HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

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Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it.

(Ez 17:22)

All Are Welcome

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Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

. Bury

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985 Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985 Phone: 978-346-8604

Email: holyredeemer@verizon.net

Nativity

Parish offices and church: 4 Green St., Merrimac 01860 Office Hours: By appointment Phone: 978-346-8604

Email: holyredeemer@verizon.net

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@newburyportcatholic.org



MERRIMAC

St. Mary's Cemetery 36 Storey Avenue, Newburyport 01950

NEWBURYPORT

Immaculate Conception School

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/12)

4:00pm Live-Stream (Fr. Morin) 4:00pm IC Ann Colby (Fr. McLaughlin) Sunday (6/13) 8:00am Nativity (Fr. Stanley) 9:00am IC E. Paul Saillant, Paul R. Saillant (Fr. Morin) 9:30am St. Ann (Fr. Stanley) 11:00am IC Andre Lavigne, Ann Colby, Mark Stairs, Jane Joe Shea (Fr. McLaughlin) Monday (6/14) 9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley) Tuesday (6/15) 9:00am IC (Fr. Stanley) Wednesday (6/16) 9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin) Thursday (6/17) 9:00am IC (Fr. Morin) Friday (6/18) 9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison) Saturday (6/19) 4:00pm Live-Stream (Fr. Stanley) 4:00pm IC (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow) Sunday (6/20) Father's Day 8:00am Nativity (Fr. Morin) 9:00am IC Arthur Mason (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow) 9:30am St. Ann John Pallone (Fr. McLaughlin) 11:00am IC Anthony Caniano (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers, please remember Sandra J. Kubik, Kathleen Wilson, and all the faithful departed.

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

Saturday Live-Stream Vigil Masses are broadcast online through <u>Facebook</u>.



Find us on Facebook: <u>Holy Redeemer - Immaculate</u> Conception Collaborative Parishes

San Marcos Coffee June 12-13



We will have plenty of freshlyroasted Honduran coffee available for purchase after **all** collaborative Masses on **June 12 and 13**.

\$10 per pound for this specialty coffee (whole bean or ground). Sorry no decaf and no K-cups. Call

or text Karen to place advanced orders 978-270-0183.

Gracias from Honduras!

Bulletin Information

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

2nd Collection This Weekend

Emergency COVID Special Collection for the Church in India and Brazil



As you may know, there is immense suffering and loss of life occurring in India and Brazil due to the pandemic. Catholic Church, The through Catholic Relief Services (CRS), is on the ground in those countries working to support local hospitals and programs which are being overwhelmed and which have reached a breaking point.

Given our own experience in the United States with regards to the pandemic and the important role the Church has in being able to respond to global events, we have an opportunity to assist relief efforts in India and Brazil. To learn more about CRS efforts in the affected areas please click <u>here</u>.

The size and scope of the crisis is enormous. In India more than 24 million cases have been reported with deaths surpassing 260,000. In Brazil, cases have surpassed 15 million while more than 428,000 deaths have been reported. This global pandemic is both historic and devastating in its impact. More than 161 million cases have been reported and more than 3.3 million deaths.

On the weekend of June 12–13, the second collection will be for pandemic aid to India and Brazil. On behalf of the Cardinal, thank you for your attentiveness to this important collection and expression of our solidarity with those who are suffering.

Watch Mass on Facebook

To watch our Saturday live-stream Masses:

- Go to our Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>hriccatholic/</u>) 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.

Follow Us on Instagram



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 Brett Burkinshaw Charmaine Haan Bridie Hubley Joe Messina Vincent Oberhofer Mary Shachok Ruth Sullivan Ron Sylvester Michael Tucker Chase VanDorne

This Week in Our Collaborative

In-person activities & meetings this week:

Tuesday, June 15 Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Wednesday, June **16** Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, *IC Nazareth Library*

Thursday, June 17 Laudato Si Series 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall Adoration 7:15pm, IC Church

Friday, June 18 AA Meeting 7:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* Youth Town Hall Meeting 7:00pm, *Nativity Lower Hall*

Saturday, June 19 First Eucharist 11:45am, IC Church Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

If you would like to schedule your group's in-person meeting, please contact the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.

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.

Women at the Well Bible Study

Welcome to a community full of women just like you. Wherever you are in your faith journey, join us as we meet weekly for Blessed is She Bible study, community, and friendship as we grow together in Christ.

We are meeting virtually during the pandemic. We meet Monday nights, 6:30–8:00. All are welcome.

Please email <u>HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com</u> to join us.

Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Looking for 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.

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A Relaxing of COVID Restrictions

A reminder to all that most COVID restrictions within our churches are being relaxed:

- Facemasks are optional for all fully-vaccinated parishioners and are still recommended for the unvaccinated and anyone at a higher risk for severe COVID.
- It is no longer necessary to register ahead of time for Mass.
- Strict social distancing requirements have been lifted; however, we will still keep some pews available where those who wish to remain further apart may sit.
- Communion will continue to be offered under the form of Bread only and in the hand for the time being.
- At the Sign of Peace, a wave or nod of the head may be offered in place of a hand shake for non-family members.
- Although we anticipate a full return of music to our Masses this fall, parishioners may sing as they choose this summer.
- All parishioners are encouraged to continue good hygiene practices and to stay home if they are sick or experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID.

Please see the full list of all changes <u>HERE</u> or visit our <u>website</u> for the link.

Confessions

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



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

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

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.



mass.gov/foster-care | 1-800-kids-508

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

Collaborative Pastoral Council

All are Invited to Participate in the Meetings

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday**, **June 19 at 10:00 a.m.** Some of the agenda items for our meeting are:

- Plan for improving communication with parishioners
- Continuing work on "Welcome Back" events
- Process for gaining interest in serving on pastoral council
- Other pertinent business

If you are interested in joining the meeting on Zoom, send an email to Jim Williamson at jimwilliamson35@gmail.com and he will send you the Zoom link before the meeting. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council or issues for our agenda please reach out to Jim or

contact any Council member.

Members of the Pastoral Council

Father Tim Harrison, Chair Jim Williamson, Vice Chair Mary Bragg, Secretary

Kathy Betz Sue Coppinger Steve DiCamillo Deacon Paul Dow Chris Eagan Amy Friend Aaron Giard Paula Higgins Deacon John Moranski Lucia Parker Carol Robertson Jonathan Temple Pat Temple



The Holy Jammers is an impromptu group of musicians that meet on Wednesdays in the IC Pastoral Center at 10:00am. Anyone is welcome. Bring your instrument.

Laudato Si Series

Come experience God's grace through the beautiful gift of creation, which surrounds and sustains us all.

The Laudato Si Series at Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative will bring our community together in hope, faith, and action through a series of inspiring conversations led by local experts and projects all rooted in Pope Francis' second encyclical *Laudato Si On Care for our Common Home*. We hope this series will be immensely hopeful and inspiring. It is open to all people of all ages and faiths!

So grab your gardening gloves and a friend and join us as we dig in the dirt and deeper into God's grace. The series begins **Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** with a kickoff meeting in St. Louis Hall at Immaculate Conception in Newburyport. Sign up to join us and to find out all the details at <u>bit.ly/laudato-si-nbpt</u>

Landato Si Series

Lazarus House Thank You

A **big** thank you to all of the wonderful parishioners of Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative for your generous and heartfelt personal care packs and items that were donated to benefit the guests served by Lazarus House in Lawrence. So great to see Jonathan in person



with his SUV packed to the brim! Your Collaborative has been doing this Lenten Care Pack collection for the last several years and you really knocked it out of the park! Thank you for being the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus and for partnering with us in service to our guests. Bless you all!

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.

Ordinary Time Welcomes Extraordinary Time with Jesus

As we enter Ordinary Time, if you are a visitor to Newburyport or a HRIC parishioner who seeks an

extraordinary moment of inner transformation, join us in Sacred Silence any or every Thursday this summer for a serene moment of prayer. No experience required. All ages welcome.

Time: Thursday evenings 7:15–8:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

Place: IC church (enter by main entrance at Green Street)

Absent a clergy presider: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament only.

History of Nativity Church

In declaring 2021 as the *Year of St. Joseph*, Pope Francis wants us to know this holy, but silent guardian of the Holy Family and aspire to his example of faith and obedience. On Father's Day weekend, Nativity Church will be honoring St. Joseph, and his protection of Jesus and Mary from his presence at the Nativity and throughout his life. We will be invoking his intercession Collaborative-wide in our prayers of the faithful.

The Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception (HRIC) Collaborative was formed in 2015 joining together Immaculate Conception Parish in Newburyport and Holy Redeemer Parish, which includes Nativity Church in Merrimac and St. Ann Church in West Newbury. The Collaborative enables the sharing of resources in order to better serve the needs of Newbury, West Newbury, Merrimac, and Newburyport residents.

It is always good to remember where we came from in order to chart our forward course. We are sure you will enjoy looking back at a brief history of the establishment of the town of Merrimac and our beloved Nativity Church.

Merrimac was settled by the English in 1638 as a part of Salisbury and later as a part of Amesbury around the village of Merrimacport. It was known throughout the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries as an agricultural and fishing community, with a small amount of shipbuilding. This group of towns was then known as the Merrimac Plantation. The town of Merrimac was first established in 1876 when it separated from Amesbury and was then incorporated as a town. Merrimac came to be known worldwide for its horse-drawn carriage industry. The business of carriage making, in various shops, employed about 500 men. It is believed that the town and the river that borders it to the south were named for an American Indian tribe who lived in that area. Merrimac means "swift water place" in the language of this tribe. Merrimac was described at the time as a thrifty and attractive manufacturing town situated on the north bank of the Merrimack River.

Church of the Nativity



As the Catholic population of Merrimac grew and it became more difficult to walk to Amesbury for Mass, the town's Catholic residents petitioned to have their own church. Catholic services were first held in Merrimac at the Merchants Hall in 1870, as a mission church of St. Joseph Church in Amesbury, Massachusetts. The Church of the Nativity was built in 1884 through the efforts of Rev. John J. Brady, the pastor in Amesbury. Rev. Brady

gifted the beautiful white marble altar to the parish. In July, 1891, Rev. T. Moylan was appointed as its first pastor, serving also St. Ann Church in West Newbury. It was then that St. Ann Church in West Newbury became a mission church to Nativity in Merrimac. In 1896, the inside of the church was frescoed. The rectory was moved from next to the church to its present location in 1899. In 1911, the mortgage was paid off and electric lights were installed in the church. A barn on the property had been converted into a parish hall in 1925. As the parish grew to over 400 families and 265 religious education students, the need for a large hall could no longer be ignored.

In the spring of 1997, the church launched an ambitious fund drive to build a new hall attached to the church. With initial seed money of \$50,000, by July 7, 1997, donors had pledged \$236,800 to build the hall and construction began. The hall has a basement used for classrooms. This new



addition, with its kitchen, bathrooms, and large meeting space is a wonderful place for parish celebrations and religious education for both youth and adults.

Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, <u>www.hriccatholic.org</u> for up-to-date information on what is happening in the Collaborative during these changing times. You can also find links to our Facebook, Instagram, and twitter pages.

We will also post our weekly bulletins on the website for you to view electronically.

Questions of the Week

Adult: In what ways have you "scattered seed"? Have you seen your efforts bear fruit?



Child: Seeds like the mustard seed are very small, but can grow very large. What small seed of kindness can you sow now? What can you do to make that kind act grow over time?

Centering Prayer and 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. This ancient prayer practice opens our minds and hearts to hear God's words as we continue by reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina.

For the next 30 minutes we listen to God's words, ponder and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now, and contemplate God's message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. 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.



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Immaculate Conception, Newburyport, MA

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, June 5–6	\$4,203.00
Monthly, June 5–6	\$ 676.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending June 4	\$3,283.00
Grand Annual	\$104,360.00

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The second collection next weekend is Promoting the Gospel.

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>.

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$53,820.00 To Date \$31.575.00



Visit <u>bostoncatholicappeal.org</u> To learn more.

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, <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.

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

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. If you have any questions contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit <u>www.pelicaninterventionfund.org</u> to learn more.

Immaculate Conception Class of 2021 Graduation Awards



The Christian Spirit Award is presented to the graduate who demonstrates the Christian qualities of kindness, thoughtfulness and concern for others.

Kayley Simons Eoin Garvey

The Principal's Award is presented to a graduate whom the principal feels has demonstrated an outstanding spirit of service throughout their time at the IC.

Caroline Perry

The *Awards for Educational Excellence* are presented to graduates who have achieved academic excellence, demonstrate high motivation, initiative, integrity, and exceptional judgment.

Valedictorian—Ava Moran Salutatorian—Maxwell Walker

Leadership Award is presented to the Leadership Council:

Lila Anthony Alessandra Bell Madeline Hopwood Kayley Simons

The Michael F. Doyle Award is presented to a graduating athlete who demonstrates outstanding character, integrity and stewardship. This award is given in honor of Athletic Director, Mike Doyle, who had a profound impact on our school, our athletic program and our students for a decade.

Madeline Hopwood

James T. Kench

The Jim Bowers Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of a wonderful husband, father, and coach who dedicated so much of his life to creating a truly special experience for the children of the Immaculate Conception School.

Meghan Eastman

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Faith Formation

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

Information regarding the fall 2021 schedule for those children entering grades K–8 will be posted here as well as on our Collaborative website: <u>hriccatholic.org</u> in the coming weeks. Contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email <u>agiard@newburyportcatholic.org</u> with questions.

Thank you to all those who helped in any capacity with the programs held this past academic year.

Volunteers Needed! Summer Faith Formation

We are happy to announce that we are planning to offer a week of Faith Formation (IC campus) for students in grades 3-8 the week of August 9-13.

In order for this to take place, however, we need volunteers to serve as catechists or as classroom assistants. Please help us to make this program a reality for the children in our Collaborative. The Office of Faith Formation can be reached at 978-462-2724 x7405 or by contacting Aaron at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org.

Confirmation

Information regarding the fall 2021 Confirmation Prep. schedule for grades 9 and 10 will be posted here as well as on the Collaborative website: <u>hriccatholic.org</u> in the coming weeks.

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

First Eucharist Liturgies have begun to take place! We are so pleased to be able to celebrate this occasion with all of our First Communicants and their families.

Knights of Columbus



Fr. Michael J. McGivney, our founder, was beatified on October 31, 2020. Be a part of this new chapter and his legacy by becoming a Knight of Columbus today.

Free online memberships now through June 30, 2021. Visit <u>kofc.org/joinus</u> and enter code MCGIVNEY2020.

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."

We are grateful for your continued generosity during the pandemic. 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 Eucharistic Ministers

Are you being guided by the Holy Spirit to come forward to serve as a Eucharistic Minister for our parish? Perhaps you know someone who has expressed interest in this ministry?

We'd like to compile a list of people who might be willing to serve in this capacity. All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parish who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated.

A Eucharistic Minister serves at weekend and Holy Day Masses. They may also choose to participate by taking the Eucharist to the hospital, nursing homes, or to parishioners who are homebound.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please call Sheila in the parish office at 978-462-2724, ext. 7403 or email her at <u>scruise@newburyportcatholic.org</u> and provide your name, telephone number, and email. Please respond by July 1.

Once these names are submitted, each prospective person will be contacted to ensure that they understand what is required and the necessary training will be provided. All names submitted must be approved by the pastor.

During this "Year of the Eucharist," we look forward to welcoming new members to our team of Eucharistic Ministers.

IC St. Vincent de Paul



We recently launched our new website: www.svdpnewburyport.org where you can make an online donation.

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

If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "**SVdP of Newburyport**." You may drop it 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

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

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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, June 6	\$1,049.00
HR Monthly, June 6	\$1,065.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending June 4	\$ 135.00
Grand Annual	\$25,580.00

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4 Green Street

Merrimac, MA 01860

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



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

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

HR Prayer Shawl



If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please give their name to Helen <u>hvktax@aol.com</u> or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Our conference continues to help those in need and could not do this without your generous offerings. We help with rent, utilities, and food and gas cards; these are the biggest needs right now.

Thank you for assisting those in need. Your donations are definitely helping others during this difficult time.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860 or place in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

HR Faith Formation

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

School Year Programs

Information regarding the fall 2021 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 will be posted here as well as on our Collaborative website: <u>hriccatholic.org</u> in the coming weeks. Contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email <u>agiard@newburyportcatholic.org</u> with questions.

Thank you to all those who helped in any capacity with the programs held this past academic year.

Volunteers Needed! Summer Faith Formation

We are happy to announce that we are planning to offer a week of Faith Formation (IC campus) for students in grades 3–8 the week of August 9–13.

In order for this to take place, however, we need volunteers to serve as catechists or as classroom assistants. Please help us to make this program a reality for the children in our Collaborative. The Office of Faith Formation can be reached at 978-462-2724 x7405 or by contacting Aaron at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

First Eucharist Liturgies have begun to take place! We are so pleased to be able to celebrate this occasion with all of our First Communicants and their families.

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

Confirmation

Information regarding the fall 2021 Confirmation Prep. schedule for grades 9 and 10 will be posted here as well as on the Collaborative website: <u>hriccatholic.org</u> in the coming weeks.

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HR Holiday Fair Update



The Activities Committee is planning on having a "scaled down version" of our Holiday Fair, keeping a watchful eye on the CDC recommendations.

The fair will be held **Saturday, November 20**, in the Nativity Hall.

We will be meeting to discuss this fair on **Wednesday**, **July 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Nativity Hall**. All are welcome to join our group!

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