25:40)

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed at the entrance to the IC Parish Center from 4:30–5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception middle school students recently enjoyed a field trip to the National Geographic Beyond King Tut exhibit in Boston. The digital format of the exhibit immersed the students within nine multi-sensory gallery experiences, starting with King Tut's tomb. Through digital imaging, King Tut's treasures were magnified to soaring proportions, highlighting the intricate artistry and exquisite detail achieved by craftsmen so long ago. The mummification room was particularly detailed with descriptions of how pharaohs were prepared for the afterlife.



Ancient beliefs embraced the idea that one must travel to the afterlife with everything one would need, such as money, food, clothing, jewelry, furniture, and for some, a chariot. King Tut's tomb is unique in that it is the only tomb never to be robbed in antiquity —

completely intact when discovered in 1922. All of the artifacts have remained in Egypt rather than being dispersed to museums around the world. King Tut's tomb is



especially impressive as a result.

Sixth grade social studies curriculum includes the study of the Ancient World which includes Egypt, and the pharaohs. The IC PTO sponsored the field trip for the middle school students and teachers.

Pictures courtesy of A. Pironti



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.

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.)

K of C Tootsie Roll Drive



The Newburyport Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Drive after all IC weekend Masses on **October 1-2**. Please stop by!

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.

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.

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 **September 26** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 from 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara with questions: 978-697-1349 or 617-410-6309, or barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com. Barbara is also an Advanced Certified GRM (Grief Recovery Method) specialist and founder of A Butterfly's Journey nonprofit. She offers 1-on-1 or group classes in GRM, the only evidence-based methodology for grief.



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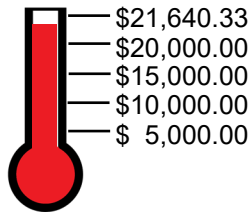
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Once you register, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly,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

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

Greeters Needed

We Are Making Progress, but Greeters Are Still Needed

We have had some people volunteer as greeters to welcome Mass-goers, but we could still use a few more. High school students as well as adults are welcome for this position. In particular, we need folks to greet at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both Nativity and St. Ann.

This little task simply involves smiling and saying hello, handing out bulletins, or perhaps giving directions to the restroom or the ramp.

Would you like to help? Please contact Sue Noyes at susanjnyes@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 **October**.

Second Collection Oct. 1-2

Next week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection also provides support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests, lay people for ministry, and will assist the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various missionary efforts at home and abroad. For information on these collections, visit: www.usccb.org/ppc, www.cua.edu, or www.BostonCatholic.org.

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, October 6. Join us! All are welcome.**

Holiday Fair Meeting

Wednesday, September 28

The Activities Committee will be holding an organizational Holiday Fair meeting on **Wednesday, September 28** at 6:30 p.m. in the Merrimac hall. Anyone who may be curious as to what they could do to help **at** the fair, **before** the fair, and **after** the fair—this would be a great meeting to attend to get an idea of what you could do to lend a helping hand! IC parishioners are welcome to volunteer to help out at the fair.



Any questions call Cindy Quinn, 978-346-0072.

HR Holiday Fair

Saturday, November 19

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Veterans in Need

We are asking for donations of gift cards.

We will be collecting gift cards, preferably in \$5.00 and \$10.00 amounts, from CVS, Rite Aid, and Walmart to give at Christmas to Veterans living in Haverhill at the Veterans' Outreach Center and Edith Nourse Rogers Medical Center in Bedford, MA. There will be a collection box in the back of both churches accepting the gift cards until Sunday, November 6.



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