

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

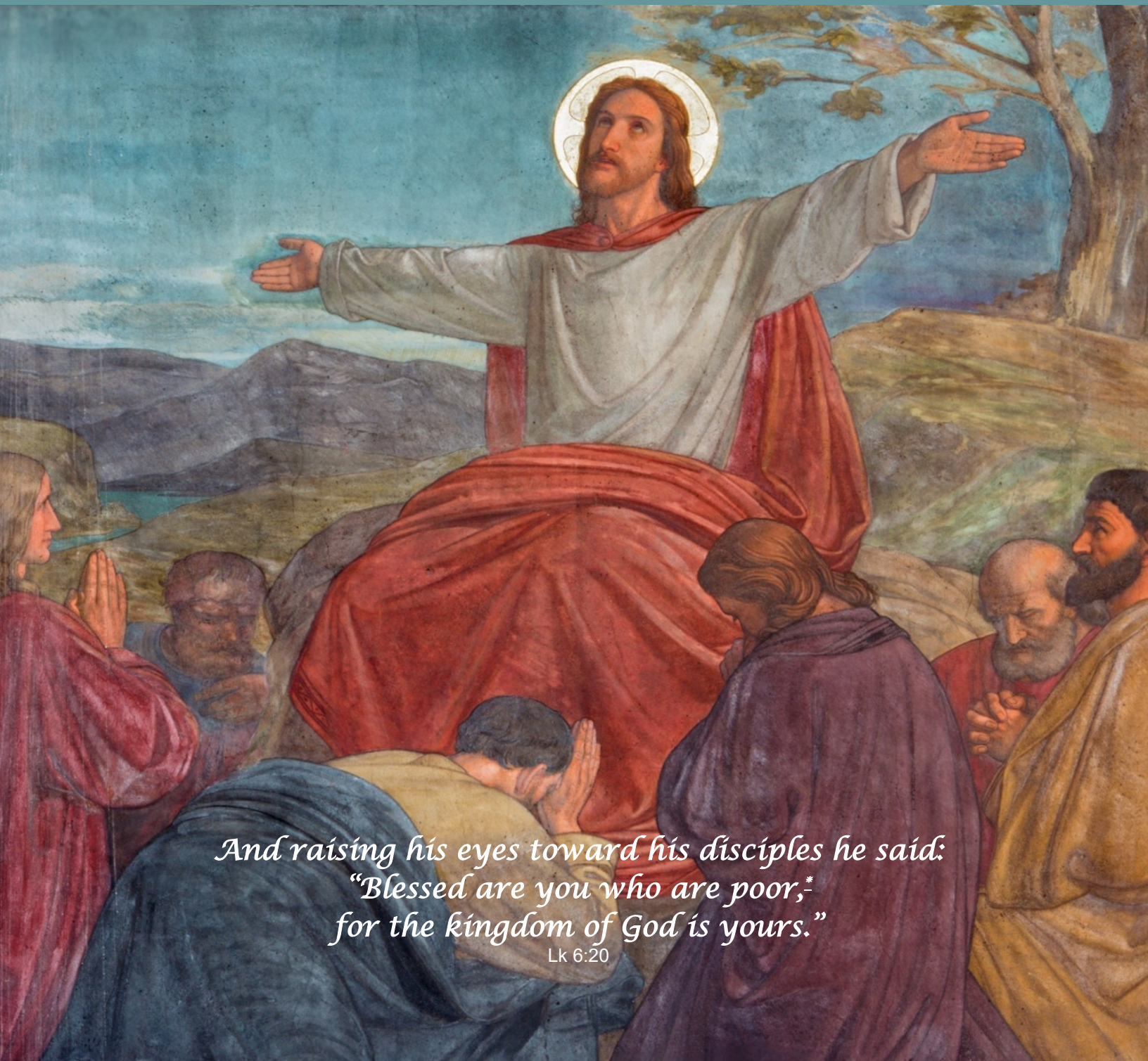
SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

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All Are Welcome



*And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:
"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours."*

Lk 6:20



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

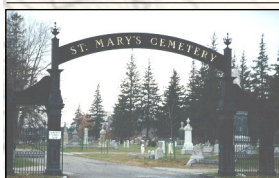
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Confessions

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

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate
Conception Collaborative
Parishes



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (2/15)

4:00pm **IC** Michael & Lucia Lombardo (Fr. Kiley & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (2/16)

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

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

10:00am **St. Ann John (Jack) Kirwin** (Fr. Morin)

11:30am **IC** Joanne Grella, Ralph Filomia, James LaRaia, Wendy Alves Gulach (Fr. MacInnis & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (2/17)

9:00am **IC CANCELLED**

Tuesday (2/18)

9:00am **IC CANCELLED**

Wednesday (2/19)

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

Thursday (2/20)

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

Friday (2/21)

9:00am **IC** Paul Neil Kane (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (2/22)

4:00pm **IC** Teresa Snow Bartley (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

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

Sunday (2/23)

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

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

10:00am **St. Ann Francis O'Rourke** (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** Ron Piretti, Shirley Marshall (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers please remember William O'Callaghan Jr. 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: hriccatholic.org as well as our Facebook page.

You are welcome to gather at 9:00 at IC Church when no daily Mass is scheduled for a time of prayer, the Rosary, and/or Adoration.

Holy Communion will not be distributed.

Please see page 6 of this bulletin for daily Mass times at surrounding churches.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What section of today's Gospel touches you the most?

Child: What do you think it would be like to sit and listen to Jesus speak?

Jubilee 2025—Introducing a Holy Year of Hope



A jubilee year is a time for forgiveness and renewal in our relationship with God. Jubilee years were initially marked in Scripture by the remittance of debt and property, and the healing of relationships. The Holy Father desires that this jubilee year will be a "moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the 'door' (cf. Jn 10:7-9)" (Spes NonConfundit, 1).

The 2025 Jubilee officially opened on December 24, 2024, with the rite of Opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter by the Holy Father, who then presided over the celebration of the Night Mass of the Lord's Birth inside the Basilica. The year will end in Rome on January 6, 2026. (*from the Archdiocese of Boston website*)

Archbishop Richard Henning officially opened the Jubilee Year in Boston on December 29, 2024 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The year in Boston will end on December 28, 2025.

A variety of events are planned in our Collaborative to celebrate this Year of Hope beginning with prayer and song on the weekend of March 1 and 2. Keep an eye on the bulletin, website, and social media for more information.

Presidents' Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, February 17 for the Presidents' Day holiday.

Offices will reopen on Tuesday, February 18 at 9:00a.m.

Second Collection Feb. 22-23

Support of the Church Around the World

Next week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions.

Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational, and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. For more information about each of these organizations go to their websites:

1. CRS: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief;
2. Church in Africa: www.usccb.org/africa
3. Church in Central and Eastern Europe: www.usccb.org/ccee
4. Military Archdiocese: www.milarch.org
5. Catholic Home Missions: www.usccb.org/home-missions
6. Black and Indian Missions <https://blackandindianmission.org>

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, February 17 Presidents' Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

No Adoration and Rosary at IC on Monday

Tuesday, February 18

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

No Adoration and Rosary at IC on Tuesday

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

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, February 19

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

No Adoration at Nativity on Wednesday

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Faith, Fun, & Fellowship Committee Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, February 20

Social Action Committee Mtg. 5:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, February 21

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, February 22

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, February 23

Coffee after Mass 9:30am, Nativity Hall

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

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

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! You are welcome to join us.

We will be taking a "winter break" from our meetings until May, but will continue to deliver shawls and lapghans to those who need them during our break. When we start again, we meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. **Our next meeting is Thursday, May 2.**

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:

Patricia Baikewicz	Ed Hardy	Joseph Palumbo
John Bourque	Jane Harney	Joanne Pesa
Kathy P. Brodeur	Chloe Hequet	Elizabeth Pettingell
Michael Brenner	Emma Hurley	Donika Pulake
Priscilla Brown	Armand Hyatt	Rose Raimo
Autumn Rose	Michael Juralewicz	Rob Schweizer
Coulombe	Arthur LaPointe	Regina Seely
Bill Crounse	Michael	Yvonne Sloban
Drew Daubach	Lichtenstein	Gary Smith
Kristen D'Entremont	Johannah Lord	Arlene Stoddard
Deb Downie	Monica Maguire	Taylor
Dotty Duval	Sia Mahalati	Captain Bill Taplin
Ann-Margaret	Ovidio Martinez	Tom Tribble
Ferrante	Patricia Carey	Michael Tucker
John Flynn	McCarthy	Maddie Villers
Jeanine Ebacher	Molly O'Donnell	Laurent Vincent
Renee Fowler	Carol O'Neal	Sandra Welch
	Eleanora Paciulan	

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

Catholic Appeal

Moving Forward in Faith...Together



One of the most meaningful ways that we deepen the impact of our Archdiocese's schools, parishes, and ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. Your partnership and participation carry Christ's love into our communities and spread hope. Many of you may have received a letter from Archbishop Richard

Henning requesting your support of the 2025 Catholic Appeal. We hope that you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift, knowing that each contribution makes a difference. Your early support will help launch our parish campaign in a positive way.

The Appeal is a primary means by which we enfold our brothers and sisters into Christ's circle of care. On behalf of Archbishop Henning and all who benefit from your generosity, Thank you.

To make an on-line donation or to learn more about the impact your donation will have, visit bostoncatholicappeal.org.

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Lenten Series Planned

Thursdays during Lent, March 6–April 10

My father's Father

Join us on Thursdays this Lent for a new, six-part video series called "My father's Father."

"God is Father" – This is the life-altering revelation of Jesus. Yet, how many of us struggle to know that we have a Father in heaven who knows, loves, and chooses us as His sons and daughters?

Join Fr. Dave Pivonka as he journeys home to reflect on the urgent need to know God as Father amidst the backdrop of his hometown and the relationship he shared with his dad. This poignant documentary series explores the transformative impact of embracing our inheritance, unraveling the intricate tapestry of fear, doubt, shame, and brokenness to reveal a loving Father—for each of us.

We will be reflecting on the love of God the Father for us, his sons and daughters, through this beautiful series, over some refreshments. We hope to see you there!

Dates: Thursdays, March 6–April 10

Time: 9:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

Location: IC Charity Dining Room

Coffee/tea, Baked goods, and breakfast foods provided.

Note: If there is anyone interested, in an alternative evening gathering, Thursday evenings at 5:45 p.m.–7:00 p.m. (before Adoration), let us know. Contact Aaron Giard, at 978-462-2724 if you are interested in an evening session.

Abandon Yourself to Adoration



When prayer feels empty, rejoice that prayer is no longer about you! God is Love, not perpetual solace. Bless what seems to be His absence so you advance in holiness by not clinging to feelings. He abides in you by grace. Come & be.

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)

Collaborative Baptisms

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

Ellianna May Dupray • Finn Jack Keller



Lent begins
March 5

Directed Lenten Retreat

Lent: A Time of Choice, Challenge and Change,
*Exploring the cost of becoming Jesus' disciple
by carrying your cross each day.*

If anyone wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to find his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Lk. 9:23–24)

Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that leads to Easter with a call to turn away from sin, repent, and return to the gospel and ashes that mark us as followers of Christ. Lenten ashes symbolize humility and the need to develop a spirit of sacrifice for others and surrender of self to God. They remind us that humans are mortal and will return to dust and now is time to say "Yes" to Jesus' invitation. As you are marked with ashes you say "Yes" to Jesus' call to change and follow him. Ashes are a public proclamation of your desire and intention to die to self and live in Jesus the Christ.

This retreat will focus on the inner work of Lent signified by the outward sign of ashes. It will provide a time and space to engage in interior work to support and explore your public proclamation and respond to Jesus' call. Lent is a time of choice, challenge, and change. In Luke we hear Jesus invite us to follow him if we are willing to pay the cost of discipleship and be changed. What concretely, does Jesus mean by this?

Richard Rohr's response to this question with insights gathered from James Martin's book, *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*, namely taking up your cross daily and giving up your life in order to find a deeper life in Christ means six interpenetrating things that we will explore along with other questions. Why is suffering necessary and salvific? What supports you to change? How do you pray? What is hard to surrender? Where do you resist change? Do you believe in Jesus' promise? The season of Lent calls us to reflect on and explore such questions with faith.

I will provide material for reading and reflection from scripture and a variety of spiritual teachers that reflect your unique relationship with God as we explore these and other questions you may have. We will meet for four in-person or Zoom spiritual direction sessions you schedule throughout the retreat. 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 March 3. Retreat Closes April 16

Four one-hour spiritual direction sessions scheduled at your convenience.

Spiritual Director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastoral Counseling.

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

Suggested donation: \$95.00

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Daily Masses in the Area

Monday

6:45am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
8:00am St. Luke, Newton, NH
9:00am St. John the Baptist, Haverhill
9:00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
9:00am St. Joseph, Amesbury
9:00am St. Lucy, Methuen
9:15am St. Anne, Hampstead, NH
12:10pm All Saints, Haverhill

Tuesday

6:45am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
8:00am St. Mary, Rowley
8:00am St. Luke, Plaistow, NH
9:00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
9:00am St. James, Haverhill
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury
9:00am St. Lucy, Methuen
9:00am St. Patrick, Groveland
9:15am St. Anne, Hampstead, NH
12:10pm All Saints, Haverhill

Wednesday

6:45am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
9:00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
9:00am St. John the Baptist, Haverhill
9:00am St. Joseph, Amesbury
9:00am St. Mary, Georgetown (Adoration following Mass)
9:00am St. Lucy, Methuen
9:15am St. Anne, Hampstead, NH
12:10pm All Saints, Haverhill
6:30pm, St. Luke, Plaistow, NH

Thursday

6:45am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
8:00am St. Mary, Rowley
8:00am St. Luke, Newton, NH
9:00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
9:00am St. James, Haverhill
9:00am St. Lucy, Methuen
9:00am St. Patrick, Groveland
9:15am St. Anne, Hampstead, NH
12:10pm All Saints, Haverhill

Friday

6:45am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
9:00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH
9:00am St. John the Baptist, Haverhill
9:00am St. Mary, Georgetown
9:00am St. Lucy, Methuen
12:10pm All Saints, Haverhill

Saturday

8:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
9:00am All Saints, Haverhill
9:00am St. James, Haverhill
9:00am (First Saturday of the month) St. Mary, Georgetown
9:00am St. Monica, Methuen

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.
View our weekly bulletin online on our website: hricCatholic.org.

Collaborative Faith Formation

School Year Programs (K–10, Including Sacramental Prep.)

Faith Formation schedules for the 2024–25 school year are available on our website at www.hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation. Please be sure to check out the new information for Confirmation prep.

Baptism

Please note that in January and February 2025 the schedule for celebrating the sacrament of Baptism will have changed. No Baptisms will take place during the 11:30am Mass. Please contact the Collaborative office (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) to review what Baptism dates are available in 2025 prior to the Lenten season.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation moved from grade 10 to grade 8. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation process have changed. Help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not be aware.

Faith Formation Summer Program

Summer Faith Formation: June 23–27

Grades 3–8, 9:00 a.m.–3:00p.m. daily

Registration forms for summer Faith Formation are now available on our website:

hricatholic.org/faith-formation-registration-forms

NOTE: If your child is preparing for **Sacraments** (First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation) we offer preparation only during the school year.

If your child is entering **8th grade** in the fall, but has not received Faith Formation in recent years, enrolling them in the Summer Faith Formation Week is a great way to catch them up and get in a prerequisite year before they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (8th graders can begin preparation for Confirmation only if they have attended recent Faith Formation with us).

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.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Pelican Intervention Fund



We have placed 173 local men and women into 12-step residential sober living. 12-step recovery programs receive no federal/state funding and insurance won't cover costs due to its faith-based nature. So, your support is more important than ever.

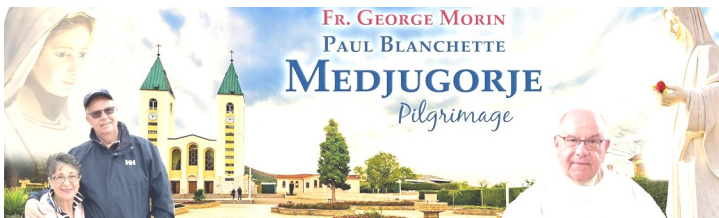
The Pelican Intervention Fund envelopes can be dropped in the collection at any time according to your means. Make checks payable to HR or IC Parish. Totals will be reported quarterly.

Visit our website at www.pelicaninterventionfund.org.

2025 Pilgrimages

The HRIC Pilgrimage Ministry is excited to announce two Pilgrimages for 2025. Website registration is open now for both of these fantastic itineraries (links below). Call (800) 206-8687 for more information.

Medjugorje: April 25–May 3, 2025, www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/medjugorje/ (Booking Code PB042825)



Medjugorje Pilgrimage Meeting

You are invited to an upcoming pilgrimage meeting. This gathering will provide an opportunity for fellowship, reflection, and preparation for our Medjugorje pilgrimage.

There are currently 5–8 openings available for this wonderful journey. Invite a friend to join us March 12, meet the registered group, and learn more about what we can expect as we travel.

Meeting Date:

- Wednesday, March 12

Schedule:

- 6:00 p.m.: Mass in the St. James Chapel
- Dinner to follow in the Charity Dining Room

RSVP to confirm your attendance: call or text Christine: 978-968-4140.

France: October 13–25, 2025, www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/france/ (Booking Code: PB101325)



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.

HRIC Pastoral Council

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

Pastoral Council Members 2024–25

Fr. Tim Harrison (Chair)

IC

Alan McEmber, Co-Chair IC
Amanda Barcus
Mike Corbett
Joseph Cox
Thomas Grella
David Olds
Patty Olds
Nancy Rose
Tom Welch

HR

Greg Jablonski, Co-Chair HR
Bob Belmont
Veronica Laite
Colleen Mulholland
Kathy Peavey

Ex-Officio

Deacon Paul Dow
Deacon John Moranski
Aaron Giard

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.



(The free App "**Laudate**" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)

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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Feb. 8-9	\$1,458.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Feb. 7	\$ 365.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 481.25
Total Weekly Offertory, Feb. 8-9	\$2,304.25
Relief Efforts for LA Fires	\$ 413.00

The second collection this weekend (Feb. 16) is St. Vincent de Paul. Please make checks payable to "HR St. Vincent de Paul." The second collection next weekend (Feb. 23) is Support of the Church around the World. See page 3 for details.

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

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

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

**HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
To Date \$26,540**



\$25,000
\$20,000
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$ 5,000

HR Activities Committee Mtg.

Our committee is open to discuss any ideas you may bring to help create a community of support, fellowship and fun!

Our February meeting has been rescheduled to **Saturday, February 15 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann, W. Newbury.** We will be discussing Fr. Charlie's 80th birthday.

Communion to the Homebound

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

Appreciation Dinner for All Holy Redeemer Volunteers

An appreciation dinner for all Holy Redeemer volunteers will be held on Saturday, March 8 after 4:00 p.m. Mass at Nativity. It will be held in the Merrimac hall. Please RSVP to your Ministry Leader before Wednesday, February 26 so that we may have an accurate count for the dinner. This event is sponsored by the Collaborative Ministry Committee.

HR Coffee Hours



Holy Redeemer Coffee Hours are held twice a month to promote fellowship among our parishioners. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and make a new friend!

Please join in the fun **after the 8:30 Mass on February 23 or after the 10:00 Mass on March 2.**

Anyone interested in helping with setup, clean up or making "breakfast food" are asked to call Donna Pallone, (978) 886-1621 if interested in helping after the 10:00 Mass (St. Ann) or Cindy Quinn (978-346-0072) if interested in helping after the 8:30 Mass (Nativity).

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes at St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or placed in the poor boxes at the churches. Reminder: Make sure to *make checks payable to **HR St. Vincent de Paul.***

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Tickets are on sale at all weekend Masses at Nativity, St. Ann, and IC on February 15-16.

Winners will be drawn on February 16.



View our weekly bulletin online on our website:
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IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Feb. 8–9	\$3,490.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Feb 7	\$1,306.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$3,189.09</u>
Total Weekly Offertory, Feb. 8–9	\$7,985.09
Relief Efforts for LA Fires	\$2,012.00

The second collection this weekend (Feb. 16) is St. Vincent de Paul. Please make checks payable to "SVdP of Newburyport." The second collection next weekend (Feb. 23) is Support of the Church around the World. See page 3 for details.

*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.**

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St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Box



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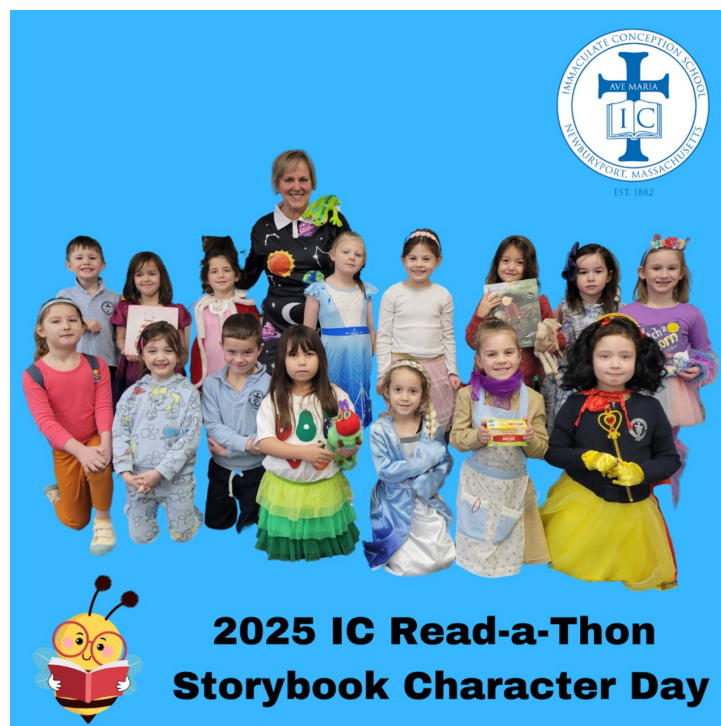


Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser for over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame. She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School students are avid readers and storybook character lovers!! Last week the students took part in the annual Read-A-Thon, and clocked an amazing amount of time reading! Prizes for the most number of minutes spent reading and highest fundraising amounts per class were incentives for students! Pictured, the Kindergarten class dressed as their favorite storybook characters which is a fun way to share common bonds. The "snow day" school closing due to the winter storm was timed perfectly to inspire the students to spend time reading!! There's no better way to spend a snowy day than curled up with a good book. Happy reading!



**2025 IC Read-a-Thon
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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, Newburyport, MA 01950.



Breaking Bread Meal

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

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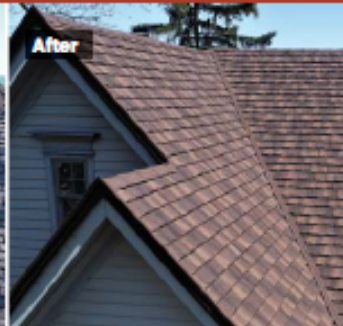
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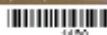
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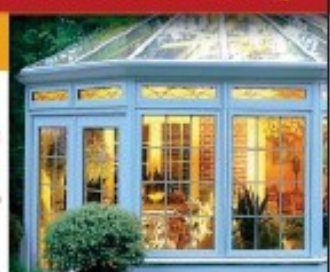
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