

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021

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The Dormition of the the Theotokos from Kykkos Monestary, Cyprus

“Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death.”

(From paragraph #966, The Catechism of the Catholic Church)

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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New Staff Email Addresses

Beginning Wednesday, August 18, we will be launching our new Collaborative-based email addresses using the [@hricatholic.org](mailto:info@hricatholic.org) domain. Please see the new addresses below and remember to update your address book to reflect the changes.

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/14)

4:00pm **IC Helen & Nick Ebacher, John "Jack" Toomey** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

4:00pm **St. Ann Ashley Marie Jones** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (8/15) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

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

11:00am **IC Gene Connolly, Stanley Baikewicz & Family, the Bogue Family** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Monday (8/16)

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

Tuesday (8/17)

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

Wednesday (8/18)

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

Thursday (8/19)

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

Friday (8/20)

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

Saturday (8/21)

4:00pm **IC James B. Lefebvre, Anna DiGiovanni** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (8/22)

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

9:00am **IC Adrienne Mosher** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

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

11:00am **IC Ralph Filomia** (Fr. Stanley)

In your prayers, please remember Pauline Eaton, Theresa Hughes, James "Jim" Lyons, Kevin Mahoney, Jeffrey Stone, and all the faithful departed.

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](#))

Mary: Ark of the Covenant & Jesus: Bread in the Monstrance



With reverence we extol Our Lady who bore Jesus in her womb, but we worship the Real Presence of her Son in the Monstrance at **Adoration**. This posture releases ineffable treasures that expand every soul with graces that flow from their Sacred Hearts!

Don't miss a chance to encounter Our Lady and Our Lord who longs to spend one-on-one time with you! Join us for **Adoration**.

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

Place: IC Church

Absent a clergy presider:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament only.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



This weekend's liturgy coincides with our annual celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in to Heaven, which is normally a Holy Day of Obligation. Recognized since the 6th century, this feast marks the "assumption" or "dormition" ("falling asleep") as it is called in the eastern churches. Although not Scriptural in its origins, we celebrate this moment when Mary came to end of her earthly life and was welcomed, body and soul, into Heaven. It is the logical conclusion of the life of she who was conceived without sin nor did she personally sin during her lifetime. In many ways, it is what ought to have been the final moments of every one of us, had sin and death not been part of our world and experience.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us, "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." (from paragraph #966). There had been debate in the early Church as to whether Mary died first and then was assumed, or whether she was taken up to Heaven before experiencing death.

Paragraph #966 continues, "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians: In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death." Thus this feast is a celebration of Mary's faithfulness to God and God's faithfulness to Mary. By extension, it also celebrates our hope through Christ, to be joined with Mary and all of the Saints in the Heavenly Kingdom.

From an alternative text for the Collect:

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise
for all life and all holiness come from you.
In the plan of Your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory
to be with Him in heaven.
May we follow her example
in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless life and praise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

International Committee on English in the Liturgy (ICEL)

May this celebration lead us ever closer to one day joining with Mary and all of the Saints in God's Eternal Kingdom.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, August 16

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

Tuesday, August 17

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

Wednesday, August 18

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

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

Thursday, August 19

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

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

Friday, August 20

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

Saturday, August 21

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, August 22

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

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

Holy Communion in the Hand

Although many COVID-related restrictions at Mass have been lifted, one thing we are still being asked to do by the Archdiocese is to *receive Holy Communion only in the hand*. When Holy Communion is received on the tongue, it is very likely that the communicant will breathe on the hands of the priest or minister. It is very possible that small droplets of saliva or mucus from the mouth or lungs (which could contain COVID) could be transferred onto the hands of those distributing Communion and possibly passed on to others.

It is for this reason that those distributing Communion would be required to stop and sanitize their hands after every person whom they gave Communion to on the tongue. If we had to do this for everyone, the Communion procession would take an inordinate amount of time and become hopelessly cumbersome. So at this time everyone is being asked to only receive Communion in the hand. This is a temporary restriction that likely will be lifted in the months to come. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

Women at the Well Bible Study

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

We meet via ZOOM on Monday nights, 6:30–8:00. All are welcome. Email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com to join us.

Face Masks Recommended

After consultation with local doctors, nurses, and members of our Pastoral Council, at this time I am **recommending** that all parishioners age 5 and above wear face masks at all indoor liturgies. Although this is not a mandate, I am requesting this out of an abundance of caution for our most vulnerable parishioners due to the rise of the COVID-19 variants in our area and beyond. It is possible that we will receive additional guidance from the Archdiocese or State that may indicate further action in the weeks ahead, however, I ask for your cooperation and patience as we continue to navigate these uncertain circumstances. Thank you for the generous and loving way that you care for all who come to us for prayer and the sacraments.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



Collaborative Pastoral Council

Interested in serving on the Collaborative Pastoral Council? The Pastoral Council assists the pastor in his roles of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education, and service activities within the Collaborative.

We are seeking names of parishioners who might be good candidates for this Council. At this point we would just like the names of people who might like to serve the Collaborative in this way. Please submit your own name if you are interested and/or the names of others. No need to ask them at this point. This is just the initial surfacing of names. All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parishes who are 16 years old or older are eligible to be nominated. Please send the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate and email this information to jimwilliamson35@gmail.com by **August 15, 2021**. Selection of candidates for expiring terms will be chosen by lot in late August.

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
Charmaine Haan
Bridie Hubley
Joe Messina

Vincent Oberhofer
Mary Shachok
Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker

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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.

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. There you will find the daily readings, be able to listen to them on podcast, and have the opportunity to watch a short reflection piece on the readings offered by a Catholic priest, deacon, religious, or lay person.

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. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICcatholic.org; click on HRIC Pastoral Plan; and then click on Lectio Divina.

(The free App “Laudate” allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)



Questions of the Week



Adult: Think about your relationship with Mary. How and when do you pray to her? Do you remember to ask her to pray for you?

Child: How can you begin to build a lifelong relationship with Mary, the Blessed Mother?

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 **August 23**. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions at barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

HOLY REDEEMER - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

PEP FEST

(PRAY + EAT + PLAY)

ELKS CLUB, LOW STREET, NEWBURYPORT

September 19, 2021
10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Collaborative outdoor Mass, food for purchase from Big Rig BBQ, games, family activities, dunk tank

Tickets (no charge) required. Sign up via Eventbrite (link at hriccatholic.org) or call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

Big Rig BBQ Menu

A LA CARTE

Pulled Pork Sandwich 9.00 <i>(Slaw on top optional) With pickle</i>	Ribs-n-Slaw 10.00 <i>Bed of slaw with 3 ribs</i>
Pulled Chicken Sandwich 9.00 <i>(Option with Alabama white sauce) With pickle</i>	Vegetarian 14.00 <i>Smoked stuffed pepper (rice, beans, tomato, and herb) with cornbread, slaw, and beans</i>
BBQ Nachos 12.00 <i>Tortillas, pork or chicken, salsa, nacho cheese, sour cream, jalapenos</i>	Hamburger/Cheeseburger 7.00
	Hot Dog 3.00

DINNERS

Choice of Pulled Pork, Chicken, or Ribs
Comes with slaw, cornbread, baked potato, and beans

15.00

Big Rig BBQ is a mobile BBQ catering service. We come with the RIG in tow, cooking fresh, authentic wood-fired BBQ on site.

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. www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mary, Our Mother

Each season of the year offers its own beauty: the ferocious, gentle promise of springtime; the blazing, brilliant heat of summer, the riotous color and bounty of autumn; the quiet, wondrous dark of winter. In each of these seasons, there is joy to be found, sorrow to be endured, times of trouble and times of relaxation, and each of these seasons brings to mind the life of the Holy Virgin: the child conceived without sin, the girl who said “yes,” the mother whose heart endured the torture and death of her only Son for the sake of a broken world, the Queen of heaven who bends the ear of God himself for those who seek her intercession.

Late in the fall, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, when St. Anne conceived the child Mary. Mary is unique among human beings because she was from her very creation without sin. Only her Son, who is both fully human and fully divine, was also born free from sin. Why is it important that Mary was thus conceived? She was to carry God himself within her. It is the same reason we seek to be in a state of Grace when we receive Him through the Eucharist.

As the summer rounds its final bend on August 15, we celebrate the *Feast of the Assumption*. As Catholics, we believe that Mary died at the end of a natural life and that her body and soul were brought to heaven. In this, Mary is a model of what we all hope for: “the resurrection of the body and life ever after.”

This reverence for Mary originates with Jesus Himself. Christ maintained intimate friendships with women throughout His life and ministry. In first-century Palestine, women had little social or legal standing. They were, essentially, permanent children in the eyes of the powerful men around them, but Jesus loved and respected women, especially His mother. It was at her prompting—her blessing—that He began His ministry at the wedding at Cana. This event also demonstrates Christ’s desire for his Mother to intercede, turning the water she had ordered into not just any wine, but the finest—her requests bear the best fruit.

Mary is our ultimate intercessor. Over and over, we are told that Her Son will not deny her. By appealing to Jesus’ mother, we are asking God’s own beloved to make our case. As Christians, we are called always to say “yes” to Christ, to trust that He has our best interests at heart, to trust that He will never abandon us.

Mary is our model for trust. Her *fiat* gives us the strength to say yes in ways both big and small: yes to praying for our enemies, yes to forgiving transgressors, yes to sharing our faith with our friends, family, and neighbors. Simeon told the young mother, holding her perfect, precious infant, “you yourself a sword will pierce,” and still she said yes (Luke 2:35).

So where does spring fit into the life of Mary? Everywhere that we see life bursting forth, flowers blooming, and the renewal of warmth and gentleness and beauty, we see Our Mother.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

by Abigail Donnelly

Bulletin Information

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

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.

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 www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.



Immaculate Conception

Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy mother of your Son. You let her share beforehand in the salvation Christ would bring by his death, and kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception. Help us by her prayers to live in your presence without sin. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.
Amen

~The Liturgy of the Hours

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

The Not-So-Wonderful World of Invasive Plants

Laudato Si Series

When: Thursday, August 19, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Immaculate Conception St. Louis Hall in Newburyport

Speaker: Randall Prostak, University of Massachusetts Extension Specialist



Our third presentation of the Laudato Si series will explore the “not-so-wonderful world” of invasive plants. Discussion will focus on what makes a plant invasive in Massachusetts, why are we concerned, what has been done on the state level and considerations for invasive plant management. An overview of some of Massachusetts’ most invasive plants will be presented.

Speaker Bio

Randy Prostak joined UMass in 1994 and has been a UMass Extension Specialist since 2000 where he specializes in weed management. He is a member of the UMass Extension Landscape, Nursery, and Urban Forestry Team and is an active contributor to the Crop Dairy Livestock Equine, Turf, and Pesticide Education Extension programs. He currently serves on the Massachusetts Invasive Plant Advisory Group. Randy is an active member of the Weed Science Society of America and served as president of the Northeastern Weed Science Society. In February 2013, Randy received the Northeastern Weed Science Society’s Outstanding Educator Award. The 2021 growing season will mark Randy’s 23rd year working in weed science.

About the Laudato Si Series

The Laudato Si Series at HRIC Collaborative brings 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.

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. 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.

Pregnancy Care Center Walk for Life

Date: Saturday, September 18, 2021

Time: 8:30 a.m. registration, 9:00 a.m. walk begins

Location: Swasey Field Haverhill, MA

The Pregnancy Care Center’s annual Walk for Life fundraiser is right around the corner! For over 37 years, the PCC has been providing free and confidential services to improve the quality of life for children and their families through counseling, education, and material support.

- Only two short miles, you can walk or run. Everyone can participate at their own speed
- A family-friendly event
- Bring an umbrella. We will walk rain or shine. Or you can walk on your own another time
- Receive a free t-shirt when you raise \$50 in pledges
- Can’t make it September 18? You can walk on your own and send in your pledge form or donate online

The Pregnancy Care Center is a Christ-centered ministry committed to saving lives physically, spiritually, and emotionally, one life at a time. We offer life-affirming services designed to empower men and women in making informed choices about unexpected pregnancy, sexual integrity, and recovery from post abortion trauma. For more information on our Mother & Child Services Programs visit www.PCCFriends.org. Questions? Contact Anne Magnus: annem@pccnortheast.org or 978 590 3285.

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. 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.

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.

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HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

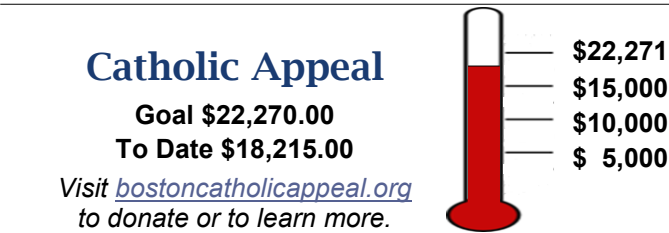
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Aug. 6 \$ 686.00

No second collection this weekend (August 15). No second collection next weekend (August 22).

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: hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.



HR Online Giving

HR provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring donation. To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

Once you register, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org 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.

St. Ann Retaining Wall Project

Work will begin on the new parking lot retaining wall at St. Ann during the **second week of August**. During this time, parking lot restrictions will be in place until the project is completed. This project is one of the projects that is part of our Capital Campaign. We look forward to completing this much needed work!

EWTN: Catholic News

Your Online Catholic Resource. <http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

HR Holiday Fair Update



The Activities Committee is planning 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. Mark your calendars!

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

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Information regarding the fall schedule for those students who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will be posted here as well as on the parish website (hriccatholic.org) shortly.

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: hriccatholic.org in the coming weeks.

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.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to HR SVdP, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

You can also place donations in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

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.

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.

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

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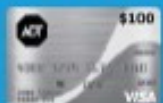
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