# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 14, 2021

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# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

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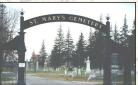
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#### Immaculate Conception

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

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#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday (11/13)

4:00pm IC Paul F. Doyle, Dennis Radulski (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski) 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

**Sunday (11/14)** 

8:30am Nativity Michael Joseph & Katherine Helen Duda (Fr. Harrison) 9:00am IC Jim Leonard, Jack Edward Hamel (Fr. Stanley)

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

11:30am IC Alice McDonald, Jim McDonald, John Popovich, Edward Popovich, David Herlihy, David Hayward (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

Monday (11/15)

9:00am IC Mr. George Cooper, Steven Ward, George H. "Buzzie" Lawler III (Fr. Stanley)

**Tuesday (11/16)** 

9:00am IC Peggy Arsenault (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (11/17)

9:00am IC Dr. David Charles Pickul (Fr. McLaughlin)

**Thursday (11/18)** 

9:00am IC Maureen Heaton (Fr. Morin)

Friday (11/19)

9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley)

**Saturday (11/20)** 

4:00pm IC David Sheppard Sr., David Geggis (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

4:00pm Nativity Maureen Heaton, Catherine Roy (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (11/21)

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

9:00am IC Sandy Lambert (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am IC Sandy Lambert (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Edward H. Riley, Antonio Ortu, 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)

#### **Questions of the Week**



Adult: If you knew today was your last day, how would you spend it?

Child: If Jesus came to visit you today, what would you do? What would you say?

### 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.

### **Community Service of Newburyport**

Since 1912, The Community Service of Newburyport has been assisting our neighbors in the HRIC Collaborative communities and relies on our help to serve their guests. They are currently in need of regular size deodorant, dish soap, and small bottles of laundry detergent (the large, mega size are difficult to carry). There will be collection bins in the front of all HRIC Collaborative Churches from November 7-21 and in the IC Parish Center Lobby. For

more information about Community Service of Newburyport, please visit COMMUNITY SERVICE www.csn1912.org. May God bless OF NEWBURY you for your continued support.



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 for the link.

#### It's Cori Time

2022 CORI forms are now available. 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.

#### **Facebook Mass**

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

- Go to our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/ hriccatholic/) 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.
- Click the "videos" link on the page.
- The **VE** video should be the first one on the list.

#### **Bulletin Information**

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

#### This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, November 15

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

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

Tuesday, November 16

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* HR Confirmation Year 1 Class 6:45pm, *Nativity Church* IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, *IC Church* 

Wednesday, November 17
Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

KofC Consecration to Mary 7:00pm, IC Church

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

Thursday, November 18

Blaze Girls Middle School Ministry Mtg. 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Laudato Si Series 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Friday, November 19

Adoration 9:30am IC Church

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

Saturday, November 20

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, November 21

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

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

#### **Mass of Remembrance**

For children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, or in early childhood.

If you have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or in early childhood, you may feel a very deep loss which few others seem to understand. The St. Augustine community prays for you and invites you to our annual Mass of Remembrance.

Date: November 20, 2021 (Saturday)

**Time**: 9:00 a.m.

**Place**: St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover **Live Stream**: For those who cannot attend in person, this Mass will be streamed live at: <u>StAugustineParish.org/livestream</u>.

Those attending the Mass will have the opportunity to remember and honor their child with remembrance cards.

#### Born Alive Petition—Last Call!



If you did not have a chance to sign the petition to support a ballot question (for Nov. 2022) that would require reasonable medical care for infants who survive abortion, please contact Karen Finnegan

(text/voice 978-270-0183) by Monday November 15.

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#### **Confessions**

We now offer Saturday afternoon confessions from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at Immaculate Conception Church. No appointment necessary. These will be held in the main body of the church at the discretion of the priest.

Confessions continue to be available at other times and places during the week by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, please contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

#### **Second Collection November 21**

Next weekend the Archdiocese will take up the Collection for Retired Religious Sisters. Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service. For more information, please contact the Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637.

#### **New Hope Family Support Group**

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### Join the Knights!

Second Tuesdays at 7pm IC Parish Center Library

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





#### **Consecration to Mary**

11/3-12/8

Wednesday nights from 7-8pm I 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



#### **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.

### **Our COVID Journey**



Several parishioners have chosen to share some profound thoughts on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on themselves, families, and friends.

These personal reflections have been incorporated into a book which will be available for parishioners to review during the month of November at all three churches:

Immaculate Conception from November 6–14 St. Ann from November 15–22 Nativity from November 23–30

It will then be located in the library at the IC Pastoral Center.

There is still time to share your reflections on the pandemic. Please send your thoughts to <a href="mailto:ourcovidjourney@gmail.com">ourcovidjourney@gmail.com</a>.

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.

#### **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 Fr. Drew Christiansen Charmaine Haan Hillar Haan Joe Messina Vincent Oberhofer Maureen Russell Rob Schweitzer Mary Shachok Ruth Sullivan Ron Sylvester Michael Tucker

#### **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: <a href="https://hriccatholic.org">https://hriccatholic.org</a>.

#### **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.

#### 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.

#### **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.

### HR Parish

### **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 Prayer Shawl**

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

candy, food, treats, and games (like pin the flame on the apostle and potato sack races).













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### HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

#### **HR Offertory Collection**

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Ongoing Church Maintenance, Nov 6–7 \$ 768.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Nov 5
Catholic Appeal \$18,565.00

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If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to

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You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: <a href="https://hr-online-giving">https://hr-online-giving</a>.

HR Grand Annual Goal \$25,000 To Date \$10,745.00



### Wanted: Artificial Christmas Tree



Nativity needs a new "Giving Tree." We lost our tree to the flood waters this spring. Does anyone have a 6–7 foot artificial Christmas tree they are not using and would like to donate? Please call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072 if you have one to donate.

#### **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.

With COVID-19 being at the forefront of everyone's concerns, we feel that it is in the best interest of our parish not to overcrowd the church hall and have decided to cancel the 2021 Holiday Fair. The fair has always been a great source of community for our parish. In the spirit of giving back to our loyal parishioners, we thought a Grand Raffle would be enjoyed. We hope you will support us by purchasing 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 have mailed raffle tickets to all registered parishioners. Additional tickets are available in the backs of both churches.

#### **HR Faith Formation**

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at <a href="https://www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation">www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation</a>.

Faith Formation classes have started for all grades. If you have not yet registered your family, class schedules and registration forms can be found on the parish website at hriccatholic.org.

#### **School Year Programs**

Information regarding the fall 2021 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: <a href="https://hriccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org">agiard@hriccatholic.org</a> or Melinda at <a href="mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org">burrell@hriccatholic.org</a>.

#### 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: <a href="hriccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a>. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at <a href="mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org">agiard@hriccatholic.org</a> or Melinda at <a href="mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org">burrell@hriccatholic.org</a>.

#### **Baptism**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, December 12 at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information.

#### Confirmation

We wish to thank once again Most Reverend Robert Hennessey for making our most recent Confirmation services special for all those involved. This past weekend 21 young men and women were confirmed receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at St. Ann Church.

We ask everyone to please keep these newly confirmed in their prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

Information regarding the fall 2021 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 & 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: <a href="https://doi.org/lease-contact-the-Faith Formation-office">https://doi.org/lease-contact-the-Faith Formation-office</a> (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron <a href="mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org">agiard@hriccatholic.org</a> or Melinda <a href="mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org">burrell@hriccatholic.org</a>.

#### **Greeters Needed**



We are looking for friendly, welcoming folks to greet people at Masses at Holy Redeemer. One greeter is needed for each Mass.

There is a **particular need** for greeters at the 10:00 a.m. (Sunday) Mass at St. Ann, but

we could also use more greeters at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both St. Ann and Nativity.

Would you like to serve in this role? Please contact Sue Noyes at <a href="mailto:susanjnoyes@gmail.com">susanjnoyes@gmail.com</a>

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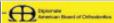


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Ongoing Church Maintenance, Nov 6–7 \$1,205.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Nov. 5
Catholic Appeal \$50,275.00

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IC Grand Annual Goal \$100,000 To Date \$53,278.00



#### 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 <a href="https://www.svdpnewburyport.org">www.svdpnewburyport.org</a>, 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!

### **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.

### 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**



Congratulations to the Immaculate Conception School Cross Country Team for a successful season! Ten members of the boys and girls teams, pictured, finished out the season at the MA State Middle School Cross Country Championship on Saturday, November 6 in

Fort Devens, MA. Both teams ran in the Division 2 finals under blue skies.



The boys team finished 16th with 23 teams represented, 156 runners. All 5 of our boys achieved a personal best time on the 1.87 mile course. Nick Donovan took 3rd place, Jude Anderson-Song 58th, Liam Hoffman 72nd, David Pearce 116th, and Ronan Byrne 139th.

The girls team finished 12th with 19 teams competing, 119 girls running. Emma Finch took 2nd place, Julia Davis 23rd, Fiona DeLisle 71st, Shea Hoffman was 100th and Kit Wichroski was 108th.



We are grateful that the students were able to have a Cross Country season! Their ability and enthusiasm are fantastic examples of Pelican Pride! Special thanks to our parent-volunteer coaches Michelle Garvey, Jen Finch, and Mark Ostrowski.

Pictured: Emma Finch and Nick Donovan

#### **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.

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

#### **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 Sheila Cruise or Linda Temple know in our Collaborative Office. They can be reached at (978) 462-2724 or email at: info@hriccatholic.org.

### **Lions Club Dinner Delivery**

The Newburyport Lions Club is pleased to offer a Thanksgiving Dinner delivered to seniors and any homebound community members on Thanksgiving Day. Due to COVID-19 restrictions again this year, the Newburyport Lions are unable to offer its Annual Thanksgiving Day Luncheon at the Greater Newburyport Senior Center. However, our hearts and thoughts remain with our seniors and homebound community members in the Newburyport, Newbury, and Salisbury area and we're honored to be able to offer a meal even though we're not able to be together this year. Meals are anticipated to be delivered between 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Pre-registration for meals is required so please register early; call Lion Frank Bertolino at The North Shore Realty Group: 781-412-4466.

Donations: Monetary donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. Tax-deductible donations are accepted any time of the year. Make checks payable to Newburyport MA Lions Foundation, Inc. and mail to Newburyport Lions Club, P.O. Box 545, Newburyport, MA 01950.

#### Win Cash!

IC school annual holiday calendars are now available.

For over 20 years, IC School has run a holiday calendar fundraiser. Each \$10 calendar gives individuals 40 chances to win a grand total of \$5000 in cash prizes. A winner is drawn each day from January 8–February 15 to receive a cash prize of \$100, \$200, \$300, or \$400.

Calendars are available at IC School, IC Church lobby, and the IC Parish Center.

To enter, fill out the buyer's name and contact information in the space at the bottom of the calendar. Cut it off and return both the ticket stub and the money to the school office or to the Parish Center office.

Check payments should be made out to Immaculate Conception school or cash is accepted.

Good luck!

#### **IC Faith Formation**

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at <a href="https://www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation">www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation</a>.

Faith Formation classes have started for all grades. If you have not yet registered your family, class schedules and registration forms can be found on the parish website at hriccatholic.org.

#### **School Year Programs**

Information regarding the fall 2021 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: <a href="https://hriccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org">agiard@hriccatholic.org</a> or Melinda at <a href="mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org">burrell@hriccatholic.org</a>.

#### 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: <a href="hriccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a>. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at <a href="mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org">agiard@hriccatholic.org</a> or Melinda at <a href="mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org">burrell@hriccatholic.org</a>.

#### **Baptism**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, December 12 at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information.

#### Confirmation

We wish to thank once again Most Reverend Robert Hennessey for making our most recent Confirmation services special for all those involved. This past weekend 21 young men and women were confirmed receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at St Ann Church.

We ask everyone to please keep these newly confirmed in their prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

Information regarding the fall 2021 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 & 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: <a href="https://hr.ccatholic.org">https://hr.ccatholic.org</a>. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron <a href="mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org">agiard@hriccatholic.org</a> or Melinda <a href="mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org">burrell@hriccatholic.org</a>.

#### **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.

#### **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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