

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

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*And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mk 1:11)*

*All Are Welcome*



# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

## St. Ann

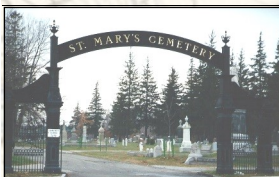
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (1/9)

4:00pm **IC Carmella Herlihy** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

4:00pm **Live-Streamed** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Sunday (1/10)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

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

9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

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

### Monday (1/11)

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

### Tuesday (1/12)

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

### Wednesday (1/13)

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

### Thursday (1/14)

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

### Friday (1/15)

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

### Saturday (1/16)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

### Sunday (1/17)

8:00am **Nativity Madeline Brodie** (Fr. Harrison)

9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am **IC Richard Lysik, In Thanksgiving for Nancy Jones** (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember John Donovan, Richard Lysik, Kerry McGrath, and all the faithful departed.

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

**Saturday Live-Stream Vigil Masses are broadcast online through [Facebook](#).**



Find us on Facebook: [Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)

## Watch Mass on Facebook

**To watch our Saturday live stream Masses:**

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) at the appointed time.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

**If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet:**

1. In your web browser, go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) at the appointed time. (The Facebook link can be found on our [website](#) also.)
2. Click the "videos" link on the Facebook page.
3. The LIVE video should be the first one on the list.

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This past week and a half that followed Christmas, I engaged members of our Collaborative Pastoral Council, the Finance Councils of both parishes, as well as our staff in an email conversation about whether it was time to consider suspending public Masses in light of the current state of the pandemic in our area. With unexpectedly light attendance at Christmas Masses, surging virus levels, and the awareness of significant volunteer fatigue, I think the question was a timely one and a good use of our collective ability to sort out and consider the various alternatives that are open to us in response to the issues at hand. I was deeply moved by all of the responses I received, as they have demonstrated not only the deep faith commitment but also the great care and concern that each person had for the people of our parishes and the communities in which we live.

I have to tell you that every time I read a new response, I found myself re-thinking the direction that we need to move in. This must have happened a dozen times or more over the past week. Trying to figure-out a path forward in the midst of these very complex situations was one of the most difficult decisions that I have had to make. And even now, I feel it may be the case that I will need to remake it several times over before all of this is behind us.

Nonetheless, and after careful consideration of all of the thorough advice I received, I would like to take the route of **reducing our weekend schedule** for the time being and be ready to reduce it further or suspend it entirely if circumstances dictate. **Effective the weekend of January 16/17**, we will plan to return the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass to a live-stream experience only, eliminate the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at IC and keep one public Sunday Mass in each church: 8:00 a.m. at Nativity in Merrimac, 9:30 a.m. at St. Ann in West Newbury, and 11:30 a.m. at IC in Newburyport. Daily Mass will remain at 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday at IC. Weddings, Baptisms, and Funerals would remain available as they are now.

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## Register to Attend Mass

To register to attend an in-person Mass celebrated in our Collaborative, go to the "Attend a Mass" section on our website: [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) to link to the signup page. At this time **a reservation is required to attend** a live Mass for capacity limits and contact tracing purposes.

Call the offices at (978) 462-2724 for IC or (978) 346-8604 for HR if you have questions or need assistance making a reservation.

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Here are my reasons for taking this action:

- A reduction in Masses would take some pressure off of the volunteer pool, which was a major concern in considering this question in the first place. I would also like to see if our volunteers would be willing to serve in multiple churches at different times, possibly expanding our ability to offer coverage at different locations.
- The time between the Christmas Season which ends this weekend with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the beginning of the Lenten Season on February 17 with the celebration of Ash Wednesday is typically a quieter season in our liturgical year, and usually lightly attended, compared to other times of the year. So the reduction in Masses will also reflect that lower demand.
- Although suspending Masses completely would decrease the number of chances of exposure for all of our active parishioners, a reduction in Masses will still work to reduce some of that exposure while preserving the opportunity to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion for those who really want to come.
- Staying open for some limited Masses will keep us in line with what most parishes are currently doing across the Archdiocese. There is a value in maintaining consistency from one parish to another as long as that can be done reasonably and safely.
- The contact-tracing moment that we had from our Christmas and Holy Family weekend Masses indicated that a person present at Mass who might later test positive for COVID does not necessarily mean an actual exposure necessitating a quarantine nor create a virus-spreading situation. If everyone is consistent in following the established safety protocols, (which was the case in this particular situation) they will work to greatly reduce the risk of exposure and spread of this disease. This is by no means a guarantee of absolute safety, but I believe it provides a level of safety that meets or exceeds that which we encounter in other essential areas of life, such as grocery shopping or visiting a doctor's office.
- Our Faith tells us that the Eucharist is meant to be our source and summit of our life in Jesus Christ and Christians in centuries past have made huge and sometimes life-sacrificing efforts to celebrate Mass and practice our Faith. Inasmuch as we are allowed to do so, there is a great value in offering the Eucharist, even in a limited way, if that can be done reasonably and prudently. At present, though not completely without risk, I believe we can.
- The reduced schedule is able to be celebrated logistically by one priest, if others were to become sick, enter into quarantine, or otherwise become unavailable. This could be an important adjustment in the weeks and months ahead.

All of these considerations and the decision to reduce our weekend Mass schedule doesn't preclude further action taken by the State or the Archdiocese as they did back in the spring. If that does happen in the weeks ahead, we will need to adjust to whatever demands are placed upon us.

I continue to be extremely grateful to all of the many volunteers and staff members who have worked so hard to enable us to open our churches, resume and continue our public worship during a scary and uncertain time. Over the months, I have received many, many notes of gratitude from parishioners who have drawn great strength and hope from being able to participate in the Mass: both in-person as well as through our fledgling live-stream on social media and our website. Please know that I am committed to doing everything I can to continue this outreach during these challenging days in whatever ways possible. In a month or so as we approach the beginning of our Lenten Season, I will continue this conversation with our Councils and Staff with the hope of eventually adding more weekend Masses and returning our public worship back to include greater participation in song and celebration.

To that end, I would encourage all of you in the months ahead to speak with your healthcare provider and consider receiving the COVID vaccine at your earliest convenience. I believe that our collective embrace of the vaccine along with our continued adherence to all of the existing safety protocols is our surest path forward and out of this dark pandemic valley. For those with health concerns or anyone who lives with or has regular contact with someone who does, I would strongly urge you to stay home and take advantage of our weekly live-streamed Mass which we will continue to work to improve. Now is not the time to let our guard down, but to instead be extra careful to follow all of the public health guidelines that are recommended to us. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect throughout the pandemic. Please make good choices, not only for yourself, but also for your family and the wider communities in which we live.

I would like to take this moment to invite you to participate in our next Pastoral Council Meeting which will take place on Zoom this coming Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Instructions on how to join us are found on page 5 in this issue of our bulletin.

With continued gratitude and prayers for all who have served us so selflessly this past year and with prayers of consolation for those who have suffered loss...let us look ahead to better days.

Fr. Timothy Harrison,  
Pastor

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### Virtual Rosary

Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook **Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.** Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook.  
[www.facebook.com/hricatholic/](http://www.facebook.com/hricatholic/)

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Staffing Change

I am pleased to announce that beginning this month, Mr. Dennis LaMalfa who has been serving for the past year and a half as the Business Manager for Immaculate Conception School will now also become the Business Manager for the Parishes of our Collaborative. Mr. Donald Alunni, who has been serving as the Business Manager for the Parishes of the Collaborative will be retiring from this position, while continuing on a limited basis as a consultant for several months for a time of transition. I am very grateful for the superb level of service and great personal generosity that Donald has brought to this position for the past 6 years. His tremendous depth of knowledge and professionalism has been a source of blessing for us all. His sense of humor and dry wit have been priceless! Please join me in wishing him well in his retirement!

I look forward to working more closely with Dennis in the months ahead. I have great confidence that our Collaborative and School are in good, professional hands. As the situations allow, please take a moment to thank Donald for his work and to reach out and introduce yourself to Dennis in the months to come.

Thank you, Donald! and Welcome, Dennis!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

## Daily Masses

We are now offering Daily Masses Monday–Friday at 9:00 a.m. at IC, Newburyport. No advanced signup required.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with Daily Mass for St. Ann and Nativity on Mondays and Fridays respectively. Until we gather more volunteers to help with these churches, we cannot offer Daily Mass there. If you are able to help with any of these HR Masses, please contact Sue Noyes [susanjnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:susanjnoyes@gmail.com) to learn more.

## Women at the Well Bible Study

### We Are Meeting Virtually

Please email [HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com](mailto:HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com) to join us.

*Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine?  
Looking for a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social  
or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet  
and connect with Jesus.*

WELCOME TO A COMMUNITY FULL OF

women just like you

Wherever you are in your faith journey, join us as we meet weekly for *Blessed Is She* bible study, community and friendship as we grow together in Christ.

WE ARE MEETING VIRTUALLY  
DURING THE PANDEMIC  
EMAIL US TO JOIN!

MONDAY NIGHTS  
6:30PM-8PM  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

please email [HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com](mailto:HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com) if you have any questions

## Collaborative Pastoral Council

### Invitation to Participate in the Collaborative Pastoral Council Meetings

In 2019 a Pastoral Council was formed in our Collaborative to assist the Pastor in his responsibilities as the leader of the Collaborative. They serve in a consultative role and there are members from both of our parishes. They have been meeting virtually on Zoom since mid-March and are now meeting once a month, alternating between a Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings on Zoom, giving you a chance to listen to our discussions and to comment or ask questions at certain points in the meeting. **Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** If you are interested in listening in please send an email to Jim Williamson at [jimwilliamson35@gmail.com](mailto:jimwilliamson35@gmail.com) and he will send you the Zoom link before the meeting. Included on the agenda for this meeting are a discussion of current plans to curtail the number of public masses; how will we get people back to Mass after the Pandemic ends; and how can we better communicate with all our parishioners. Our educational segment will be a discussion on the Pope's 2015 encyclical on Climate Change. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council, you can reach out to Jim or contact any Council member.

### Members of the Pastoral Council

Father Tim Harrison, Chair	Chris Eagan
Jim Williamson, Vice Chair	Amy Friend
Mary Bragg, Secretary	Aaron Giard
	Paula Higgins
Kathy Betz	Deacon John Moranski
Beth Brennan	Lucia Parker
Sue Coppinger	Carol Robertson
Steve DiCamillo	Jonathan Temple
Deacon Paul Dow	Pat Temple

## Follow Us on Instagram

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## Centering Prayer and 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 presence and action in our lives. This ancient prayer practice opens our minds and hearts to hear God's words as we continue by reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina.

For the next 30 minutes we listen to God's words, ponder and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now, and contemplate God's message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God.

For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** What meaning does your Baptism have for you?

**Child:** Why does Baptism make you special?

## Prayers for the Sick

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

Dan Bedard  
Priscilla Brown  
Brett Burkinshaw  
Joe Messina

Vincent Oberhofer  
Ruth Sullivan  
Ron Sylvester  
Michael Tucker

DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF

## Fertility Awareness & Natural Family Planning

COME TO KNOW YOUR BODY & EXPERIENCE THE AUTHENTIC LOVE THAT YOU WERE MADE FOR.

A FREE Introductory Session with a certified NFP Instructor

January 20th at 7PM on Zoom

Please email

[HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com](mailto:HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com) with 'NFP Session' in the subject line to receive the Zoom link.



Have you ever been curious about the hows and whys of the natural cycles of your body? Have you ever wondered if there is more to intimacy than what the culture has to say about it?

Come to know your body, track your own unique cycle, and experience the authentic love that you were made for with Natural Family Planning & Fertility Awareness! This is not your grandma's rhythm method. Steeped in the scientific and biological truths of how our bodies function, learn how you can come to know your fertile periods and track what you see based on your natural bodily indicators. The freedom, empowerment, confidence, and wonder that come with knowing these truths are just an added bonus.

We're happy to offer a **FREE introductory session with a certified NFP instructor** for anyone who may be curious about where to begin.

**January 20 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.**

Please email [HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com](mailto:HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com) with "NFP Session" in the subject line to receive the Zoom link.

*"The truth will set you free" John 8:32*

## Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass will no longer be posted in the bulletin. Instead, they can be found online at [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org) the site of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. There you will find the daily readings, be able to listen to them on podcast, and have the opportunity to watch a short reflection piece on the readings offered by a Catholic priest, deacon, religious, or lay person.

Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to [www.HRICatholic.org](http://www.HRICatholic.org); click on HRIC Pastoral Plan; and then click on Lectio Divina.

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



## Word On Fire Engage

Everyone in our Collaborative now has free access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library.

**WORD on FIRE ENGAGE** You can watch any of Bishop Barron's films or study programs whenever you want, on any device!

To access the resources of Word on Fire's ENGAGE, please register at [flocknote.com/hriccollaborative](http://flocknote.com/hriccollaborative) or by texting HRIC to 84576. Once you register, you will have access to ENGAGE.

We are excited to bring ENGAGE to you. Along with **FORMED** ([formed.org](http://formed.org)), we now have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.

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- Add your name and email and click "sign up"
- You will receive an email that links you to the site



**DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK, BUSINESSES AND CONSUMER BEHAVIOR ARE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE SPONSORS ON THE BACK PAGES TO HELP KEEP THE LOCAL ECONOMY STRONG.**

**ALSO, VISIT THEIR WEBSITES TO SEE HOW THEY CAN ASSIST YOU WITH ANY OF THEIR SERVICES YOU MAY NEED THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.**

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Dec. 26–27	\$1,838.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending Dec. 31	\$4,845.00
Solemnity of Mary, Jan. 1	\$ 236.00
IC Offertory, Jan. 2–3	\$2,021.00

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](http://hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving).

**IC Grand Annual  
Goal \$85,000  
To Date \$90,592.00**



\$85,000  
\$50,000  
\$30,000  
\$10,000

*Congratulations! Immaculate Conception has surpassed its goal. Thank you to all who contributed to our Grand Annual collection. Contributions are still being accepted.*

## IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation.

Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. (At this time, Online Giving is available for only IC members.) Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

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 or the Online Giving link on our homepage, then click on “Online Giving” to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

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

Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

## 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.”**

We are grateful for your continued generosity during the pandemic. May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti.

We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Immaculate Conception School



Immaculate Conception School is accepting applications for new students for the 2021–22 school year. A Catholic education, whether remote or in-person, is infused daily with leadership opportunities, academic excellence, and collaborative learning to develop 21st century skills. Coupled with moral and ethical teachings and an expectation of being the best you can be, IC students achieve personal and academic success moment by moment, day by day. Community and a sense of family means everything to us, especially during this challenging time.



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Applications are being accepted for grades Kindergarten to 8th. Learning environments include in-person, hybrid, and remote learning for all grades.

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<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Holy Hour for Life

You're Invited

### Immaculate Conception Parish Prays For Life

A *Holy Hour for Life* will be held on **Friday, January 22, 2021 from 6:15–7:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church**. This is part of the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance. We do this to mark the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion on demand. A Holy Hour will be held at parishes throughout the Archdiocese to pray for safe travel and a successful pilgrimage to Washington DC for all those attending the annual March for Life. Led by Deacon John Moranski, we will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life. The *Holy Hour for Life* is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. **Please join us, all are welcome.**

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

## IC St. Vincent de Paul



We recently launched our new website: [www.svdpnewburyport.org](http://www.svdpnewburyport.org) where you can make an online donation.

If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are still ready to assist.

If you choose to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "**SVDP of Newburyport**." You may drop it into the collection box at Mass, or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950 or use our **Newly established** website and donate online at [www.svdpnewburyport.org](http://www.svdpnewburyport.org).

### Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Our weekly Immaculate Conception Breaking Bread meal has transitioned to a to-go only meal format. We continue to serve our weekly meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed at 4:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

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## The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Our monthly support meetings are being held online (due to coronavirus) 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Our next meeting is **January 25**. Join our free online meeting by going to <http://zoom.us>, click on "Join a Meeting," enter Meeting ID: 952-104-4920.



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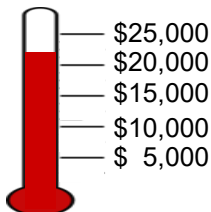
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## Holy Hour for Life

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Holy Redeemer Parish Prays For Life

A *Holy Hour for Life* will be held on **Friday, January 22, 2021 from 6:15–7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church**. This is part of the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion on demand. A Holy Hour will be held at parishes throughout the Archdiocese to pray for safe travel and a successful pilgrimage to Washington DC for all those attending the annual March for Life. Led by Deacon Paul Dow, we will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life. The *Holy Hour for Life* is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. **Please join us, all are welcome.**

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## HR Prayer Shawl



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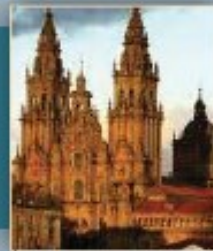


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