

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
March 31, 2024

All Are Welcome

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Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

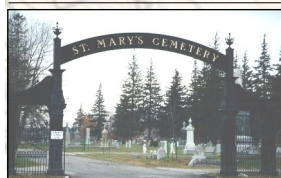
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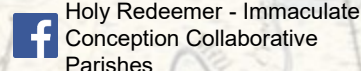
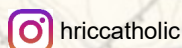
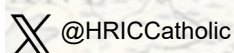
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Confessions

Saturdays 3:00-3:30 p.m., IC Church
Or by appointment. (Call Collaborative
offices to schedule.)



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (3/30) Holy Saturday

7:30pm IC (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (3/31) Easter Sunday

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Stanley)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am ICS Gym (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

10:00am St. Ann (Fr. Morin)

11:30am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (4/1)

9:00am IC Jack Graham, Jack Walsh, Jack Grealish (Fr. McLaughlin)

Tuesday (4/2)

9:00 am IC Basil Reilly (Fr. Stanley)

Wednesday (4/3)

9:00am IC For the Niles, Keefe, Swochak, and Macri families, Priscilla Sanchez (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (4/4)

9:00am IC Douglas J. Rose (Fr. Morin)

Friday (4/5)

9:00am IC Ralph Tehran & family (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (4/6)

4:00pm IC Pamela Cooney, Florence Kiszka, Danny & Noreen Driscoll and parents (Fr. Stanley)

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

Sunday (4/7)

8:30am Nativity Jennie & Alden Johnson (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am IC Irene Palaima (Fr. Morin)

10:00am St. Ann Jerry Mullen (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am IC Lena Filomia, Patrick Herndon (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember Edward Power and all of 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 live-streamed online through our website: hricatholic.org.

Bulletin Information

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

Collaborative Offices Schedule

Collaborative offices will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, April 2, at 9:00 a.m.

Ultreya

Our regional Ultreya will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5 at IC St. James Chapel. Join our brothers and sisters from Amesbury, Haverhill, and Newburyport in prayer for those living their Cursillo weekend.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

What is the first thing that you are going to do when you rise from the dead?



I bet no one has asked you that question before or at least not that directly. In some ways, with eternity in front of us, it really doesn't matter since we have all the time in the world and then some to do whatever we want in Heaven, right?! But seriously, what would you do first?

In John's Gospel, as he was relating the resurrection to his followers, the evangelist adds a strange little detail: "When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place." (Jn 20:6–7). From this line, it appears the very first thing that Jesus did when He rose from the dead was to roll-up the cloth that was used to cover His face. Now, no one was there to see exactly what happened, and I suppose that there could have been some angel attendants flying around tidying up after Him. But in all the resurrection appearances that would follow, Jesus is presented as perfectly capable of taking care of Himself—walking and interacting with the disciples, breaking bread. He even cooks some fish on a charcoal fire by the beach. It would seem that in His resurrected body, He did all these things by Himself, so rolling up the face cloth was likely the very first action that He took once risen from the dead.

Now, not to make a mountain out of a molehill, but it is an odd detail. In describing the most amazing miracle of all time, why spend any time mentioning this obscure little tidbit? With a growing consistency, every act of healing and resurrection that Jesus performed in His earthly ministry pointed toward a restoration of order and harmony to the individual as well as the greater community. When we consider the healing of Jairus' 12 year-old daughter, when Jesus restores her to life, He gives her back to her parents and tells them to give her something to eat. When he heals Peter's mother-in-law, Jesus brings her back to health and she immediately begins to resume her normal place in the household, waiting on them and bringing food. When He raises the young man at Nain from the dead and causes him to sit up in his coffin, Jesus immediately gives him back to his grieving mother and restores him to his community, alive and well. When Jesus rose Lazarus from the dead, the first thing He tells those who witnessed this amazing miracle to do was to "untie him and let him go free."

In all of these moments, there is a restoration of order and place. In Jesus' mind, little girls should not be sick in bed but up and about, enjoying a meal with their family. Mothers-in-law should not lie sick with a fever, but be fully alive and exercising joyfully their honorable and cherished place within the family, doing what grandmothers have done for eons—lavishing their families with food and love. Young men do not belong dead in coffins, but alive and reunited with their mothers and community. Close friends do not belong in the tomb, but free and unburdened by

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: hricatholic.org

Monday, April 1

Collaborative offices closed: Easter Monday

Tuesday, April 2

Women's AA Mtg. 7:00am, St. Ann Hall

Breaking Bread Meal 4:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm, IC Church

Wednesday, April 3

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:15pm, IC Church

Thursday, April 4

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

Metanoia Video Series 9:45am, IC Charity Dining Room

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

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, April 5

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Ultreya 7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Saturday, April 6

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, April 7

Knights of Columbus Hospitality Sunday 10:00am, IC Parish Ctr.

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

St. Ann Coffee Social 11:00am, St. Ann Hall

IC Confirmation Prep., Year 1 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Confirmation Prep., Year 1 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

Boston Catholic Appeal

Thank you to those who have already responded generously to Cardinal Seán's invitation! As Catholics, each of us shares the responsibility of the Church community—both directly within our Collaborative and to the greater Church. Thank you for responding in faith, hope, and charity by making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Appeal. We are stronger together and your generous participation is greatly appreciated! To make a gift online, visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.



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make your gift



Adoration: Choose Rest

The world is fast, noisy and busy. Why not choose slow, silent, and restful? This option is offered every week.

Be renewed. Be choosy. The rest will follow.

Place: IC Church (*enter at Green Street door only*)

Time: Thursdays 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Fridays 9:30 a.m.



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illness and death to go and live their lives freely before God and others.

When death or illness occurs, not only does the individual suffer, but the whole family and extended community suffers the loss of everything this person is and all the blessings that they contributed to the whole. Healing and resurrection mean, suddenly, that everything is made complete once again, everything works, everything is as it ought to be. There is relief, joy and a palpable sense of peace, a restored right-relationship with God and one another that is to be savored.

And in Christ Jesus, every small detail and aspect of that restoration will be attended to. Starting with rolling up a face cloth and putting it away, where it will not ever be needed again. If, in His resurrected body, Jesus is mindful of even this minuscule and seemingly insignificant action, how much more will He be of every intimate and substantial detail in raising us from our graves and restoring us to life before God the Father and one another? How much more attentive will He be in recreating our universe in perfect harmony with God's Will? If the Risen Christ in all His glory took the time to roll up His face covering, how much more time will He take to restore each of us fully to the new life that awaits us in the resurrection.

So, what is the first thing you will do when you rise from the dead? Who will you look to reunite with first? Where would you want to go? What activities will you look forward to reengaging in? What areas of present chaos will you look to tidy up and cleanse? What parts of our lives will need to be purified and made holy and whole? What kind of order from disorder will the Lord bring about in us through His resurrection and ours? What will we need to pack up and put away, never to need it again in Heaven? I recently read an article about a man who passed away after being in an iron lung for more than 50 years. One can imagine as he experiences the resurrection, it might well include him turning off and packing away all the machinery that he was dependent on for life in this world, and breathing-in freely the new life that is in front of him for all eternity. Think about what it will be like! Ponder the possibility! While our real experience of the glory of the resurrection will always exceed our capacity to dream and muse on it in this world, our present hope is fueled nonetheless by our earnest desire to be with the Lord, both here and now and especially in the time to come.

May the Easter joy of the resurrection be ours today!

Fr. Timothy Harrison

Pastor

Easter Collections

The Easter collection supports the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Prayers for the Sick

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

Patricia Baikewicz	Ed Hardy	Joseph Palumbo
Kathy P. Brodeur	Jane Harney	Joanne Pesa
Priscilla Brown	Chloe Hequet	Donika Pulake
Vasfije Buhali	Rosemarie Hines	Rose Raimo
Autumn Rose	Linda Hofferty	Maureen Russell
Coulombe	Armand Hyatt	Rob Schweizer
Bill Crounse	Justin Johnson	Frank Siderio
Drew Daubach	Michael Juralewicz	Yvonne Sloban
Kristen	Arthur LaPointe	Gary Smith
D'Entremont	Helen McCance	Arlene Stoddard
Deb Downie	Patricia Carey	Tom Tribble
Ann-Margaret	McCarthy	Michael Tucker
Ferrante	Maryann Mikson	Maddie Villers
Jeanine Ebacher	Ann Murphy	Laurent Vincent
Fowler	Carol O'Neal	
John Flynn	Eleanora Paciulan	

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 the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

Shawls and Lapghans



Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy! We would be happy to deliver to anyone. Or if you personally would like to give one to a friend, relative or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673.

Come join us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month (Note: no meeting in April) at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! All are welcome.

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 2 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.

Happy Easter

Online Resources

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, hricatholic.org for information on groups, meetings, faith formation, Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our **calendar**, **Twitter**, **Instagram**, and **Facebook** pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, check out the photos tab, or see our Get Involved tab to see how your talents can be utilized.

Collaborative Faith Formation

Summer Program

Summer Faith Formation program dates for grades 3–8 are June 24–28. Registration forms are available online: hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

Baptism

We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on the second Sunday of each month at IC Church at the 11:30 Mass. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Confirmation

In January, Cardinal Seán announced his decision to move the Sacrament of Confirmation from 10th grade to 8th grade. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation process will be changing. While we are working on how this change will be rolled out, please help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not yet be aware. Program updates will be made available as they occur.

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.

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

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



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Collaborative Parishes

HRIC Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council serves the Collaborative in a consultative role to the pastor. We meet monthly and all are invited to attend our meetings. Consult the bulletin or our online Collaborative calendar, link on our website, for meeting dates and locations.



Easter Flowers

Next Sunday's bulletin (April 7) will contain the list of this year's Easter flower donations.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **Sunday, April 7, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC St. Louis Hall for Hospitality Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.

All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.



Hospitality Sunday

1st Sundays after the 9AM Mass | Parish Center



Questions of the Week



Adult: What does the Resurrection mean for you?

Child: How do you feel knowing that Jesus is still with us?

IC Haiti

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." Visit our website: ichaiti.org.

Recitation of the Rosary

Join us for recitation of the rosary Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. (before 9:00 Mass) in person at IC Church or on Facebook. www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/



women at the well

We invite all women to come join us, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. The group meets **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.

Pelican Intervention Fund



To date we have placed 135 local men and women into 12-step residential sober living. 12-step recovery programs receive no federal/state funding and insurance won't cover costs due to its faith-based nature. So, your support is more important than ever.

The Pelican Intervention Fund envelopes can be dropped in the collection at any time according to your means. Make checks payable to HR or IC Parish. Totals will be reported quarterly.

Visit our website at www.pelicaninterventionfund.org

Mission Sox Sock Drive

We are excited to announce the dates of the second annual Mission Sox sock drive. Mission Sox is an organization that began last year to raise awareness for clothing insecurity, beginning with the most overlooked clothing necessity: socks! We collected and donated over 1500 pairs of new socks last spring by putting "sox boxes" around town and in the high school. We used social media and an Amazon wish list to spread the message but word of mouth was the biggest tool.

This year, our goal is to gather over 2000 pairs of socks and we need your help! Look for sox boxes and flyers at Immaculate Conception Church. We want donating to be accessible to everyone so the whole city can take part in making a difference by helping people struggling with clothing insecurity and/or homelessness.

Collections will start on April 9, the Red Sox home opener, and finish on May 9. Keep an eye out and spread the word!

Follow us on Instagram: [@missionsox](https://www.instagram.com/missionsox).

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, April 10



This program delivers soup and sandwiches to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month.

We ask that sandwiches be **cut and individually wrapped**, then placed in the bread wrapper. Please label the bread wrapper with the variety of sandwich. Cold cuts and peanut butter and jelly are favorites. Please do not use condiments. Also welcome are party-sized powered drink mixes such as iced tea and Kool-Aid Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from **7:00 -9:00 a.m.**

Parish Membership

Welcome! We invite you to become a member of our Parish communities and take an active part in parish life. Parish registration forms are available online at www.hriccatholic.org or you can call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to register.



Follow Us on Instagram

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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. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Mill City Management Corporation, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, March 23–24	\$1,810.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending March 22	\$ 565.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 306.25
Total Weekly Offertory, March 23–24	\$2,681.25
IC Haiti, March 22–23	\$ 370.00
HR Grand Annual, Goal: \$25,000	\$21,745.00

The single collection for Easter is Clergy Benefit Trust. See page 4 for more information. No second collection next weekend (April 7).

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

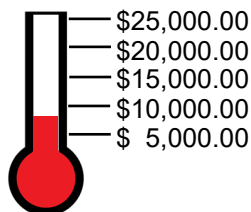
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

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



HR Catholic Appeal
Goal **\$25,000.00**
To Date **\$8,280.00**

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



Holy Redeemer Offertory Checks

We thank you for your continued support of Holy Redeemer Parish. Due to banking regulations, financial institutions require that all checks be made payable to the legal parish entity. Please make your checks payable to "Holy Redeemer Parish." Feel free to use the memo line on your check to designate the second collection or a contribution to a specific church or project.

Communion to the Homebound

We would like to offer our Holy Redeemer parishioners the opportunity to receive the Eucharist if you are homebound or unable to attend Mass on a regular basis. If any parishioner knows of someone who might be interested in receiving the Eucharist, please also let us know. This could be a one-time occasion, or a regular schedule could be arranged. Please call Melinda Burrell at 978-346-8604 to schedule a visit.

Vacation Bible School at HR



Mark your calendars for July 22–26 from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon for a *Stellar* week of VBS at Nativity hall. Registration forms are available on our website at www.hricatholic.org/vbs-stellar.

Funeral for Joyce Nevins

We were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of a longtime parishioner and part-time employee of Holy Redeemer Parish, **Joyce Nevins**. Her Funeral Mass will be held at Nativity Church in Merrimac on Wednesday April 3 at 10:30 a.m., followed by a reception in the parish hall. There are no calling hours. Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to attend.

St. Ann Coffee Hour

St. Ann Church Welcomes All to the Return of Our "Coffee And..."

We welcome all to join us on the first Sunday of every month for St. Ann's "Coffee And..." coffee social. We will meet on **Sunday, April 7**, after the 10:00 Mass. We hope you will join us in the church hall for coffee and baked goods, to visit with old friends, and to make new ones. For your convenience, the side door on the parking lot side will be open with easier access to the hall.



HR St. Vincent de Paul

Happy Easter!

Thank you for your donations throughout Lent and especially the use of our mite boxes. We hope that these have provided some personal reward and structure for your almsgiving. Please return the boxes as soon as possible in the bins provided in each church.



Remember Easter joy isn't just about gathering for Mass or enjoying a special dinner with family and friends. This joy comes from faith and service and it can last the whole year!

We always appreciate the continued use of the envelopes in the pews at St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. **These can be mailed or placed in the poor boxes.** Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to "**HR** St. Vincent de Paul."

As always, anything that you can give is greatly appreciated.

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

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

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Activities Committee

The HR Activities Committee will meet **Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m.** in Nativity Hall. We will be discussing future events. All are welcome and encouraged to join. Please bring your ideas for future events for Holy Redeemer Parish.

Gift Baskets and Christmas Cards Wanted

If you received any **baskets** this Christmas and have no use for them, the Activities Committee would love to repurpose them for next year's **Holiday Fair**.

We are also looking to reuse **Christmas cards**. Please leave baskets and cards in the back of either church and we will collect them for our fair in November.



HR
Activities

Ham dinner & BINGO, an indoor yard sale, chamber music rehearsal, Lenten prayer service, and our yearly Holiday Fair

IC PARISH CELEBRATES 175 YEARS

Immaculate Conception Parish continues its year-long celebration of events for its 175th Anniversary. See our website (look for the 175th Anniversary tab) for more photos.



Rabbi Alex Matthews and the Foundations of Our Faith

Last week, a standing room only crowd joined Rabbi Alex Matthews in St. Louis Hall for a presentation on the holy holiday of Passover, or Pesach, the paschal sacrifice and the significance of the Seder meal.

Rabbi Alex shared scriptural references and anecdotal stories on the rituals and symbolism of this important holiday and discussed the different foods and meaning on the Seder plate. In response to the many questions received, he also offered informational resources for those interested in learning more.

Thank you, Rabbi Alex, for your engaging presentation. HRIC looks forward to our continuing relationship with Rabbi Alex and Congregation Ahavas Achim.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, March 23–24	\$4,635.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending March 22	\$3,017.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,352.59
Total Weekly Offertory, March 16–17	\$11,004.59
IC Haiti, March 22–23	\$2,427.00
IC Grand Annual, Goal: \$100,000	\$85,555.00

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



IC Catholic Appeal
Goal: **\$62,600.00**
To Date: **\$25,620.00**

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\$62,600.00
\$50,000.00
\$40,000.00
\$25,000.00
\$ 5,000.00

IC Precious Gifts



The Precious Gifts of bread and wine this Easter are given in loving memory of Raymond F. Hartnett former superintendent of St. Mary's Cemetery.

Raffle Items Wanted

Do you have any items that were given to you for Christmas that you don't want or can't use? Why not put them away for our Fall Fair on October 19. They would be a welcome addition on our raffle table. We will be calling for donations in the bulletin beginning in September.

Thanks from the IC 2024 Fall Fair Committee.

Catholic TV

Visit www.catholic.tv for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Box



Immaculate Conception now offers a St. Vincent de Paul clothing drop box. We are accepting **clothing and shoes only** in the drop box.

The box is located behind the IC Parish Center, nearest Green Street.

Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School community wishes you and your family a very Happy Easter. Our Pre-K 3 to Grade 8 students and teachers value their time in prayer each school day and benefit from hearing continued messages of love from the Lord. What a wonderful way to celebrate Catholic education!



Photo courtesy of J. Sullivan - IC 8th graders lead Stations of the Cross.

Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Scientific Education for IC Parish Students

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Fund. Email your request for an application to maryakscholarship@gmail.com.

Scholarship eligibility:

- Young man or woman parishioner of IC Parish
- High school graduate in pursuit of a scientific education

Completed applications must be postmarked and returned to the Trustees no later than **Tuesday, April 16, 2024.**

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.svdnpnewburyport.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.

Breaking Bread Meal

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner. Supper is served from 4:45–5:30. Those who prefer to continue "Grab & Go" can pick up at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!



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