HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 19, 2025

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All Are Welcome



"...Pray always without becoming weary."

Luke 17:19



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985 Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

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

Nativity

Parish offices and church: 4 Green St., Merrimac 01860 Office Hours: By appointment

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

Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices: 42 Green St., Newburyport 01950 Office Hours: M–F 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Phone: 978-462-2724
Fax: 978-234-7399
Email: info@hriccatholic.org



St. Mary's Cemetery

36 Storey Avenue, Newburyport 01950

Immaculate Conception School

1 Washington Street, Newburyport 01950, Pre-K-grade 8, Mrs. Joan Sullivan, Principal, Phone: 978-465-7780, Fax: 978-234-7331, www.icsnewburyport.com



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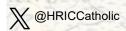
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Confessions

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











Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes



Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/18)

4:00pm IC Alan Maxwell, Robert Cynewski, Jeremiah Doyle III (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm St. Ann Kimberley Anne O'Hara

(Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (10/19)

8:30am Nativity Jennie & Alden Johnson

(Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am **IC** James Halloran (Fr. Harrison & Deacon

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski) 11:30am **IC** *Joan Esile* (Fr. Stanley)

Monday (10/20)

9:00am *Marie Sullivan* (Fr. Stanley)

Tuesday (10/21)

9:00am IC Joan Esile (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (10/22)

9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (10/23)

9:00am IC (Fr. Morin)

Friday (10/24)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (10/25)

4:00pm **St. Ann** William (Bill) Edward Crounse (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm IC John E. Kelley & Katherine Doyle Kelley (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (10/26)

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

9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley)

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

11:30am IC Gordon McMachlan, James Halloran

(Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers please remember 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: hriccatholic.org as well as our Facebook page.

Adoration: Where the Stewardship of Responsibility is Born



Adoration will expand your vision and entrust you with a specific mission-perhaps as a prayer warrior or seed-planter or passionate apologist! Your apprenticeship awaits at Adoration. Listen. Jesus is calling you; He is eager to commission you as His ambassador!

Wednesdays 3-4 p.m. Nativity Church

Thursdays 7-8 p.m., IC Church (enter at Green Street door)

Fridays 9:30 a.m., IC Church (unless a funeral is scheduled)

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, October 22



This program delivers soup and sandwiches to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month.

Soup containers are available in the St. Ann Church Hall on Wednesday mornings during drop off times. **Casseroles** are always welcome! Foil casserole pans are available in the St. Ann Church Hall on Wednesday mornings during drop off times.

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 inside. Cold cuts with cheese and peanut butter & jelly are favorites. *Please do not use condiments*.

Also welcome are party-sized **powdered drink mixes** such as iced tea, lemonade, and Kool-Aid, along with fresh **fruits** and goodies. If you have an abundant harvest from your **garden**, consider bringing a few extra vegetables along with your sandwiches, soups, or casseroles. They will be greatly appreciated!

Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from 7–9. a.m.



If you would like more information or have any questions about the HRIC Soup and Sandwich program, scan the QR code.

Planning Ahead for the Holidays



The 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month are the scheduled delivery dates for the HRIC Soup and Sandwich Program. However, the 4th Wednesday in the months of November and December falls on the day before Thanksgiving and the day before Christmas, respectively. Because The Good Shepherd Soup Kitchen typically receives a large number of generous food donations prior to these two holidays, we are suspending the program for Wednesday, November 26 and Wednesday, December 24. Thank you for your continued generous support of this important program!

Remaining 2025 Scheduled Soup & Sandwich Delivery Dates:

October 22

November 12 December 10 November 26 (Suspended)
December 24 (Suspended)

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."

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our ministry to the Father Marc Piché school community in south-central Haiti, there is an eight-part historical overview at our website: ichaiti.org.

This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: hriccatholic.org. Monday, October 20

HR Activities Committee Mtg. 9:30am, Nativity Hall

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

Tuesday, October 21

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

Faith Formation, Grade 2 3:30pm, IC Nazareth Library

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

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

Wednesday, October 22

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program 7:00-9:00am, St. Ann Hall Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library **Eucharistic Adoration** 3:00pm, *Nativity Church*

Thursday, October 23

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, October 24

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

AA Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, October 25

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, October 26

Ministry Appreciation Luncheon 12:30pm, IC School Gym

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

2025 Grand Annual Appeal

Today is "Commitment Weekend" for our Grand Annual Appeals.

Every registered household was mailed a Grand Annual Appeal letter and pledge card. As in the past, we offer the opportunity to make your contribution over two payments, which helps many make a more substantial contribution to your parish.

If possible, we ask you to consider a gift of \$500 or more which can be gifted also over time in the form of several partial payments or through our online portal on our website. This could be done with 2 monthly installments. Some have the ability to do much more and some less. We ask only that you give to the best of your ability.

Please place your pledge card in the Sunday collection or return it to your parish by mail. Thank you for your support!

Collaborative Faith Formation

School Year Programs (K–8, Including Sacramental Prep.)

Registration forms and schedules for 2025-26 are now available on our website: hriccatholic.com/FaithFormation.

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information regarding this sacrament.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is now celebrated with students currently in Grade 8.

Ministry Appreciation Luncheon

The Collaborative Ministry Committee would like to invite all members of the Collaborative who are active in any ministry to an Appreciation Luncheon on Sunday, October 26 at 12:30 pm in the IC School gym.

We are so appreciative of all that you do that we want to celebrate your achievements and thank you for your work. The luncheon is open to all involved in any ministry in both Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer parishes. We would need your RSVP by October 22: please contact either your ministry leader; the Collaborative office at 978-462-2724, or Jim at 603-491-9916.

We look forward to seeing you on October 26.

Exploring Catholicism

Know Someone Who's Curious?

Maybe it's your neighbor. Your adult child. A friend at work. Someone asking big questions—or just quietly searching.

Let them know about "Exploring Catholicism," our weekly drop-in conversation for anyone curious about the Catholic faith. It happens every Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

(10:00-11:30 a.m.) in Room 206 of the IC

Pastoral Center.

No commitments, no sign-ups—just open doors. Sometimes the best way to evangelize CATHOLICISM is simply to share the invitation.

Oct. 26: Why Belonging Matters: The Church as a Spiritual Family Nov. 02: Church Tour: Architecture, Symbolism, and Worship

Nov. 09: What Happens When I Die? (And Why it Matters Now) Nov. 16: Do Catholics Really Pray to Dead People?

For questions or to learn more, contact: Aaron Giard, OCIA Director, (978) 462-2724.

Adult Faith Formation Series

Overcoming Our True Enemy: Spiritual Warfare and St. Ignatius' Discernment of Spirits

Join us for this six-week series beginning October 30. We will meet in IC St. Louis Hall on Thursdays from 9:45-11:00 a.m. Presenter: Aaron Giard.

Passing of Fr. McLaughlin's Sister

We regret to announce the passing of Sheila Ann Harley, RN of Washington State. She was the first born of five girls and the twin of Fr. William McLaughlin. She passed, after a lengthy illness, in the loving embrace of her three children.



EXPLORING

Her entire life was characterized by loving service to others. Typically, Sheila donated her body to science.

A funeral Mass will take place at a future time. May she rest in God's peace.

All Souls Day Envelopes

In your monthly envelope packets for October is an All Souls envelope. If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones this year, please return your envelopes to the churches by Friday, October 24 so that we can publish the names in the bulletin.

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.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Lucas Aucamp Patricia Baikewicz John Bourque Kathy P. Brodeur Michael Brenner Priscilla Brown Autumn Rose Coulombe Finn Davis Kristen D'Entremont Arthur LaPointe Ward Dilmore Deb Downie **Dotty Duval** Ann-Margaret Ferrante John Flynn Jeanine Ebacher Fowler Renee Fowler

Ed Hardy Jane Harney Chloe Hequet Loriann Herrick **Emma Hurley** Carol Johnson Derek Johnson Steve Johnson Michael Juralewicz David LeBlanc Michael Lichtenstein Susan Sweeney Donna Limone Johannah Lord Monica Maguire Sia Mahalati Michael Marchese Michael Martens Ovidio Martinez Samuel E. Musto

Carol O'Neal Eleanora Paciulan Joseph Palumbo Carol Parks Joanne Pesa Elizabeth Pettingell Rob Schweizer Regina Seely Yvonne Sloban Gary Smith Arlene Stoddard Taylor Captain Bill Taplin Joyce Tomaselli Michael Tucker Maddie Villers Laurent Vincent Sandra Welch

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



John Gutshaw



ALL SAINTS DAY FESTIVAL







NOVEMBER 2 AT IC MASS AT 9:00 (COME IN SAINT COSTUME) FESTIVAL FOLLOWS AT 10:15-11:20 A.M., IC PARISH CENTER FOOD, GAMES, CRAFTS









Second Collection October 19

Catholic World Mission Sunday

By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

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 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, November 6 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us.

Advent Lessons and Carols

at St. John's Seminary



Lessons and carols are an Advent tradition proclaiming the story of the Fall, the coming of the Messiah, the Incarnation, and the telling of the Good News through a service of Scripture, prayer, and song.

Join us as we journey to St. John's Seminary in Brighton to listen to the seminary schola perform this age-old tradition.

HRIC will be renting a bus which will leave Immaculate Conception for the Seminary at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday December 6, 2025.

The program begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to visit with the seminarians. We expect to return to Immaculate Conception at 10:00 p.m.

Tickets are available from the Parish office at \$40 each and include transportation and tickets for the program. The bus is limited to 40 seats, so sign up early to make sure you have a chance to enjoy this sacred event.

What better way to start the Advent season than to hear once more the telling of the coming of Our Savior through scripture and choral meditations as we prepare the way of the Lord?

Ordinary Time Retreat

Walking Humbly with God

Exploring the virtue of humility, that softens the heart hardened by pride to acknowledge our woundedness and need for help.

Ordinary Time is a season of spiritual growth and maturation as we listen to and reflect on Jesus' teachings and actions. Both reveal the key role of humility in accepting Jesus' invitation to follow him and lose our life to save it. Humility allows us to live a right relationship with God, acknowledging and accepting our dependence on him. Humility frees us from the prison of pride and the illusion of self as center to live in truth and freedom.

God is constantly working for our becoming whole in Him. With love he prunes us, reveals our weakness, our sinfulness, our shadow side, our fears. He humbles us so we can learn the truth, acknowledge our human limitations, and weaknesses and turn to God for healing and help.

Our retreat will explore the role of humility in spiritual maturation through reflection on scripture and Jesus of Nazareth's human experience of learning obedience from what he suffered.

I will provide material for reading and reflection from scripture and a variety of spiritual teachers that reflect the retreat's theme and your unique desires. We will meet in person or by Zoom for spiritual direction sessions you schedule throughout retreat. Between our times of spiritual direction you may pause, ponder, pray, and open yourself to grace.

As we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's wisdom, I will listen deeply as you share and together, we allow the Holy Spirit to move us and bless and guide our sharing. This offering is designed to provide an affordable, convenient retreat that creates an intimate space for you to share yourself deeply with the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Retreat opens Oct. 20. Retreat closes Nov. 30 Begin retreat any time you choose.

Four one-hour spiritual direction sessions scheduled at your convenience. Spiritual director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastoral Counseling

Please Call (978)462-7483 to register or for additional information.

Suggested donation: \$95.00

It's 2026 CORI Time

2026 CORI forms are now available. You can pick up a form in the back of any of the churches and have a priest or deacon verify it with your ID or stop by the IC parish center offices and fill one out there. CORI forms are also available on our website so you can download one and fill it out ahead of time.

Remember that the Archdiocese of Boston requires all volunteers in the church who are 18 years of age and older to 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.

Youth Ministry

If your child is interested in any of these ministries, please call the parish offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 and leave your name, email, phone number, and which ministry interests you.

High School Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry meets on select Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Fall dates include November 2, 16, and 30, and December 14. Families are encouraged to reach out to Aaron (978-462-2724,

giard@hriccatholic.org) if interested. Meetings will include informal game and music time and small group Scripture and other faith-based study and conversation.

Large group gatherings are in planning stages but will include movie nights, group service projects, prayer experiences, and other activities, generally once a month.

We are accepting donations to this ministry. We are looking for cash/check donations to buy hospitality items like food and drink as well as any board games and such. (Make checks payable to the parish, but include "Youth Ministry" in the notes.) We also accept direct donations of games like a ping pong table or board games and outdoor games teens would enjoy. Donations can be dropped off at the IC Pastoral Center business office.

Youth Choir

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" Psalm 100

Does your child love to sing? Join the Youth Choir! Grades 3–8 At choir we learn to develop our gifts to glorify God!

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 3:30–4:45 p.m. Need to come later? 3:45–4:45 p.m. or 4:00– **5:00 p.m.** 5:00 p.m.

Rehearsals are held in IC Church.

The Youth Choir has been invited to perform in the Newburyport Choral Society's Christmas Concert at IC!

Questions, schedule, and/or registration form? Please email Paula Quann: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org.

Youth Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers

Requirements: must have completed the 2nd grade and received his/her First Communion.

Training: 3 one-hour sessions in the church.

Lectors

Requirement: Anyone who has been Confirmed.

Training: approximately 1 one-hour session, on an early evening during the week.

Questions of the Week



Adult: How do you handle dilemmas between Church values and teachings and civil values and teachings?

Child: How do you show respect to God?

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Oct. 11–12 \$5,598.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Oct. 10
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving \$3,337.00

Total Weekly Offertory, Oct. 11–12 \$1,272.00

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 19) is World Mission Sunday. See page 5 for details. The second collection next weekend (Oct. 26) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

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 Outdoor Nativity Goal: \$22,000.00 To Date: \$19,225.00



Anticipating Christmas

It has been a long desire by many to offer a large outdoor Nativity scene on the grounds of IC Parish for Christmas. A committee has been formed to help make this possible, and we are now accepting donations towards the purchase of a beautiful new set that will be a blessing for our parish and community for many years to come. The figures of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can be purchased as a memorial gift to the parish for \$2000 each. Additional figures of the 3 Wise Men, a shepherd, an angel, a cow, a donkey, and a sheep may be purchased in whole or in part.

It is our hope to have this purchased and set up during this coming Advent-Christmas season.

To make a donation, please contact Dennis LaMalfa in our Collaborative Office at 978-462-2724.

St. Mary's Cemetery



Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue in Newburyport. 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.

Immaculate Conception School

ICS Fun Run: A Great Success!

We are delighted to share the joyful news that, thanks to the generosity and support of our wonderful ICS community, this year's PTO Fun Run was a tremendous success! Together, we surpassed our fundraising goal and raised \$22,155 to support our school programs. The PTO sponsors field trips, enrichment programs, and school wide assemblies, all of which enhance the educational experience of the IC students.



On October 3, students enjoyed a morning of fun at the Bradley Track, each grade dressed in a uniquely colored Pelican Spirit tshirt, grade 6 in red and Kindergarten in light blue, pictured.

The 8th grade students, pictured under the START challenged their arch, schoolmates with different exercises as they lapped the track, such as the monster tippy-toe running, walk. jumping jack jogs, and side stepping strides. Participation and spending time together on a beautiful day was the goal for everyone.





Throughout the three week fundraiser, incremental goals had students focused on earning fun prizes. Their incredible efforts earned students a PJ Day celebration, Silly Sock Day, Ice Pops at Lunch, and a visit from the Kona Ice Truck. In addition, classrooms that reached their fundraising goals will enjoy a special pizza party lunch in the coming weeks.

We are truly grateful to all who contributed—parents, students, families, teachers, parishioners, and friends of ICS. Your enthusiasm, kindness, and school spirit continue to make a meaningful impact in the lives of our students. Thank you for your continued support of the PTO and for helping our children go the extra mile!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Haiti Bake Sale ("Cookies for Haiti")

Income from 2015-2025

Thanks to all who contributed to the bake sale fundraiser for IC Haiti by baking, purchasing, or selling baked goods to support the school children in Puit Chacha, Haiti. Thanks too to those who donated above and beyond the cost of the baked goods.

Hats off to the Anderson-Song and Davis families for organizing and facilitating this fundraiser over the years. Margo Anderson-Song and her family got the tradition rolling, and the Davis family has carried it to the present. If you attended Mass at IC during the weekend of the bake sale, you witnessed how well the Davis children spoke in support of the Haitian school children served by IC Haiti. (Andrew spoke at the 4:00 on Saturday; Sophia at the 9:00 on Sunday; and Julia at the 11:30 on Sunday.) You also know how hard and how cheerfully their family and friends worked together after the Masses to make sure this fundraiser would be a success.

This year's bake sale raised \$6,060, and that total was matched by a generous donor bringing the total to \$12,120.

Below are the fundraising totals from 2015 to 2025 for the IC Haiti Bake Sale (formerly called "Cookies for Haiti").

- •Funds raised directly from the bake sales = \$44,596
- •Funds raised from matching gifts+ = \$45,067
- •Total funds raised between 2015 and 2025 = \$89,663

(The IC Haiti Bake Sale fundraiser was not held during the 2021 pandemic year. This year's fundraiser marks the 10th time it's been held.)

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 or scan the QR code. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "SVdP of the code." www.svdpnewburyport.org or scan the QR Newburyport" and drop it into the collection at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Nbpt., 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!

Thank You for your Support!

On Saturday, September 27 the Society of St. Vincent de Paul held its annual major fundraiser, the "Friends of the Poor Walk." Thanks to the generous support of our parishioners, friends, families, and several businesses, (Institution for Savings, Bentley's Real Estate, Matter Communications, Blanchette Financial Group, St. Jean's Credit Union, and BankProv.) we were able to raise \$20,000+.

This will allow SVDP to assist struggling neighbors in our community with heat, rent, utilities, medications, gas, car repairs, and other expenses. We are already seeing an increase in the number of requests we receive on our help line.

Thank you to all who supported this work and those we serve by walking with us and/or donating.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Veterans Day Breakfast

Sunday, November 9, 8:30 a.m. Mass, breakfast to follow (9:30 a.m.) at Church of the Nativity Hall

All are invited to a veterans appreciation breakfast. The members of Holy Redeemer Parish would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all who have served our country. Please join our community of Nativity Church, Merrimac

and St. Ann Church, West Newbury, for a complimentary breakfast in honor of all veterans. This is our opportunity to gather for Veterans Day and show our support and gratitude for your contributions to our freedom and safety: a small token of our immense appreciation for your sacrifice and service. Scan the QR code to learn more.



We ask that you please RSVP by Sunday, November 2 for



our planning purposes. Please call Nancy Jean: 978-363-5416 to let us know you are coming and how many quests.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Help Us, Help Neighbors

The conference is busy helping neighbors. Recently we've helped with car repairs, plumbing hazards, and furniture replacement. Can you imagine not having a mattress to sleep on? Would you want water leaking into your basement every time you took a shower? Could you live without a car because it wouldn't pass inspection? If your answer is "NO," consider helping us help others.

Please consider donating using our online connection. All funds will go directly to our account. https://bit.ly/stvincentholy-redeemer.

The back-to-school campaign for Walmart Gift Cards was very successful. Thank you very much.

Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes located at the back of the church 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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Oct. 11–12 \$2,021.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Oct 10 \$ 140.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving \$ 483.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Oct. 11–12 \$2,644.00
Monthly, Oct. 11–12 \$ 932.00

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

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



St. Ann
Flower Bed
Goal
\$18,750.00
To Date
\$17,180.00



St. Ann Church Flower Bed

We are looking to replace the tired railroad-tie flower bed on the parking lot side of St. Ann Church in West Newbury with a new, brick flower bed that will match the front corner brickwork that was done several years ago.

Special undated envelopes have been added to the envelope packs that are regularly sent out to those on the envelope system. Additional blank envelopes may be found in St. Ann Church. Parishioners are invited to contribute towards this goal in the months ahead.

An anonymous parishioner has stepped forward and generously agreed to match other parishioners' donations up to \$10,000.

When we have raised sufficient funds, we will complete the project, hopefully sometime this fall or early next year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with Fr. Harrison or Dennis LaMalfa at our Collaborative offices. Many thanks for your generosity and support!

Activities Committee Meeting

The HR Activities Committee will be meet on **Monday**, **October 20 at 9:30 a.m.** in Nativity hall. We will be discussing the veterans breakfast as well as the Holiday Fair and the Merrimac Santa parade. All are welcome to join us on Monday morning.

Adoration at Nativity Church



Eucharistic Adoration is offered on Wednesdays from 3:00–4:00 p.m. at Church of the Nativity. Join us weekly for one hour of Sacred Silence.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 9:00-2:00

NATIVITY CHURCH HALL, 4 GREEN ST., MERRIMAC

Please contact the *supervisor* listed below if you are able to help.

<u>Baked Goods</u>: *Nancy Jean (978) 363-5416* cookies, pies, bars, muffins: label items, state if nuts are included. Start now, most items freeze well!

Gift Baskets: Roberta Homan 978-290-9158 pick a theme, include 3–4 items in a basket or container, write what is included. (Baskets priced around \$25.00 sell best) Bring donations to Nativity Hall starting November 10 or leave in the back of either church labeled "Basket Table."



Nearly New Items: MaryEllen LaPointe

Items need to be clean and working. Donations may be brought to Nativity Hall starting November 10. We will NOT be accepting any items after Friday, November 14.

Silent Auction Items: Carole Sokolowski 978-346-9031

Do you have a "special something" to donate that would cause a fierce bidding war? Do you have event tickets? An Airbnb? Cook a meal and deliver?



Soups for Lunch: *Marie Greeley* 508-523-0404 Homemade soup needs to be delivered **hot**, in a crockpot, the morning of the fair. A crockpot liner will be given to aid in our clean up.

We will soon have **Lawn Signs** to advertise our Fair in the back of both churches. If you are able to place a **lawn sign** on *your well-visible property*, please pick one up. Please do not place lawn signs on town property without receiving permission.

Holiday Fair Setup

The Activities Committee is preparing Nativity Hall for the annual **Holiday Fair**. We are asking for help moving and carrying large items in the hall: wall dividers, tables, shelving units, boxes, etc. If you are able to push, carry, and stack, **we need you!** We are planning to start preparations after the veterans breakfast, at about 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 9. **This is a great opportunity for students to earn service hours!**

Monday, November 10, starting at 9:00 a.m., volunteers will be underway setting up the different areas involved with the fair. All are welcome to help! A schedule will be posted on the glass doors of the hall for when Activities Committee members will be working. Stop by and check it out!

Also, any help with clean up after the fair is always appreciated.



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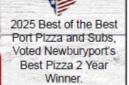
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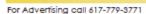


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