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*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.*

Pope Leo's Homily for the Canonization Mass for Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati

Sunday 7th of September 2025

(OSV News)—*This is the text from Pope Leo XIV's homily for the canonization Mass for Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, given Sept. 7, 2025 in St. Peter's Square.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

In the first reading, we heard a question: (Lord,) "who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high?" This question comes after two young Blesseds, Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis, were proclaimed saints, and this is providential because in the Book of Wisdom, this question is attributed to a young man like them: King Solomon.

Upon the death of his father David, he realized that he had many things: power, wealth, health, youth, beauty, and the entire kingdom. It was precisely this great abundance of resources that raised a question in his heart: "What must I do so that nothing is lost?" Solomon understood that the only way to find an answer was to ask God for an even greater gift, that of his wisdom, so that he might know God's plans and follow them faithfully. He realized, in fact, that only in this way would everything find its place in the Lord's great plan. Yes, because the greatest risk in life is to waste it outside of God's plan.

Jesus, too, in the Gospel, speaks to us of a plan to which we must commit wholeheartedly. He says: "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple"; and again: "none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." He calls us to abandon ourselves without hesitation to the adventure that he offers us, with the intelligence and strength that comes from his Spirit, that we can receive to the extent that we empty ourselves of the things and ideas to which we are attached, in order to listen to his word.

Many young people, over the centuries, have had to face this crossroad in their lives. Think of St. Francis of Assisi, like Solomon, he too was young and rich, thirsty for glory and fame. That is why he went to war, hoping to be knighted and adorned with honors. But Jesus appeared to him along the way and asked him to reflect on what he was doing. Coming to his senses, he asked God a simple question: "Lord, what do you want me to do?" From there, he changed his life and began to write a different story: the wonderful story of holiness that we all know, stripping himself of everything to follow the Lord, living in poverty and preferring the love of his brothers and sisters, especially the weakest and smallest, to his father's gold, silver and precious fabrics.

How many similar saints we could recall! Sometimes we portray them as great figures, forgetting that for them it all began when, while still young, they said "yes" to God and gave themselves to him completely, keeping nothing for themselves. St. Augustine recounts that, in the "tortuous and tangled knot" of his life, a voice deep within him said: "I want you." God gave him a new direction, a new path, a new reason, in which nothing of his life was lost. In this setting, today we look to St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Carlo Acutis: a young man from the early 20th century and a teenager from our own day, both in love with Jesus and ready to give everything for him.

Pier Giorgio encountered the Lord through school and church groups—Catholic Action, the Conferences of St. Vincent, the FUCI (Italian Catholic University Federation), the Dominican Third Order—and he bore witness to God with his joy of living and of being a Christian in prayer, friendship and charity. This was so evident that seeing him walking the streets of Turin with carts full of supplies for the poor, his friends renamed him "Frassati Impresa Trasporti" (Frassati Transport Company)! Even today, Pier Giorgio's life is a beacon for lay spirituality. For him, faith was not a private devotion, but it was driven by the power of the Gospel and his membership in ecclesial associations. He was also generously committed to society, contributed to political life and devoted himself ardently to the service of the poor.

Carlo, for his part, encountered Jesus in his family, thanks to his parents, Andrea and Antonia—who are here today with his two siblings, Francesca and Michele—and then at school, and above all in the sacraments celebrated in the parish community. He grew up naturally integrating prayer, sport, study and charity into his days as a child and young man.

Both Pier Giorgio and Carlo cultivated their love for God and for their brothers and sisters through simple acts, available to everyone: daily Mass, prayer, and especially Eucharistic Adoration. Carlo used to say: "In front of the sun, you get a tan. In front of the Eucharist, you become a saint!" And again: "Sadness is looking at yourself; happiness is looking at God. Conversion is nothing more than shifting your gaze from below to above; a simple movement of the eyes is enough."

Another essential practice for them was frequent Confession. Carlo wrote: "The only thing we really have to fear is sin;" and he marveled because—in his own words—"people are so concerned with the beauty of their bodies and do not care about the beauty of their souls."

Finally, both had a great devotion to the saints and to the Virgin Mary, and they practiced charity generously. Pier Giorgio said: "Around the poor and the sick, I see a light that we do not have." He called charity "the foundation of our religion" and, like Carlo, he practiced it above all through small, concrete gestures, often hidden, living what Pope Francis called "a holiness found in our next-door neighbors."

Even when illness struck them and cut short their young lives, not even this stopped them nor prevented them from loving, offering themselves to God, blessing him and praying to him for themselves and for everyone. One day Pier Giorgio said: "The day of my death will be the most beautiful day of my life." In his last photo, which shows him climbing a mountain in the Val di Lanzo, with his face turned towards his goal, he wrote: "Upwards." Moreover, Carlo, who was even younger than Pier Giorgio, loved to say that heaven has always been waiting for us, and that to love tomorrow is to give the best of our fruit today.

Dear friends, Saints Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis are an invitation to all of us, especially young people, not to squander our lives, but to direct them upwards and make them masterpieces. They encourage us with their words: "Not I, but God," as Carlo used to say. And Pier Giorgio: "If you have God at the center of all your actions, then you will reach the end." This is the simple but winning formula of their holiness. It is also the type of witness we are called to follow, in order to enjoy life to the full and meet the Lord in the feast of heaven.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/13)

4:00pm **IC** Joseph Keefe, Laurie Ann Freeman.
Gertrude O'Brien (Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (9/14)

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

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

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

11:30am **IC** John (Jack) Burrell, Barbara Mintz
(Fr. Harrison)

Monday (9/15)

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

Tuesday (9/16)

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

Wednesday (9/17)

9:00am **IC** Allen D. Fowler (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (9/18)

9:00am **IC** Theodore & Janet Gorski (Fr. Morin)

Friday (9/19)

9:00am **IC** Thomas Paul Sheehan (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (9/20)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm **IC** Paul Neil Kane, Katherine Ann
O'Connell (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (9/21)

8:30am **Nativity** Maria & Jozef Kardas (Fr. Morin)

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

10:00am **St. Ann** Luella LeBlanc (Fr. Morin)

11:30am **IC** Alan Chu, Edward Ferreira, Dorothy
Sodano (Fr. Stanley)

*In your prayers please remember Michael Thomas
Reardon 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

Ministry Committee News

The Collaborative Ministry Committee is sponsoring two upcoming events for all parishioners in both parishes who volunteer in any way in our Collaborative.

Evening of Reflection for All in Ministry

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Church, led by Fr. Harrison

Appreciation Luncheon for All Collaborative Ministers

Sunday, October 26, 2025

12:30 p.m., IC School Gym

Please watch for further details and look for an invitation and RSVP notice for the Luncheon from your Ministry leader.

HRIC Jubilee Pilgrimage

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, Lowell, MA

Monday, September 29, 2025 • 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



This Jubilee year 2025 recommends a pilgrimage by the faithful to designated holy sites throughout the world. **St. Joseph the Worker Shrine in Lowell** is one of the designated sites for the Archdiocese of Boston.

The shrine was established by Father André Garin who left Canada as a seminarian for a mission to minister to the French speaking workers in the various mills. He returned following his ordination and succeeded in eliminating barriers to worship by celebrating Mass in French familiar to those who had immigrated from Canada. The downtown church was established in 1956 and dedicated to St. Joseph the Worker in honor of those early parishioners.

A Collaborative pilgrimage is planned to the shrine on **Monday, September 29, leaving at 8:30 a.m. from the Immaculate Conception parking lot.** We will carpool to the shrine and be greeted by Brother Richard Cote of the Missionary Oblates of Mary who are the stewards of the shrine.

Following a tour of the shrine and museum by Brother Richard, OMI, we will have an opportunity for confession, a trip to the gift shop and Mass at noon, con-celebrated by Fr. Harrison.

Following Mass, we will gather for lunch at Tavern on the Square in Lowell. Please contact Collaborative Offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) to RSVP so that we can provide a final headcount to the restaurant for lunch.

This is a great opportunity to reflect on Pope Francis' plea to be Pilgrims of Hope in our challenging world. Join us for a faith-filled day.

Vatican International Exhibits of Eucharistic Miracles



St. Carlo Acutis lived in Italy from 1990–2006. During his short 15 1/2 years, he was always joyfully sharing the faith, especially his love of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. At the age of 11, as part of his work as a catechist, he created a website which catalogued many of the principal Eucharistic Miracles which have taken place throughout the world and have been recognized by the Church.

October 4–5, 2025

Immaculate Conception School

Featuring St. Carlo Acutis, the first Millennial to be beatified.

The exhibit will be open at the following times:

Saturday, October 4, 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 5, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be talks about St. Carlo Acutis to be given on Saturday and Sunday surrounding Mass times.

If you would be willing to help volunteer to chaperone this event, please contact Amanda Barcus at 516-884-4779.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, September 15

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

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

Tuesday, September 16

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

ICS First Reconciliation Parent Mtg. 3:15pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

ICS First Reconciliation Parent Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Wednesday, September 17

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Thursday, September 18

Holy Cross Family Ministries Rosary Night 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, September 19

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, September 20

Virtus Workshop 9:00am, IC Charity Dining Room

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

HR Bake Sale after all HR Masses

Sunday, September 21

HR Bake Sale after all HR Masses

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

Confirmation Prep Sponsor/Candidate Mtg. 1:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

DAR Mtg. 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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.

Adoration



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)

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

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

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

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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Do you remember to give thanks and praise to God for your life?

Child: How often do you say "thank you" to God for all that you have been given?

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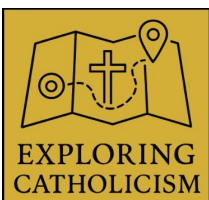
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Clergy Benefit Trust Collection September 21–22

Next week's second collection supports 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

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 206 of the IC Pastoral Center.

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

Sept. 14: If God Is Real, Wouldn't He Reach Out to Us?

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

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.

Celebrate our Polish Saints



Over the years, we have honored the Blessed Mother, St. Patrick, and St. Joseph with festive celebrations. Now it is time to celebrate some of our more notable Polish saints, Saint John Paul II, Saint Faustina, and St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Join us on **October 4 in IC St. Louis Hall** following the 4:00 p.m. Mass for faith, fun, and fellowship including an **Eastern European feast** of salads and breads, kielbasa and sauerkraut, pierogis (dumplings), golubki (cabbage rolls) and some typical sweet treats.

Tickets are \$20 and will be available for purchase at the Ministry Fair on September 6 and 7 at IC St. Louis Hall and after each weekend Mass during the month of September. Tickets are also available at the parish office.

Come and learn about the lives of these holy people and the special place they hold in our Church. There is only one seating so get your tickets quickly!

Polish Saint Highlight: St. Maximilian Kolbe

No Greater Love



Born in Poland in 1894, St. Maximilian Kolbe knew of his calling at a very early age. In a vision from the Virgin Mary, he chose a life of purity and ultimately martyrdom. A Franciscan friar who founded the Militia Immaculata, he pursued evangelization in earnest using all available forms of contemporary communication.

During World War II, his friary became a sanctuary for displaced persons and hid over 2,000 Jews fleeing from persecution. Following Christ's command to love one another, he opened the doors to the friary without hesitation or fear.

He was arrested in 1941 and sent to one of the most notorious concentration camps at Auschwitz. Continuing to follow the principles of his faith and priesthood, in the most dire of circumstances, he ministered, prayed, heard confessions, and brought comfort to those around him.

Later that year, a prisoner escaped from Auschwitz, and an individual was condemned to die as retribution, but Kolbe, in an act of selfless Christian love, stepped forward to take his place. He was led to a starvation cell where he died on August 14.

Pope John Paul II canonized St. Maximilian Kolbe in 1982 as a "martyr of charity" and the individual he saved, Franciszek Gajowniczek, was alive to witness the celebration of the man who made the ultimate sacrifice for another.

As we contemplate the message of John 15:13 and the life and love of this great saint, we are reminded of Jesus' call for us to give ourselves to others. As we look forward to our Polish night celebration on October 4 in St. Louis Hall, let us remember that "love is stronger than hate, faith is more powerful than fear and sacrifice is never forgotten." Source: *Ecclesiastical Sewing*

Please email any bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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 will begin to meet on select Sunday evenings starting September 28 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. Other fall dates include October 5 and 19, November 2, 16, and 30, and December 14. Families are encouraged to reach out to Aaron (978-462-2724, agiard@hriccatholic.org) if interested. Meetings will include informal game and music time and small group Scripture and other faith-based study and conversation.



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

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

Youth Choir

Students in grades 3–8 are welcome to join.

Beginning Wednesday, September 17, IC Church



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.

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

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, early evening during the week.

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.

Upcoming Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Workshops

All adult employees and volunteers in the Archdiocese of Boston must complete a **one-time** Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) class in addition to their yearly CORI. The training is an in-person, 3-hour training that is needed only once in your life.

If you have not taken the course yet, here is your chance to fulfill that requirement. The Collaborative will be sponsoring two Protecting God's Children workshops on:

- **Saturday, September 20, at IC Charity Dining Room, Newburyport, from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, October 9, at Nativity Hall, Merrimac, from 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.**

You can register online at <https://www.virtusonline.org/> (see registration steps below).

How to Register for a PGC Workshop

- Go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/>
- Click on “First-Time Registrant”
- Click on “Begin the Registration Process”
- From the pull-down menu, choose “Boston, MA (Archdiocese),” ONLY and click “Select”
- When asked, “Have you previously registered with VIRTUS Online?” Click “NO”
- Create a username and password when asked to do so and click “Continue”
- Fill in all the required fields for contact information on the next screen and click “Continue”
- From the pull-down menu for “Location,” choose the name of your parish, church, or school
- When the roles appear, choose a primary role and an additional role
- In the box at the bottom, add a title (what you do for parish/school) and click “Continue”
- On the next page, you may choose YES or NO, depending on whether you want to associate your name with an additional parish, church, or school
- Answer the **four** YES/NO questions on the next page and click “Continue”
- When asked, “Have you already attended a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Session?” answer NO
- On the next page, choose a session entitled, “Protecting God's Children for Adults” (ONLY)
- Confirm, and you are done!

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Sept. 6–7	\$6,636.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 5	\$1,147.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,669.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Sept. 6–7	\$11,452.00

The second collection this weekend (Sept. 14) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Sept. 21) is Clergy Benefit Trust. See page 5 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.**

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



IC Outdoor Nativity

Goal:
\$20,000.00
To Date:
\$9,100.00



\$20,000.00
\$16,000.00
\$12,000.00
\$ 8,000.00
\$ 4,000.00

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.

Become a Proud Sponsor of Immaculate Conception School

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:

When you become a sponsor of Immaculate Conception School, your business will shine throughout the 2025–2026 school year at our events. **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.**

As a sponsor, you're not just supporting events—you're investing in the future of our children and our community.

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

Immaculate Conception School

At Immaculate Conception School, our sense of community is one of our greatest strengths. One unique reflection of this is that five of our outstanding faculty and staff members are also parents of current students. In each of these cases, families first chose Immaculate Conception for their children's education, drawn by our faith-based, nurturing environment and commitment to academic excellence. Later, as teaching and support staff opportunities arose, these parents felt inspired to join our staff and contribute even more directly to the school's mission.

This pattern is a testament to the positive, welcoming atmosphere at Immaculate Conception. When parents see firsthand the supportive environment their children enjoy, it naturally leads to a deeper investment in the school's success. Our parent-teachers and parent-staff members bring valuable perspectives and a strong sense of partnership, helping to bridge the gap between home and school.

Having school employees who are also parents strengthens our community and reinforces our shared values. It's a sign that Immaculate Conception is more than just a school—it's a place where families truly belong.



Mrs. Phillipa Dunn, IC art teacher, and her sons Callum, grade 6 and Gordon, grade 8.

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



2025 ICS Golf Outing

Become a Sponsor
scan the QR code or
email golf@icsnewburyport.com

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Harvest Fair Wall of Wine

The annual Harvest Fair on October 18 is fast approaching! We need your help filling the wall.



The "Wall of Wine" is filled with bottles of wine valued between \$15 –\$75 or more! Each bottle will be in a foil sack and numbered. Red foil for red/rosé wines, silver foil for white wines.

As a parishioner, you can help make this booth a success by purchasing one or more bottles of wine valued at \$15.00 or more and donate them to the Wall of Wine.

Bring your donation to church and place it in the "wine bin" in the Green St. entrance.

The bin will be emptied each weekend.

Harvest Fair 2025

October 18, 9:00–3:00, IC School Gym.

• 20 artisans/crafters • Wall of Wine • Scratch Ticket Tree • Grandma's Attic • All Holiday Table • Raffle Table with 25+ gorgeous baskets • Bake Table • door prize every hour • and Jan's famous fish chowder!

Help us make this fair a big success by donating items for Grandma's Attic or the all Holiday Table (no Christmas trees please). Bins will be available for donations in the Parish Center Hall beginning this week. Any questions or if you would like to volunteer, please call Betty Harrington at 978-595-7776.

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Music Ministry Notes

We are looking for new members to join us.

Adult Choir: Individuals, grade 9–adult sing every week at the 11:30 a.m. Sunday liturgies. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:00–8:45 p.m. in the choir loft. We have availability for new members so why not give us a try by singing with us for the Advent/Christmas season? It's time well spent filled with lots of faith, friends, and fun. This choir also sings on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. and performs at fundraising concerts for the local community at different times throughout the year.

Adult and Youth Choirs are currently looking for new members. There are no auditions—everyone is welcome. Why not give us a try? You'll have lots of fun, make new friends, fine-tune your talents, and receive a multitude of blessings in return. Come and join us today!



Questions? Call Donna Postle, IC Music Director, at (978) 317-8903.



Walk With US!



SATURDAY SEPT. 27th

Starting at 10 AM @ I. C. Church Parking Lot

- This is the major fundraiser for the Society. We need **walkers and sponsors** to make this event a success. Join your fellow parishioners and/or make a pledge for one of our walkers.
- **This weekend and next, there will be a table at the rear of IC church to sign up** in advance to walk or sponsor. Or you may pick up the registration and sponsor forms, complete at home, and return them to the registration table with payment the day of the walk.
- On the day of the event, 9:00 a.m. registration begins. **The walk will begin promptly at 10:00, beginning and ending in the IC parking lot.**
- This is approximately a 3 mile walk easy enough for all ages. As they have in the past, Frs. Charlie, George, and Tim will be walking and are looking for sponsors. **If you'd like to simply make a donation or would like to sponsor one (or all) of our priests, you may sign up to do so this weekend or next at the back of the church.**
- Direct **donations may also be made on our website:** svdpnewburyport.org or by using the QR code below.

We pray that all parishioners, their families, and friends will join us on our Friends of the Poor Walk so that we may continue to serve the growing needs of our community.

SCAN 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.svdpnewburyport.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!

View our weekly bulletin online on our website:
hriccatholic.org.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Sept. 6–7	\$2,067.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 5	\$ 940.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 140.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Sept. 6–7	\$3,147.00

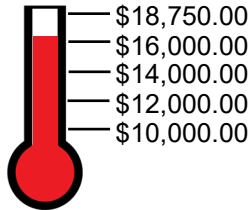
The second collection this weekend (Sept. 14) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Sept. 21) is Clergy Benefit Trust. See page 5 for details.

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.

**St. Ann
Flower Bed
Goal
\$18,750.00
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\$16,600.00**



St. Ann Church Flower Bed



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

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!

We're Back! St. Ann Coffee Social

Our first coffee social after the summer break will take place on **September 14 after the 10:00 Mass** in the downstairs hall. Please join us for some tasty treats, conversation, and friendships and a chance to meet members of some of the Collaborative ministries at the Ministry Fair.



HR Activities Committee News

Next Meeting: September 23, 6:00 p.m., St. Ann Hall

All are welcome to join us at our next Activities Committee meeting on **Tuesday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m.** in St. Ann hall. We will be planning for our September bake sale, the Veterans Day breakfast, and the Holiday Fair.

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.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Talk the Talk and Walk the Walk!



The Holy Redeemer conference will once again be raising money as part of the national Friends of the Poor Walk conducted each year in connection with the celebration of the feast of our patron St. Vincent de Paul.

The Friends of the Poor Walk will be held on Saturday, September 27 in conjunction with the Immaculate Conception conference. Registration will be in the IC Green Street parking lot at 9:00 a.m., and the Walk will start at 10:00 a.m. We will be starting and ending at the IC parking lot. We encourage all parishioners, families, and friends to join us as we walk through downtown Newburyport to raise awareness and money so we can continue to serve the many needs in our communities.

Donations can be made in person or using the envelopes provided in the pews of each church. Additional details of the ongoing need to deal with those in our community that face eviction, interruption in utilities service, or food insecurity will be shared. As always, we appreciate your generosity and ask that you pray for the success of our work.

Collaborative Ministry Fair at HR: September 13–14



The Collaborative Ministry Committee will sponsor a Ministry Fair after all Masses at Holy Redeemer on the weekend of September 13–14. On that weekend we will have tables set up after all of the Masses where representatives of many 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 church halls to enjoy some refreshments and to learn more about what Collaborative members are doing in the community and how you might become part of one or more of them.



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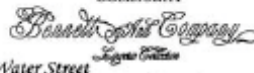
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
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