## HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 2021

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"But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh."

(Mk 10:6-8)

All Are Welcome

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# PEP FEST THANK YOU

A word of gratitude goes out to all of the many volunteers who gave of their time and energy to help make our PEP Fest so successful! Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this special day.

Gratefully, Fr. Tim Harrison Pastor

## **Mass Schedule**

### Saturday (10/2)

4:00pm **IC** *Rita Snow, Cynthia J. Demartino, Stephen M. Boy* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski) 4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (10/3)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley) 9:00am **IC** *Mary Merrill* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon

Dow) 10:00am **St. Ann** *Luella LeBlanc* (Fr. Morin) 11:30am **IC** *Charles Miller* (Fr. Harrison)

### Monday (10/4)

9:00am IC *Mr. Adolf Benca, Russell Burton* (Fr. Harrison)

#### Tuesday (10/5)

9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley)

#### Wednesday (10/6)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (10/7)

9:00am **IC** Sean Perkins (Fr. Morin) 10:00am **IC School Liturgy** Jay Perkins (Fr. Harrison)

### Friday (10/8)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

#### Saturday (10/9)

4:00pm **IC** *Jeffrey "Jeff" Kimbell* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski) 4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (10/10)

8:30am **Nativity** John R. Minihan (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow) 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin) 10:00am **St. Ann** *Paul & Helen Ringenbach* (Fr. Harrison) 11:30am **IC** *Mary & Robert Merrill, Robert Filomia* (Fr. Stanley)

In your prayers, please remember Frances "Fran" Reslewic, Carol Guerin, Edward Tremblay Jr., Kristin Ann Schmidt, and all the faithful departed.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport Nativity—Merrimac St. Ann—West Newbury

### Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through

Facebook: (Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes)

### **Bulletin Information**

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

### **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.)

## **Collaborative Contacts**

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## Face Masks Recommended

After consultation with local doctors, nurses, and members of our Pastoral Council, at this time I am **recommending** that all parishioners age 5 and above <u>wear face masks at all</u> <u>indoor liturgies</u>. Although this is not a mandate, I am requesting this out of an abundance of caution for our most vulnerable parishioners due to the rise of the COVID-19 variants in our area and beyond. It is possible that we will receive additional guidance from the Archdiocese or State that may indicate further action in the weeks ahead, however, I ask for your cooperation and patience as we continue to navigate these uncertain circumstances. Thank you for the generous and loving way that you care for all who come to us for prayer and the sacraments.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor







More than 5,000 people have already viewed this virtual program highlighting the impact priests have on our parishes, families, and communities. **To watch now, click or scan the QR code!** 



## This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, October 4 AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

*Tuesday,* October 5 Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* HR Confirmation Prep. Year 2 6:45pm, *Nativity Hall* IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, *IC Church* 

### Wednesday, October 6 Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, *IC Nazareth Library* Centering Prayer 6:00pm, *IC Nazareth Library* New Hope Family Support Group 7:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*

*Thursday,* October 7 Adoration 7:00pm, *IC Church* 

*Friday, October 8* AA Meeting 7:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* Ultreya 7:00pm, *IC Church/Charity Dining Room* 

Saturday, October 9 Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

### Sunday, October 10

RCIA 9:00am, IC Parish Center, Room G19 IC Faith Formation 10:00am, IC Parish Center

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

## **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 Charmaine Haan Hillar Haan Bridie Hubley Joe Messina Vincent Oberhofer Rob Schweitzer Mary Shachok Ruth Sullivan Ron Sylvester Michael Tucker

## Update Your Collaborative Registration Information

The Pastoral Council has been working on upgrading the software used by the Collaborative which will allow better communication to parishioners through email, voicemail and text. We will be testing the new software in the coming weeks. As we iron out any "bugs" in the system, you may get more than one message from Fr. Tim depending upon the contact preferences you established when you registered with the parish. Once you receive the message or messages, please contact the office to update your preferences for future contact.

We look forward to using this new system to advise of Mass schedule changes, meeting cancellations due to weather, and other important Collaborative-wide communications. Thank you for your patience as we work through the launch of this new system.

## 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*. When Holy Communion is received on the tongue, it is very likely that the communicant will breathe on the hands of the priest or minister. It is very possible that small droplets of saliva or mucus from the mouth or lungs (which could contain COVID) could be transferred onto the hands of those distributing Communion and possibly passed on to others.

It is for this reason that those distributing Communion would be required to stop and sanitize their hands after every person whom they gave Communion to on the tongue. If we had to do this for everyone, the Communion procession would take an inordinate amount of time and become hopelessly cumbersome. 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.

## Sharing Reflections of Our COVID Journey

Memorializing the pandemic experience at HRIC

For many people, journaling has become a regular and positive element in healing.

Reflecting on joys and fears through the written word enhances our ability to reconcile their impact on our outlook and our lives.



Members of our Collaborative have experienced a wide range of emotions during the COVID 19 pandemic—some profoundly sad through the loss of a loved one; loss of employment; remote education; and the inability to celebrate graduations, weddings, proms and family events. Others have experienced some surprisingly positive occurrences—increased family contact through "Zoom" and "Facetime," a slower pace to day to day life, a more intense prayer life, and many examples of humanity at its best.

Perhaps memorializing YOUR experiences throughout the pandemic will assist your reflections and encourage your children to express their impressions, fears, and feelings.

If so, we invite you and your family to share your stories, anonymously if you prefer, on a single page and email it to <u>ourcovidjourney@gmail.com</u> by October 30. No access to the internet? You may mail your story to the Collaborative offices and mark the envelope "COVID Memorial Project."

The stories will be compiled into a memorial book to be shared among our three Collaborative churches during the month of November as we pray for all souls. An enlightening history of parishioners' observations to be circulated in subsequent years as a way to remember this unprecedented event in our lives.

Sharing stories brings us together as a community as we learn from one another's life experiences. We hope you will share yours.

## A Consecration to Mary

### Sign up for a 33-Day Mini Retreat and Consecration to Mary

Knights of Columbus invite men and women to set aside 15 minutes for 33 days to read 1½ pages of inspired writings from 4 Saints (Louis de Montfort, Maximilian Kolbe, Mother Teresa, and JPII) each of whom had deep devotion to Mary. The mini retreat requires no written homework. Participants will be encouraged to reflect on suggested focus questions and share aloud their insights at peer-directed large-group meetings.

This retreat ends with a Consecration Rite on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mary's womb brought Jesus as a gift to the world 2000 years ago. Mary's fullness of grace brings Jesus as an Advent gift to us in 2021. Now is the favorable time! Sign-up!

### What You Need to Know:

Place: IC Church for all events

**Dates:** Orientation/Book/Handouts on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 12:30–1:00 p.m. Talks and large-group sessions on Wednesdays,

Nov. 3, 10, 17, and Dec. 1



Times: 7:00–8:00 p.m. Speakers: Mary Schmidt, Chris Eagan, Claudia Rocha Text: 33 Days to Morning Glory by Fr.Michael Gaitley

MIC—free copy with sign-up from kofc231@gmail.com.

## **Turkey Classic**

Join the Knights of Columbus Council 231 for a fun-filled day of golfing while raising money for charity. Proceeds go to local families in need on Thanksgiving. For more information, to register, to donate, or to sponsor call Matt Blanchette: 978-697-5135.

Date: Saturday, November 6

Place: Apple Hill Golf club, East Kingston, NH



### 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. <u>www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/</u>

### Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

You can also tune in to the Knights of Columbus live rosary on Facebook on Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. and Fridays at 8:30 a.m. <u>www.facebook.com/kofc231</u>.

## **St. Francis of Assisi**

We celebrate St. Francis of Assisi this weekend, one of the most beloved saints. Born in 1811, he abandoned a comfortable life in order to follow the life of Christ. He quickly developed a reputation for his kindness and help to the most marginalized in society and for his deep love of animals and the environment, embracing all of God's creation. He was canonized in 1226.

Pope John Paul II declared him the patron saint of ecologists and encouraged us to follow the example of St. Francis by "embracing all creatures as members of a single family and by offering respect, dignity, and care to each family member."

"In 1979, I proclaimed Saint Francis of Assisi as the heavenly Patron of those who promote ecology (*cf. Apostolic Letter Inter Sanctos: AAS 71 [1979], 1509f.*). He offers Christians an example of genuine and deep respect for the integrity of creation. As a friend of the poor who was loved by God's creatures, Saint Francis invited all of creation—animals, plants, natural forces, even Brother Sun and Sister Moon—to give honour and praise to the Lord. The poor man of Assisi gives us striking witness that when we are at peace with God we are better able to devote ourselves to building up that peace with all creation which is inseparable from peace among all peoples."

"It is my hope that the inspiration of Saint Francis will help us to keep ever alive a sense of 'fraternity' with all those good and beautiful things which Almighty God has created. And may he remind us of our serious obligation to respect and watch over them with care, in light of that greater and higher fraternity that exists within the human family."\*

We pray to St. Francis for the courage to follow his example in our care of the earth, of all of God's creatures, and one another.

\*From Pope John Paul II, Message of His Holiness Pope John Paul II for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace: Peace with God the Creator, Peace with all of Creation, 1 January 1990. Excerpted from the Humane Society of the United States

### Prayers for the Blessing of Animals

Thou hast made the moon to measure the year and taught the sun where to set. When thou makest darkness and it is night, all the beasts of the forest come forth....All of them look expectantly to thee to give them food at the proper time; what thou givest them they gather up; when thou openest thy hand, they eat their fill. Then thou hidest thy face, and they are restless and troubled; when thou takest away their breath, they fail and they return to the dust from which they came; but when thou breathest into them, they recover; thou givest new life to the earth. ~Psalm 104

We need another and wiser and perhaps more mystical concept of animals. We patronize them for their incompleteness, for their tragic fate of having taken form so far below ourselves. And therein we err, and greatly err. For the animal shall not be measured by man. In a world older and more complete than ours they move finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not our brethren; they are not underlings; they are other nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time, fellow prisoners of the splendour and the travail ahead. ~Henry Beston

There is not a beast on earth, nor fowl that flieth on two wings, but they are a people like unto you, and to God they shall return. ~The Koran

### Facebook Mass

### To watch our Saturday 4:00 p.m. live-stream Mass:

- 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.

## **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.



### Reaching the hearts of middle-school aged girls with the love of Christ and the truths of our Catholic faith!

BLAZE is an answer to the prayers so many parents have for their daughters. Girls are bombarded with lies which attack their identity, their relationships, their body image, and above all, their relationship with God. BLAZE beautifully balances the everyday struggles of being a middle school girl with the importance of a relationship with Jesus Christ. The mission of BLAZE is to use Scripture to speak truth into the hearts of young girls who are bombarded by lies about their true worth, beauty, and identity.

Starting **October 21st at 6:30PM**, and on every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30PM following, we will meet in the Youth Ministry Room of the Pastoral Center at Immaculate Conception Parish in Newburyport.

Please join us *any* third Thursday of the month at 6:30PM. If you have any questions, please email <u>hricblaze@gmail.com</u>.

## **Ecumenical Taizé**

All are invited to attend the upcoming ecumenical candlelight Taizé meditation service at Groveland Congregational Church, 4 King St., Groveland, on Sunday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. This month's theme is peace and tolerance. We gather as night falls in the beautiful candlelit sanctuary to listen to God's word, offer petitions, sing simple refrains, and experience an extended period of silence. Why not give yourself the gift of peace in God's loving presence!

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### It's Cori Time

2022 CORI forms are now available. Remember that all Collaborative volunteers, new and returning, are required to fill out a CORI form every year.

There are CORI forms in all the churches' Sacristies. Please have any Clergy verify your ID. You may also come by any of the Collaborative offices in Newburyport during business hours to submit your CORI forms. Thank you for your attention to this very important task.

## **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and want assistance with fundamental needs such as grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, meal deliveries, etc., please call the Collaborative offices at **978-462-2724** or **978-346-8604** (ext. 1000) and let us know how we can help.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors volunteers would love to give you a call to chat or send you a note. We know that this is a difficult period for everyone, particularly to those who live alone. Let us help brighten your day! If you would be interested in



receiving a call or note, please call the HRIC offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 (ext. 1000) and leave your name, address, and phone number and we will reach out to you.

## RCIA

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Then RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you. RCIA is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or 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.



### **Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina**

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us **in person Wednesday, October 6, 6:00–7:00 p.m.**, at IC Nazareth Library for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer. 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. For more information and the Zoom and in-person schedule, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978- 462-7483.

## **Cursillo is Back!**

Cursillo weekends have been scheduled at St. Basil's in Methuen and our first Ultreya is scheduled for **Friday**, **October 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the main church at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport. Please join us for Mass, a speaker, reflection, and a pot luck supper in the Charity Dining Room at the Pastoral Center.

The following schedule is subject to change depending upon revised guidelines from the CDC and the Commonwealth.

Experience this "short course" in Christianity and renew your faith as you encounter Jesus.

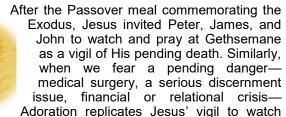
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## Jesus' Invitation: Watch & Pray



and pray in the dusky sacred silence of evening Adoration before the real presence of Jesus in the Monstrance. Allow that holy hour to reveal the state of your heart, revive interior trust, and awaken ardor, worship, and praise!

Adoration/Benediction is available to all, any age, each Thursday (7:00–8:00 p.m.) at IC Church. Enter at the Green Street entrance.

## 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>.

Faith Formation classes will be starting soon for all grades. If you have not yet registered your family, class schedules and registration forms can be found on the parish website at <u>hriccatholic.org</u>.

### School Year Programs

Information regarding the fall 2021 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>.

### Confirmation

Sixty-five young men and women joined by one adult received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as they were confirmed this past weekend at Immaculate Conception Parish.

We wish to give thanks to Most Reverend Robert F. Hennessey for making this celebration a special one for those who were confirmed. May these newly confirmed be assured of our continued prayers as they take the next step in their journey of faith.

Information regarding the fall 2021 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 & 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>.

### Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, October 17 at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information.

### 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>.

### 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 PARISH**

## **IC Offertory Collection**

IC Offertory, Sept. 25–26	\$4,408.00
Ongoing Maintenance, Sept. 25–26	\$ 976.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Sept. 24	\$2,758.00
Catholic Appeal	\$48,980.00

The second collection this weekend (October 3) is Holy Father/Missionary Efforts (Peter's Pence). The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.

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>.

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### 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, visit our website and donate online at <u>www.svdpnewburyport.org</u>, 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!

## SVdP Bundle Sunday

Bundle up your old clothes and bring them to church! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is providing an opportunity to donate all the clothes and shoes that you no longer want or need. Clothes for every season and all sizes can be donated. No toys or household items can be accepted. A truck from St. Vincent de Paul will be parked behind the

school in the IC parking lot on Saturday, October 23 and Sunday, October 24. Bring your clothing bundles to the truck anytime during the day on Saturday or when you come to Mass on Sunday. Receipts will be available. Thank you for helping us to help others!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL, NEWBURYPORT

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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.

Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. 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, <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.

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

### 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 who are in need.

## 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."

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.

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### OCTOBER 3, 2021



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Pilot Bulletins

Immoculate Conception, Newburyport, MA 1090

## HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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Ongoing Maintenance, Sept. 25–26	\$ 614.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Sept. 24	\$1,105.00
Catholic Appeal	\$18,565.00

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### HR St. Vincent de Paul

The HR SVdP conference continues to assist clients with utility and insurance bills. We also provide help with rent payments and gas and Market Basket cards.

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.

Thank you for remembering and helping those in need.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to HR SVdP, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

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## **Questions of the Week**



Adult: Who are the children in your life who teach you about God? How does your "inner child" help you to know God?

**Child**: Jesus loved the children and welcomed them. How does it feel to know that you are loved by Jesus?

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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>.

### Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, October 17 at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information.

### Confirmation

Sixty-five young men and women joined by one adult received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as they were confirmed this past weekend at Immaculate Conception Parish.

We wish to give thanks to Most Reverend Robert F. Hennessey for making this celebration a special one for those who were confirmed. May these newly confirmed be assured of our continued prayers as they take the next step in their journey of faith.

Information regarding the fall 2021 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 & 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>.

## St. Ann Retaining Wall Project

The retaining wall is just about done. We are waiting for the delivery and installation of the railing. The parking lot work has also started. Things are moving along!

## **HR Prayer Shawl**

If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please give their name to 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.

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