SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022



Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." (Jn 10:27-28

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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

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MERRIMAC

St. Mary's Cemetery

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36 Storey Avenue, Newburyport 01950

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/7)

4:00pm IC Jean Basque (Fr. Morin & Deacon Paul) 4:00pm Nativity (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski) Sunday (5/8) Mother's Day 8:30am Nativity (Fr. Harrison) 9:00am IC Mary Frances Weiner, For the intentions of Peter G. L. D'Ambrosio (Fr. Stanley) 10:15am St. Ann Fr. Drew Christiansen (Fr. McLaughlin) 11:30am IC Grace & Nelson Tsai, Tommy Murray (Fr. Morin) Monday (5/9) 9:00am IC Susan Gerroir (Fr. Harrison) Tuesday (5/10) 9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin) Wednesday (5/11) 9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley) Thursday (5/12) 9:00am IC (Fr. Morin) Friday (5/13) 9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin) Saturday (5/14) 4:00pm IC Jeff Stone (Fr. McLaughlin) 4:00pm Nativity (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow) Sunday (5/15) 8:30am Nativity Matt Volpe (Fr. Harrison) 9:00am IC Neil Wile (Fr. McLaughlin) 10:15am St. Ann (Fr. Harrison) 11:30am IC Sr. Marie Therese Ebacher, Margaret Horgan, Luke Picillo (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers, please remember Bruce Boisselle, David W. McLaughlin, Beverly Lembo, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

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

Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through our website: <u>hriccathlic.org</u> and on Facebook: (<u>Holy Redeemer - Immaculate</u> <u>Conception Collaborative Parishes</u>).



Confessions



We offer Confessions Saturdays from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at IC Church. No appointment needed. Confessions are also available at other times and places during the week by appointment only. For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Have you ever had the experience of trying to speak to someone who just isn't listening? Excluding situations where someone may be hearingchallenged or when there is loud background noise, it can be an amazing experience to be speaking



plainly and clearly to a person who is right in front of you and realize that they just aren't listening. You could be talking in Swahili, and they wouldn't notice the difference. For whatever reason, they are completely distracted and have tuned you out for that moment. Sometimes you have to speak their name, loudly, to get them to re-focus on what you are trying to say to them, especially if it is important.

Let's face it, life is full of distractions. This is even more true today than it was in times past, I think. We are surrounded by more advertisements, electronics, music, sounds, and blinking devices than our ancestors could possibly imagine. Yet, listening has always been a human challenge, particularly when it comes to the things of God. Actually hearing God's voice when He speaks is more of an art form than a science, yet is as crucial for us today as it ever was in years gone by. To live well, we must be adept at hearing (and responding) to the Lord's voice when He calls.

Listening involves several key components, I think. To begin with, we must be conscious that God might actually have something to say to us. Do we stop to consider that the Lord has a thought or an idea that He would like to share with us personally, knowing that we would benefit from internalizing it and acting on it? Sometimes we like to put God way out there high in the sky and distant from what is going on here below-concerned only with the bigger problems of the universe, not with my little aches and pains. Yet we believe in an incarnational God, one who embraced every aspect of who we are as humans (except for sin) and knows our human condition even better than we do. That God might occasionally pay attention to our little dramas and concerns is not only possible, but completely consistent with who God has revealed Himself to be through the Scared Scriptures and in history. So, God has a word or two for us!

Using the imagery of sheep, who are highly attuned to the voice of their shepherd, the sheep know that the shepherd will lead them to green pastures for grazing, fresh-flowing water for drinking and safe shelter at night. Over time, they know to trust the voice of the shepherd and they will be the better for it. Trust in this case is earned, not automatic. Yet it becomes reflexive in their actions due to the profound consistency of the leadership of the shepherd. If the shepherd only occasionally led them to food and water or

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Bulletin Information

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

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, May 9

AA Meeting 10:30am, *IC St. Louis Hall* Women at the Well Mtg. 6:30pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*

Tuesday, May 10 Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:00pm, *IC Nazareth Library* IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, *IC Church*

Wednesday, May 11 Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library Cub Scout Mtg. 4:00pm, St. Ann Hall

Thursday, May 12 Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, May 13 Oberammergau Pilgrimage Mass & Mtg. 6:30pm, Nativity Church & Hall

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

Saturday, May 14 Confessions 3:00pm, 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.

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit <u>www.bostoncatholic.org</u> for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

Live Stream Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses on our website:

- 1. Go to our website (hriccatholic.org).
- 2. Click on the live-stream map on the homepage
- 3. You will be directed to the live stream page. Click the image to begin the video.

To watch our live-stream Masses on Facebook:

- 1. Go to our Facebook page (facebook.com/hriccatholic/)
- 2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
- 3. The LIVE video should be the first one on the list.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Barry Priscilla Brown Bill Crounse Susan Gerroir Charmaine Haan Hillar Haan Jay Hanslig Sam Kitchen Maureen Russell Joe Siciliano Ruth Sullivan Rob Schweizer Michael Tucker Jim Williamson

Contact the Collaborative offices to add someone to or remove someone from our prayer list: 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

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only every once in a while provided protection, they wouldn't give him the time of day. God has proven Himself to be the ultimate and most trustworthy of leaders. His voice among all others, will be the single source of blessing and shelter.

The shepherd also lives among the sheep, and in a sense, becomes part of their family. In the Incarnation, Jesus has come and dwelt among us, becoming one with our human family, despite our sins and failures. He is known to us and completely accessible in our daily lives, if only we might open our eyes to see and lend our ears to hear. As we continue to celebrate the joy of the resurrection of Christ, we are challenged to recognize our Savior in our midst, looking to experience the subtleties of His movements in our midst. We hear His voice in those who cry out for justice and are unsatisfied with the status quo where others are excluded or devalued. We hear His voice in those who advocate for the hungry, the homeless, the elderly, and the forgotten. We hear His voice calling for peace whenever violence seems to get the upper hand. We hear His voice calling for reform when too few squander the needed resources of this world as too many go without. We hear His voice in those who cannot speak for themselvesamong the unborn, the "unclean," the unloved, and the unwelcome.

His voice is always one of compassion and mercy, of forgiveness and love. It does not judge, but calls us to reconsider our ways when they have strayed from the truth of the created goodness of this world. His voice is always fresh and new, yet comfortingly ancient and familiar. It haunts our dreams, nudges our spirits, and warms our hearts . . . if we might only listen and soak it in.

As the invocation from the Letter to the Hebrews call to us, "If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts." (Hb 4:7) As sheep, we must learn to become better listeners, because God is speaking to us and there is a blessing to be had by paying closer attention to what He has to say.

Continued Easter Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Questions of the Week



Adult: For whom do you fulfill the role of shepherd? Child: What does it mean to you when Jesus says He is the Good Shepherd?

The Sacrament of the Sick

The **Anointing of the Sick** is one of the seven Sacraments of our Church and is administered by a priest for healing and inner wholeness. Those who are seriously ill, elderly, or are entering the hospital can request to be anointed. Due to varied schedules and availability, it may not always be possible for a priest to come on short notice to offer the Sacrament, therefore it is strongly recommended that you request the Anointing of the Sick *before* going in for a hospital stay, upon entering a nursing home, or at the beginning of hospice care. Please call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

Faith Formation 2022 Summer Program

We plan to host our annual HRIC Summer Program at the IC campus for 3rd–8th graders on

June 20-24, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. each day (M-F)

If your family is simply unable to make Sunday morning Faith Formation during the school year, this may be a good option for you. There is a strong teaching component, but also mixed in there are skits, crafts, songs, and communal prayer. The kids have a blast learning about our beautiful, rich faith.

If you choose this option, we ask that you still make the effort to attend our liturgical season family festivals during the school year in order to maintain a connection with the other parish families. Festivals include:

- All Saints Day Festival (Oct. 30)
- Advent/Christmas Festival (Dec. 11)
- Lent Festival (Feb. 26)
- Holy Week/Easter Festival (Apr. 2)

We will have more information and registration forms available on the Faith Formation webpage (hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation).

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.)



Adoration

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION We offer Adoration at IC Church two times during the week. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

Note: enter at Green Street door only.

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: <u>hriccatholic.org</u>.

IC Haiti

The **second quarterly collection** to support IC Haiti's mission to our brothers and sisters in Haiti will be taken up the **weekend of May 21–22** at all Masses in the Collaborative.



The Fr. Marc Piché elementary school in Puit Chacha and the secondary school in Fond-des-Blancs continue to offer hope to hundreds of children from kindergarten to high school and their families. None of this would be possible apart from the generosity of IC Haiti's supporters and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit in our community.

Also, the **Cookies for Haiti sale** will take place after Masses at IC the weekend of **May 14–15**. Please support the school-age bakers of the parish who, along with their families, initiated this fundraiser back in 2014 and who continue to work for the good of their contemporaries in Haiti.

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 <u>hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com</u> for the link.

Virtual Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook twice every week. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook. <u>www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/</u>

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

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.

Lions Club Food Drive

The Newburyport Lions will be holding a Food Drive to benefit the First Parish Church of Newbury Food Pantry. They will be collecting items under the tent in Shaw's parking lot on Saturday, May 21 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The food pantry services Newbury, Newburyport, West Newbury, Rowley, and Merrimac.



Word On Fire Engage

Everyone in our Collaborative now has free access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library.

WORD*on*FIRE Films or study programs whenever you want, on any device!

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

We are excited to bring ENGAGE to you. Along with **FORMED** (formed.org), we now 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.

Foster Care

Is there room in your home and heart for a foster child?



There is a need for foster homes in our area to provide children a supportive and healing home during a difficult time. Learn more from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) about Foster Care and Adopting through Foster Care.

https://www.mass.gov/guides/upcoming-foster-careadoptioninformational-meetings

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- Click "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" (or type in code JRNDGP) and tap "next".
- Add your name and email and click "sign up"
- You will receive an email that links you to the site

Join the Knights! Second Tuesdays at 7pm IC Parish Center Library

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



Holy Jammers



The Holy Jammers musical group meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the IC Nazareth Library to jam for an hour. All are welcome to join us!

Honeybees Lecture

Merrimac Library, Saturday, May 14, 1:00 p.m.

The Essex County Beekeepers' Association's William Crocker and Mel Gadd will present "Introduction to Honeybees: The Honeybee Book" a program to learn about honeybees and beekeeping as well as to understand the importance of these pollinators in our community. All are welcome.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, April 30–May 1	\$4,574.00
Ongoing Church Maint., April 30–May 1	\$ 883.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending April 29	\$2,402.00

The second collection this weekend (May 8) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (May 15) is Pastor's Charity Account.

Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

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

Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: <u>hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving</u>.



IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation.

To get started, register as a member of Immaculate Conception Parish if you are not yet registered. Forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

Once registered, visit our website, <u>hriccatholic.org</u> and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

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

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

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



Immaculate Conception School held an exciting science-based fair on Wednesday April 27, the "STREAM Challenge." Students in grades 6–8 chose a topic of personal interest for this project. Students began researching topics of choice back in January

and built models and created interesting storyboards for a dynamic visual presentation that was on display in the school gym for the community to tour.

A significant part of this project was to showcase critical thinking skills, problem solving, and presentation skills. The integration of technology was a key piece to the experience

for students, as well. Middle School families visited the fair on Wednesday night, and the rest of the student body had a chance to visit on Thursday. The Thursday morning visit by the younger student body ended up being a discovery learning experience. They had the opportunity to play the drums and cymbals; strum a banjo and cello to hear the difference in



Grade 4 and Kindergarten children experiment with the drums and cymbals.

sound; test their speed in removing pollution from ocean water; peer through virtual reality goggles; and learn about



Students huddle around a video game to beat the game!!

topics through video games, displays, and digital presentations.

One of the exciting outcomes from this fair was the enthusiasm that was generated. Many middle school students are already thinking about next year and the topic they want to research. Students had the option to seek

guidance and expertise from anyone on the staff or faculty. The IC intends to expand upon this next year so that teachers across all the grades can serve as support for the students as they research their topic and design their

Fostering presentations. interaction amond the faculty and students is a purposeful movement at the IC—one that is designed to confirm for students that there is a building full of adults who admire and support them, and a variety backgrounds of and personalities the students can connect with.



Removing pollution from the ocean is up to all of us!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



Stop by the bake sale table after all IC Masses May 14 & 15.

Sponsored by the Davis and Anderson-Song families

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 now make online donations on our website: www.svdpnewburyport.org. If you would like to mail in vour donation, please make your check payable to "SVdP of Newburyport" and drop it into the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

A Heartfelt Thank You to All of Our Contributors

IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks all who contribute on a regular basis through the collections, mail-in contributions, and the Poor Box in the church. Your ongoing assistance adds up in a big way and allows us to continue our work to those in need. Thank you!

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently take out only and is distributed at the entrance to the IC Parish Center from 4:30–5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers 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. 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 for 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. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

IC Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021-22 schedule for those children currently in Grades K-8 is posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to either Aaron or Melinda at agiard@hriccatholic.org or burrell@hriccatholic.org respectively.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

We are happy to be celebrating with our students as they receive the Eucharist for the first time. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Baptism

We are resuming our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month on the IC campus beginning this Sunday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for more information.

Confirmation

Students are currently in the process of preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or agiard@hriccatholic.org email Aaron or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

The Pelican Intervention Fund



We provide funding for non-profit, 12-step residential sober homes for economically challenged men and women struggling with addiction. Questions? Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org

to learn more.

Donations can be made to:

"The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF" Essex County Community Foundation, 175 Andover Street, Danvers, MA 01923

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 Linda Temple know in our Collaborative office. Contact her at (978) 462-2724 or email at: info@hriccatholic.org.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, April 30–May 1	\$1,044.00
Ongoing Church Maint., April 30–May 1	\$ 365.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending April 29	\$ 533.00

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



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, <u>hriccatholic.org</u> 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.

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your generosity to the HR Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. There are addressed SVdP envelopes in at both churches. Please place donations into the envelopes and either mail or place the envelopes in the collection. You can also place donations in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

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Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021–22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 and 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: <u>hriccatholic.org</u>. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda <u>burrell@hriccatholic.org</u>.



HR Greeters Needed

Would you like to serve as a welcoming presence at Mass? We are looking for additional greeters at Holy Redeemer, particularly at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both churches and the 10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Ann.

All are encouraged to volunteer if they wish—men, women, and high school students. If you are able to serve, please contact Sue Noyes at <u>susanjnoyes@gmail.com</u>.

HR Prayer Shawl



Prayer shawls are given freely as a gift. If you know of anyone needing a prayer shawl or lapghan or you would like to give one to a friend, relative, or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673 or <u>hvktax@aol.com</u>.

We're back to meeting in person!!! Come join us. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. **Our next meeting is Thursday June 2. Join us!**



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