SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 23, 2022

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As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ...Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it."

(I Cor 12:12, 27)

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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Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985 Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985 Phone: 978-346-8604 Email: info@hriccatholic.org

#### Nativity

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#### **Immaculate Conception**

Parish, church, rectory, and offices: 42 Green St., Newburyport 01950 Office Hours: M–F 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

#### Phone: 978-462-2724

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MERRIMAC

#### St. Mary's Cemetery

NEWBURYPORT

36 Storey Avenue, Newburyport 01950

#### **Immaculate Conception School**

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St. Ann, W. Newbury Nativity, Merrimac IC, Newburyport

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### **Mass Schedule**

#### Saturday (1/22)

4:00pm IC Michael Aldrich, Betty Martineau (Fr. Morin) 4:00pm Nativity (Fr. Harrison) 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) Monday (1/24) 9:00am IC Frank McQuaid (Fr. Harrison) Tuesday (1/25) 9:00am IC Florence J. Leone (Fr. Harrison) Wednesday (1/26) 9:00am IC For the intentions of Peter D'Ambrosio (Fr. McLaughlin) Thursday (1/27) 9:00am IC Henry Welch (Fr. Morin) Friday (1/28) 9:00am IC Donald Drown (Fr. Harrison) Saturday (1/29) 4:00pm Nativity (Fr. Stanley) 4:00pm IC Bunny Connors, In memory of Joseph H. Brown Jr. (Fr. McLaughlin) Sunday (1/30) 8:30am Nativity (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski) 9:00am IC Mary Frances Weiner (Fr. Morin) 10:00am St. Ann (Fr. Stanley) 11:30am IC (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember Laurine Sullivan, Maria Ferrandini, Jeffrey Murdy, Christopher Reiner, 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 <u>Facebook</u>: (<u>Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes</u>)

### **Facebook Mass**

#### To watch our live-stream Masses:

- Go to our Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>hriccatholic/</u>) 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.

### **Bulletin Information**

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to <u>hricbulletin@gmail.com</u>.

### From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Growing up, I used to spend many hours assembling jigsaw puzzles. For whatever reason, I found the meticulous sorting and connecting of individual pieces of the puzzle to be soothing and relaxing. Although I no longer purchase large



boxes of puzzles, nor do I necessarily have the space to assemble them, I still enjoy using a puzzles program on my tablet that lets me indulge in this passion from time to time when battery strength allows.



I think of the many different puzzles that I have worked on over the years whenever I read St. Paul's treatise on the Body. Not unlike Paul's words, a puzzle requires a respect for each individual piece that goes to do its part to make up the whole. Nothing is more

maddening when assembling a puzzle than to have a piece go missing! To have 999 pieces all come together to make a beautiful landscape only to have this one hole in the middle is beyond frustrating!

But so, with the Body of Christ! St. Paul paints this beautiful image of the Risen Christ alive and working through each individual member of the universal Church. Which is to say that collectively, we make up this complete presence of Christ, when all are assembled properly. It is also to say, that we do not all share the same role or have the same responsibilities as individual members of the One Body. Rather, our roles are unique and just as essential to completing the reality of Christ for our world, regardless of how visible or prominent they may be.

Now, in assembling a puzzle, the very first thing you must do after emptying the boxful of pieces on a table is to turn them over and spread them out, so that all are showing their proper colors and shapes. The very next thing that I do, is to begin to assemble the edges, as they are the easiest to find and literally help frame the rest of the image. I get very excited about finding edge pieces and they are prized by me early in the game. But, not all are edge pieces. Some are just, well, pieces. Maybe they have a slight shade pattern to them, some may have a certain texture expressed and there are always the few that have some bright splash of color or what not. Yet, all are required and absolutely necessary to complete the picture.

Would that we all had this same vision of our own necessity in making Christ present to our world. Sometimes we want the attention of that snazzy edge piece or the brilliant burst of color that catches the eye on another.

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### This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, January 24

AA Meeting 10:30am, *IC St. Louis Hall* Boy Scouts (Wolf Den) Meeting 6:00pm, *Nativity Hall* Women at the Well Meeting 6:30pm, *IC Charity Dining Room* Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, *IC Conference Room* 209

*Tuesday,* January 25 Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* HR Confirmation Prep, Year 2 6:45pm, *Nativity Hall* IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, *IC Church* 

*Wednesday,* January 26 Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, *IC Nazareth Library* 

*Thursday,* January 27 Adoration 7:00pm, *IC Church* 

Friday, January 28 Adoration 9:30am, IC Church HR First Penance Service 4:00pm, St. Ann Church AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, January 29 IC First Penance Service 10:00am, IC Church Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church Sunday, January 30 RCIA 9:30am, IC Conference Room 209

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

### **Collaborative Website**

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, <u>www.hriccatholic.org</u> for up-to-date information on what is happening in the Collaborative. You can also find links to our weekly bulletins and our Facebook, Instagram, and twitter pages.

### **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.

(Continued from page 3) Maybe we want to be THAT ONE PIECE that is searched for during the whole time that connects every fragments of chunk together and pulls the image into breathtaking view for the first time! Life is filled with drama,



after all! Or maybe we wonder if we got mixed up from some other box of pieces and just don't seem to fit in anywhere...(yet!) But most of the time, most of us are simply pieces that fill in a gap or two that make up part of the bigger backdrop on the whole. Not a particularly exciting role, but essential, nonetheless.

As disciples, we must embrace the humility that keeps our vision focused on the bigger picture of spreading the Gospel. We shine individually only inasmuch as our shining is necessary to the whole and not for our own sake. There is a deeper satisfaction that comes from knowing that we have done our part in sharing Christ with the world and have not distorted that mission by seeking something that is not inherent in our God-given role. If you are not an "edge," then don't try and be an "edge," as you'll only mess things up!

That much being said, the greater image of Christ, made up by the individual members of His One Body, is more glorious and multi-faceted than any one of us could ever imagine. It is a great joy and privilege to be counted as a part of this One, Glorious Body, destined for eternal life beyond our wildest dreams! Even the most mundane of parts in this grand image will shine and dazzle far beyond any earthly delights ever could. So, humbly and with conviction, let us live out our Baptismal vocation to holiness, that we might find our own true place not only amidst the jumble of pieces that make up the puzzle of this life, but permanently and finally in the great image of the Risen Lord who has invited us to participate in His life forever.



Winter Blessings to all, Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

### 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.

### Synod on Synodality

Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in the Synod on Synodality. What does that mean? Here in Boston it means that we will be gathering, as parishes and as a diocese to pray together and to invite the Holy Spirit to help us to listen deeply to one another, and we will talk together about how best to do that.



So, for instance, a parish council may get together and ask, "How can we as a parish council do a better job of letting the voices of all our parishioners be heard, even those who are not a part of an inner circle or who might be marginalized for whatever reason?"

The archdiocese and the church around the world will be engaging in the same sort of conversation. We pray that the Lord will open our hearts to Him and to all of our people.

### 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.

### 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.



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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.

### **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**. 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.HRICcatholic.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.)



### The God Minute

Every morning a small group of priests, nuns, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10minute prayer called The God Minute. It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free.

Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. www.thegodminute.org

### Support after Breast Cancer Loss



Do you know a New England area family who has lost a loved one to breast cancer and is in need of financial and/or emotional support? Runway for Recovery is a Newburyport non-profit that funds families who have lost a loved one to breast cancer.

We aim to reduce the financial and logistical burdens of a loss and bolster families with needed psychological, social, and financial support. Runway for Recovery is committed to being flexible with families in order to address their specific needs. We encourage you to apply and learn more here:

https://runwayforrecovery.org/familygrants/

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### 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.

#### 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 <u>flocknote.com/hriccollaborative</u> or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

To access **FORMED**, visit <u>formed.org</u>, 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.

Like Us on Facebook



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Second Tuesdays at 7pm IC Parish Center Library

For More Info: Matt Blanchette 978.697.5135 kofc231@gmail.com



### Archdiocese Web Site

Visit <u>www.bostoncatholic.org</u> for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

### **The Pelican Intervention Fund**



The Pelican Intervention Fund was established in 2015. We are a non-profit, grass roots, allvolunteer group dedicated to supporting local men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. Our Mission is to provide funding

for non-profit, 12-Step residential sober homes for economically challenged men and women struggling with addiction.

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 <u>www.pelicaninterventionfund.org</u> to learn more.

### **Foster Care**

Is there room in your home and heart for a foster child?



There is a need for foster homes in our area to provide children a supportive and healing home during a difficult time. Learn more from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) about Foster Care and Adopting through Foster Care.

https://www.mass.gov/guides/upcoming-fostercareadoption-informational-meetings

### **Prayers for the Sick**

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

- Priscilla Brown Fr. Drew Christiansen Susan Gerroir Charmaine Haan Hillar Haan Joe Messina Jerry Mullen Vincent Oberhofer
- Maureen Russell Rob Schweitzer Mary Shachok Ruth Sullivan Ron Sylvester Michael Tucker 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, <u>imoranski51@gmail.com</u>.

### **Questions of the Week**

**Adult:** Thinking about your neighborhood and your community, who are those most in need of help? How can you participate in continuing Jesus' mission?



**Child:** Jesus always responded to those who were in need. In what way can you continue Jesus' work by being kind and helpful?

### **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 <u>onrealm.org/</u> <u>frsuu/-/form/give/now</u>, 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.



### **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 <u>www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation</u>.

#### **School Year Programs**

Information regarding the 2021–22 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: <u>hriccatholic.org</u>. 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 <u>agiard@hriccatholic.org</u> or Melinda at <u>burrell@hriccatholic.org</u>.

#### **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: <u>hriccatholic.org</u>. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at <u>agiard@hriccatholic.org</u> or Melinda at <u>burrell@hriccatholic.org</u>. **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 and 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: <u>hriccatholic.org</u>. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda <u>burrell@hriccatholic.org</u>.

### **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 timeconsuming 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. 15–16 Mailed in Offertory, week ending Jan. 14

\$2,834.00 \$3,136.00

The second collection this weekend (Jan. 23) is the Church in Latin America. No second collection next weekend (Jan. 30).

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the **Church in Latin America** funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. 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: <u>hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving</u>.



### **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, <u>hriccatholic.org</u> 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.

### 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.

### **Immaculate Conception School**



The Immaculate Conception School class of 2020 has their sights set on high school. December and January is prime high school application time, a process that is exciting but can also be stressful. Applications are in and within the next few months acceptance letters

will be received and final decisions about high schools will be made. It will be exciting to see the schools that our students choose for high school. It is interesting to see the trends and schools that are particularly appealing to our students as every year differs as to the programs, environments, and athletic teams that intrigue our scon-tobe graduates. This year, 63% of our students applied to private high schools, 52% applied to only Catholic high schools. 11% of our graduates will attend public high schools. One thing is very clear that our students value being in a Catholic school environment. We wish our 8th graders all the best as they make decisions about the next step in their education!



#### 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 <u>www.svdpnewburyport.org</u>, 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!

### 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 <u>tcfnewburyport.org</u>.

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. 15–16 Mailed in Offertory, week ending Jan. 14 \$1,649.00 \$4.841.00

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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: <u>hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving</u>.

HR Grand Annual Goal \$25,000 To Date \$20,020.00



### HR Prayer Shawl



If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Helen <u>hvktax@aol.com</u> 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 St. Vincent de Paul

The HR Society of Saint Vincent de Paul thanks you for your ongoing generosity. We would be unable to help our local clients without your assistance. All donations go directly to those in need.

You will 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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### **HR Faith Formation**

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

#### School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021–22 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: <u>hriccatholic.org</u>. 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 <u>agiard@hriccatholic.org</u> 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: <u>hriccatholic.org</u>. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at <u>agiard@hriccatholic.org</u> or Melinda at <u>burrell@hriccatholic.org</u>. **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 and 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: <u>hriccatholic.org</u>. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

### Stations of the Cross at HR

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- make simple, meatless meals
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Anyone interested can contact Aaron Giard (978-462-2724 x7405) or <u>agiard@hriccatholic.org</u> by February 11.

### **HR Online Giving**

To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

To learn more visit our website, <u>hriccatholic.org</u> and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.



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