# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 7, 2021

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"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

(Mk 12:43-44)

All Are Welcome



# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

#### St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985 Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

Phone: 978-346-8604 Email: info@hriccatholic.org

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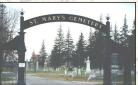
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#### Immaculate Conception

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

> Phone: 978-462-2724 Fax: 978-234-7399 Email: info@hriccatholic.org



#### St. Mary's Cemetery

36 Storey Avenue, Newburyport 01950

### **Immaculate Conception School**

1 Washington Street, Newburyport 01950, K-grade 8, Mrs. Joan Sullivan, Principal, Phone: 978-465-7780, Fax: 978-234-7331, www.icsnewburyport.com



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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

#### **Mass Schedule**

#### 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, Maureen & Roley Waddell (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, Mary Jayne* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)
11:30am **IC** *Andrew Filomia, Mary Reilly,* 

Paul Michael Doyle (Fr. Stanley)
Monday (11/8)

9:00am IC Mr. & Mrs. Josef Benca (Fr. McLaughlin)

**Tuesday (11/9)** 

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (11/10)

9:00am IC Jack Cohane (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (11/11)

9:00am IC (Fr. Morin)

Friday 11/12)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

**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, David Herlihy, David Hayward (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember Bertram Berube 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)

### **Collaborative Baptisms**

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

Mila Grace Bierbaum • Emma Katherine Early • Henry Joseph Haase • Samuel Louis Loring • Charlotte Rose Sherr • Tyler Benjamin Vicente

#### From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus was emotional. Not in a messy, out-of-control sort-of way that we sometimes see portrayed on network television, but in an honest and direct way that recognizes people's struggles and cheers for the underdog.



Witnessing the contributions being made to the Temple Treasury, He saw the poor widow contributing everything she had to live on, meager as it was. She held nothing back. Where she was going to get her next meal or how she was going to survive was anybody's guess. The two small coins she contributed might have been enough to buy a small amount of food that would have pushed back starvation by a day or so, but only that.

We read about Jesus' gentleness, with later generations ascribing to Him Isaiah's words, "a bruised reed he shall not snap, a smoldering wick he shall not quench." (from Is. 42:3) Where others saw immanent death and futility, Jesus celebrated the goodness of the waning life and refused to give in to the cynicism of wondering why others would even bother.

The widow's small contribution would hardly make a difference in what the Temple Treasury collected funds for. There was building upkeep and the necessities of worship, but there was also the reality that it paid handsomely to the Temple machinery—the guards, the teachers of the Law, the priests offering countless animal sacrifices, etc. All this, so that prayers could be heard, forgiveness somewhat negotiated with God and peace preserved. All according to their understanding of the prescriptions of the Law. Somehow, God was blessing all of this, so every little (and great) sacrifice was worth it so that prayers would be heard and sins forgiven.

We don't know what motives the poor widow had in offering her two small coins. Perhaps she was there to pray for her deceased husband or family members. Maybe she simply was doing her best to follow the Law, hoping that it could benefit her in some way. Maybe in the most altruistic of ways she was offering herself entirely to God. We don't know.

What we do know is that Jesus noticed. He noticed her, the greatness of her effort and sacrifice. He noticed her poverty, her lowliness before God and others in this world. He noticed her complete trust in God, that her survival would be completely dependent on the charity and goodness of others. He noticed her as a person, as one worth knowing and being in relationship with. Her value and dignity were intact in Jesus' eyes, despite her economic and social fragility. Whatever her prayers were that day

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### **Veterans Day**

Collaborative offices will be closed for the Veterans Day holiday on Thursday, November 11. Offices will reopen on Friday, November 12, at 9:00 a.m.

#### This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, November 8

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

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

Tuesday, November 9

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

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

IC Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, November 10

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

KofC Consecration to Mary 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, November 11 Veterans Day Collaborative Offices Closed

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, November 12

Adoration 9:30am IC Church

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

Saturday, November 13

HRIC Pastoral Council Mtg. 10:00am, Nativity Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, November 14

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

Baptisms 1:30pm, IC Church

IC Confirmation Prep Year 1 3:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

#### **Bulletin Information**

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

### **Questions of the Week**



**Adult**: When you give is it from the extra that you have or do you also give when you have no extra?

**Child**: If you receive an allowance or if you have money that you have saved from a gift perhaps, do you ever spend some of it on someone else?

### **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



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before the Lord, they were heard.

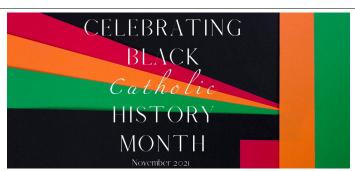
This small passage from the Gospel reminds us that what we often overlook and ignore, God passionately entertains and lavishes with attention. We are challenged in Matthew's Gospel in the words of Jesus: "Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." (Mt 10:29-31)

Recently, I watched a science program on how color is experienced in nature. Specifically, in one episode, it demonstrated how different animals and creatures see the world in different wavelengths than we humans do. In ultraviolet light, for example, which is beyond what our human eyes can see, our world looks very different. Some things stand out in sharp contrast, while others that may have been brilliantly displayed in regular sunlight are muted and blend into the background haze. A prayer that I often pray is to "borrow God's eye glasses" for a moment—to see the world the way that God sees it, in all of its colors and contrasts. My prayer is to be able to see the distinctions that God pays close attention to, even if my own limited vision causes them to blur into the backdrop.

God sees our world and even the tiniest of details of our lives with such great clarity that even Jesus was moved to deep emotion when He witnessed profound acts of faith. May our own faithfulness stir our hearts and open our eyes to behold the beauty of those who surround us with great examples of faith, hope, and love.

Autumnal blessings,

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor



November is *Black Catholic History* month—a great time to reflect on the sacrifices and contributions of Black Catholics to the richness of our faith throughout the world.

From St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church to Venerable Augustus Tolton, "Good Father Gus," the first Black Catholic priest ordained in the United States, the efforts of these holy men and women of color in education, healthcare, ministering to the disenfranchised, and in faith formation, are often overlooked.

Black Catholic History month allows us to celebrate the lives of those, who in the face of adversity, continued their unwavering walk with Christ. Read more at:

https://www.usccb.org/committees/african-american-affairs/road-sainthood-leaders-african-descent

https://cultural.catholic.edu/resources/bchm.html

#### **ENGAGE & FORMED**

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

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

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

### Holy Communion in the Hand

One COVID-related restriction we are still being asked to do by the Archdiocese is to receive Holy Communion only in the hand.

Those distributing Communion on the tongue would be required to stop and sanitize their hands after every person whom they gave Communion to. So at this time everyone is being asked to only receive Communion in the hand. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

### **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? 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.

#### **Facebook Mass**

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

- Go to our Facebook page (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/">https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/</a>) 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.
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#### Collaborative Pastoral Council

Invitation to Participate in the Collaborative Pastoral Council Meetings

We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings, giving you a chance to listen to our discussions and to comment or ask questions at certain points in the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m.** in Nativity Hall. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council, you can reach out to Jim at <u>Jimwilliamson35@gmail.com</u>.

#### HRIC Pastoral Council Members 2021-2022

IC

Chris Bergin
Ann Jaroncyk
Jim Williamson
Jonathan Temple
Robert Postle
Lucia Parker
Carol Robertson
Pat Temple
Chris Eagan

HR

Greg Jablonski Steve DiCamillo Sue Coppinger Paula Higgins

**Ex-Officio** 

Fr. Tim Harrison Deacon Paul Dow Deacon John Moranski Aaron Giard

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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 <a href="mailto:hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com">hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com</a> for the link.



#### **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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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 l 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.

#### 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://hricoatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a>.

### **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.

#### **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.

### **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 Rob Schweitzer Mary Shachok Ruth Sullivan Ron Sylvester Michael Tucker

### **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. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/">www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/</a>

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

### HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

### **HR Offertory Collection**

HR Offertory, Oct. 30–31 \$1,931.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Oct. 29 \$ 795.00
Catholic Appeal \$18,565.00

The second collection this Sunday (Nov. 7) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next Sunday (Nov. 14) is the Monthly.

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

Holy Redeemer Parish 4 Green Street Merrimac, MA 01860

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

HR Grand Annual Goal \$25,000 To Date \$8,820.00



#### **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

yound also use more greeters at the 10:00 a.m. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (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>

#### **Christmas Tree Needed**



Nativity needs a "Giving Tree". Anyone have a 6–7 foot artificial Christmas tree they are not using? We lost our tree to the flood waters this spring. Please call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

### **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 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 <a href="https://hittps://h

#### **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, November 14 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: <a href="https://hrito.org">hriccatholic.org</a>. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

#### **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 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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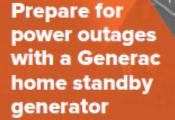
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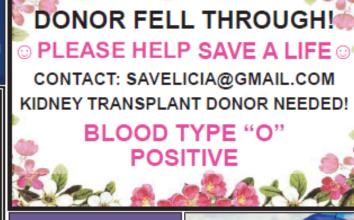
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### HR Parish

#### 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

### **HR Prayer Shawl**



If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please give their name to Helen <a href="hvktax@aol.com">hvktax@aol.com</a> 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.

### **Mass Scripture Readings**

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at <a href="bible.usccb.org">bible.usccb.org</a>. 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.)

### **HR Online Giving**

Holy Redeemer now provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish community. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, <a href="https://hrccatholic.org">hriccatholic.org</a> and click the "Links" tab, then on "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

### IC PARISH

#### **IC Faith Formation**

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

#### Confirmation

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://hriccatholic.org">hriccatholic.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>.

#### **Baptism**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 14 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: <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>.

#### **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.

#### 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.

### **Archdiocese Web Site**

Visit <a href="www.bostoncatholic.org">www.bostoncatholic.org</a> for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

### **IC Offertory Collection**

IC Offertory, Oct. 30–31 \$4,056.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Oct. 29 \$1,639.00
Catholic Appeal \$50,275.00

The second collection this Sunday (Nov. 7) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next Sunday (Nov. 14) 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: hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.

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#### **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, <a href="hricatholic.org">hricatholic.org</a> 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.

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### **Immaculate Conception School**

Volume I of the Immaculate Conception School newspaper, *The Pelican Post*, was published last week. Written and edited by middle school students, this new publication will be released monthly to students and their families. Each edition will feature teacher and staff interviews, highlight school sporting events, recipes, and other seasonal articles. The editors look forward to including entries by younger IC students in future editions. Like all things at the IC, the focus is on community and fostering a sense of family. Please enjoy the lead article, written by the editors, pictured below, a true source of inspiration and encouragement, and an amazing example of the poise and grace that Immaculate Conception School students have!

#### Don't Stress, Just Try Your Best!

"Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try" ~Anonymous.

Students have been in school for about two months now and are getting used to the environment; however, it isn't as typical as past years. Since March of 2020, Covid-19 has changed many people's lives and affected everyone's agenda, especially the students. Nevertheless, the I.C. students stay diligent and collected even with the mayhem surrounding their lives.

This year, I.C. students have succeeded in balancing extracurricular activities and schoolwork, even with the strong impact of the uncommon circumstances. Though many schools have struggled with maintaining a successful education system, I.C. has succeeded in supplying the students with an outstanding education.

Although, even with the support of your teachers and peers, school can be stressful. Just remember—you got this! If you keep a positive attitude and say a prayer to God, everything will work out. Balancing school and sports can get overwhelming, but think of the cross country team and use them as your role models! If they can do it, so can you!

The cross country team's recent success shows that they possess a growth mindset and qualities including determination, perseverance, and dedication. Every week, the team shows a great effort! At each meet, they continue to improve—becoming stronger and faster! This is because they set their mind to do their absolute best, and they try their hardest to reach their goals. If they do not succeed, they do not get upset. The team tries again until they achieve what they desire.

The next time homework and sports seem stressful, take a deep breath. You can do it! Make a goal for yourself and work towards that. Try your best to improve every day, and don't stress out because God is with you and will help you get through any problem you might face. He has a plan, and everything will be alright.



Written by The Pelican Post editors: Julia Davis, Bree Buxbaum, Eva Davis, and Milena Mataac



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#### "He has risen." Matt 28:6











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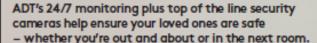
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