

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025

hriccatholic.org

All Are Welcome



Love



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

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Immaculate Conception

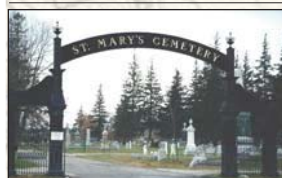
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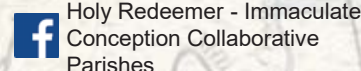
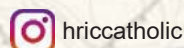
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Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir

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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 (12/20)

4:00pm **IC** John Kearney Herlihy, Mary Joan Bouchard Kenny (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)
4:00pm **St. Ann** For the Intentions of Ed Laverty (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (12/21)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
9:00am **IC** Ally Susan Powers, For the Intentions of the O'Flaherty Family, Adolph Benca (Fr. Stanley)
10:00am **St. Ann** Jerry Mullen (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
11:30am **IC** Diane Clemens, Jeanne Baughn, James Carew, James Edward Doyle, Joseph Patchett (Fr. Morin)

Monday (12/22)

9:00am **IC** John E. & Katherine Kelley, Joseph Patchett (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (12/23)

9:00am **IC** For the Intentions of Tara McQuaid, For the Intentions of the O'Flaherty Family (Fr. Stanley)

Wednesday (12/24) Christmas Eve

4:00pm **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
6:00pm **IC** (Fr. Morin)
6:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

Thursday (12/25) Christmas Day

8:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)
8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
10am **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)
10am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

Friday (12/26)

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

Saturday (12/27)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
4:00pm **IC** John & Carmella Herlihy, Eric Davidson, For the Intentions of Christopher D'Ambrosio (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (12/28)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
9:00am **IC** Shane MacLeod (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)
11:30am **IC** Joseph Patchett, Henry Therrien (Bishop Hennessey & Deacon Dow. Closing of Jubilee Year Mass)

In your prayers please remember Paul Ferguson 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.

Jubilee Year Closing Mass



Please join us on Sunday, December 28 at the 11:30 Mass at IC for the closing Mass of the Jubilee Year. Learn more about the Jubilee year at <https://bostoncatholic.org/jubilee-2025>.

2025

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CHRISTMAS
MASS
SCHEDULE

<p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>4:00 p.m. IC Church (Live streamed) 4:00 p.m. Nativity Church & Hall (6:45 p.m. Christmas Pageant, IC Church) 6:00 p.m. IC Church 6:00 p.m. St. Ann Church</p>	<p>Christmas Day</p> <p>8:00 a.m. IC Church 8:30 a.m. Nativity Church 10:00 a.m. St. Ann Church 10:00 a.m. IC Church</p>
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Christmas Eve Masses

Due to the large number of people who normally come to Christmas Eve Masses, we are encouraging those who wish to be seated in the church to arrive no later than 3:00 p.m. at IC, Newburyport and 3:30 p.m. at Nativity, Merrimac.

Once these churches reach their capacity, we will be offering overflow seating and a livestream of the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Masses in both Nativity Church Hall, Merrimac as well as the IC School Gym, Newburyport.

A collection will be taken up during the service as usual and Holy Communion will be offered for those attending. We will also be offering Vigil Masses at 6:00 p.m. in both St. Ann Church, West Newbury and IC Church, Newburyport.

Christmas Collection

Merry Christmas from all the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Christmas 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.

To Our Visitors

Welcome to our Collaborative! Please visit our website at hricatholic.org for more information about all the wonderful happenings in our parishes. There you will find Mass times, Faith Formation information, a link to our calendar, membership information, and lots and lots of photos from events at our churches.

Wishing Christmas Blessings to All



St. Ann, W. Newbury



Nativity, Merrimac



IC, Newburyport

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, December 22

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

Tuesday, December 23

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

NO Soup & Sandwich Program Today

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Collaborative Offices Close at 12:00noon

Nativity Pageant before Mass 5:45pm, IC Church

Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Friday, December 26

Collaborative Offices Closed

Saturday, December 27

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

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

Questions of the Week



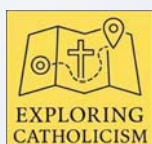
Adult: How is St. Joseph a model of faith for you?

Child: Do you think it was easy for St. Joseph to trust in God's plan for the Holy Family?

Exploring Catholicism

An Invitation to Reconnect

Have you ever felt like there are gaps in your understanding of the Catholic faith? You're not alone. Many adult Catholics carry questions they've never had the space or opportunity to ask.



"Exploring Catholicism" is for you, too. It's a peer-led weekly conversation space for revisiting the foundations, learning afresh, and growing deeper. Join us Sundays, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass (10:00–11:30 a.m.), in Room 305 of the IC Pastoral Center.

Come learn, revisit, or simply listen. All are welcome.

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



IC Haiti

On the weekend of December 20–21, just before Christmas, the second collection at all weekend HRIC Masses will be taken up for IC Haiti. The generosity of parishioners has been outstanding throughout 2025 in support for IC Haiti's ministry to the children of Puit Chacha, Haiti. For the past fifteen years we have provided for their educational, nutritional, safety, and health needs despite all the violent political disruptions and natural disasters in Haiti.



Let us not give up on our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Just as the Good Samaritan didn't give up on the beaten man he found on the road to Jericho. Just as the Prodigal Son's father did not give up on him. Just as Our Crucified Lord did not give up on the thief who was dying at his side. Just as Our Lord has not given up on us.

In this regard, please take some time to reflect upon the inspiring words of Pope Leo at the end of his recent letter "Dilexi Te" to Christians throughout the world.

Our love and our deepest convictions need to be continually cultivated, and we do so through our concrete actions. Remaining in the realm of ideas and theories, while failing to give them expression through frequent and practical acts of charity, will eventually cause even our most cherished hopes and aspirations to weaken and fade away. For this very reason, we Christians must not abandon almsgiving. It can be done in different ways, and surely more effectively, but it must continue to be done. It is always better at least to do something rather than nothing. Whatever form it may take, almsgiving will touch and soften our hardened hearts. It will not solve the problem of world poverty, yet it must still be carried out, with intelligence, diligence, and social responsibility. For our part, we need to give alms as a way of reaching out and touching the suffering flesh of the poor. (119)

Christian love breaks down every barrier, brings close those who were distant, unites strangers, and reconciles enemies. It spans chasms that are humanly impossible to bridge, and it penetrates to the most hidden crevices of society. By its very nature, Christian love is prophetic: it works miracles and knows no limits. It makes what was apparently impossible happen. Love is above all a way of looking at life and a way of living it. A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the Church that the world needs today. (120)

We pray you will continue to generously support our HRIC Collaborative's outreach to our poor brothers and sisters in Haiti this Christmas.



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

HRIC Calendar Sale and Raffle

This year, as a fundraiser for IC School, the Collaborative is offering beautiful 2026 Catholic Art Calendars for sale.



With each purchase of \$10, you will also be entered into a **raffle drawing** for a \$250 prize.

The raffle drawing will be held on January 5, 2026. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact the school office at (978) 465-7780.

Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass will be cancelled if Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Faith Formation classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information. We will also post cancellation information on our website and social media.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.

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.

Knights of Columbus

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

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library.

Also, all are welcome to join us for **Hospitality Sunday** on the first Sunday of every month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the IC Parish Center for free coffee and donuts. Our next **Hospitality Sunday is January 4.**

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. 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.

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.

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir will sing at the 6:00 p.m. Mass at IC Church on Christmas Eve.



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

Adoration Challenge

More than 150 of our youth & adults have experienced morning, daytime or evening Adoration. Now, set a goal to invite a family member, friend, neighbor or lapsed Catholic to attend with you. Leave the rest to the Lord.

Jesus can be trusted to dispense peace of heart, quietly.

Choose your preferred prayer time: Make a difference.

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)



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Prayers for the Sick

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

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

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

No delivery Wednesday, December 24



The wonderful soups, sandwiches and casseroles donated by HRIC parishioners on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, are delivered to The Good Shepherd Soup Kitchen (Lazarus House) in Lawrence. Because The Good Shepherd Soup Kitchen typically receives a large number of generous food donations prior to Christmas, and the 4th Wednesday of the month is Christmas Eve day, we are suspending the program for this week only.

Thanks to the tremendous caring and generous nature of our Soup & Sandwich participants, we were able to send \$262.00 and two \$25.00 gift cards to Market Basket along with an abundant array of sandwiches, casseroles, fruits, veggies, baked goods, a ham, stromboli, powdered drink mixes, applesauce, and so much more. The Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception collaborative is full of people with really, really big hearts!

Our **next soup and sandwich delivery date will be on January 14, 2026**. Upcoming bulletins will have more information about this important program and future delivery dates.

Thank you for your continued, generous support of this necessary program! We wish you all a beautiful Christmas and a New Year overflowing with God's blessings!

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. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! All are welcome. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 22 at 2:00 p.m. at Nativity Hall, Merrimac.

HRIC Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council in our Collaborative assists the Pastor in his responsibilities as the leader of the Collaborative. Members serve in a consultative role and there are representatives from both of our parishes. Please feel free to contact them with any questions.

If you are interested in serving on the council in the future, please contact Collaborative offices for more information. Anyone, 18 years of age or older is encouraged serve on the council.

Pastoral Council Members 2024-25

Fr. Tim Harrison (Chair)

IC

Tom Welch, Co-Chair IC
Amanda Barcus
Mike Corbett
Joseph Cox
Thomas Grella
MaryAnn Lawler
Nancy Rose
Steve Swochak
Mary Zerigian

HR

Bob Belmont, Co-Chair HR
Ed Madden
Dave Olds
Kathy Peavey
Ted Xenakis

Ex-Officio

Deacon John Moranski
Aaron Giard

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.

NEWBURYPORT CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

David Yang, artistic director



WINTER BAROQUE

Music for violin, viola d'amore,
cello, & harpsichord

Sunday, December 21, at 3:00
Immaculate Conception Church,
Newburyport

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Holy Redeemer Christmas Flowers



Donations from/in memory of: Dorothy Hartshorn • Leamond Hartshorn • Lorraine Roy • Barb Hamilton • Carol Woody • Stefan & Jadwiga Zak • Bob & Barbara Miller • Elinor & Malcolm Homan • Bobbie & Gary Furth • Dorothy & Donald Smith • Catherine Smith Roy • Phylis Deucker • Dorothy Betz • The Deceased Members of The Lumsden Family • The Deceased Members of The Hansen Family • The Deceased Members of The McGlade Family • The Murphy Family • Charles & Katherine Friel • Robert & Edith deLyon • John Friel • Mary Ellen Friel • Sarah Kennefick • Eugene & Mary Wood • Paul, Peter, Ann Marie & Dan • Brenda Ritter • Hannelore Petry • Jack Gorski • Gerard Routhier • The Gallant Family • The Gorski Family • The Myers Family • The Proposki Family • Jerry Mullen • Catherine Lorenzo • Stephen Lorenzo • Joseph & Margaret Carney • Mary Vallee • Joyce Nevins • A. Henry & Theresa Duhamel • Barbara Burak • Joseph Burak • William O'Callaghan • Helen Clark • Arthur Clark • Kent Taylor • Helen Chang • Carolyn Robrecht • The Deceased Members of The LeBlanc Family • The Deceased Members of The Saulnier Family • The Deceased Members of The Boudreau Family • The Deceased Members of The Melanson Family • Luella E. LeBlanc • The O'Connor Family • The Hayes Family • Paul P. Johnston • Maureen Heaton • The Deceased Members of the Heaton Family • Mr. & Mrs. Walter Dunn • All Parishioners within our Collaborative Parishes • John F. Aspell • Bernard F. Aspell • Wes & Regina Carpenter • Louise Robbins • Paul Frederick • Mark A. Hersey Jr. • Jeffery Robbins, Sr. • Jeffery Robbins, Jr. • Marcia Carpenter • Joseph Pisano • Mary & Anthony Trodella • John H. Thumser • Helen D. Thumser • Robert M. Thumser • Francis O'Rourke • Michael & Sheila Kirwan • Michael & Catherine Kirwan • Michael & Tommie Pox • Mark & Mary Sugrue • John & Mae Kirwin • Richard Finn • Marie McEvilly

IC Christmas Flowers

Donations from/in memory of: Jo Ellen Cox-Mulica • Virginia M. Reardon • William L. Reardon • John & Katherine Kelley • George & Mary Kalashian • Harry & Mabel Kalashian • Chuck Fraley • Ted LoPreste • Angelo Messina, Jr. • Stephen Messina • Vincent Messina • Diego Messina • Angelo & Eleanor Messina • Mary & Albert Salerno • Edna & Edith Messina • Fred & Kathryn Goduti • Marilyn Goduti • John Hansen • Harald & Gladys Hansen • Mary J. Brooks • John & Lena D'Ambrosio • Leo & Maie Burke • Stephen M. Boy • Raymond J. Haley • The Haley Family • The McKeown Family • Kathleen Kennedy Rogers • James C. Carr • Frances T. Murphy • J. Harold & Julia Brown • Joseph H. Brown Jr. & Family • Marion Villani • Rudolph Villani • Clara Di Santi • Louis Di Santi • Jim Thistle • Alfredo Salgado • Maria Salgado • Liberta Mota • Alfred J. Sousa • Mary & Clement Duggan • Theresa & Dan Cleary • Corey Morrison • David Morrison • The Brightney Family • The Burnett Family • The Jakutis Family • The Kapinos Family • Mima & Ia • Deacon Richard Siebert • Fred & Lorriane Cameron • Joseph Ford • Kathryn Carnorale • George, Regina & Christopher Laite • Veronica & Ladislaus Kobuszewski • Rev. Robert & Emily Laite • Rev. John Leonard • Stasia Malionek • Theresa Majewski • Joan Esile • Albin & Pearl Kulig • Keene & Marge Addington • Mr. & Mrs. George Evans • Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Keopple, Jr. • Mr. & Mrs. Henry Vogler • Mr. & Mrs. William House, Sr. • Mr. & Mrs. Fritz Dowling • Mrs. Mary Theresa Korosmeier • Alex Hasapis • Cecile Vincent • Frances Hasapis • Paul Sullivan Jr. • Harry "Joe" Barker • Roger Casey • Robert Cynewski • Ruth & Gilbert Cormier • The Lapre Family • Cynthia Colby • Genevieve Sullivan • The Cynewski Family • The Malionek Family • The Winslow Family • Eleanor Rose • Douglas Rose • Bill Gurczak • The Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family • Libero & Antoinette DeCrosta • The Deceased Members of the Galligani Family • The Deceased Members of the DeCrosta Family • Joseph & Gertrude DeCrosta • Mary M. DeCrosta • Alice E. Silveira • Herbert F. Philpott • Arthur & Helen Sullivan • Helena Thurlow • John & Ellen Johnson • The Smart Family (Leon, Harriet, Gary, Michael, Ronn & Barb) • Edward Reardon • Margaret H. Doyle • Amy E. Shoemake • Jeremiah W. Doyle • Mr. & Mrs. O. Pettingell • Russell Burton • Dorothy Burton • Thomas Burton • Philip Gaeta • Peter Atherton • Edward & Mabel Jancewicz • The Jancewicz Family • Stanley & Jennie Jancewicz • Joseph Jancewicz • Frederick T. Jones • Helen Burke Jones • Barney, Ann & Marianne Tobias • Penny Deschamps • Everett, Rosemary & Rickey Meade • William & Mary Cashman • Otto & Dorothy Miller • George Hendrickson • William & Julia O'Connor • James & Caroline Doyle • Paul Doyle • Josephine Minalio • Danny Rogers • David Mears • Forrest Stanwood • Kevin Stanwood • Shawn Stanwood • Dr. Prescott E. Tulloch • Marjorie E. Tulloch • William J. & Josephine Beck • Bill & Janelle Beck • Jack Beck • The Smith Family • The Gerroir Family • Raymond & Carolyn Dower • Charles H. Prescott, Jr. • The Collins Family • Martha R. Collins • Janet Curran • Richard Curran • Roger Gagnon • Nick & Helen Ebacher • Martin & Maria Chiasson • Ruth Toomey • Doris Genn • James Leonard • Armand Hyatt • The Lopes Family • Margaret T. Bille • Anthony M. Bille • Mabel & Edward Jancewicz • Mona & Kenneth Spalding • The Davey Family • The McDonough Family • The Marino Family • The Tine Family • Jere & Jean Doyle • Clifton Moody • Kenneth Waldrip • James Waldrip • Arthur Murphy • Peter Kelly • George H. Lawler Jr. • Barbara A. Lawler • Mary Adelaide Lawler • George H. (Buzzie) Lawler III • Richard A. White • Henry T. Diburro • The Taylor Family • The Boshier Family • The Coffin Family • The Buechler Family • Betty & Francis Finneran • Paul & Ruth Haggerty • John & Kathleen Bush • John Bush Jr. • The Howard Family • The Harrington Family • Lillian Duncan • Mildred Fernandez • Grace DeHetre • The Deceased Members of the McMonigle Family • The Packard Family • The Coughlin Family • The Zerigian Family • Deacon John Moranski • Deacon Paul Dow • Joseph Patchett



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

The second collection this weekend (Dec. 21) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti."** No second collection next weekend (Dec. 28).

At all of our Christmas Masses, our single collection will be to support the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

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

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To learn more visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724.

IC St. Vincent de Paul

Serving Our Neighbors in Need

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues its mission of bringing hope and assistance to those in need within our parish and community. Through your generous donations and prayers, we are able to make a real difference in people's lives.

If you or someone you know is facing hardship, please reach out to us. All requests are handled with compassion and confidentiality.

Helpline: 978-518-0728 (Volunteers respond to this line 24/7.)
Donations: www.svdpnwburyport.org or drop it in the Poor Box at the Green St. entrance of IC Church.

Your kindness and support make this work possible. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community.

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 School

Immaculate Conception School North Pole Express: A Heartfelt Thank You

Our 24th Annual North Pole Express was a resounding success, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers—Immaculate Conception School parents, staff, alumni, and the Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parish community.



This beloved tradition and major school fundraiser kicked-off with Mrs. Claus arriving at the Polar Village on a Newburyport fire truck, delighting children and families. The magical train journey to the North Pole, where Santa and his elves came aboard, created memories for all. Every child received a beautiful silver bell, a golden ticket, and cookies on the train. Riders took home some cocoa and chocolates—making the

day a magical experience for all!

We are grateful for everyone's hard work and generosity, and to the many families who board the train with us each year to visit the North Pole.



The strength and commitment of our community is truly amazing. Thank you for making this event possible and for joining us in providing families with such a beloved Christmas tradition!



Merry Christmas!!

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 loving presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

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HR Offertory Collection

The second collection this weekend (Dec. 21) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti."** No second collection next weekend (Dec. 28).

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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.

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West Newbury Food Pantry Donations

December Focus: Personal Care Items

St. Ann supports our local West Newbury Food Pantry by providing collection bins in the church foyer and ensuring the donations are delivered to the pantry. Because personal care items are not covered under the SNAP program, St. Ann is focusing donations during the month of December on these important items that give those in need the dignity of personal hygiene.

Items needed:

bath tissue (individual rolls)	shampoo
paper towels (individual rolls)	conditioner
tooth brush	bar soap
tooth paste	deodorant

Any donation is gratefully accepted. Thank you very much for your continued, generous support of St. Ann and our local community!

For more information about the West Newbury Food Pantry, contact Jen at 978-363-1100 x 1134.

HR Holiday Fair

I am so lucky to have 24 super volunteers who worked all day long at the HR Fair and some even longer because they transitioned into the clean-up crew. Most arrived by 8:00 a.m. with a smile and ready to greet and help the many fairgoers with a huge smile. Some worked the whole day, without eating lunch, because there was no one to cover their spot. If you ever thought "I should help out at the Fair." Well, I could use you as a "part timer," a person to help fill in when breaks are needed. If you would like more information about being a "part timer," please let me know: Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

St. Ann's First Mass

Christmas Day 1879



Around 1877, Sunday Mass was being held at the West Newbury Town Hall. Fr. Edward McClure, the priest at that time, saw the Catholic congregation growing in W. Newbury and realized there was an urgent need for an actual church building. In 1878, funds were raised for the new church and property located on the corner of Main and Church streets was purchased. Ground was broken and construction commenced by Thomas Whelan of Haverhill. The church was completed in 1879 with the first Mass being said on **Christmas Day** of that same year. The following year, on May 2, 1880, the new church was officially dedicated to St. Ann.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Blessings of the Season

As Christmas approaches, be happy that your help through the year has made people's lives better. Your continued generosity brings light and hope to otherwise discouraged families that have limited means. God bless us, every one!



Thank you for your donations!

Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes that can be found on tables at the main entrances of St. Ann's 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.**

HR Online Giving

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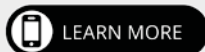
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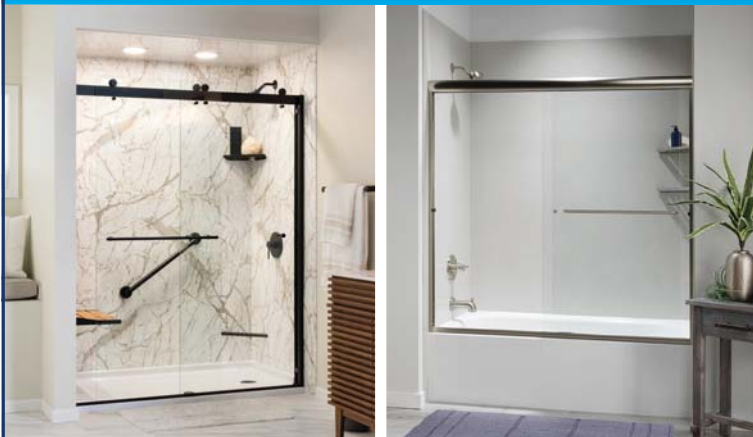
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