

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

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*“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink
because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you,
will surely not lose his reward.”*

(Mk 9:41)

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

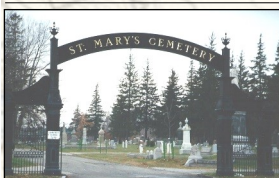
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/25)

11:00am **IC Confirmation**
 1:00pm **IC Confirmation**
 4:00pm **IC Mary E. Lefebvre, Jeffrey S. Stone, Peter & Florence Boschetti** (Fr. Stanley)
 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (9/26)

8:30am **Nativity** For the intentions of Carolyn Johnson (Fr. Morin)
 9:00am **IC Jeffrey S. Stone** (Fr. Harrison)
 10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)
 11:30am **IC Gordon P. Mitchell, Jr., Nadine Bishop** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

Monday (9/27)

9:00am **IC Jeffrey S. Stone, For the intentions of Mrs. Marek Javor** (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (9/28)

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

Wednesday (9/29)

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

Thursday (9/30)

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

Friday (10/1)

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

Saturday (10/2)

4:00pm **IC Rita Snow, Cynthia J. Demartino, Stephen M. Boy** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)
 4:00pm **St. Ann Luella LeBlanc** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (10/3)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)
 9:00am **IC Mary Merrill** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
 10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
 11:30am **IC Charles Miller** (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Ryan F. Childs 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](#))

Bulletin Information

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

Adoration



Adoration

Join us for Adoration every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at IC Church. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

Doors open on Green Street at 7:00 p.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. after Benediction and the ringing of the bell.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Jealousy is an ugly thing.

We see it in all aspects of life, from corporate board rooms to political campaigns, among co-workers and neighbors, in families and even, (gasp!) in the life of the Church. This is nothing new, however. That human tendency to compare ourselves to others, to measure our successes and failures against our peers, to seek recognition and rewards for our efforts...these all are a part of our earthly human makeup. In moderation and with our eyes and hearts firmly focused on the bigger picture, little moments of jealousy along the way can inspire us to work harder and achieve our very best. An ever-so-slight tinge of jealousy here and there can be the spark or catalyst that pushes us beyond accepting mediocrity in personal and professional lives. It can be the “fire that is lit beneath us” that motivates us to pursue real excellence.

Or not.

Best-case scenarios aside, jealousy usually leads to hatred and division and a whole host of woes. From last week’s Scripture readings, St. James reminds us, “Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice.” He goes on to say, “Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members?” (from Jas chapter 3)

Jealousy is a particularly insidious sin in that it often pits one or more very good individuals against one another, rather than seeing their collective efforts being stronger and even better when they work together. It is a sin that works directly at lessening the achievable-good in a particular scenario. Here, energy that could be used for the building up of the Body of Christ or the betterment of our society is redirected at tearing down the other, at undermining legitimate success and reducing genuine human progress.

Let’s face it, it can be maddening when time and again someone else regularly gets credit for their hard work, when yours is overlooked or even demeaned. There are some people in life who just seem to get all the glory, while the majority of us are left to get honorable-mentions, if at all. I recently came across a wistful song called “Girl Next



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San Marcos Coffee Sale

September 25–26

We will roast a large order of Honduran coffee for purchase at all Collaborative Masses on September 25–26. As Catholics, we are called to help the poor to rise out of poverty. Your purchase makes it possible for the poor coffee farmers in Honduras to receive a fair wage for coffee beans grown on their small family-owned farms. Call or text Karen with questions or advance orders 978-270-0183.

Muchas Gracias!

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, September 27

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

Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, September 28

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

HR Confirmation Prep. Parent & Teen Mtg. 6:45pm, Nativity Hall

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

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

Wednesday, September 29

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, September 30

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, October 1

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

Saturday, October 2

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, October 3

RCIA 9:00am, IC Parish Ctr., Room G19

IC Faith Formation 10:00am, IC Parish Center

IC Confirmation Prep: Year 2 3:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

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
Hillar Haan
Bridie Hubley
Joe Messina

Vincent Oberhofer
Mary Shachok
Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker
Rob Schweitzer

Confessions

We offer Saturday afternoon confessions 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, please contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

The God Minute

Every morning a small group of priests, nuns, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called *The God Minute*. It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free.

Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. www.thegodminute.org

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Door" by the band Saving Jane that names some of those feelings. The refrain in the song is:

*She is the prom queen I'm in the marching band
She is a cheerleader I'm sitting in the stands
She gets the top bunk I'm sleeping on the floor
She's Miss America and I'm just the girl next door*

While certainly engaging some common teenage angst, the lyrics go on to offer this insight, "I don't know why I'm feeling sorry for myself, I spend all my time wishing that I was someone else." And may be here is the heart of the problem.

Each of us have been created as unique images of God's love and design in this world. Each of us have been given certain particular gifts and talents, quirks and oddities to carry with us throughout our lives and to be used for the greater glory of God and the building up of God's Kingdom here on earth. Each of us have our own specific role to play in this, and each role is vital to the whole. As St. Paul has taught us, we are all members of the One Body of Christ, though not all of us are a hand or a nose or an eye. When we lose sight of our bigger place within this whole, we don't function to our fullest capacity and the Body as a whole suffers. When we try to become someone else, to take on roles or act in ways that are not in accord with those given to us by the Lord, it sometimes can devolve into the ridiculous. Imagine, if you will, an ear that is trying to take over a person's sense of smell!

Appreciating our own giftedness and constantly basking in the true beauty of God's universal plan of salvation will keep us properly grounded. True glory, true blessedness comes not from the recognition of others, but only from the quiet knowledge that we have done our best to do God's will in our lives. This not only fulfills our true purpose in life (to love and serve the Lord) but also benefits everyone else by doing everything we can to support the whole community. Here we truly shine. Remembering the words of St. Irenaeus, "The glory of God is a human being, fully alive." May we strive always to be our very best before the Lord, and do our very best to rejoice with others when they do the same.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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 NEWS

Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month. Please email us for a detailed schedule and the meeting location kofc231@outlook.com.



Acoustic Cocktails



For More Info:
Matt Blanchette
978.697.5135

Dinner & Show

A fundraiser presented by KofC Council 231
bit.ly/acoustictails



- Tuesday 10/12/21
- \$25 per person (must buy in advance)
- Elks Function Hall
- 5pm Cocktail Hour
- 6pm Dinner
- 6:30-8:30 Music

women at the well

A Consecration to Mary



Following a well-received 33-day Consecration to St. Joseph, the Knights of Columbus Council 231 are preparing a 33-day Consecration to Mary.

From the intuitive format of Fr. Michael Gaitley's book *33 Days to Morning Glory*, this at-home mini retreat will help you reflect and then share in large-group, team-led talks and communal prayer. The Knights will reserve a **free** copy of the retreat book when you email kofc231@gmail.com.

Let this mini retreat be a prayerful prelude to Advent, a season of expectation where we, with Mary, await Jesus. Mary will teach you to inspire others when the retreat teaches you how to become "a contemplative in action"!

Dates: Sunday, October 31 (orientation) and Wednesday evenings in November through December 8, (7:00–8:00 p.m.) at IC Church. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Turkey Classic

Join the Knights of Columbus Council 231 for a fun filled day of golfing while raising money for charity at the 2nd annual Turkey Classic. Proceeds will be used to help local families in need on Thanksgiving. For more information, to register, to donate, or to sponsor please call Matt Blanchette: 978-697-5135.

Date: Saturday, November 6

Place: Apple Hill Golf club, East Kingston, NH

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.

You can also tune in to the Knights of Columbus live rosary on Facebook on Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. and Fridays at 8:30 a.m. www.facebook.com/kofc231.

Parish Cast Communications

The Pastoral Council has been working on upgrading the software used by the Collaborative which will allow better communication to parishioners through email, voicemail and text. We will be testing the new software in the coming weeks. As we iron out any "bugs" in the system, you may get more than one message from Fr. Tim depending upon the contact preferences you established when you registered with the parish. Once you receive the message or messages, you may contact the office to update your preferences for future contact.

We look forward to using this new system to advise of Mass schedule changes, meeting cancellations due to weather, and other important Collaborative-wide communications. Thank you for your patience as we work through the launch of this new system.

Join Us!

New Hope Family Support Group

St. Louis Hall at 7:00 PM
1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month

HOSTED BY COREY BEAVER, CERTIFIED
INTERVENTIONIST

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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!

Starting October 18 we will begin a new Bible Study from *Walking With Purpose, Opening Your Heart!* We invite all women, no matter where you may be in your relationship with Christ to come join us. We can't wait to meet you!

We meet every Monday starting October 18 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: Pastoral Center at Immaculate Conception.
Zoom: Email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

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ENGAGE & FORMED

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

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

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



Reaching the hearts of middle-school aged girls with the love of Christ and the truths of our Catholic faith!

BLAZE is an answer to the prayers so many parents have for their daughters. Girls are bombarded with lies which attack their identity, their relationships, their body image, and above all, their relationship with God. BLAZE beautifully balances the everyday struggles of being a middle school girl with the importance of a relationship with Jesus Christ. The mission of BLAZE is to use Scripture to speak truth into the hearts of young girls who are bombarded by lies about their true worth, beauty, and identity.

Starting **October 21st at 6:30PM**, and on every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30PM following, we will meet in the Youth Ministry Room of the Pastoral Center at Immaculate Conception Parish in Newburyport.

Please join us *any* third Thursday of the month at 6:30PM. If you have any questions, please email hricblaze@gmail.com.

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-careadoption-informational-meetings>

Facebook Mass

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

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) at the appointed time. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet using the above link.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

Like Us on Facebook

[Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/)



It's Cori Time

2022 CORI forms are now available. Remember that all Collaborative volunteers, new and returning, are required to fill out a CORI form every year.

There are CORI forms in all the churches' Sacristies. Please have any Clergy verify your ID. You may also come by any of the Collaborative offices in Newburyport during business hours to submit your CORI forms. Thank you for your attention to this very important task.

RCIA

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Then RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you. 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.

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*. 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. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

Cursillo is Back!

Cursillo weekends have been scheduled at St. Basil's in Methuen and our first Ultreya is scheduled for **Friday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the main church at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport. Please join us for Mass, a speaker, reflection, and a pot luck supper in the Charity Dining Room at the Pastoral Center.

The following schedule is subject to change depending upon revised guidelines from the CDC and the Commonwealth.

Experience this "short course" in Christianity and renew your faith as you encounter Jesus.

2021

October 7–9 (Men)	December 2–5 (Men)
November 4–7 (Women)	

2022

January 6–9 (Women)	April 28–May 1 (Women)
February 3–6 (Men)	June 2–5 (Women)
March 3–6 (Women)	October 6–9 (Men)
April 7–10 (Men)	November 3–6 (Women)
	December 1–4 (Men)

The Pelican Intervention Fund



The Pelican Intervention Fund is dedicated to supporting men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. The Pelican Intervention Fund offers hope for sustained recovery for adults who live in the communities of Amesbury, Byfield, Georgetown,

Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, West Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and Salisbury.

Donations can be made to:

"The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF"

Essex County Community Foundation
175 Andover Street
Danvers, MA 01923

Questions? Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

IC PARISH

IC Faith Formation

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

Faith Formation classes will be starting soon for all grades. If you have not yet registered your family, class schedules and registration forms can be found on the parish website at hriccatholic.org.

School Year Programs

Information regarding the fall 2021 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

Confirmation

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

Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, October 17 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: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

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 **September 27**. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions at barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Sept. 18-19	\$4,326.00
Clergy Benefit Trust, Sept. 18-19	\$2,369.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Sept. 17	\$2,172.00
Catholic Appeal	\$48,980.00

The second collection this weekend (September 26) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (October 3) is Holy Father/Missionary Efforts (Peter's Pence).

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.

Peter's Pence Collection

Next week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection will also provide support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests and lay people for ministry and for the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various missionary efforts at home and abroad.

IC St. Vincent de Paul



The Immaculate Conception, Society of St. Vincent DePaul **needs your help**. We normally have our annual "Walk for our Poor" during the month of September, however, due to the increasing number of Covid Cases in Massachusetts, we are reaching out to our benefactors and friends asking that you consider **donating to SVdP**. Any amount you can contribute will help us to continue helping the needy in Newbury and Newburyport. We will be handing our envelopes at all **Masses on Sat. 9/25 and Sun. 9/26** for you to use to make 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.

Also, you can visit our website: www.svdpnewburyport.org to make your donation online.

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 at 4:30 p.m. at the entrance to the parish center. All are welcome.

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.

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless each of you!

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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.

IC Haiti

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950. Checks should be made out to "IC Haiti."**

May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Sept. 18–19	\$1,181.00
Clergy Benefit Trust, Sept. 18–19	\$ 625.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Sept. 17	\$ 440.00
Catholic Appeal	\$18,565.00

The second collection this weekend (September 26) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (October 3) is Holy Father/Missionary Efforts (Peter's Pence).

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.

Peter's Pence Collection

Next week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection will also provide support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests and lay people for ministry and for the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various missionary efforts at home and abroad.

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 Online Giving

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.

To learn more visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

St. Ann Retaining Wall Project

The retaining wall is just about done. We are waiting for the delivery and installation of the railing. The parking lot work has also started. Things are moving along!

HR Faith Formation

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

Faith Formation classes will be starting soon for all grades. If you have not yet registered your family, class schedules and registration forms can be found on the parish website at hriccatholic.org.

School Year Programs

Information regarding the fall 2021 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

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

Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at IC on Sunday, October 17 at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information.

Confirmation

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

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** for the month of **October**.

Questions of the Week

Adult: How do you encourage others to have faith in Jesus? Do you take advantage of opportunities to promote your faith to others?

Child: When you notice someone doing a good deed for somebody else how does that make you feel? Remember that Jesus wants us all to love and care for one another not to be jealous of what somebody else has done.

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.