

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2022



*Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot
be my disciple.*

(Lk 14:27)

All Are Welcome

hriccatholic.org

**HR Activities Committee
Invites You to**

**DINNER &
TRIVIA NIGHT
SOCIAL**

Trivia rounds between dinner courses

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 / 5 P.M.
NATIVITY HALL**

**Join us for chicken & tater casserole and
homemade apple crisp for dinner (\$10/person)
and a fun night of trivia.**

(Gluten-free food option available.)

See page 9 of this bulletin for more details.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/3)

4:00pm **IC** William Pappalardo, Virginia Reardon,
Judy Hilton (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (9/4)

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

9:00am **IC** Michael Aldrich, Jeffrey Stone
(Fr. Morin)

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

11:00am **Ann Fiore, Helen & Tom O'Donnell**
(Fr. Harrison)

Monday (9/5) Labor Day

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

Tuesday (9/6)

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

Wednesday (9/7)

9:00am **IC** John (Jack) Burrell, Paul Kolman
(Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (9/8)

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

Friday (9/9)

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

Saturday (9/10)

4:00pm **IC** Rose Rowe, Lorin Jangrow (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (9/11)

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

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

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

11:30am **IC** Thomas McDermott, John Hynes
(Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember Ruth W. Sullivan and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through our website:

hriccatholic.org and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).

Fall Mass Schedule Change

Beginning September 11 (the Sunday after Labor Day), the later Sunday Mass at Immaculate Conception will shift to 11:30 a.m.

This schedule will be in effect until the spring.

The Sunday Mass schedule at IC will be as follows:

Sunday at IC: 9:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. (note time change)

Bulletin Information

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In the world of advertising, there are all kinds of attractive and compelling ways to draw potential customers to your product. Flashy media, engaging music and interesting salespeople are just a few. Often, companies will try to come up with a really catchy phrase or line that can be easily repeated over and over again. McDonald's did this a few years ago with their "I'm lovin' it" ad campaign. Nike found success decades ago with their line, "Just do it," and the New England Patriots caught national attention a few years back with Bill Belichick's famous quote, "Do your job!" It is hard to know just how many more hamburgers McDonald's sold from the success of their one-liner ad, but it certainly didn't hurt business.

I'm not sure the same can be said about Jesus' line in this weekend's Gospel passage, "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Lk 14:27) Talk about a sales-downer! Of all the things that Jesus could have said to attract disciples and promote His message, telling people that they have to carry a cross and be crucified has got to be at the bottom of the list! I mean, He could have emphasized eternal life with God, the joys of Heaven and the whole light burden / easy yoke thing. . . just to name a few. Even His hard-to-swallow demand that we sell what we have and give to the poor is easier to stomach than impaled extremities and a spear into your side. Yikes! Who could possibly want that?!

So, what gives? Is this really what Jesus *wants for us who follow Him*?

First of all, a reality-check. Although in Christian history, many tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters in faith were actually crucified as testimony for their service to the Lord, and many tens of thousands more gave their lives in various macabre ways, the vast majority of us who have followed Him since the beginning were never required to undergo that explicit form of sacrifice in response to His call. Christ's crucifixion did entail several things, however, that all genuine believers must embrace to follow an authentic path of discipleship.

To begin with, the Cross was a complete emptying of everything Christ was, in surrender to God's Salvific Will. In other words, Jesus held nothing back. He conformed His intellect and will. He gave up His dignity, He let go of every shred of modesty, He surrendered His body, He gave up His life-breath. . . . He abandoned His very spirit unto God. When all was said and done, there was nothing left on the Cross that Jesus had not given back to God. So, "Taking up one's Cross" means a radical surrender of self to God—body, mind and spirit. Think about it for a moment: from the time that each of us woke up this morning, how many choices have we made that are our own? For example: when to get up, what to have for breakfast, whom to speak with, where to go, what to do, our further plans for the day...? For most of us, we make these choices quite often based on our own inner desires and what commitments we have made, not at the direction, or enslaved by the

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circumstances or will, of others. In following Christ, are we willing to surrender that autonomy and be led to places where we would rather not go? Do not think for a moment that Christ wanted to die on the Cross. What He wanted above and beyond every human desire and longing, was to do His Father's will. Are we willing to pray that same prayer that He prayed when He was in that garden at Gethsemane: "Father, not My will, but Yours be done!"

Agony or not, for most of us, on most days, the sacrifice we may be called to make, the self-surrender we may be invited to embrace will be small. An extra moment of patience here. A lingering prayer there. An embrace of a conversation we might otherwise have shunned. An intentional visit to someone in need that might otherwise have been put off. A specific choice to choose another's good or happiness over our own. And every once in a while, God will ask more.

The other lingering aspect of carrying one's Cross is the willingness to be led, even if that leading seems to be headed towards oblivion. Jesus didn't take a leisurely stroll through Jerusalem to His death. He was bound and practically dragged through the streets. He didn't fight back, however. Although His physical fatigue caused Him to fall several times along the way, He didn't resist and try to fight back. He didn't curse those who cursed and mocked Him. He even prayed for the soldiers who would pierce Him and inflict unimaginable pain in His failing body. He allowed Himself to be led down this wretched and bitter path to what was most certainly an agonizing and shameful death.

How often do we surrender and allow ourselves to be led by others? It can be mighty difficult to give in to the will and desire of those that we love, never mind to be docile to those who might wish us harm or even despise or hate us. Being led means we let someone else drive, someone else navigate, someone else choose. As a disciple of Jesus Christ, this means we must learn to let God lead us. That first involves working out any trust issues we may have with the Lord. Maybe we have a lot of trust issues...?! How often have we had a prayer that seemed to go unanswered? How often have we sought help from the Lord and heard only silence. How often have we tried to forgive another who has deeply wounded us, only to cycle back again and again on the hurt and not feel even one ounce of the peace we might seek? How often do we wonder if God is even out here, somewhere, to hear our feeble prayers? Trust issues! Oh yeah. That's where the Cross becomes real. That's where carrying it teeters on the line between insanity and insecurity, from commitment and collapse.

The Cross will never be the center of a feel-good advertising campaign pitched to win over the masses. It may be, quite simply, the worse turn-off in human history for doing anything that God might require of us. But that isn't why we follow Jesus. We don't follow Him because of a slogan or byline. We don't follow Him because He is trendy or fashionable. We don't follow Him even because we

particularly like Him all the time. We follow Him because we believe that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We follow Him because we have come to believe that He is the Son of God and that we will find forgiveness of our sins in Him and no one else. We follow Him because we believe that we will have eternal life in His name. We follow Him because... to whom else would we go?

We follow Him, because, as the Psalmist says, "In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge." (From Ps 90)

May the Lord guide and lead and bless us in the days ahead.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hriccatholic.org to view our online calendar.

Monday, September 5, Labor Day

Collaborative offices closed

Tuesday, September 6

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

Wednesday, September 7

IC PTO Meeting 8:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Ministry Committee Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, September 8

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, September 9

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, September 10

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

CORI forms available after all Masses

HR Dinner & Trivia Night 5:00pm, Nativity Hall

Sunday, September 11

CORI forms available after all Masses

RCIA Meeting 10:00am, IC Charity Dining Room

Collaborative Baptisms 1:30pm, IC Church

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

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 Crouse
Ann-Margaret Ferrante
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler
Charmaine Haan
Hillar Haan

Jay Hanslig
Terence Healey
Sam Kitchen
Maureen Russell
Rob Schweizer
Yvonne Sloban
Michael Tucker

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

Labor Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, September 5 for Labor Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m.

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Phone System Installation



Completion of the new phone system installation will take place at IC Parish offices on Thursday, September 8 and at HR Parish offices on Thursday, September 15.

Installation will take most of the day on those days. Please note we may be without phone service for a period of time. If you are unable to contact us by phone, please email us at info@hriccatholic.org and we will get back to you.

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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: How do you follow Jesus in the workplace and at home? Is it always easy to do?

Child: When is it hard for you to follow Jesus? To do what you know Jesus wants you to do?

Live Stream Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses on our website:

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

To watch our live-stream Masses on Facebook:

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

CORI time

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 at all three churches 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.

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Virtual Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook twice every week. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook. www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

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 1:30pm 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).

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Confessions

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

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.

Adoration

Make It a Weekly Ritual

Routines subdue chaos. Weekly morning rituals like Friday Adoration define the attitudes you'll take into daily tasks. Weekly evening rituals like Thursday Adoration, wash away the dross and dial in weekend duties performed as intentional, prayerful encounters with Christ. Adoration is the interior access door! Leave the chaos outside.

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: hricatholic.org.

Walk for Life

Come Support the Pregnancy Care Center by Walking on Saturday, September 17

Mark your calendar, build a walk team and join us! The Pregnancy Care Center needs your support. The Knights of Columbus Council 202 are hosting a **Walk for Life** benefitting the Pregnancy Care Center. It will be held Saturday, September 17 at 9:00 a.m. at Swansey Field Park in Haverhill. The walk route is only 2 miles—families are welcome. Visit www.PCCFriends.org for more information, to register, and start fundraising—it's easy! Pledge forms are also available by emailing us at events@pccnortheast.org. Receive a free t-shirt by raising \$150.00 in pledges or building a team of 5 walkers. We hope to see you there.

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.

Sign up for FORMED

FORMED The Catholic Faith. On Demand

Enjoy thousands of books, videos, daily reflections, and talks at home or on the go. Visit formed.org 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.

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.

Emmaus Ministry Retreat

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

Emmaus Ministry is Catholic ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us for a one-day spiritual retreat. All are welcome.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents, Archdiocese of Boston Pastoral Center, Braintree, MA

Retreat date: October 15, 2022

For more information on this and other retreat times and locations, call (800) 919-9332 or visit www.emfgp.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. **We will now be meeting virtually.**

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RECOVERY

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

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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.

Laudato Si

The **Laudato Si** group invites you to join us in witness of God's glorious creation and our beautiful local ecology for a relaxing 2 1/2 hour excursion aboard the **Yankee Clipper Tour**: National Wildlife Refuge Boat Tour. Please log in to the Yankee Clipper Harbor Tours website and schedule and purchase your tickets on-line: harbortours.com for the **Friday, September 16, 3:30 p.m.** ecology tour. Tickets are \$35.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children. There are a limited number of seats, so please book early. At this time the tour meets at the kiosk on the boardwalk near the old Black Cow restaurant in Newburyport. But we expect to board at the Plum Island lighthouse on Harbor St. Please email Carol: carol@gardenimprint.com with any questions or if you want to be notified of any changes. 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.

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."

HRIC Choir Free Concert

September 25, 2022, 1:30–3:00 pm, IC Church

Come and 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.

IC PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, August 27–28 **\$4,115.00**
Mailed in Offertory, week ending August 26 **\$ 925.00**

No second collection this weekend (Sept. 4). The second collection next weekend (Sept. 11) is the Monthly. 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.



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St. Mary's Cemetery

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

IC 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



Our fall fundraiser is an exciting day of golf and an evening of fun to socialize!

Monday, October 3, 2022

Renaissance Golf Club

377 Kenoza Street, Haverhill, MA

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.

Shotgun Start: 11:30 a.m.

Classic BBQ Dinner 4:30 p.m.

Visit www.icsnewburyport.com or

Scan the QR code below for more information

Don't Golf? Join us for dinner!

All families are invited to join us for a fun evening with the purchase of a Dinner-Only-Ticket

Live music by Alex Anthony

All proceeds will benefit the Immaculate Conception School of Newburyport



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.

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.

Coffee & Muffins



The Knights of Columbus Council 231 will be hosting coffee and muffins after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, September 4**, in IC St. Louis Hall. All are invited to stop by after Mass for some refreshments.

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.svdpnewburyport.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.

Bundle Sunday October 15 & 16

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!

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.

Newburyport Choral Society

Rehearsals Begin September 6

The Newburyport Choral Society (NCS) announces its Fall 2022 weekly rehearsals will begin Tuesday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High Street, Newburyport. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Online pre-registration for singers will be open through Sunday, September 18. Singers will be learning music to be performed at Winter Concerts scheduled for December 10 and 11 at Belleville Congregational Church. Online pre-registration is required prior to attending the first rehearsal. New singers may obtain an invitation to register online by sending an email to: info@newburyportchoralsociety.org. For additional information, please visit www.newburyportchoralsociety.org.

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HR Catholic Appeal
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HR Online Giving

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

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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, September 1. Join us!**

HR Trivia Night

Dinner and Trivia Social, September 10

The **Activities Committee** will be hosting a **Dinner and Trivia Social** on Saturday, **September 10** following the 4:00 Mass in Merrimac.

Menu includes “Chicken ‘n’ Tater Casserole” along with homemade apple crisp. (A gluten-free option will be available.) \$10.00 per person.

“**Trivia Teams**” will be arranged by tables of 8. No need to organize your own team, but bring along your smart friends! There will be 4 rounds, 3 minutes each of trivia questions between each dinner course.

We will be looking for 1 **Team Captain** per table. If you would like to volunteer early as a Team Captain, call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

HR Holiday Fair

Holiday Fair, November 19: Helpers Needed

Our committee is in need of **helpers for the fair**. We do not have enough members to work our tables at the fair. Please consider helping out at this fun event by lending a needed hand. Questions can be emailed to Cynwinnquinn@aol.com.

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.



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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.

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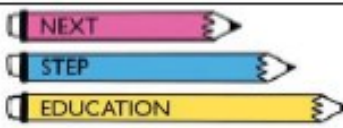



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