



HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

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All Are Welcome

"There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores...."

Luke 16:19-21



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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Immaculate Conception

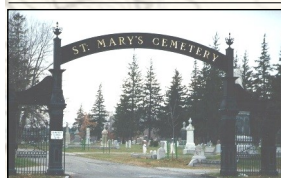
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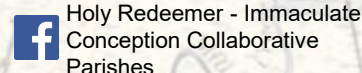
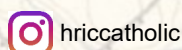
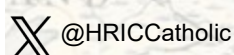
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Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir

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Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/27)

4:00pm **IC** Patricia McCarthy, George Schwend
(Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (9/28)

8:30am **Nativity** John R. Minihan (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** Teresa Blanchard (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

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

11:30am **IC** Mary Prescott, Michael Winiewicz,
James E. Farley (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (9/29) **No Mass scheduled**

Tuesday (9/30)

9:00am **IC** Maria A. Bandouveres (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (10/1)

9:00am **IC** George H. (Buzzie) Lawler III, the Niles,
Keefe, Swochak, and Macri families (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (10/2)

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

Friday (10/3)

9:00am **IC** For the intentions of Timothy Rosson,
Jr. & Emma Buxbaum (Fr. Stanley)

Saturday (10/4)

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

4:00pm **IC** Rita Snow (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (10/5)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

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

10:00am **St. Ann** Jerry Mullen (Fr. Harrison &
Deacon Dow)

11:30am **IC** Robert Filomia (Fr. Stanley)

*In your prayers please remember John Kalashian 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.

Note: *There is no daily Mass scheduled on Monday,
September 29 at IC.*

Jubilee Year + Evening Adoration = Open Doors + Open Hearts

Jubilee Year 2025 opens Holy Doors worldwide and *locally*
at the Shrine in Lowell on Sept 29. Come Monday, Sept 29!
Let us enter reverently.

COVID closed church doors worldwide. Yet since October
2020, IC's Green Street door re-opens each Thursday for
250 *consecutive* personal encounters with the Lord in the
Monstrance. Come. Let us enter gratefully.

Wednesdays 3–4 p.m. Nativity Church

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

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

HRIC Jubilee Pilgrimage

Monday, September 29

8:30 a.m.

Departure from IC parking lot



St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, Lowell, MA

- Tour of the shrine and museum
- An opportunity for confession
- A trip to the gift shop
- Mass at noon, concelebrated by Fr. Harrison
- Lunch at Tavern on the Square in Lowell

Contact Collaborative Offices

(978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) to RSVP.

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

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This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, September 29

Pilgrimage to St. Joseph Shrine, Lowell Depart IC parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

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

Tuesday, September 30

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

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

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

Wednesday, October 1

IC Harvest Fair Committee Mtg. 9:45am, IC Charity Dining Room

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Faith, Fun, Fellowship Committee Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, October 2

HR Prayer Shawl Mtg. 2:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, October 3

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

AA Mtg. 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Ultreya Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/Charity Dining Room

Saturday, October 4

Cursillo Reunion Group 9:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

IC Haiti Bake Sale after all IC Masses

Polish Dinner 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Sunday, October 5

IC Haiti Bake Sale after all IC Masses

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

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

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

Baptism Preparation Mtg. 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

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



Family Day at St. John's Seminary
Some Collaborative members recently visited our summer seminarians at St. John's Seminary.

Prayers for the Sick

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

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

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

Bulletin Information

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

Immaculate Conception Parish Presents

Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles

October 4-5, 2025

Immaculate Conception School Gym
1 Washington St., Newburyport

The exhibit will be open:

Sat, Oct. 4 - Noon - 6 pm
Sun, Oct. 5 - 10 am - 2 pm
Mon, Oct. 6 - TBD - for Catholic School students only

Talk on Eucharistic Miracles and
St. Carlo Acutis
The 1st Millennial to be Canonized!



Sat
12:30 pm
(in pastoral center)

Saint Carlo Acutis lived in Italy from 1990-2006. During his short 15½ 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.

Talk on
St. Manuel González García
Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle



Sat
2 pm
(in pastoral center)

Manuel González García was born in Seville, Spain in 1877 and ordained a priest in 1901. He was assigned his first parish mission in the little town of Palomares del Rio. It was there, where Our Lord spoke to him from an abandoned tabernacle, that was a defining moment in his life and clarified the direction for the rest of his priestly ministry.

1st class relics of both St. Carlo and St. Manuel will be available for veneration

For more info, contact Amanda Barcus at (516) 884-4779

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Celebrate our Polish Saints

It's 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 parish offices.

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!



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.

Cursillo Corner



The opportunity to share in this 3-day, joyful re-introduction to the love of Christ has begun again at St. Basil's Seminary in Methuen. All are encouraged to further explore Cursillo as a part of your faith journey. Weekends are listed below.

Men
October 2-5
December 4-7
January 29-February 1
April 9-12

Women
November 6-7
January 8-10
March 5-8
April 30-May 3
June 4-7

Contacts: Pat Temple 617-899-0424, Jonathan Temple 978-809-9337

Peter's Pence Collection

October 4-5

Next week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection also provides support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests, lay people for ministry, and will assist the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various Apostolic works at home and abroad. For information on these Collections, go to:
usccb.org/national-collection/peters-pence
cua.edu
BostonCatholic.org

Our Polish Saints

The First Polish Pope – Saint John Paul II Totus Tuus

Saint John Paul II broke many traditions throughout his life and in his 26 years of papal ministry.

The first non-Italian Pope since Adrian VI was installed in 16th century, he was an actor, an avid skier, and a linguist. In his early days as Archbishop of Krakow he worked diligently to end Communist rule in Poland and Eastern Europe.



Born Karol Wojtyła in Poland in 1920, he moved to Krakow after the death of his mother and entered the University in 1938. His studies were interrupted by World War II, and he worked in a quarry from 1940 until 1942 when he entered a clandestine seminary. He resumed his studies at University in 1945 and was ordained a priest in 1946.

Pope Pius XII appointed Father Wojtyła auxiliary bishop of Krakow in July of 1948, and he was ordained in Wawel Cathedral in September 1958. In 1964, Pope Paul VI appointed Bishop Wojtyła as Archbishop of Krakow and in June 1967, appointed him a Cardinal.

As Bishop, he took part in the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) and made a significant contribution to the drafting of the first Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*. He also attended the five assemblies of the Synod of Bishops prior to the start of his Pontificate. He was instrumental in the creation of the universal Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Code of Canon Law.

On October 16, 1978, Cardinal Wojtyła was elected Pope, and he chose the name of John Paul II. On October 22, he began his lengthy ministry on the chair of St. Peter.

An attempt was made on Pope John Paul II's life in Saint Peter's Square on May 3, 1981. Following a prolonged stay in the hospital, he forgave the attempted assassin and visited him in prison. In thanksgiving, he commissioned a painting of the Holy Mother which was placed on the wall of the Vatican overlooking the site of the attempted assassination.

Pope John Paul II died on the April 2 2005, the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, which he had instituted. He was buried in the crypt of Saint Peter's Basilica below the high altar.

John Paul II was beatified in Saint Peter's Square on May 1, 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI, and his coffin was transferred to the left of the Altar of St. Sebastian in the Basilica. He was canonized on April 27, 2014, together with Pope John XXIII, by Pope Francis.

From the *Booklet for the Celebration of the Canonization of Blessed John XXIII and John Paul II*, 27 April 2014

Source: *The Divine Mercy, Catholic Culture*

Questions of the Week



Adult: How is your life lived in relation to those who are homeless, poor and in need of assistance?

Child: Have you ever shared your belongings with someone who did not have all that you do?

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Collaborative Baptisms

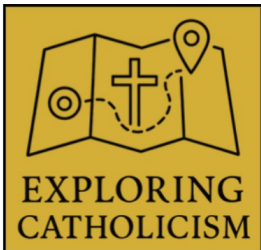
We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in the month of August:

**McKenna Hope Dwyer • Alora Maryanna Hunt •
Tula Julia Hunt • Azaria Lynn Kuniholm •
Cillian Alexander Miller**

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.



Explore the Mysteries of the Mass

Experience the Mass with fresh eyes and ears !

Learn the meaning of what the priest does at the altar.

Discover how the the whole body engages in worship.

See how even small details become gateways to grace.

Sunday, October 5th

**Meet 8:30 AM in St. Louis Hall
IC Pastoral Center > Ground Floor**

Participants will receive tailored handouts and preparation, then proceed together to the IC Church Narthex for guided participation in the 9:00am mass, followed by Q&A as needed.

No prior experience is needed. All are welcome !

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

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.

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— MINISTRY —

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

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

Youth Choir

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" Psalm 100

Does your child love to sing?

Join the Youth Choir! Grades 3–8

At choir we learn to develop our gifts to glorify God!

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 3:30–4:45 p.m.
Need to come later? 3:45–4:45 p.m. or 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Rehearsals are held in IC Church

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

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



Youth Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers

Requirements: must have completed the 2nd grade and received his/her First Communion.

Training: 3 one-hour sessions in the church.

Lectors

Requirement: Anyone who has been Confirmed.

Training: approximately 1 one-hour session, on an early evening during the week.

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IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Sept. 20–21	\$5,947.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Sept. 19	\$ 647.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,669.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Sept. 20–21	\$10,263.00
Clergy Benefit Trust, Sept. 20–21	\$4,026.00

The second collection this weekend (Sept. 28) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (Oct. 5) is Peter's Pence. See page 5 for details.

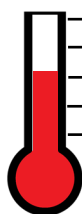
Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to **Immaculate Conception Parish** with the second collection noted in the memo.

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: hriccatholic.org/ic-online-giving.



**IC Outdoor
Nativity**
Goal:
\$22,000.00
To Date:
\$13,210.00



\$22,000.00
\$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.

Tootsie Roll Drive



The Newburyport Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Drive fundraiser after all IC weekend Masses on **October 11–12.**

Please stop by and support the Knights! Or Venmo the Knights @KofC231.

IC Online Giving

It's convenient and safe. To learn more about online giving (one-time or recurring donation options available), visit our website, hriccatholic.org, and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 with questions.

Immaculate Conception School

Last Monday, our school community teed off at the 7th Annual Golf Outing—our first time hosting at the beautiful Bradford Country Club! Teachers, staff, parents and friends enjoyed a day of friendly competition, laughter, and sunshine. It was a fantastic day on the greens. The event featured an exciting 11th hole-in-one challenge, with a brand new Mercedes as the grand prize. Although no one managed to sink the shot, the teachers enjoyed sitting in the beautiful car for some memorable photo opportunities. Middle School Math teacher Jen Godfrey, pictured.

The outing also included contests for the longest drive, closest to the pin, best putt, and overall winners.

Cam James, our PE teacher, won the putting contest, while Laura Capobianco, Tech Coordinator, claimed the prize for closest to the pin.



The team from Rochester Electronics won the tournament, which is only fitting as they have been steadfast supporters of Immaculate Conception School for years!!

All the participants played with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship. The outing wrapped up with a delicious lunch. The day was filled with fun, friendly competition, and

community spirit, making it a memorable event for everyone involved.

Thank you to the Golf Outing organizers, our Sponsors, and the many golfers who joined us for a great day of friendship and community!! The children of the IC thank you for your support and for your commitment to Catholic education!!

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

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.

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Harvest Fair 2025

October 18, 9:00–3:00, IC School Gym.

20 artisan/craft tables • the popular Wall of Wine • scratch ticket tree • grandma's attic • bake sale • all-holiday table • door prize every hour • raffle table with 25+ beautiful baskets • special raffles including dinner for 6 hosted by Fr. Harrison • Jan's famous fish chowder!

Harvest Fair Items Needed

Bins are now set up just inside St. Louis Hall for collecting donations for the grandma's attic and all holiday tables.

Bake Sale Items Needed

Cakes, cookies, breads, pies and confections are most welcome. We would also appreciate gluten-free goods. All goodies should be in containers with clear tops. Cookies and bars can be individually bagged, 2 to a bag. Please include a description and whether nuts are included. You may bring your baked goods to the IC gym on Friday, October 17 from 4:00–5:00 p.m. or on Saturday, October 18 from 7:00–9:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Betty at 978-595-7776.

Harvest Fair Wall of Wine

The annual Harvest Fair 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.

Don't Miss This!

We are very excited to offer again this year as a special raffle at the **Harvest Fair:**

A dinner for 6 people hosted by our very own Father Harrison! The date to be mutually agreed upon.

Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **Sunday, October 5, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC Parish Center for Hospitality Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.



Annual IC Haiti Bake Sale

The IC Haiti bake sale will take place after all IC Masses the weekend of **October 4-5**. Please support the school-age bakers of Immaculate Conception School and parish who, along with their families, initiated this fundraiser back in 2014 and who continue to work for the good of their contemporaries in Haiti.



The Fr. Marc Piché elementary school in Puit Chacha and the secondary school in Fond-des-Blancs continue to offer hope to hundreds of children from kindergarten to high school and their families. None of this would be possible apart from the generosity of IC Haiti's supporters and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit in our community.

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.

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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.svdpnnewburyport.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!

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HR Offertory, Sept. 20–21	\$1,785.00
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HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 140.00
Total Weekly Offertory, Sept. 20–21	\$2,445.00
Clergy Benefit Trust, Sept. 20–21	\$1,372.00

The second collection this weekend (Sept. 28) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (Oct. 5) is Peter's Pence. 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: hrccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.



St. Ann Church Flower Bed



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

Special undated envelopes have been added to the envelope packs that are regularly sent out to those on the envelope system. Additional blank envelopes may be found in St. Ann Church. Parishioners are invited to contribute towards this goal in the months ahead.

An anonymous parishioner has stepped forward and generously agreed to match other parishioners' donations up to \$10,000.

When we have raised sufficient funds, we will complete the project, hopefully sometime this fall or early next year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with Fr. Harrison or Dennis LaMalfa at our Collaborative offices. Many thanks for your generosity and support!

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** for the month of **October**.

HR Activities Committee News

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 the 8:30 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.

Save Your Baskets for the 2025 Holiday Fair

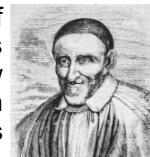
We are looking for baskets for the "Basket Table," for this year's Holiday Fair. Please leave any baskets in the back of either church and we will recycle them for this year's fair.

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HR St. Vincent de Paul

The Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

The feast of St. Vincent de Paul, the patron of our Society is celebrated on September 27. As Vincent's disciples, we are called to follow Christ and evangelize in the manner shared in Luke's gospel (4:16–21) as Jesus opens his public ministry:



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; therefore he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings of joy to the poor....

Jesus announces the good news of the kingdom to all, but especially to the poor, the weak, the lowly, the outcasts of the world." St. Vincent's spirituality flows from his contemplation of this Christ. He encourages his followers to contemplate this Christ again and again. In the words of St. Vincent: "O how happy they will be who can repeat at the hour of their death those beautiful words of Our Lord: 'He sent me to bring good news to the poor.'"

Thank you for your generous donations and participation in our annual Friends of the Poor Walk/Fundraiser.

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 or the collection baskets. Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to **HR St. Vincent de Paul**.

St. Ann Coffee Social

St. Ann's next Coffee Social will be **October 5** following the 10:00 Mass in the church hall.

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

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