

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 21, 2021

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Line engraving by Jacobus Neeffs, mid-17th century

*“For this I was
born and for
this I came into
the world, to
testify to the
truth. Everyone
who belongs to
the truth
listens to my
voice.”*

(Jn 18:37)

All Are Welcome!

NEXT WEEKEND!

ALL ARE WELCOME

New England Tenors

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

2:00 P.M.



**IC CHURCH,
NEWBURYPORT**

**TICKETS
\$20 ADULTS
\$12 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER**

**TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL IC MASSES NOV. 20-21
AND AFTER THE IC 4:00 P.M. NOV. 27.**

TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR ON NOV. 28.

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OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

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, Bartley Welch*
(Fr. Morin)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)
11:30am **IC** *Sandy Lambert, Christina Gallo Baxter,*
The Cristallo Family (Fr. Morin)

Monday (11/22)

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

Tuesday (11/23)

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

Wednesday (11/24)

9:00am **IC** *Robert Cynewski* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (11/25) Thanksgiving Day

8:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

Friday (11/26)

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

Saturday (11/27)

4:00pm **IC** *Connie Bucci, Marsha Sullivan*
(Fr. Higgins & Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **Nativity** *Leonard Desmarais* (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (11/28)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Higgins & Deacon Dow)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
11:30am **IC** *Thomas J. Mahon, Sr., Alan Chu,*
Alice McDonald, Edward Popovich (Fr. Higgins &
Deacon John)

In your prayers, please remember Theresa Crossman, Janet Elario, David A. Cook, Arthur Evans, Joan Irons, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

f Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through
Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#))

Collaborative Baptisms

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

Declan James Dunham • Kailey Grace Gavin •

Savannah May Connelly Genegaban •

Trent Carmine Luther • Broderick Oakes Macaulay •

Daniel Joseph Mulstay • Olivia Grace Perelli • Samuel

Frederick Ritter • Clementine Liliana Turco

Virtual Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook: www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

“What is truth?” These are the next words in the Gospel, if you were to keep reading from the passage that we were given this weekend. They were famously spoken by Pontius Pilate, in his interrogation of Jesus prior to sentencing Him to death. Most of us Christians over the years have interpreted his words in an ironic sort of way—that when faced with Truth-embodied in Jesus Christ, Pilate could not embrace the truth of who was before him. And yet, if we look at his actual words in the Gospel—he gets it more right than he realizes. Pilate goes on to say, “I find no guilt in him.” (Jn 18:39). Even as he is about to give in to the will of the mob assembled before him, Pilate presents the now-scourged Jesus: “Behold your King.” (Jn 19:14). Although weak and unprincipled, Pilate nonetheless speaks the truth about Jesus, though it makes little claim on his heart or actions.

And maybe that is the point of what Jesus was proclaiming earlier—that He came to testify to the truth, and anyone who belongs to the truth will listen to His voice. Pilate clearly didn't, even as he unwittingly spoke it.

It seems that there is a great deal of confusion these days about what constitutes the truth and what does not. You would think in an age when we have access to more information than any generation of humans before us, we might be able to discern what is true and what is not quite easily. Such is not the case, however. In the blizzard of news and data that are freely circulated at the speed of light around our world, it is rare to find a straightforward, factual news story that just tells the truth. So often, reports are laced in opinion, people's feelings, and incomplete information. Stories that offer polar-opposite conclusions of the same events are frequently presented as factual, when simple logic dictates that they both cannot be true. We either went to the Moon or we didn't. The Earth is either flat or a globe. Elvis is either dead or he isn't....You can see the need for clarification if both of these opposing sides of a story are presented as real. Science can perhaps provide insights, if we allow it to present its own truth. Powerful telescopes can actually zoom in on the Moon's surface and see the Apollo landing sights on a clear night. Satellites, and now commercial space programs can help us see the real curvature of the Earth if you travel high enough. And as far as Elvis is concerned...well, if you are concerned about that, you're on your own! (“*Thank you very much!*”)

But even science, at its best, only ever proposes a theory about what is. It may be a very well-tested and time-honored theory that is quite repeatable and demonstrable, and thus is accepted as true. The laws of physics, after-all, hold true throughout our universe. Except when they don't—such as inside a black hole or in the early moments after the creation of the universe. There it seems, everything we know breaks

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Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please note that Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at IC Church at **8:00 a.m.** (note different time). The Thanksgiving collection is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, November 22

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

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

Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, November 23

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

HR Confirmation Year 2 Class 6:45pm, Nativity Church

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, November 24

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving Day

Collaborative offices closed

Friday, November 26

Collaborative offices closed

Saturday, November 27

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, November 28

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

NE Tenors Concert 2:00pm, IC Church

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

Thanksgiving Office Hours

Collaborative offices will close at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 24 and will be closed all day on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25, and Friday, November 26. Offices will reopen on Monday, November 29 at 9:00 a.m.

Second Collection November 21

Today's second collection is used to assist religious communities to provide for the retirement and health care needs of Sisters who have served in the Archdiocese. Please take this opportunity to say thank you to the Sisters who have served the Church of Boston so generously for so many years. Your contribution does make a difference. For more information, please contact the Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637.

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 www.csn1912.org. May God bless you for your continued support.



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down and other “truths” take over.

So, the question comes to us: is “truth” relative to the observer, or is it something that is relative to culture or creed, to geography or epoch? Or is there some actual, universal “truth” out there that can be known as such and accepted in light of even the slickest of “fake news” stories that we might be peppered with?

The answer is yes. His name is Jesus Christ. Truth is not a “what?,” but a Who!

Those who have the capacity to embrace the truth of who He is will respond to the claims that His truth makes on our hearts. For example, when we accept the truth that we love our spouse or children or family, we will go to extraordinary lengths—even heroic ones—to serve and protect them. We will make amazing sacrifices and endure great suffering for them if it were deemed necessary for them to survive and flourish in this world. The truth of that love is singular and uncompromising. It is chastening and bold. It demands a response from us and will not rest until we make it. We don’t need a scientific theory to prove to us that we love them. We simply do.

The truth of God’s love for us, Jesus Christ, either finds a home in our hearts, or not, all depending if we make room and welcome His truth. We have proven over the millennia of being quite capable of crowding the Lord out—we can work very hard and collect many-varied distractions, toys, and amusements that we leave precious little room in our lives for the things of God. Truth, in this case, may seem unimportant to us or even annoying in that it challenges us to re-order our lives and commitments. And who wants to do THAT?! Truth also reminds us that we will not be completely happy or encounter real rest until we are one with our Creator. This is an inconvenient truth if there ever was one, because it means we cannot ultimately control our lives or our world. Only God can do that. And THAT means we must re-orient our lives to seek after His truth, to pursue it at all cost and treasure it above anything else. Because only in God will we find our ultimate peace.

We remember the words of Jesus in the Communion Rite at every Mass: “Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.” And don’t we deep down want the real Peace that can only come from a right-relationship with God and each other? That is the kind of peace that Christ came to bring us, unlike the cheap substitute that the world sometimes tries to offer in its place. Our hearts know the truth, the true difference between the two.

So, what is truth? For us disciples, it is the loving presence of the Lord, alive in our hearts and present in our relationships with others. It is God working through us and for the salvation of the world. It is the enduring reality of the Risen Christ dwelling in our midst. May we open our very souls to His truth this day.

Thanksgiving blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Cocoa & Caroling!

Friday December 10th
4-6 PM | Waterfront Parking Lot

Come enjoy a cup of hot cocoa,
and join us in a carol or two!

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



New Hope Family Support Group

First & Third Wednesday of every month



For More Info:
Corey Beaver
781.854.2541
3foldrecovery@gmail

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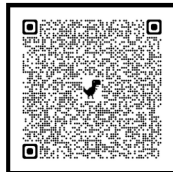
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INTERVENTIONIST & RECOVERY COACH



Join the Knights!

Second Tuesdays at 7pm
IC Parish Center Library

For More Info:
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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



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:

St. Ann from November 15–22
Nativity from November 23–30

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

There is still time to share your reflections on the pandemic. Please send your thoughts to ourcovidjourney@gmail.com.

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



Fr. Harrison with Deacons Dow and Moranski gathered with Bishop Hennessey before the



two Confirmation ceremonies at St. Ann on November 6.

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

ENGAGE & FORMED

We have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.

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

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

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.

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.

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.)

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.

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Questions of the Week

Adult: Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus is indeed King and Savior of all. Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as King. What is the truth for you and how do you live it?

Child: Jesus came to teach us the truth about God the Father's love and forgiveness and to save us from our sins. The truth can be hard to tell sometimes. Do you find it easy or hard to be truthful? Do you turn to Jesus for help?

Facebook Mass

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

1. 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.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

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.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

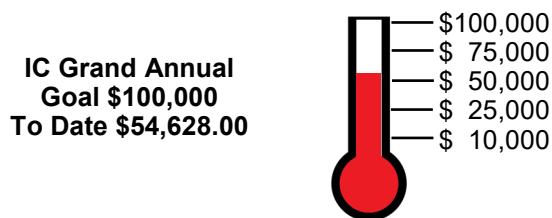
IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Nov. 13–14	\$3,941.00
Monthly, Nov 13–14	\$ 954.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Nov. 12	\$1,705.00
Catholic Appeal	\$50,275.00

The second collection this Sunday (Nov. 21) is for Retired Religious Sisters. See page 4 for details. The second collection next weekend (November 28) is Mission Appeal.

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: hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.



Next Week's Second Collection

The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture, and way of life—beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded. The spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar, and the Philippines. With your cooperation, the missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God's reconciling message to the poor.

Fr. John Higgins, our speaker, is a La Salette priest who has ministered in Argentina for over 21 years and 11 years in Bolivia. As a native of the Boston area, he currently is in active ministry as Senior Priest serving at the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows in Hartford, CT. Fr. Higgins finds great joy in sharing his missionary experiences with the parish families as he gives the Mission Appeals.

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 \$5,000 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.

Immaculate Conception School



Immaculate Conception School students are participating in several service projects to help area residents in need. Thanksgiving dinner baskets with all the fixin's will be distributed to over 25 families through a local food pantry. This service project is a tradition at the IC, with children in each grade donating a specific food item that collectively creates a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. Students also spread the joy of Halloween by donating unwanted candy they collected while trick-or-treating. We send over 200 pounds of Halloween candy to US Troops around the country for them to enjoy. Members of the IC Middle School Leadership Team are pictured below with the bags and bags of candy that students donated. The Leadership Team is comprised of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students that want to be actively involved in leading the school in service projects.



Immaculate Conception School wishes you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

IC St. Vincent de Paul



If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our help line 978-518-0728. We are ready to assist.

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

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

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

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.

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.

IC 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.

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.

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.

The Compassionate Friends



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

Our monthly support meetings are held in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting is **November 23**. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions at barbarahopkinson@gmail.com.

HR & IC

HR & IC Faith Formation

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

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: hriccatholic.org. Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

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

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

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

HR PARISH

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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HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Nov. 13–14	\$1,287.00
Monthly, Nov 13–14	\$1,158.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Nov 12	\$ 840.00
Catholic Appeal	\$18,565.00

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No second collection next weekend (Nov 28).

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Holy Redeemer Parish
4 Green Street
Merrimac, MA 01860

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hrccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

HR Grand Annual
 Goal \$25,000
 To Date \$11,695.00



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.

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HR Christmas Giving 2021

Please visit Nativity's Giving Tree for more ideas. Due to tight space, St. Ann will not have a physical Giving Tree.

Emmaus House will continue with their arrangement with Target online. Go to [Target.com/gift-registry/gift/emmaus2021registry](https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/emmaus2021registry). There will be items of different values. Items will be sent directly to Emmaus House. They would also like \$25.00 gift cards from Target, WalMart, and Amazon. Mail cards to Denise Arnold, Volunteer & Gifts-in-Kind Manager, D'Youville Center for Social Justice, 101 Winter Street, Haverhill MA 01830

HR St. Vincent de Paul is asking for monetary donations and \$25.00 Market Basket gift cards, which may be left in the metal boxes at the doors of the churches.

Merrimac Holiday Helpers is looking for pajamas for school aged children, including adult sizes for older students. There will be a box at each church for these.

Fostering Care of West Newbury is hoping to support 70 teenagers this holiday season. That's \$100 x 70 kids. That's a big goal. If you want to help, please know:

1. All amounts of donations are very appreciated.
2. 100% of any donation you send will go directly to a local kid in the Merrimack Valley. We take zero for overhead.
3. To be included in the teen event, all donations should be received by **Dec. 1** (The event is on Dec. 5 and we need time to assemble the gift bags). Donations received after **Dec. 1** will still go to teens in foster care but may not be included in the gift bags.

Cards should be sent to Fostering Care, 524 Main Street, West Newbury, MA 01985

All items need to be dropped off or sent by December 5 unless otherwise noted. The agencies are still dealing with covid restrictions and need as much time as we can give them. Thank you all in advance for your generosity and thoughtfulness at this time!

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.

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 susanjnyes@gmail.com



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