

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021

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*Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe.
The burning sands will become pools,
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.*

(Is 4:6-7)

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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Nativity

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Immaculate Conception

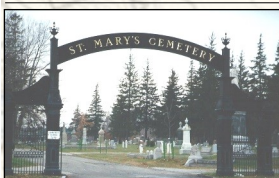
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/4)

4:00pm **IC** *Michael Aldrich, Mary E. Lefebvre, Virginia Reardon* (Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Higgins & Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (9/5)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Higgins & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am **IC** *Jim "Moose" Dempsey* (Fr. McLaughlin)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Higgins & Deacon Dow)

11:00am **IC** *Michael Filomia, Robert Colby, James Edward Doyle* (Fr. Morin)

Monday (9/6) Labor Day

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

Tuesday (9/7)

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

Wednesday (9/8)

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

Thursday (9/9)

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

Friday (9/10)

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

Saturday (9/11)

4:00pm **IC** *Rose Rowe* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin and Deacon Dow)

Sunday (9/12)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

9:00am **IC** *Joseph Risti* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

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


11:30am **IC** *George Martin, Josephine Minalio* (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember 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](#))

Fall Mass Schedule Change

Beginning **September 12 (the Sunday after Labor Day)**, the Sunday Mass schedule at Immaculate Conception will change as follows:

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m. (note time change)

Prayers for the Sick

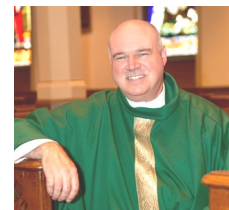
May the comfort and healing of Christ embrace all in our Collaborative who are suffering from illness, especially:

Dan Bedard
Priscilla Brown
Charmaine Haan
Hillar Haan
Bridie Hubley
Joe Messina

Vincent Oberhofer
Mary Shachok
Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



It was a rookie mistake, a moment when I had that sinking feeling of "I should have known better." Despite the warning signs at the entrance pathway urging appropriate footwear, I walked up over the dunes and onto scalding-hot sands of the beach barefoot. I had done this hundreds of times before without any serious injury. Yeh, the sand could be hot, and yeh, if you stayed in one spot near the dunes it could be very hot. But I always moved quickly towards the water and the cooler sand and had always been able to endure a few yards of hell to get to paradise. "Why would this day be any different," I thought? Well, for one, the beach was greatly enlarged by an extraordinarily low low-tide. The water, it seemed, was half a mile away. And it was June—with the sun directly overhead. . .that old summer-solstice thing. And it was in the mid-90's already. So, I ended up with first degree burns on the soles of my feet that fateful beach day. Twice, actually—once on the way to the water, and again on the way back. A painful lesson-learned: "Read the signs. Follow their directions!" (Yah dummy!) At every stage in life, the Lord teacheth humility, I guess.

The ancient peoples knew what burning sands were all about. Surrounded by desert, the scorching heat and blistering furnace of an arid climate seldom let them forget how unforgiving the wastelands could be. Wander off without proper clothing, water, and food and it was an almost certain death sentence. With unbroken winds churned up, the desert could even encroach on unlucky villages and towns threatening to swallow them up with a blast of sand and heat.

It is this parching imagery that Isaiah used to remind the people of his time and ours that God can and will turn the most-dire of circumstances into the plushest of blessings. What greater turn-around than to have those fiery desert sands transformed into cooling and refreshing pools of water? If images of tropical beaches from the Caribbean and Hawaii come to mind, you are not too far off. With all of the heat and sultry weather we've been having this summer, which one of us hasn't at least considered a jaunt into the ocean, lake or a nearby pool? I know I did! (Humbly clad with sandals, this time!)

That instant quenching of going from hot and miserable to cool and refreshed is a great sign of God's saving action. It is transformative, immediate, and complete. What a dramatic turnaround when you immerse yourself into gentle cooling water on a hot summer day! While a nice cool breeze can bring some relief, water is many times more

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Labor Day Office Hours

Collaborative offices will be closed Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 7 at 9:00 a.m.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, September 6 Labor Day
Collaborative Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 7
Extraordinary Ministers Training 9:45am, IC Church
Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, September 8
Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library
PEP Fest Volunteer Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, September 9
Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, September 10
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, September 11
IC Confirmation Retreat 9:00am, IC St. Louis Hall
Collaborative Pastoral Council Meeting 9:30am, Nativity Hall
Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, September 12
RCIA 9:00am, IC Parish Ctr., Room G19
Coffee Hour after Mass at Nativity 9:30am, Nativity Hall
To schedule your group's in-person meeting, contact Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.

Confessions

We offer Saturday afternoon confessions from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at Immaculate Conception Church. No appointment necessary. 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.

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. We meet Monday nights, 6:30–8:00. All are welcome.

Please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com to join us.

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

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effective at relieving the heat and bringing that soothing feeling of contentment.

Isaiah wants us to remember that ultimately God will bring this total transformation about for all of us. Jesus is the sign that this vindication from our God is upon us. His restoration of the hearing and speech of a deaf and mute man in today's Gospel is a sign that God's Kingdom is being unfolded in our midst. Therefore we must turn our eyes to the Lord and seek His loving presence always. As the Psalmist once cried out, "O God, you are my God— it is you I seek! For you my body yearns; for you my soul thirsts, In a land parched, lifeless, and without water." (Ps 63:2)

Like people driven to seek the cooling waters and refreshment we long for on a stifling hot day or blistering beach, may our souls long-for and passionately seek-after the true relief that can only be found in a right-relationship with our Creator. May our prayer this day help accomplish precisely that!

Labor Day blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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

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.

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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.

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.)



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.

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



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PEP FEST

(PRAY + EAT + PLAY)

ELKS CLUB, 25 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 hricatholic.org) or call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

You can sign up online to attend the P E P Fest.

(No charge for tickets. We just need an estimate for the food truck.)

The signup link is on our website at hricatholic.org.

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.

Bulletin Information

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

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Family Support Group

The Knights of Columbus present New Hope Family Support Group. New Hope seeks to support family members of those battling addiction. Meetings are held in IC St. Louis Hall at 7:00 p.m., on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month.



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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Meetings are hosted by Corey Beaver, a certified family-focused interventionist. For more information, please call Corey: (781) 854-2541

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.



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.

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.

Food for Thought Begins with Food for the Journey



As haute cuisine depends on a balance of seasonings, why not season your journey inward by savoring God’s abiding Presence served in sacred silence in the monstrance? Hunger & thirst for spiritual satiety is guaranteed when Jesus Himself is the Host. No reservation required. There is ample seating so “Come & Be!” Sample how each season contributes to how the LORD converses with you when you linger in His house after dusk.

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.

Join us for Adoration Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., IC Church. All are welcome.

Questions of the Week

Adult: Do you ever speak on behalf of those who have no voice or are not heard?



Child: This week’s Gospel reading tells how Jesus healed a man who was not able to hear and could not speak well either. What do you think it would be like not to be able to hear? How easy would it be to not be able to use words?

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.

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 PCC’s annual Walk for Life fundraiser is right around the corner!

- Only two short miles, you can walk or run and 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

For more information on our Mother & Child Services Programs visit www.PCCFriends.org. Questions? Contact Anne Magnus: annem@pccnortheast.org or 978-590-3285.

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IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Aug. 28–29	\$4,205.00
Archdiocese Haiti Relief, Aug. 28–29	\$1,963.00
Mailed In Offertory, week ending Aug. 27	\$3,853.00

No second collection this weekend (September 5). The second collection next weekend (September 12) is the Monthly.

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to
Immaculate Conception Parish
42 Green Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

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

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$53,820.00
 To Date \$46,180.00

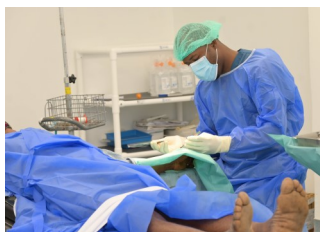
Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org
 to donate or to learn more.



IC Haiti Update

Thanks to the generosity of Immaculate Conception parishioners and other IC Haiti supporters, we are once again able to fund the entire budget for the Fr. Marc Piché Elementary School in Puit Chacha for this school year. Our funding will provide for all school supplies, teacher and staff salaries, a hot lunch program, building maintenance, a dental program for the school community, tuition for graduates to attend the closest secondary school, and all other school-related costs.

We were also hoping to help Saint Boniface Hospital in Fond des Blancs as many people who were physically injured by the August earthquake have been transferred there. Hospitals closer to the epicenter have either been badly damaged or are now inundated with patients. Saint Boniface is setting up additional emergency operating rooms to deal with the constant flow of people needing surgery.



St. Boniface Hospital is run by Health Equity International, our partner in Haiti. This is why we (IC Haiti) would like to help to defray the cost for the construction and equipping of the additional operating rooms. If you would like to help in this endeavor, please

donate to IC Haiti, designating your contribution specifically for this purpose. We thank you in advance for your generosity on behalf of the people of 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."

Immaculate Conception School



Immaculate Conception School will open for in-person learning on September 7, 2021. Masks are required for all staff and students, regardless of vaccination status. Remote learning will remain an option for all students, all year. Before Care and After Care programs will run, and in-person specials such as Gym, Music, and Art will resume. Instrumental music instruction will also resume for in-person learning. The Cafeteria will also be reopened for students to eat lunch.

Last year, the entire school community worked together to take care of each other by following the protocols, exercising extreme caution when exposure to COVID was suspected, and keeping the kiddos home if they had the slightest symptoms of illness. The option to learn remotely on any given day was a key factor in families' willingness to take such precautions. With God's continued help and the community's commitment to each other, we are planning for another successful year.

The IC is currently accepting applications for Grades K, 1, 4, 5, & 6.
www.icsnewburyport.com.

Pictured: Josh Casaletto, incoming 6th grader, checks out the sizes at the Uniform Exchange.



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 still ready to assist.

You can now make online donations on our website: www.svdpnewburyport.org. If you would like to mail in your 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.

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 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.



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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.

IC Online Giving

Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

To learn more visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then click on “IC Parish Online Giving” to get to the site or contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

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Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

HR PARISH

St. Ann Retaining Wall Project

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

HR Prayer Shawl



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HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Aug. 28–29	\$1,308.00
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The second collection this weekend (September 5) is the La Salette Mission Appeal (See article right column.). The second collection next weekend (September 12) is the Monthly.

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

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

Coffee after Mass

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the 8:30 Mass at Nativity, Merrimac on Sunday, September 12. Come enjoy coffee, muffins, and conversation.

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass will move to **Nativity, Merrimac** for the month of **September**.

HR Holiday Fair Meeting



The Activities Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Nativity Hall. We will be meeting to discuss the Holiday Fair and the Coronavirus impact on us.

Annual Parish Mission Appeal

The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette will preach the annual parish mission appeal.

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Special note about Speaker: Fr. John Higgins is a La Salette priest who has ministered in Argentina for over 21 years and 11 years in Bolivia. As a native of the Boston area, he currently is in active ministry as Senior Priest now serving at the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows in Hartford, CT. Fr. Higgins finds great joy in sharing his missionary experiences with the parish families as he gives the Mission Appeals.

Holy Redeemer Parish’s Mission Appeal is scheduled for the weekend of September 4–5.

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