

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

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*Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples,
his wondrous deeds. Proclaim his marvelous deeds
to all the nations.*

(from Ps 96)

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

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985

Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

Phone: 978-346-8604

Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Nativity

Parish offices and church:
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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

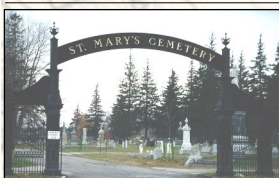
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (1/15)

4:00pm IC *Joseph Levitt*

(Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Madeline Brodie* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (1/16)

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

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

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

11:30am IC *Anna A. Morris, Paul Mitchell, Paul Michael Doyle* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

Monday (1/17)

9:00am IC *Norma S. Underhill* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Tuesday (1/18)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (1/19)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (1/20)

9:00am IC (Fr. Morin)

Friday (1/21)

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

Saturday (1/22)

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

4:00pm IC *Michael Aldrich* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (1/23)

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

9:00am IC *John Gerard Stack* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

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

11:30am IC *Roger Cyr, Thomas Livingston, Jane Volpone* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers, please remember Edward Dunleavy, Helen Thumser, Jane Volpone, and all 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 broadcast online through Facebook:
([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#))

Facebook Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses:

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hricatholic/>) at the appointed time. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet using the above link.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

Confessions

We offer Confessions Saturdays from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at IC Church. No appointment needed. Confessions are also available at other times and places during the week by appointment only. For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



This past weekend, we had a confluence of unusual events. One priest was away on vacation, another was sick, and a third was required to quarantine due to a COVID exposure. That left me (unexposed and healthy, yeh!) to celebrate all of the weekend Masses. I did try and reach out to a few other priests in the area to see if anyone might be able to help, but because it was so last-minute, no one was available. Unfortunately, I cannot yet bi-locate (they never taught us that trick in the seminary!) so we had to come up with a Plan B. After consulting with members of our Collaborative Pastoral Council, we decided that in this instance, the best route to follow was have one of our deacons lead a Communion service in place of two of the regular weekend Masses. Since Deacon John Moranski was already prepared to preach anyway, it seemed like an easy thing to ask him to also lead these services, which took place at the 4:00 p.m. at Nativity Church in Merrimac and the 9:00 a.m. at IC Church in Newburyport. I was able to celebrate the remainder of the scheduled Masses. From everything I heard from parishioners over the weekend, all went well.

On Saturday afternoon, in an attempt to notify parishioners of these changes, I sent out a phone message using our new ParishCast system that is connected to our Collaborative database. Approximately 11,000 phone calls were made (by computer) to home and cell phones that were registered with us. Many of you may have received this message. I know from a show of hands at the Masses that I celebrated, that some of you did not. Some of you may have received multiple messages (sorry!) In any event, if you were happy with the notification that you received (or happy that you didn't get it) you need do nothing. If, however, you would like to change the way you receive such messages in the future or make sure that you receive them if this time you did not, please contact our office and speak with Melinda or Linda and they can update our database to better reflect your preferences. We have been trying to use this system sparingly, but it can be helpful to get word out to people if there is a last-minute change or other important message that needs to be shared. Thank you for your help and patience as we improve this system.

The decision to replace a weekend Mass with a Communion service is not ideal, nor necessarily the best option in all circumstances. There is a significant difference, theologically and sacramentally, between a live-celebrated Mass and a Communion service, no matter how similar the two may look on the surface. While both may share an identical Opening Prayer, Liturgy of the Word complete with Homily, a recitation of the Creed and Intercessions, as well

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MLK, Jr. Day, January 17

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 18 at 9:00 a.m.

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as the Lord's Prayer and an opportunity to receive Holy Communion, the Church recognizes a substantial difference in the sacramental action between them.

With a live celebration of the Eucharist, every person present is invited to offer, along with the priest, the gifts of bread and wine, and together ask for the Holy Spirit to sanctify this offering so that these specific gifts of our specific offering (the fruit of our collective prayer) may become the Body and Blood of Christ. Then, we are invited to consume that which we have prayed over, thus completing the sacrifice being offered in the hopes of our becoming what we consume. Through this communal act of worship, the One, True Sacrifice of Calvary is made real and present once again, which is our very source of our redemption in Christ, thus by our sharing in Holy Communion, our sins are forgiven and the promise and pledge of eternal life are confirmed. This is why Mass is such a big deal in the practice of our Catholic Faith! It is the live-action of our offering (with the priest) at Mass that makes God's true and saving presence real for us again and again. When we stop and think about the amazing gift that our live celebration of the Eucharist is, we are deeply blessed by the Lord every time we participate at Mass.

A Communion service, on the other hand does not make this same spiritual connection with Christ's living sacrifice. Of course, there is the blessing of gathering with others for prayer: "Where two or three are gathered, there I am in their midst," (from MT 18:20). Whenever God's Word is proclaimed, it is a living Word, never returning to the Father before it has accomplished all that God intended for it to do. (see Is 55:11) Breaking open that word is certainly beneficial for all present. (see 2Tim 3:16) Our Intercessory prayer together as a gathered-assembly surely is heard by God. (see Jn 14:13) Encountering our Lord's True Presence in the reserved Sacrament is always a blessing.

It's not that any of this is bad or unhelpful in any way. If this is all that we are capable of on a given day, we are truly blessed by the Lord! But it falls short of the much richer spiritual and sacramental blessing present in the Mass. At Mass, we consume what we have prayed over—in other words the fruit of our prayer is our sharing in the One Bread and One Chalice. At a Communion service, we only share in the fruit of someone else's sacrifice, the fruit of someone else's prayer. Same Lord? Yes! Same spiritual effect? No. This is not to say that God doesn't bless us through our sharing in the reserved Sacrament. No one can limit what God will do for the salvation of all. But our Church understands these circumstances very differently and never wants to see a Communion service (which may be led by clergy or trained-lay alike) take the regular place of Sunday Mass.

There is a very earnest desire on the part of the Church that the direct connection between our offering and our consuming what has been offered be maintained, that even in the live celebration of the Eucharist, we are not supposed to draw from the Tabernacle to offer Communion during that celebration. There are, of course exceptions to this—such as when we have a very large number of people present and we run out of hosts that have been

consecrated specifically for that Mass, or on the rare moment when we have so many leftover hosts from previous Masses, that they need to be consumed lest they grow stale or become spoiled. But these exceptions should be rare. The main purpose of the Tabernacle is to reserve the Blessed Sacrament so that it may be taken to the sick at a later time. A secondary purpose that came about much later in our Christian history is to allow for prayer and adoration before the Real Presence outside of Mass to develop and encourage a hunger for the live celebration of the Eucharist. Dead-last, and the result of an aberration from the past century and more, is to intentionally store hosts so that they can be distributed during Mass. For all the reasons listed above, this is the least-desirable way to receive Holy Communion if a live celebration is otherwise conveniently available.

We chose to allow Communion services this weekend because there was concern that we could not properly communicate in time to everyone who was planning to attend the affected services and that for some people, this might represent the only opportunity they had over the weekend to worship and receive Holy Communion. With greater advance notice, greater opportunities exist for people to adjust their schedules accordingly to celebrate the Eucharist. Because we have been blessed with such a "deep bench" of clergy in our Collaborative, it is my hope that we will not have to make this kind of choice again anytime soon, and if it is known earlier in the week, we may decide to cancel a particular Mass or combine the weekend schedule instead of substituting it with a Communion service. But this past weekend, this seemed to be our best option, and I hope that those who chose to attend these services found them to be helpful and a source of blessing for you and your family.

OK, too much theology! Time to go watch the Patriots!

My prayers for health, safety, and many blessings for us all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison,

Pastor

Face Masks Required

January 6 Update



The Archdiocese of Boston is requiring all people attending public Masses to wear a face mask for the duration of the service. Children under the age of 5 are not required to wear masks. Children under the age of 2 should not wear masks.

This applies to weekend Masses as well as Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, and any indoor prayer services. This requirement will be in place **until at least March 3** (Thursday after Ash Wednesday). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Face masks will be available at the doors of all of our churches in case any parishioner needs one. In addition, we will continue to provide a designated area in which social distancing is respected for those who want to use it.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, January 17 MLK, Jr. Day

Collaborative offices closed

Tuesday, January 18

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Confirmation Prep, Year 1 6:45pm, Nativity Hall

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, January 19

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Cub Scouts Meeting 5:00pm, St. Ann Hall

New Hope Family Support Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, January 20

BLAZE Girls Middle School Ministry Meeting 6:30pm, IC
Charity Dining Room

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, January 21

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Holy Hour for Life 7:00pm, IC Church

Saturday, January 22

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, January 23

IC Faith Formation 10:00am, IC Parish Center

IC Confirmation Prep, Year 2 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Adoration

We now offer Adoration at IC Church two times during the week. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

Note: enter at Green Street door only.

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



Join us for Adoration on **Thursdays from 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

Adoration/Benediction is also available in IC Church on **Fridays immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass***.

*Note: If a Friday funeral is scheduled, or in the absence of a presider, IC Church will remain open for "Sacred Silence" only. Check the HRIC calendar online for updated information. The calendar link can be found on our website: hriccatholic.org.

Bulletin Information

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

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Holy Hour for Life

Our Collaborative Prays for Life
Friday, January 21, 7:00 p.m., IC Church



The Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative will hold a Holy Hour for Life at 7:00 p.m. on January 21, 2022 in Immaculate Conception Church, 42 Green St. Newburyport. We will have Adoration and Benediction while we pray for all those affected by abortion. Please come and pray with both Deacon Dow and Deacon Moranski in support of those who are marching on that day in Washington DC asking that the Supreme Court overturn Roe v. Wade.

The Holy Hour for Life, Forgiveness, and Healing is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Office of Diaconal Life and Ministry & the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join us; all Collaborative members are welcome.

Winter Weather Mass Cancellations



Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if either Pentucket Regional or Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Faith Formation classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Chanel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information.

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.

Virtual Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook twice every week. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook. www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in December.

Elle Grace Novak • Chandler Dale Oakes

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

ENGAGE & FORMED

We 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.

To access the resources of Word on Fire's **ENGAGE**, register at flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

To access **FORMED**, visit formed.org, click "Sign up," then "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" to log in.

Holy Communion in the Hand

One COVID-related restriction we are still being asked to do by the Archdiocese is to *receive Holy Communion only in the hand*.

Those distributing Communion on the tongue would be required to stop and sanitize their hands after every person whom they gave Communion to. So at this time everyone is being asked to only receive Communion in the hand. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

women at the well

Welcome to Women at the Well: A weekly Bible Study for women seeking to grow closer to God and cultivate community!

*We meet every **Monday at 6:30 p.m.** If you can't make it to every meeting, please do not worry! This group is designed to allow you to drop in whenever you are able to join us, no pre-reading necessary from week to week.*

In-person: IC Charity Dining Room
Zoom: Email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

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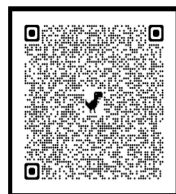
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Join the Knights!

Second Tuesdays at 7pm
IC Parish Center Library

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Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

The Pelican Intervention Fund




The Pelican Intervention Fund is dedicated to supporting men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. The Pelican Intervention Fund offers hope for sustained recovery for adults who live in the communities of Amesbury, Byfield, Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, West Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and Salisbury.

Donations can be made to:
"The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF"
Essex County Community Foundation, 175 Andover Street
Danvers, MA 01923

Questions? Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.

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

Prayers for the Sick

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

Dan Bedard	Vincent Oberhofer
Priscilla Brown	Maureen Russell
Fr. Drew Christiansen	Rob Schweitzer
Susan Gerroir	Mary Shachok
Charmaine Haan	Ruth Sullivan
Hillar Haan	Ron Sylvester
Joe Messina	Michael Tucker
Jerry Mullen	Jim Williamson

RCIA

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? RCIA is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or for youth that have not yet received the sacraments in the traditional years. If you would like to learn more about this program, contact Deacon John Moranski, 978-432-1443, jmoranski51@gmail.com.

Questions of the Week



Adult: When we present our needs or needs of others with confidence to God, we are following Mary's example as shown in today's Gospel. What needs might we identify and bring to God today?

Child: Sometimes when we see a need that someone has, we can try to help. Other times, we need to turn to God to help. Is there anyone you can think of who needs your help or God's help today?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Afghan Resettlement Project

*"Helping the stranger" and welcoming
Afghanistan refugee families*

*"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you
gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."*

Matthew 25: 31-40

As many may know, three local churches are sponsoring refugee families from Afghanistan—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport; First Religious Society Unitarian Church, 26 Pleasant Street, Newburyport; and West Newbury Congregational Church, 308 Main St, West Newbury.

Three families are here and are settling into temporary housing in the area. As you may expect, they need help to sustain these families while they try to find employment.

To make a donation to assist the families visit onrealm.org/frsuu/-/form/give/now, choose an amount, then go to the fund line and select "Afghan Resettlement" from the menu.

The Congregational Church in West Newbury needs donations in the form of gift cards from stores like Walmart, Target, CVS, Walgreens, Market Basket, Shaw's, etc. They can also accept checks. Anyone wanting to help in this way, can send donations to West Newbury Congregational Church, 308 Main Street, West Newbury 01985. Please attach a note stating the donation is for the Afghanistan Resettlement Project.

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 presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. 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.



New Hope Family Support Group

First & Third Wednesday of every month

For More Info:

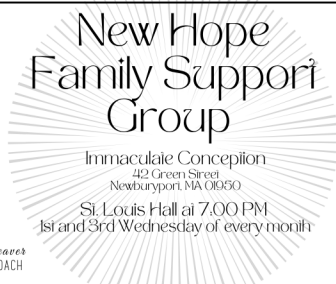
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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and want assistance with grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, meal deliveries, or just receiving a call or note from us to cheer your day, please call the Collaborative offices at **978-462-2724** or **978-346-8604 (ext. 1000)** and let us know how we can help.

IC PARISH

IC Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021-22 schedule for those children entering Grades K-8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org. **Please note:**

First Reconciliation Dates

Friday, January 28, 4:00 p.m. St. Ann

Saturday, January 29, 10:00 a.m. IC

Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, February 13, at 1:30 p.m. No Baptisms will take place during Lent. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021-22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 & 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

Family Prayer Group



Some of our parishioners have formed a group to pray for families and do so on the last Friday of the month, calling the prayer group "Final Fridays for Families" or "FFF" as a result.

It is not burdensome or time-consuming and simply involves receiving a reminder on the last Friday of each month and saying a prayer for families at a time and place that is convenient to you on that day. The group particularly prays for all members and their families and their special intentions. If you would like to join the group and receive the monthly prayer reminder, please let Linda Temple know in our Collaborative office. Contact her at (978) 462-2724 or email at: info@hriccatholic.org.

Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. She is happy to help our parishioners in need.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Jan. 8–9 **\$3,320.00**
 Monthly, Jan. 8–9 **\$ 581.00**
 Mailed in Offertory, week ending Jan 7 **\$2,883.00**

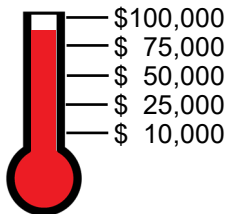
No second collection this weekend (Jan. 16). The second collection next weekend (Jan. 23) is the Church in Latin America.

Next week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America, and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm for more information.

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 Grand Annual
 Goal \$100,000
 To Date \$91,555.00**



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



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.

To donate, you can visit our website to donate online at www.svdpnewburyport.org, or drop your donation (checks payable to "SVdP of Newburyport") into the collection box at Mass, or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Tuesday evenings **takeout only meals** 4:30–5:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!

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IC Online Giving

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

To get started, register as a member of Immaculate Conception Parish if you are not yet registered. Forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

Once registered, visit our website, hricatholic.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.

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.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website tcfnewburyport.org.

Our next monthly support meeting is **January 24** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara for questions at barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Jan. 8–9	\$1,175.00
Monthly, Jan. 8–9	\$ 645.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Jan 7	\$ 995.00

No second collection this weekend (Jan. 16). The second collection next weekend (Jan. 23) is the Church in Latin America.

Next week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America, and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm for more information.

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: hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

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HR Prayer Shawl

If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Helen hvktax@aol.com or 978-771-4673. If you



know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

HR Online Giving

Holy Redeemer now provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish community. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then on “HR Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

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.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

HR Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021–22 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org. **Please note:**

First Reconciliation Dates

Friday, January 28, 4:00 p.m. St. Ann
Saturday, January 29, 10:00 a.m. IC

Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, February 13, at 1:30 p.m. No Baptisms will take place during Lent. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021–22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 & 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

The HR Society of Saint Vincent de Paul thanks you for your ongoing generosity. We have had numerous calls for help with Market Basket food cards, rent, overdue utilities, new mattresses and bedding, and gasoline cards. We would be unable to help our local clients without your assistance. All donations go directly to those in need.

You will now find addressed SVdP envelopes in the pews at both churches. Please place donations into the envelopes and either mail or place the envelopes in the collection. You can also place donations in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

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