

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 1, 2026

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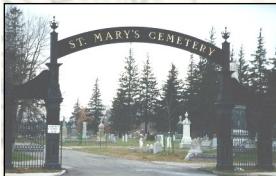


*The Sermon on the Mount*  
by Jan Brueghel the Elder



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# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (1/31)

4:00pm IC Donald Goode, Joseph Brown, for the intentions of Renee Good's family (Fr. Harrison)

**4:00pm Nativity (no Mass scheduled)**

### Sunday (2/01)

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Harrison)

**9:00am IC (no Mass scheduled)**

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

11:30am IC Frank & Genevieve Johnson (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

### Monday (2/02)

9:00am IC Mary Prescott, for the intentions of Seminarians Connor & Kennedy (Fr. Harrison)

### Tuesday (2/03)

9:00am IC Patrick Leo Manning (Fr. Harrison)

### Wednesday (2/04)

**9:00am IC (no Mass scheduled)**

### Thursday (2/05)

**9:00am IC (no Mass scheduled)**

### Friday (2/06)

9:00am IC Lillian Dorothy Gallagher, Raymond Haley (Fr. Harrison)

### Saturday (2/07)

4:00pm St. Ann (Fr. Westfall & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm IC Elaine Cox, Pete Espinoza (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (2/08)

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Westfall & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am IC Peter Weldon, Eugene (Gene) Joseph Sullivan (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am IC Joseph Vonhandorf, Eugene (Gene) Joseph Sullivan (Fr. Morin)

*In your prayers please remember Lori P. Jayne 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: [hrccatholic.org](http://hrccatholic.org) as well as our Facebook page.



St. Ann, W. Newbury



Nativity, Merrimac



IC, Newburyport

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** Which one of the Beatitudes was most meaningful to you when you heard it today?

**Child:** Which one of the Beatitudes is your favorite?

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In a passage that we revisit every year on Good Friday, John's Gospel offers this poignant interchange between Jesus and Pontius Pilate:



*Jesus said, "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" (From John, Chapter 18)*

Jesus could have said many things to Pilate, spoken of His Father's House and the many rooms He will have prepared for us, mentioned the many miracles performed (as He did in response to John the Baptist's inquiry, "are you the One, or do we look for another?"), He could have plainly announced that He was the Son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Co-Creator of the Universe...The Word, through Whom all things were made. Who knows what title or narrative of His earthly mission or His divine identity could have stirred Pilate's heart more than an oblique reference to the "truth" did. And yet, as the Son of God, Jesus in His full humanity as well as divinity, spoke only of His singular passion to give witness to the Truth and that those who have the capacity to hear the Truth will respond to it implying that those who don't, won't, and perhaps never will.

Discerning what is the Truth is perhaps the single most important thing any of us will ever do in life as what we cling to and define as such will guide and direct our hearts, our actions, our loyalties, and our very consciences. In centuries gone past, learning and knowledge were great tasks of life—opportunities offered to a relative few with primary sources often scarce and inaccessible. The vast majority of people had only a rudimentary education often passed-down from their families and centered on the most basic things in life. Learning how to read and then what to read, were advanced tasks found mostly only in universities and colleges.

But God did not make the task of understanding something that was limited to only a few elite. Rather, our very souls were made to seek our Creator and to mirror His Wisdom, to relish in Knowledge of the Lord. This is "baked into us" so much so that our hearts instinctually gravitate towards those things that are of God and are rightly revulsed by that which is opposed to God's goodness. There is heart-knowledge that every human being is endowed with by our very nature. We use our God-given gift of reason to open up our understanding of the Lord and of our universe. To the extent that we do this well, we humbly deepen our perception of where the Truth lies. To the extent that we mislabel or fail to perceive its fullness, we can spin off wildly into an alternative narrative of what is going on around us, even to the point of arriving at polar opposite opinions of what is good, right, and "true." The world that we are living in today is a very, very complex one, rich in so much readily-available knowledge and ripe with a plethora of information and personalized thought. Ironically, it is often difficult to discern between facts and fallacies, from objective reality and subjective narratives. Maybe so much information is too much of a good thing?

This past weekend, like many of you, I enjoyed watching the New England Patriots play the Denver Broncos at Mile High Stadium for the AFC Championship. The game started out like most NFL presentations with careful sideline measurements and high-tech, super-imposed yardage markers measuring

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every inch of progress and holding all the players to precise performance standards. And then the snow hit. Just as we were experiencing heavy precipitation here in New England, Denver got blasted by a near blizzard of a snow squall that quickly obscured the gridiron and caused many players to slip and slide their way across the field. It bogged down both teams, sent multiple punts in crazy directions, stole the accuracy from several futile field goal attempts, and turned the whole game into a frozen scoring stalemate that fortunately favored the Pats as the game clock wound down. But high-end, precision football, it wasn't. Even the refs were reversing one of their own calls in real time at one point. What a sloppy mess!

I couldn't help but think that this was an excellent analogy of our present struggle in our nation—a struggle for the Truth in the midst of an information blizzard of conflicting storylines and alternative talking points labeled as facts. Even what appears to be crystal clear video clips posted on social media can be completely synthetic creations of artificial intelligence, causing us to question even what we think we see with our eyes. In a more subtle fashion, there are a myriad of news sources and outlets that purport to present events and happenings, sometimes with only a casual reference to what actually occurred. Many follow a predetermined set of presuppositions that color and shape every detail and every person portrayed. Just like trying to find clean, pure drinking water in the wild, it is necessary to carefully filter and boil down the news stories that flood our media and, with great patience and humility, ascertain the Truth from what we see, hear, read and pray about.

We must remember that Jesus was the master of this! With uncanny precision He navigated various versions of "the truth" to get to the heart of what was really going on. In the story of the Good Samaritan, He cut between the false notion of an overriding duty to external observances of the Torah and the universal duty to compassion for humanity, equally made in God's image. The question was not who is my neighbor, but who are we to be neighbor to?! In the passage about the woman caught in "the very act of adultery," Jesus perceives the overarching designs of sin, betrayal, and entrapment that hid behind a false outrage for unchastity and adultery. In the story of the two sons who were told by their father to go out and work in the field, Jesus asks the critical question of which son actually did the will of the father—the one who saved face in public by agreeing to do it but later failed to follow through... or the one who initially said no (to great shame in front of the crowd) but later repented and did what was asked? The lesson was clear: doing God's Will is more important than offering a pretense of faithfulness but never getting around to putting it into action. And then there is the interchange that Jesus had in the Temple area over rendering unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and to God what is of God's. Hint: it had little to do with paying taxes and everything to do about being faithful to God.

The Truth is of God.

As Catholic Christians, it is critical that we do everything in our power to sift, filter, sort, and otherwise discern that Truth from the deafening cacophony of reports and headlines, media posts, and "likes" that often fill our inbox and sometimes create segregated echo chambers of self-referencing conclusions. God expects more from us than to settle for anything less than the Truth of Jesus Christ. That Truth will not be contained by CNN or FOX News. That Truth demands that we see God's

image in every last human being from the mightiest and sleekest to the weakest and most vulnerable, irregardless of their skin color, nationality, immigration status, gender identity, political persuasion, party affiliation, government position or citizenship. That Truth insists that there are three things that last—Faith, Hope, and Love and that the greatest of these is Love. In the words of St. Paul:

*"Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law...Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."* (From Romans chapter 13)

That Truth compels us to seek justice for all, not only for some. That Truth challenges us to see Christ present in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned, and the stranger—that Christ will take it personally how we personally treat them! (See Matthew chapter 25.) That Truth refuses to bow to the conventions of the world, remembering the words of Jesus:

*"I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."* (Jn 16:33)

The Truth will demand many things from us, I think, in the time ahead. It will insist on being heard over the noise of falsities. It will compel us to voice its demands clearly, articulately, and with great love. It will invite us to speak up where wrongs have been committed, but never allow violence and division to be its face. It will cause us to suffer for the sake of righteousness, but never without hope or in vain. It will be the one thing that we can genuinely offer as a people of faith—showing, manifesting, expressing, offering, making real and present, the One who embodies Truth itself: Jesus Christ Who is Lord. We dare not settle for anything less. I do believe that our nation and world depend on this.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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## Emmy's Valentines at MGH

Please help Emmy and her Nana, Melissa, make Valentine's Day a bit brighter for children diagnosed with cancer at Mass General Hospital for Children.

 Emmy was diagnosed 5 years ago with a rare aggressive brain cancer. She was given a 4% chance to live but we are happy to say she celebrated her 6th birthday and has remained NED (No Evidence of Disease) for 5 years. Now she wants to pay it forward by donating stuffed animals to those still in treatment.

We ask that stuffed animal donations are:

- Brand new, tags on if possible (they are being delivered to a hospital)
- **Not** Valentine themed
- 6–12 inches tall
- Lovable and squishy



Donations can be dropped off in the foyer of the IC Pastoral Center. There will be a plastic bin with a photo of Emmy and last year's donations. Please feel free to take home a photo.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

### Monday, February 2

**HR Activities Committee Mtg.** 9:30am, St. Ann Hall  
**AA Mtg.** 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

### Tuesday, February 3

**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  
**IC Choir Rehearsal** 7:00pm, IC Church

### Wednesday, February 4

**Eucharistic Adoration** 8:30am, IC Church  
**Holy Jammers** 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library  
**Eucharistic Adoration** 3:00pm, Nativity Church

### Thursday, February 5

**Eucharistic Adoration** 9:00am, IC Church  
**Eucharistic Adoration** 7:00pm, IC Church

### Friday, February 6

**Eucharistic Adoration** 9:30am, IC Church  
**AA Mtg.** 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Saturday, February 7

**Cursillo Reunion Group** 9:00am, IC Nazareth Library  
**Confessions** 3:00pm, IC Church

### Sunday, February 8

**Exploring Catholicism** 10:00am, IC OCIA Room 206  
**Faith Formation, Grades K-8** 10:00am, IC Parish Center  
**High School Youth Group** 6:00pm IC Youth Ministry Room  
**Confirmation Prep. Night School** 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

## Collaborative Calendar



Check out our online Collaborative calendar. It lists Mass times and all Collaborative events and activities. Access it through the calendar tab on our website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org), or you can scan the QR code.

## Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

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

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

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

## Temporary Weekend Mass Schedule Change

Due to limitations of priests' availability, the **Weekend Mass Schedule** will be reduced for the following weekend: **January 31/February 1**

Masses on this weekend will be offered at the following times and places:

### Saturday Vigil Mass:

4:00 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

### Sunday Masses:

8:30 a.m., Nativity Church, Merrimac  
10:00 a.m., St. Ann Church, West Newbury  
11:30 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

Please note that on these weekends there will **not** be a Saturday Vigil Mass offered at Holy Redeemer Parish and **no** 9:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

We anticipate returning to our regular weekend schedule the weekend of February 7/8 and beyond.

Please also note that there will be a number of days during this time when there will be no Daily Mass offered. This may shift from week to week, depending on the availability of clergy. **Please check the bulletin and our online calendar for updated information.** We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this time.

### Adoration and Rosary on days when weekday Mass is cancelled:

**Wednesdays:** Adoration 8:30-9:30 a.m., Rosary at 9:00 a.m. The Holy Jammers will play a song at 9:30 once the Blessed Sacrament is reposed.

**Thursdays:** Adoration 9:00-10:00 a.m., **Live-streamed Rosary** at 9:00.



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## Looking to Expand Your Prayer Life This Lent?

*"Where two or more gather in my name, there am I in the midst of them"*

Jesus defined prayer as a sincere conversation with God, a relationship built on trust, and a way to seek both personal needs and God's will. Prayer is not just asking for things but is an act of worship, seeking God's kingdom and aligning one's will with His.

Please consider joining the Tuesday morning Women's Prayer Group which meets via Zoom from 10:00-10:30 a.m. to read and discuss the day's Gospel and to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We invite you to join us for as much time as you are able.

If you are interested, please contact via phone or in person Mary Zerigian (508-269-3405) or Betty Long. We pray that you will join us as we raise our voices to the Lord!

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Daily Masses in the Area

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

6:45am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH  
 7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford  
 8:00am St. Mary, Rowley  
 8:00am St. Luke, Plaistow, NH  
 9:00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH  
 9:00am St. Patrick, Groveland  
 9:00am St. James, Haverhill  
 9:00am St. Joseph, Amesbury (Jan 6–Feb 17)  
 9:00am St. Lucy, Methuen  
 9:00am All Saints, Haverhill  
 9:15am St. Anne, Hampstead, NH

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

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

### Friday

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

### Saturday

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

## 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.

**In 2025: We delivered 64 shawls and lapghans and 273 hats, all hand made by loving, prayerful hands!**

*We will be taking a “winter break” from our meetings until May 7, but will continue to deliver shawls and lapghans to those who need them during our break. When we start again, we meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.*

*Our next meeting is Thursday, May 7. All are welcome!*

## The Sacrament of the Sick

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

## Prayers for the Sick

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

Lucas Aucamp	Ed Hardy	Ovidio Martinez
Patricia Baikewicz	Jane Harney	Carol O’Neal
Pattie Bombard	Chloe Hequet	Eleanora Paciulan
John Bourque	Loriann Herrick	Joseph Palumbo
Kathy P. Brodeur	Matt Hershey	Carol Parks
Michael Brenner	Angela Holloran	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	Denise Kenneson	Arlene Stoddard
Deb Downie	Arthur LaPointe	Susan Sweeney
Dotty Duval	Ed Laverty	Taylor
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	David LeBlanc	Captain Bill Taplin
John Flynn	Michael Lichtenstein	Heather Thompson
Jeanine Ebacher	Donna Limone	Michael Tucker
Fowler	Johannah Lord	Maddie Villers
Renee Fowler	Monica Maguire	Laurent Vincent
Paul Gerroir	Sia Mahalati	Joseph Vonhandorf
John Gutshaw	Michael Marchese	Sandra Welch

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

**Please email any bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto: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

We invite any high school teen to join us in the new year for fun, fellowship, and a little prayer on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.: Feb. 8 and 22, Mar. 8 and 22, Apr. 12 and 26. Bring a friend!

### Youth Liturgical Ministries

#### Altar Servers

**Requirements:** must have completed the 2nd grade and received his/her First Communion. **Training:** 3 one-hour sessions in the church.

#### Lectors

**Requirement:** Anyone who has been Confirmed. **Training:** approximately 1 one-hour session, on an early evening during the week.

### Youth Choir

#### Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord



The Youth Choir has resumed rehearsals on Wednesdays from 3:30–4:45 (3:45–5:00 if you need to come later).

This is a wonderful opportunity for **new members** to join us! The IC Youth Choir is for students in 3rd–8th grade.

Come use your gifts to praise the Lord and bless IC Church. Rehearsals are held in the IC Church.

For more information please contact Paula Quann: [youthchoir@hriccatholic.org](mailto:youthchoir@hriccatholic.org).

*The Youth Choir performing with the Newburyport Choral Society.*

## 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](http://hriccatholic.com/FaithFormation).

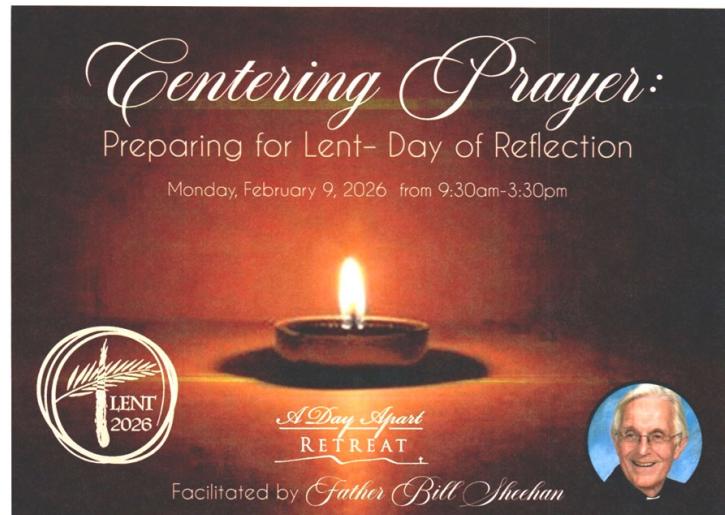
#### Baptism

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.

*View our weekly bulletin online on our website: [hricCatholic.org](http://hricCatholic.org).*



Have you ever wondered about centering prayer? Join us at Rolling Ridge for a day of reflection as we consider Centering Prayer as a contemplative spiritual practice.

Contemplative Prayer has a rich tradition dating from the early centuries of the Christian church. It aims to foster a closer relationship with God, allowing us to hear God in the quiet—particularly appropriate as we approach the season of Lent. Father Bill Sheehan, OMI, will guide us through this day and share about the richness of Centering Prayer in the Catholic tradition.

Please plan to arrive by 9:00 a.m. for pastries and hot beverages so we can promptly begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. We will conclude by 3:30 p.m.

We do not want costs to limit participation in this day with Fr. Bill. Thus, there is no cost for this event. Please pay whatever you can afford.

Questions? [registrar@rollingridge.org](mailto:registrar@rollingridge.org)

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HR Offertory, Jan. 24–25	\$2,236.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Jan. 23	\$1,125.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 605.00
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, Jan. 24–25</b>	<b>\$3,966.00</b>
Church in Latin America, Jan. 24–25	\$ 543.00

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**HR Grand Annual  
Goal \$25,000.00  
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## 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.

## HR Coffee Socials

**St. Ann** will be holding their next coffee social in the church hall on **February 1** following the 10:00 Mass.

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.

If you are interested in hosting a coffee, or baking your favorite treat, please call or text Donna, (978) 886-1621.

**Nativity** will be having a coffee hour on **February 15** after the 8:30 Mass. All are invited and encouraged to attend. If you would like to bring a breakfast item to share, that would be lovely!



## HR St. Vincent de Paul

### Winter Emergency



For some, snow means the prospect of outdoor winter sports and beautiful scenery. For others, snow brings isolation and fear. Fear that caregivers can't deliver food or medical support to shut-ins. Not being able to make appointments is devastating. Caring for children home from school on snow days raises complications.

Sustained sub-freezing temperatures drive heat and electric bills sky-high. As we sit in the comfort of our homes on these cold, snowy days, think of those around us that are less fortunate and how they can be helped.

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

## HR Activities Committee

The HR Activities Committee will meet on **Monday, February 2 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Ann Hall**.

All are welcome to join our group. We will be making plans for the upcoming months, please bring your ideas for the parish!!

The Activities Committee will be having a **bake sale** on the weekend of February 14 and 15. This is the weekend prior to **LENT** starting on Ash Wednesday. The Activities Committee is hopeful everyone will be celebrating **Fat Tuesday** with the many items they purchase! Money raised with the bake sale will be used to purchase spring/summer flowers for the outside of both churches. All parishioners are asked to contribute, either by *making something* and dropping it off at the bake table before attending Mass or *purchasing something* at the bake table after attending Mass.

## Saturday Mass at St. Ann

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

## Cross Catholic Outreach



Please welcome Fr. Westfall, who will be visiting Holy Redeemer next weekend. He comes to us from Cross Catholic Outreach and will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns serving the poor in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central and South America.

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IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,400.00
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, Jan. 24–25</b>	<b>\$10,033.00</b>
Church in Latin America, Jan. 24–25	\$ 958.00

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

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## IC Online Giving

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Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) and click the “Links” tab, then click on “IC Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to. It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724 x 402.

## Knights Hospitality Sunday



Join us **Sunday, February 1, 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.

All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call 978-225-0804 or email [kofc231@outlook.com](mailto:kofc231@outlook.com).

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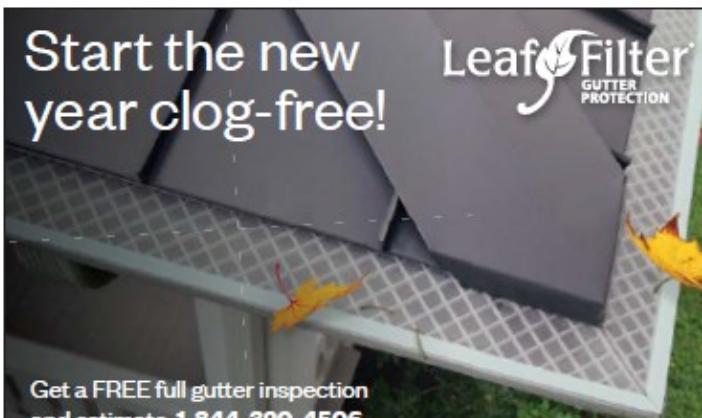
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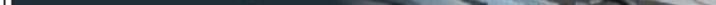
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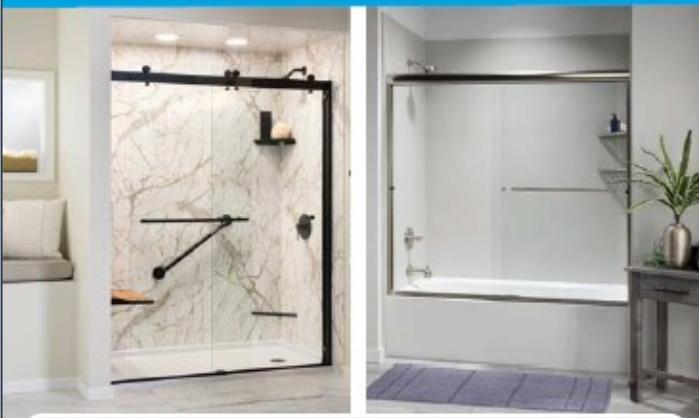
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