

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

All Are Welcome

[hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org)



“Hear, O Israel! The **LORD** is our God, the **LORD** alone!  
Therefore, you shall love the **LORD**, your God,  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength.

Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today.” (Dt 6:4-6)





# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

## St. Ann

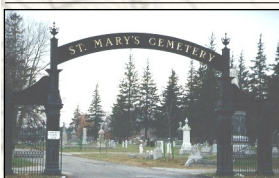
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (10/30)

4:00pm **IC Katherine Doyle Kelley & John E. Kelley, Judith Geller** (Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

### Sunday (10/31)

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

9:00am **IC Tony Speziale, Rocco & Mary Petrillo, Myriam Rodriguez, Angel Rodriguez, Michael Spero** (Fr. Stanley)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

11:30am **IC Dennis Radulski** (Fr. Morin)

### Monday (11/1) All Saints Day

9:00am **IC Mr. & Mrs. Josef Belez, Araceli Millete, John Stuart Bennett** (Fr. Morin)

10:30am **IC School Mass** (Fr. Harrison)

### Tuesday (11/2)

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

### Wednesday (11/3)

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

### Thursday (11/4)

9:00am **IC Jeffrey Stone** (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (11/5)

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

### Saturday (11/6)

11:00am **St. Ann Confirmation**

12:30pm **St. Ann Confirmation**

4:00pm **IC James B. Lefebre, Earle H. Baughn, Dennis C. Radulski** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

4:00pm **Nativity Maureen & Roley Waddell** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (11/7)

8:30am **Nativity Dorothy Batchelder** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am **IC Jack Edward Hamel** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

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


11:30am **IC Andrew Filomia, Mary Reilly** (Fr. Stanley)

In your prayers, please remember 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](#))

## "Fall Back" Next Weekend



Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend (November 7). Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

## 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,

I thought I would take a moment to share a few updates with you from across the Collaborative.



As we move deeper into the fall months, we continue to monitor COVID reports and so far have not seen any extraordinary uptick in viral cases. Other than requiring face masks for all indoor RE programs this fall, we have no new guidance from the Archdiocese or the state. Our parish policy remains that face masks are recommended (but not required) for all parishioners for any indoor liturgy or activity. We continue to monitor the latest updates for any new guidance or requirements. To my knowledge, we have not experienced any outbreaks of COVID or any other diseases related to in-person Mass attendance this past year.

At this time, parish Mass attendance is hovering at about 50-60% of what it was pre-COVID. We are seeing a slow, but steady, increase in Mass participation, with the parking lots slowly starting to fill to capacity at most Masses. Choral singing and full music programs are underway in both parishes. Hymnals have been returned to the pews. Parish finances are a little ahead of attendance due to parishioners utilizing mail-in and electronic contributions. Grand Annual Collections are underway in both Collaborative parishes. Updated financial reports were mailed with the Grand Annual request letter. Both parishes met or exceeded our Catholic Appeal assessments that were set by the Archdiocese this spring, although we do not expect that they will be receiving any excess monies back this year. Given the circumstances, this is still quite a success and a testament to people's generosity in the midst of the pandemic. If the COVID numbers continue the way they are now, it is my hope to return to greater youth participation (Altar Serving and Children's Choir) to parish liturgies in January.

Recent repair work was done on the St. Ann campus to repair the crumbling retaining wall behind the church and replace the lower hall access door. Also, the gutters were replaced and the eaves and upper trim painted on the IC Pastoral Center Building. The IC rectory was given a much-needed paint job this fall along with the IC parking lot being re-sealed. As part of the Capital Campaign projects, the roof on the Nativity rectory/office building was replaced as well. The generous amount of rainfall in recent months has kept the grass quite green and healthy among all of our parish properties as well. I hope that it looked good for the recent *Viewpoint* filming that was undertaken as part of an IC School promotion. I am very excited to see all the footage, especially the drone shots! The school Mass that was filmed was very energetic and exciting! The *Viewpoint* segment that will include IC School is scheduled to air in January on PBS.

In addition to the Grand Annual collections, we will be starting some longer-term fundraising in both parishes later this fall. At Holy Redeemer, we will be raising money to replace the furnaces in both churches with new HVAC systems. There is some Capital Campaign money left over to begin this project, but more will be needed to complete it. At IC, we will be raising funds to completely replace and

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

### Monday, November 1

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

Women at the Well Mtg. 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

### Tuesday, November 2

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

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

### Wednesday, November 3

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Centering Prayer Gathering 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

KofC Consecration to Mary 7:00pm, IC Church

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

### Thursday, November 4

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

### Friday, November 5

Adoration 9:30am IC Church

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

Ultreya 7:00pm, IC Church/IC Charity Dining Room

### Saturday, November 6

Holy Quilters 9:00am Nativity Hall

HR Confirmation 11:00am and 12:30pm, St. Ann Church

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

### Sunday, November 7

RCIA 9:00am, IC Parish Center, Room G19

IC Faith Formation 10:00am, IC Parish Center

Holy Souls in Purgatory Prayer 12:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Confirmation Prep Year 2 3:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

## November: Month of the Holy Souls

### Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

"The souls of the Just are in the Hand of God." (Wisdom 3:1)

Come for a consoling 75-minute presentation, rich in Church teaching and prayer, on behalf of our beloved dead. Using Scripture, CCC, Apostle's Creed, and Catholic authors, learn profound prayer models to honor the holy souls and to uncover their spiritual attribute. We will see how using our family genealogies can assist us in praying for our ancestors and for healing in our families.

**Date:** Sunday, November 7, 2021

**Time:** 12:45–2:00 p.m.

**Location:** IC St. Louis Hall

**Speaker:** Lisa Powis



## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** What do you do to show your love of God by helping your neighbor? What do you do for yourself?

**Child:** Jesus said we need to love God and our neighbor as we do ourselves. Our neighbors aren't just the people who live close to us. Everyone is our neighbor. How can you show love to them?

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re-surface the parking lot as well as replace the flooring and refinish the pews in IC Church. In all of these cases, we will be using specially marked envelopes that will be included in the monthly packets as well as available in the churches. These can be dropped in any collection or mailed to our office. We will complete these projects in the months/years ahead as funds are raised.

Please watch your bulletin in the weeks ahead concerning announcements for additional opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. We continue to offer in-person Confessions at IC Church every Saturday afternoon from 3:00–3:30pm. Confessions are also available by appointment at other times during the week.

Finally, the Vatican recently announced a new worldwide synod (a special meeting of Church leadership) on "synodality." Please see the link below for more information about this international process and how you might participate in it by following the link to the synod survey. Everyone is invited to take the survey.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/60393a2a701/4322af5b-ccb7-487e-b775-d6edfb993cca.pdf>

I look forward to connecting with all of you in the weeks ahead.

Fall Blessings to you all,

Fr. Tim Harrison

## Born Alive Signature Campaign

Earlier this year, the Massachusetts legislature enacted a pro-death abortion law which is one of the most radical in the country.



In addition to other horrific provisions, this new law removed the legal protection that had been provided for babies that were born alive despite having been targeted for death in abortion.

In order to reverse this law, volunteers will be outside at some of our Masses to collect signatures on a pro-life petition. The petition states: "Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, if a child is born alive, all reasonable steps, in keeping with good medical practice, shall be taken to preserve the life of the child born alive."

The first step in putting this matter before Massachusetts voters is to collect over 80,000 signatures on the petition. Please sign the petition to protect the most vulnerable among us.

## Diaper Drive

The Central Congregational Church, Newburyport is hosting their annual drive-by diaper collection to benefit Anchor of Hope Diaper Bank (AOH) on **Saturday, November 6, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.** The Anchor of Hope Diaper Bank is a non-profit service agency that provides about 100,000 free diapers per year to families from Haverhill to Newburyport, Salisbury and Amesbury and Boxford. The need is always great and with the predicted shortage of paper products, could become more acute. Please consider helping in this effort. The Central Congregational Church is located at 14 Titcomb St., Newburyport, MA.

# 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](https://flocknote.com/hriccollaborative) or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

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



ALL SAINTS DAY FESTIVAL  
OCTOBER 31 AT IC



ALL COLLABORATIVE FAMILIES WELCOME!

## 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.



## Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us **in person Wednesday, November 3, 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.

## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

Faith Formation is hosting an **All Saints Day festival**. Let's celebrate our "hallowed" friends and patrons in Heaven with music, saint skits, treats/candy, and more. If you want, dress up as your favorite saint and join us. All are welcome!

**When:** October 31 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at IC Church  
**Where:** IC Parish Center, Newburyport

## women at the well

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

**Welcome to 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](mailto:hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com) for the link.

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NEWBURYPORT

TICKETS  
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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.

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS



## New Hope Family Support Group

First & Third Wednesday of every month

For More Info:  
Corey Beaver  
781.854.2541  
3foldrecovery@gmail



HOSTED BY *Corey Beaver*  
INTERVENTIONIST & RECOVERY COACH



## 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.



## Join the Knights!

Second Tuesdays at 7pm  
IC Parish Center Library

For More Info:  
Matt Blanchette  
978.697.5135  
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## Prayers for the Sick

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

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| Dan Bedard            | Vincent Oberhofer |
| Priscilla Brown       | Rob Schweitzer    |
| Fr. Drew Christiansen | Mary Shachok      |
| Charmaine Haan        | Ruth Sullivan     |
| Hillar Haan           | Ron Sylvester     |
| Joe Messina           | Michael Tucker    |



## Consecration to Mary

11/3-12/8

Wednesday nights from 7-8pm | Main Church

Join us in weekly prayer and study on our journey to better understand and serve our Blessed Mother.

For More Info call Chris Eagan c:617.592.5907



## Turkey Classic Golf Tournament

Help provide Thanksgiving meals for local families.

Saturday, November 6th

7am Registration | 8:10am Tee Time



- \$135 per player
- \$540 per foursome
- 5 Competitions w/Prizes
- 50/50 Raffle
- Sponsorships/Donations Welcome!
- Apple Hill Golf Course, East Kington

For more info call Matt Blanchette: 978.697.5135



## Live Stream Rosaries

Wednesdays at 7:30am | Fridays at 8:30am

Tune into either the Knights of Columbus Council 231 or IC's Facebook pages at the times above to join in a live stream rosary by one of our Knights.

## Adoration

We now offer Adoration at IC Church two times during the week. All are welcome.

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: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org).

## Facebook Mass

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

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.

## 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/hricatholic/](http://www.facebook.com/hricatholic/)

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



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

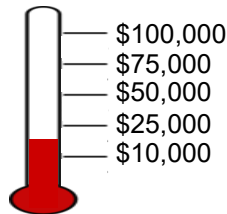
IC Offertory, Oct. 23–24	\$3,880.00
World Mission Sunday, Oct. 23–24	\$ 644.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Oct. 22	\$2,258.00
Catholic Appeal	\$50,275.00

No second collection this Sunday (Oct. 31). Second collection next Sunday (Nov. 7) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

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

IC Grand Annual  
Goal \$100,000  
To Date \$20,438.00



## 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.

You can visit our website and donate online at [www.svdpnwburyport.org](http://www.svdpnwburyport.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!

## 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, [hricatholic.org](http://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.

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

## Immaculate Conception School



On Saturday, October 23, the IC held the annual Mother-Son Event at Marini Farm in Ipswich. This Halloween-time event is always well attended and is a family-friendly tradition at the IC. Over one hundred moms and grandmoms attended with students of all ages.

A hayride, *pictured*, huge trampoline, climbing structures, corn maze, and a private decorated tent with oodles of Halloween candy and treats made for a festive night. To accommodate the younger set, late afternoon activities were planned. Those not afraid of the dark stayed well beyond sunset to enjoy some spooky fun under the full moon. It is a relief to be able to hold some beloved annual traditions that foster a sense of community at the IC. The strong turnout is reflective of our community's eagerness to celebrate together as a family. Happy Halloween!!



## 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](http://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.)

## 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

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## IC Haiti Update

On August 14, our friends in Haiti were forced to overcome yet another life challenge when a large earthquake occurred in the southern peninsula near Les Cayes. Different than the earthquake which struck Port-au-Prince in 2010, this time the major seismic event epicenter occurred only about 20 miles from our school in Puit Chacha. Fortunately, our school did not sustain any major damage, which can be attributed to the seismic building standards used during the construction in 2012. Although the earthquake greatly impacted many communities on the southern peninsula, our school was able to resume classes and continue with the important lunch program.

It appears that our catchment community, which includes Fond-des-Blancs, has been able to deal with the latest disruption to their “normal” life and continue on. From my perspective and what I witnessed first-hand during my trips to Haiti, the philosophy of most of the people is to address adversity, make adjustments, and carry on with life while never losing hope that it will get better. I am pleased to report that our school community is resilient and moving forward with the 21–22 school year as planned. We are making some improvements to the building and kitchen area. More and more students are taking advantage of our secondary school scholarship program. If everything goes well, we will graduate our first Chacha student through the 13th grade of high school next year. It has been another challenging time for our friends in Haiti, but we should be inspired by their resilience and learn to always maintain hope regardless of the circumstances.

Despite the many obstacles to fundraising during the pandemic, the constant generosity of IC parishioners and other supporters has allowed IC Haiti to fund the entire 2021–22 school year budget. In addition, we are making a sizeable donation to St. Boniface Hospital in Fond-des-Blancs to help to defray the cost for the construction of new operating rooms there. For this, our Board of Directors is most grateful to all who have contributed financially and to all who have supported this ministry with prayer. May Our Lord continue to bless our commitment to our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

I see Haiti, I see hope.

*Stuart Meurer, President of the IC Haiti Board of Directors*

*If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks (made out to “IC Haiti” to IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport MA 01950.*

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## The God Minute

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## Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community is pleased to offer a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted if you wish to do that. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

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## 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.

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## Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass will move to **Nativity, Merrimac** for the month of **November**.

## HR Prayer Shawl



If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please give their name to Helen [hvktax@aol.com](mailto: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 Grand Raffle



We are having a Grand Raffle! In hopes of bringing joy and anticipation for the holiday season, the Activities Committee is holding a raffle with cash prizes totaling \$2,500. We hope you will support us by purchasing our raffle tickets as well as asking your friends and neighbors in our community to support our efforts.

The winning raffle tickets will be drawn on Wednesday, December 8. First prize is \$1,000. There will be two \$500 winners and two \$250 winners. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. One sheet of raffle tickets is 12 for \$10.00. We are mailing raffle tickets soon to all registered parishioners. Additional tickets are available in the backs of both churches.

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## Holiday Gift Bags for Veterans

We are collecting items to make up 58 holiday gift bags for Veterans living at the Veteran's Outreach Center, Haverhill. We are collecting toiletries (NO razors or mouthwash), hats, gloves, socks, books, puzzles, small gift items, etc. Donations may be left in the backs of both churches. Items will be collected from each church and delivered to the Center on Sunday, November 14.

Holiday cards for these Veterans would also be appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

There are 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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