

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 10, 2025

*Gird your loins and light your lamps
and be like servants who await their
master's return from a wedding,
ready to open immediately when
he comes and knocks.*

Lk 12:35–36





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

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Nativity

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

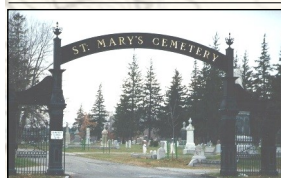
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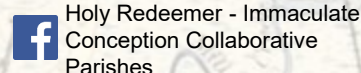
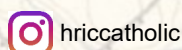
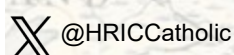
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Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/9)

4:00pm **IC Robert Molvar** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

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

Sunday (8/10)

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

9:00am **IC Ted LoPreste** (Fr. Richard & Deacon Dow)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

11:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (8/11)

9:00am **IC For the intentions of Kerry Wichroski** (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (8/12)

9:00am **IC Gary A. Welch** (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (8/13)

9:00am **IC Jane Teresa Power, Esterina Rose Melluzzo** (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (8/14)

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

Friday (8/15) **Feast of the Assumption**

9:00am **IC Joanne Grella** (Fr. Richard & Deacon Dow)

9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

7:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

Saturday (8/16)

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

4:00pm **IC Paul Flaherty, Ricahrd A. Pote** (Bishop Hennessey & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (8/17)

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

9:00am **IC** (Bishop Hennessey & Deacon Moranski)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)

11:00am **IC** (Bishop Hennessey & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers please remember Claire Lawrence, Patricia McCarthy, 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.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 15
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass times:

Friday, August 15: 9:00 a.m. IC, Newburyport

9:00 a.m. St. Ann, W. Newbury

7:00 p.m. IC, Newburyport

7:00 p.m. Nativity, Merrimac

HRIC Youth Ministry Kickoff!

Thursday, August 28th @ 6PM

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall and Grounds



Rising 9-12th
Graders

Join us for a night of pizza, indoor and outdoor games, and fellowship before the school year gets under way.

An opportunity for connection with other teens looking for a deeper connection with their faith and their peers.

Drop-ins welcome (no registration needed), but an RSVP is appreciated! Parents: e-mail Aaron Giard at agiard@hriccatholic.org if your teen plans to attend.

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.

The God Minute



The God Minute is an online prayer community, led by priests, nuns, and lay people who start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are woven into a 10-minute,

guided prayer and then uploaded for all to share.

Listen/pray with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking the dog for a walk. Our mission is simple: to inspire and empower people of faith into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. And it's free.

See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. Visit www.thegodminute.org or scan the QR code.



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, August 11

AA Mtg. 10:30am, IC Nazareth Library

Tuesday, August 12

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

Seminarians Reception 9:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:15pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Wednesday, August 13

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program 7:00–9:00am, St. Ann Hall

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Ministry Committee Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, August 14

Mysteries of the Rosary Video Series 9:45am, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, August 15, Assumption of Mary

Newburyport Chamber Music Festival Rehearsal (see p. 5 for details) 10:15am–1:00pm, IC Church

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

Saturday, August 16

Holy Quilters Mtg. 8:30am, Nativity Hall

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.

Farewell to our Seminarians!



We have enjoyed hosting Connor and Kennedy for the summer months, but sadly, they have to return to the seminary to continue their studies on the path to priesthood. It has been a joy to have them with us for these past number of weeks!

We will be hosting a farewell gathering for them on **Tuesday, August 12 in IC St. Louis Hall** directly following the morning Mass. Please take a moment and wish them well on their future paths in ministry.



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 the safety—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.

**After the 9:00 AM Mass (10:00–11:30 AM)
in Room 206 of the IC Pastoral Center**

Coming Up in August:

Aug 10 – Who Shepherds the Church? / The Church as Community

Aug 17 – Mary & The Saints

Aug 24 – The "Last Things" (Eschatology)

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

St. Mary's Cemetery



Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue in Newburyport. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are

faced with. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination.

Call Joseph Viel, Mill City Management Corporation, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

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.)

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, August 13



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

Please note: We are suspending the delivery of soups until the fall. Casseroles are still welcome!

We ask that sandwiches be cut and individually wrapped, then placed in the bread wrapper. Please label the bread wrapper with the variety of sandwich inside. Cold cuts with cheese and peanut butter & jelly are favorites. *Please do not use condiments.*

Also welcome are party-sized **powdered drink mixes** such as iced tea, lemonade, and Kool-Aid, along with fresh fruits and goodies (cookies, chips, candies, etc.)!

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

If you would like more information or have any questions about the HRIC Soup and Sandwich program, feel free contact the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724.

Immaculate Conception School

Become a Proud Sponsor of IC!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

7th Annual ICS Newburyport GOLF OUTING

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

Registration at 8:00 AM

Shotgun at 9:00 AM

**Bradford Country Club
Haverhill, MA**



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Join us in making a lasting impact! When you become a sponsor of Immaculate Conception School, your business will shine throughout the 2025–2026 school year at our events:

- The 7th Annual Golf Outing—a fun-filled day drawing community and alumni support
- Our magical IC North Pole Express—a December favorite for families near and far
- A dynamic Spring Community Event

Your business will also be featured on our school website, promoted across our social media platforms, and recognized as a valued partner in the success and growth of our students.

Why sponsor?

Your partnership helps us blend tradition with innovation—delivering a faith-based, 21st-century education that empowers our students to thrive. As a sponsor, you're not just supporting events—you're investing in the future of our children and our community.

Let's build something special together!

For more information on Sponsorship Opportunities, scan the QR code or contact us at: golf@icsnewburyport.com.

Newburyport Chamber Music Festival

August 4–17



Internationally recognized *clarinetist Todd Palmer* along with *String Quartet*, will perform the music of Copland, Ives, Bernstein, Barber, and Gershwin as well as Golijov's wild klezmer clarinet quintet, "The Dreams and Prayers of Isaac the Blind," plus Mozart's clarinet quintet, a jazzy Disco Toccata plus Beethoven's Opus 127, one of the master's late, great pieces.

Composer-in-residence and jazz pianist Guthrie Ramsey will perform an original jazz work for string quartet with his daughter, *singer Bridget Ramsey*, in a tribute to legendary beat poet Hattie Jones. The festival will feature Six Concerts, free Open Rehearsals, a lecture, and a panel discussion with the artists. For more **information and tickets** visit newburyportchambermusic.org.

Free open rehearsal: Friday, August 15, 10:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m., at IC Church

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Catholic Appeal



Our Collaborative benefits directly from the Catholic Appeal in many ways and we are blessed to have an opportunity to partner in this annual effort. As Catholics, each of us shares the responsibility of the Church community—both directly within our Collaborative and to the greater Church. The Appeal is the primary source of funds for so many programs and ministries that extend far beyond the scope of any individual church.

Because of you, thousands across our Archdiocese are developing a deeper relationship with the faith. The needs of the vulnerable are being addressed with tender care, the curiosity of Catholic school children is being fed with faith, and parishes are being supported with the resources needed to thrive. These are just a few of the many ways that your support is changing lives for the better.

Thank you to all who have participated in our campaigns. Your gift supports the daily functions and operations of the HRIC Collaborative while also addressing the many challenges facing our communities across our Archdiocese. For this and many reasons, your participation is vital.

If you have yet to make a gift, your prayerful consideration is truly appreciated. We are stronger together and the success of the Appeal relies on our collective generosity. Thank you for responding in faith, hope, and charity as we exercise our support of the 2025 Catholic Appeal!

Questions of the Week



Adult: In what ways do you find it most difficult to trust in God?

Child: How do you think God takes care of you?

Adoration

Impels Awe Because of the Humility of Jesus



Pope Paul IV wrote: "The Eucharist deserves Adoration not only during Mass but outside of Mass." The Host impels worship and praise and thanksgiving. Test Adoration yourself. Jesus' abject humility impels awe. It is why we kneel in sacred silence: He is God and yet He humbles Himself to come to us as Bread in Monstrance.

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)

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/



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

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

The Sacrament of the Sick

The **Anointing of the Sick** is one of the seven Sacraments of our Church and is administered by a priest for healing and inner wholeness. Those who are seriously ill, elderly, or are entering the hospital can request to be anointed. Due to varied schedules and availability, it may not always be possible for a priest to come on short notice to offer the Sacrament, therefore it is strongly recommended that you request the Anointing of the Sick **before going in for a hospital stay, upon entering a nursing home, or at the beginning of hospice care.** Please call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

Shawls and Lapghans



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

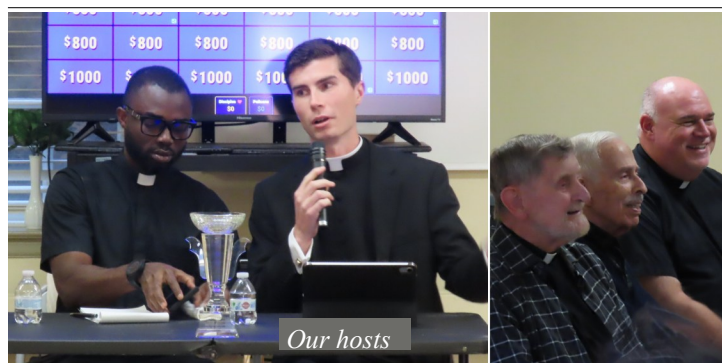
Come join us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! All are welcome.

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 4 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us.

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Our hosts



Ladies win!



Men's team

Last week, our seminarians hosted a Collaborative Trivia Night. What a fun time! The questions ranged from US history to local history to saints to priest's vestments. There were so many laughs, so many smiles, singing, and ice cream! It was a great night. Thanks to all who helped with this wonderful evening, especially to Connor and Kennedy for coordinating the event.

Collaborative Ministry Fair



The Collaborative Ministry Committee will sponsor a Ministry Fair after all Masses at IC on the weekend of September 6/7 and at HR September 13/14. On those weekends we will have tables set up after the Masses where representatives of all of our Collaborative Ministries will be present to explain what they do to serve our parish and local communities and to encourage new volunteers. We invite you to please

stop by the respective parish halls to enjoy some refreshments and to learn more about what parish members are doing in the community and how you might become part of one or more of them. If you have any questions, please call Jim Williamson at 603-491-9916.

Finance Councils

The finance councils function as advisory boards to the pastor in overseeing the financial management of our two parishes. Each parish has a separate finance council. Please contact the Collaborative offices with questions and we can put you in touch with someone on the councils.

The councils can advise in budgeting, financial planning, and stewardship to ensure that resources are managed wisely. Their responsibilities include reviewing financial reports, advising on investments and expenditures, and ensuring compliance with legal and ethical standards of the parishes and the Archdiocese. The IC council also advises on aspects of the IC school and cemetery.

If you are interested in becoming a member of one of our finance councils, we welcome new members. Please contact Collaborative offices for more information: 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604

Members:

IC: Jeff Kirpas-chair, Richie Eaton, Mike Zerigian, and Stephen Blanchette

HR: Bob Harrington and Sherry Robbins.

Collaborative Pastoral Council

We have completed our fifth full year and are seeking the names of people you think might be good candidates for this Council. We are now looking for parishioners who might be interested in serving in this capacity.

At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve the parish in this way. Please list your own name if you are interested and/or list the names of others. No need to ask them at this point—this will be done as the process unfolds. No one will be chosen for this Council until they fully understand what they are being asked to do and the time involved. This is just the initial surfacing of names.

The purpose of the Collaborative Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education, and service activities within the parish.

If you are interested in serving on the Council, consider nominating yourself. All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parish who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated. Please send the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate and call the Collaborative Office at 978-462-2724 **by August 15, 2025**. Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council.

Selection of candidates for expiring terms will be chosen by lot later in the summer.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Aug. 2-3	\$5,577.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Aug. 1	\$2,259.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,452.84
Total Weekly Offertory, Aug. 2-3	\$11,288.84
IC Haiti, Aug. 2-3	\$7,500.00

The second collection this weekend (Aug. 10) is the monthly. The second collection next weekend (Aug. 17) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

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

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

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

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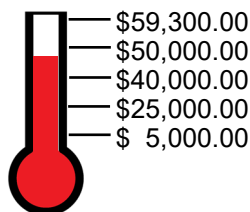



IC Catholic Appeal

Goal: **\$59,300.00**

To Date: **\$46,676.00**

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



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, 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!

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.

IC Youth Choir

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" Psalm 100



Grades 3-8

Beginning Wednesday, September 17, IC Church

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.,

Need to come later? 3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m. or 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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

Questions, schedule, and registration form?

Please email: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org.

Congratulations to Knights of Columbus Council #231!



Newburyport Council #231 of the Knights of Columbus was recently honored with the 100% Membership Gain Award for the 2025 Fraternal Year. This recognition reflects our growing commitment to faith, service, and charity within the Collaborative and local community.

Catholic men 18 and older are invited to join us in our mission of brotherhood and service. To learn more, contact Joe Fernandez, Council Financial Secretary, at kofc231@outlook.com.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Aug. 2-3	\$2,824.50
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Aug. 1	\$ 370.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 440.25
Total Weekly Offertory, Aug. 2-3	\$3,634.75
IC Haiti, Aug. 2-3	\$1,143.00

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

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



HR Catholic Appeal

Goal \$28,800.00

To Date \$21,855.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



\$28,800.00
\$20,000.00
\$15,000.00
\$10,000.00
\$ 5,000.00

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Where is your treasure?

Last Sunday's Gospel gave us the parable of the foolish rich man (Luke 12:13-21). In this parable Jesus probes our heart: where is our treasure? Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing. The thing that we set our heart on is our highest treasure. The lesson shows us that the one true treasure worth possessing is the love of God. We are asked to make good use of our material blessings and to use them generously for the glory of God and for the good of others.

Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated.

Our donor envelopes are now located on the table in the back of St. Ann and Nativity.

These can be **mailed** or **placed in the poor boxes** shown here. Reminder: Make sure to make **checks payable to HR St. Vincent de Paul.**



Save Your Baskets for the 2025 Holiday Fair

We are looking for baskets for the "Basket Table," for next year's Holiday Fair. Please leave any baskets in the back of either church and we will recycle them for next year's fair.

Also, we like to use 1½ – 2" wired ribbon for our bows if you have any extras.

HR Activities Committee News

Outdoor Flowers

Are you enjoying the lovely flowers adorning our church yards? Many people have volunteered and helped water and weed the yards during these hot, muggy days. We could use more help. Please sign up on the papers in the back of both churches. Or, just help by stopping and checking if the flowers need a drink!

September Bake Sale

We are planning a bake sale the weekend of September 20/21 to raise money to buy fall flowers for both churches. Please consider making a batch of your favorite cookies to donate to the table.

Planning for Veterans Day in November

Veterans Day is November 11. The Activities Committee wants to celebrate our Veterans! We are planning a celebration after each Mass on Sunday, November 9. Please, write your name and email (or a veteran you know) on the paper in the back of the church so we can invite you.

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.

Adoration at Nativity Church



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

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.

The total cost of this project is approximately \$17,000.00. 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. Tim or Dennis LaMalfa at our Collaborative offices. Many thanks for your generosity and support!



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