

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025

hriccatholic.org

All Are Welcome



*I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be always in my mouth.*

PS 34:2



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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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

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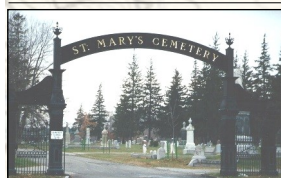
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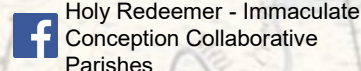
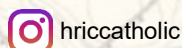
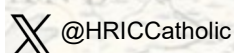
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Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir

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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 (10/25)

4:00pm **IC** John E. Kelley & Katherine Doyle Kelley
(Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)
4:00pm **St. Ann** William (Bill) Edward Crounse
(Fr. Morin)

Sunday (10/26)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC** For the intentions of Paul Foley
(Fr. Stanley)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:30am **IC** Gordan McMachlan, James Halloran
(Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (10/27)

9:00am For the intentions of Mary O'Connell
(Fr. Stanley)

Tuesday (10/28)

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

Wednesday (10/29)

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

Thursday (10/30)

9:00am **IC** Everett (Chip) Davis Jr. (Fr. Morin)

Friday (10/31)

9:00am **IC** For the needs of families (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (11/01) All Saints Day

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (11/02) All Souls Day

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)
9:00am **IC** Tricia Kelly, Pamela O'Reilly Fahey
(Fr. Harrison)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)
11:30am **IC** Andrew Filomia, Jeff Chu, Earle Baughn, David Kolman, Maureen Hegerich
(Fr. Morin)

In your prayers please remember Helen "Nan" Kelleher, Rosa Rogers, 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 as well as our Facebook page.

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

Online Giving

Both HR and IC offer Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of one of our parish communities. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the Collaborative offices.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hricatholic.org, and click the "Links" tab, then on "HR Parish Online Giving" or "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the appropriate site.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724.

New Adult Education Series

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

Thursday mornings, October 30–December 11,
9:45–11:00 a.m.



In an age of political violence, divisive rhetoric, and constant attacks on the human person, we need to revisit the Christian understanding of what and who our true enemy is: sin and the devil. Our tradition is clear, directly from Our Lord Himself and His Apostles, that our struggle is "not against flesh and blood," but hateful spiritual powers that wreak havoc on human hearts and minds, leading us to accusation, "scattering" ("diabolic" comes from the Greek word meaning "to scatter"), lies, and isolation.

Join us on Thursday mornings for some practical wisdom from our tradition on overcoming the "enemy of human nature" and discerning the voice of the Holy Spirit at work in our hearts.

Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in the month of September:

Gabriella Rose Harris

Asher David Miller

Cash Capolupo Moody

Samuel Ellis Musto

A.C.T.S. of Adoration

A Holy Hour is not complicated. Just come and be with the Lord!



A = Adoration, wordless worship of God

C = Contrition, bold confession for avoiding personal holiness

T = Thanksgiving, gratitude for breath, sacraments, friends

S = Supplication, prayer for health, patience, world peace

Wednesdays 3:00–4:00 p.m. Nativity Church

Thursdays 7:00–8:00 p.m., IC Church (*enter at Green Street door only*)

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

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, October 27

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

Tuesday, October 28

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

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

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

Wednesday, October 29

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Thursday, October 30

Overcoming Your True Enemy Series 9:45am, IC St. Louis Hall

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, October 31

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, November 1, All Saints Day

Cursillo Reunion Group 9:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Pastoral Council Mtg. 9:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, November 2, Daylight Saving Time Ends

All Saints Day Festival 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

KofC Hospitality Sunday 10:00am, IC Parish Center Lobby

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

IC Church Tour 12:45pm, IC Church

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

Youth Ministry Mtg. 6:00pm, IC Youth Ministry Room

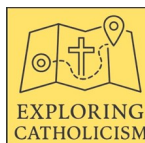
To schedule your group's in-person meeting, contact Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.



Kennedy Ogujiuba, one of our summer Seminarians, and Nick Colon, a fellow Seminarian at St. John's Seminary, stopped by to cook pasta and meatballs for Tuesday night's Breaking Bread supper at IC.

Exploring Catholicism

Come and See: IC Church Tour



Has something been stirring in you? A desire to reconnect with faith, or explore it for the first time? Join us **next Sunday (November 2)** for "**Saints, Sanctity, and Symbols of the IC Church,**" a guided tour through the beauty and meaning woven into this sacred space.

In 90 minutes (**12:45–2:15 p.m.**), a lively, laser-guided journey will reveal Jewish-born heroes and Catholic canonized saints depicted in our church's paintings, sculptures, and stained glass. Discover how postures, gestures, garments, colors, flowers, and symbols each tell a story—and how 28 remarkable saints can become companions on your own path to holiness.



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



"Fall Back" Next Weekend

Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend (**November 2**). Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

Mass of Remembrance

For children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, or early childhood



Join us on November 8 (Saturday) at 9:00 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, MA.

Attendees will have the opportunity to present Remembrance Cards during the Mass. The Poor Clare Nuns will pray for all remembered during the Mass.

The Mass will be live streamed live for those unable to attend in person on their website: StAugustineParish.org.

2025 Grand Annual Appeal

Our 2025 Grand Annual Appeal is off to a great start with many households making their gift. If you have not already done so, please place your completed "Grand Annual Pledge Card" in the regular collection at Mass. You may also return it to your parish by mail.

If you have not decided on your gift to the Grand Annual, we invite you to prayerfully consider making your gift this week. We truly appreciate any assistance you can give and are counting on the many, who are able, to support this appeal.

Thank you to the many families that have already returned their Grand Annual gift.

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Prayers for the Sick

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

Lucas Aucamp	Ed Hardy	Samuel E. Musto
Patricia Baikewicz	Jane Harney	Carol O'Neal
John Bourque	Chloe Hequet	Eleanora Paciulan
Kathy P. Brodeur	Loriann Herrick	Joseph Palumbo
Michael Brenner	Emma Hurley	Carol Parks
Priscilla Brown	Carol Johnson	Joanne Pesa
Autumn Rose	Derek Johnson	Elizabeth Pettingell
Coulombe	Steve Johnson	Rob Schweizer
Finn Davis	Michael Juralewicz	Regina Seely
Kristen D'Entremont	Denise Kenneson	Yvonne Sloban
Ward Dilmore	Arthur LaPointe	Gary Smith
Deb Downie	David LeBlanc	Arlene Stoddard
Dotty Duval	Michael Lichtenstein	Susan Sweeney
Ann-Margaret	Donna Limone	Taylor
Ferrante	Johannah Lord	Captain Bill Taplin
John Flynn	Monica Maguire	Joyce Tomaselli
Jeanine Ebacher	Sia Mahalati	Michael Tucker
Fowler	Michael Marchese	Maddie Villers
Renee Fowler	Michael Martens	Laurent Vincent
John Gutshaw	Ovidio Martinez	Sandra Welch

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

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.

A Roast or a Toast?

A large group of HRIC parishioners attended a recent Haverhill Rotary Club Roast of intrepid traveler, Elaine Barker. AT 88 years young, Elaine has journeyed on every HRIC pilgrimage over the last ten years!

While technically a roast, remarks delivered on Elaine's behalf, including those delivered by parishioner and travel organizer, Paul Blanchette, were effusive in their recounting of her service to her community, college, and church.

Surrounded by family and over 150 friends and colleagues, the best remarks were delivered by Elaine herself, as she emphasized the importance of her faith and she views

everything she has experienced in life as a gift. Her faith is powerful and her zest for life is infectious.

Looking forward to welcoming her on the next pilgrimage.



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 THEME: "SAINTS ATTRACT"

THIS YEAR'S THEME: "SAINTS ATTRACT"

COME AND LEARN ABOUT THE MANY OFFICIAL SAINTS WHO WERE FRIENDS, FAMILY MEMBERS, OR ACQUAINTANCES WITH OTHER OFFICIAL SAINTS. HOLINESS IS ATTRACTIVE AND SAINTS INSPIRE OTHERS, INCLUDING EACH OF US, TO GROW IN GOD'S LOVE AND FOLLOW THEM ON THE PATH TO HEAVEN!

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

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 IC 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?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

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— MINISTRY —

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.



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 can you live your life so that it is a reflection of God?

Child: In what ways can you act like Jesus would act when you're at home or at school?

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Oct. 18–19	\$5,318.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Oct. 17	\$3,289.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,337.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Oct. 18–19	\$11,944.00
World Missions, Oct. 18–19	\$3,470.00

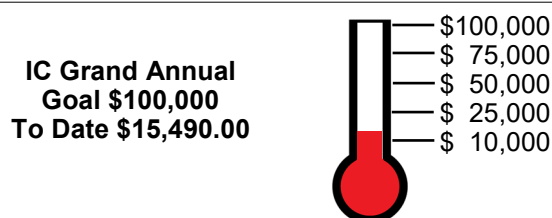
The second collection this weekend (Oct. 26) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

No second collection next weekend (Nov 2).

*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.



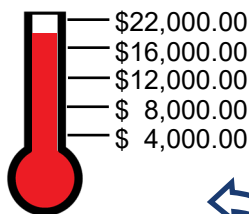
IC Haiti

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.



IC Outdoor Nativity
Goal:
\$22,000.00
To Date:
\$20,225.00



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.

Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School Cross country Team had a big day on Saturday, October 18! Twenty members of the team ran their hearts out at the Catholic Elementary Cross Country League Meet at Bishop Fenwick High School. Several of our runners medaled—finishing in the top ten in their race. Congratulations to JV runner Noah Wilcox, who placed 4th, running against 154 other kids!! The Varsity Boys team was 5th out of the 12 teams competing, with Andrew Davis and Bryson Murray leading our pack. The Varsity Girls took 3rd place with Ellie Wallace finishing 3rd, and Elizabeth Halpin and Isabela Calapiz finishing 11th and 12th respectively. It was a beautiful day to run cross country, and our team did a wonderful job representing the IC!



Team Captains Emma Nystrom, Ellie Wallace, Elle Sullivan, Kieran Quinlan, Bryson and Ashton Murray

Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **Sunday, November 2, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC Parish Center for Hospitality Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.



Hospitality Sunday



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.svdnewburyport.org** or scan the QR code. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "**SVdP of 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!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Harvest Fair Thank You

The Harvest Fair was a big success thanks to all of you who donated wine, baked goods, and items for the Grandma's Attic and All Holiday tables as well as all of the individuals and IC ministries who donated items to the basket raffle. Thanks also to all the volunteers who worked at the fair, and those who helped us with setting up and cleaning up. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus members who transported many boxes to the Hall and took great care putting tables and chairs away and vacuuming the gym. Finally, I would like to thank the Committee members who spent countless hours pricing and boxing items, assembling and decorating baskets, making and putting up signs, and those husbands who worked along side us before, during, and after the fair.

Blessings to all of you,
Betty Harrington, Chairman
IC Harvest Fair Committee



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH



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!

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Neighbors That You Help

Occasionally we share the stories of the neighbors that you help. Here are a few recent examples:

"Laurel"—A retired teacher living alone has been unable to find employment due to limited use of one of her arms. She is applying for disability benefits but in the meantime only keeps her mortgage paid through the help of her grown daughter and close friends. You helped prevent her electricity and water from being turned off by making the necessary payments.

"Heidi and Andy"—Live in West Newbury with their two daughters. Andy's work in transportation services has been greatly reduced. He has started new skills training but new job prospects are currently limited. Relatives have been helping out but resources are limited. Again, you have helped them keep their home and prevented utility shutoff by making water and National Grid payments.

"John"—A divorced single dad lives in West Newbury and shares custody of his young son. The need for a more reliable car has increased his overall expenses and with limited income anyway is afraid that he will lose his apartment and subsequently access to his son. You have helped pay a portion of his monthly rent.

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**.

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass will move to **Nativity, Merrimac** for the month of **November**.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Oct. 18–19	\$2,035.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Oct 17	\$ 620.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 483.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Oct. 18–19	\$3,138.00
World Missions, Oct. 18–19	\$ 900.00

The second collection this weekend (Oct. 26) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

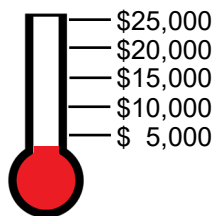
No second collection next weekend (Nov 2).

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: hrccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

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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 guests.

St. Ann Coffee Social

November 2 following the 10:00 Mass in the hall.

Please join us—young and old, and in between! They are a lot of fun! For your convenience, the side door on the parking lot side will be open with easier access to the hall.

HOLY REDEEMER HOLIDAY FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 9:00-2:00
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Please contact the supervisor listed below if you are able to help.

Baked Goods: *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, 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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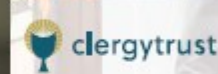
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