

# HOLY WEEK

## HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING  
MERRIMAC,  
NEWBURY,  
NEWBURYPORT, AND  
WEST NEWBURY

Palm Sunday  
March 29, 2026

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All Are Welcome

# The Paschal Triduum

## Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative

Serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury

### Holy Thursday, April 2

#### Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m.

#### Immaculate Conception Church

(Also live-streamed)

Come and enter into the sacred three days of **Triduum** by celebrating the Lord's simple command: "As I have done for you, so you must do." Join us for a commemoration of the Last Supper and institution of the Eucharist.



### Good Friday, April 3

#### Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3:00 p.m.

St. Ann Church and Immaculate Conception Church (Also live-streamed)

Join with us as we immerse ourselves in St. John's Passion account, venerate the Cross, and offer Special Intercessions for the whole world.

#### Stations of the Cross

9:00 a.m.

St Ann Church

7:00 p.m.

Nativity Church



## Easter

### Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection

#### The Easter Vigil, April 4

Gather at 7:30 p.m.

#### Immaculate Conception Church

(Also live-streamed)

Known as the "mother of all vigils" this sacred moment is the high point of our whole year! Beginning with the Lucinarium or service of light, this celebration continues with special readings and Psalms that tell the story of Salvation. Continuing with the initiation of new members through the Easter Sacraments, the entire congregation will be invited to renew our Baptismal Promises and we will end the night with the celebration of the Eucharist—this is one joyful event not to miss!



### Easter Sunday, April 5

8:30 a.m. Nativity Church

9:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception Church (Also live-streamed)

10:00 a.m. St. Ann Church

11:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception Church

Come and celebrate the Lord's Resurrection! Along with the joyful, sung Alleluia, festive decorations, and sacred stories of the Resurrection, everyone will be invited to renew their Baptismal Promises during this Mass.

To link to our live-stream, please visit our website at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org).

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (3/28)

4:00pm **IC** *Laurel Ryti, Valentina Perry, Garry F. Doyle* (Bishop Hennessey & Deacon Moranski)  
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (3/29) **Palm Sunday**

8:30am **Nativity** *Matilda Manie* (Fr. Stanley)  
9:00am **IC** *Krista Ouellette, For a Private Intention* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)  
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)  
11:30am **IC** *Bob Murphy, Mario Diaz* (Fr. Morin)

### Monday (3/30)

9:00am **IC** *Janet Swallow, Margie Howard, Marsha Reilly Sullivan, Arthur (Art) Murphy* (Fr. Harrison)

### Tuesday (3/31) **No Daily Mass**

### Wednesday (4/01)

9:00am **IC** *Gene Talford, Joseph Patchett, Niles, Keefe, Swochak, Macri families* (Fr. Stanley)

### Thursday (4/02) **Holy Thursday**

7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacons Dow and Moranski)

### Friday (4/03) **Good Friday**

3:00pm **IC** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)  
3:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)  
7:00pm **Nativity Stations** (Fr. Harrison)

### Saturday (4/04) **Holy Saturday**

7:30pm **IC** *Easter Vigil* (Fr. Harrison & Deacons Dow and Moranski)

### Sunday (4/05) **Easter Sunday**

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)  
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)  
11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

*In your prayers please remember Priscilla Brown, Robert Schweizer, Ann Davis Snow, and all of the faithful departed.*

**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

**IC**—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

**Nativity**—Merrimac

**St. Ann**—West Newbury

**Saturday Vigil Mass is live-streamed online** through our website: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) as well as our Facebook page.




St. Ann, W. Newbury

Nativity, Merrimac

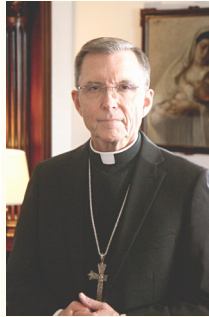
IC, Newburyport

## Choir Concert: Save the Date!

The HRIC Youth and Adult Choirs will be hosting their combined Spring Concert on Sunday, April 26 at 2 p.m. at Immaculate Conception church.

What a great way to welcome spring with sacred music from these talented choirs.  Join us!

## Auxiliary Bishop Robert P. Reed Named the 23rd Rector of St. John's Seminary



Archbishop Richard G. Henning announced the appointment of Auxiliary Bishop Robert P. Reed as the 23rd Rector of Saint John's Seminary. Bishop Reed succeeds Rev. Msgr. Stephen E. Salocks, S.S.L., who has served as Rector since 2018.

Archbishop Henning said, "I am so grateful for Bishop Reed's service to the Church of Boston and his important work in sharing the faith through media. He will bring experience and authenticity as a

priest and bishop to this critical work of forming future priests for the Church. I look forward to working with Bishop Reed and the Board and faculty to maintain the high quality of academics and formation at St. John's Seminary."

"I was both surprised and deeply honored to be invited to this role by Archbishop Henning, the other bishops and the Board of Trustees," said Bishop Reed. "I look forward to learning from them, as well as the extensive institutional knowledge of Msgr. Salocks, to whom we are all profoundly indebted. I anticipate working closely with the faculty and staff of St. John's Seminary, drawing on their personal expertise and experience as a formation team. Having served as a Catholic priest for over forty years, in the parish and the parish of the airways, I understand the seminary to be the heart of the diocese it serves. From this community of faith, men, led by the Holy Spirit to discern their call to Holy Orders, are formed and sent forth with priestly grace, to serve and inspire the same communion in the Faith within their dioceses and parish life."

### **Bishop Robert P. Reed**

Bishop Robert P. Reed, a native of Boston, received his early education at St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers before beginning his priestly formation at St. John's Seminary. He continued his studies in Rome, earning advanced degrees from the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum).

In addition to his theological training, Bishop Reed pursued studies in television management at Boston University's College of Communication.

Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Boston in 1985, he served as pastor of seven parishes over the course of his ministry. In 2016, he was consecrated a bishop and appointed Regional Bishop for the West Region of the Archdiocese of Boston.

Bishop Reed is President of the *CatholicTV Network* and CEO of its parent organization, *iCatholic Media, Inc.*, which encompasses a parish bulletin service, a printing company, and *The Pilot*—the nation's oldest continuous published Catholic newspaper.

He previously chaired the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Communications and currently serves as the Board of Directors of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) as well as the Board of Governors for the Pontifical North American College in Rome. Source: *The Pilot*

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

### Monday, March 30

Note: Monday morning AA meetings at IC will resume on April 20.

### Tuesday, March 31

Women's AA Mtg. 7:00am, St. Ann Hall

Breaking Bread Meal 4:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Women at the Well Mtg. 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

### Wednesday, April 1

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Youth Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, IC Church

### Thursday, April 2, Holy Thursday

Divine Mercy Video Series 9:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

### Friday, April 3, Good Friday

St. Ann Stations of the Cross 9:00am, St. Ann Church

Collaborative Offices Close at 12:00 Noon

### Saturday, April 4, Holy Saturday

### Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday

Happy Easter!

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

## Mini-Pilgrimage: Chrism Mass

Join us on a Pilgrimage  
to The Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston,  
for the annual Chrism Mass

**Tuesday, March 31, 9:15 a.m.**

Every year, priests and parishioners from across the Archdiocese gather with our Archbishop to bless and consecrate the Holy Oils that are used in our sacramental celebrations. It is a joyful Mass that also features a renewal of priestly commitment along with the blessing of the Holy Oils. Come see the recently renovated mother Church of our Archdiocese!



This year, we are hiring a bus to take us from IC Church to the Cathedral and back again following the Chrism Mass on **Tuesday, March 31, leaving at 9:15 a.m.** Parishioners are asked to contribute \$20 to offset the cost of the bus. All

those who are interested are asked to contact Christine Breslow (978-462-2724) in our office to sign up. Seats are being reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

We are also inviting our brothers and sisters from St. André Bessette Parish to join us.

Please contact our office with any questions.

View our weekly bulletin online on our website:  
[hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

## Youth Ministry

If your child is interested in **any of these ministries**, please call the parish offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 and leave your name, email, phone number, and which ministry interests your child.

### High School Youth Ministry

We invite any high school teen to join us in the new year for fun, fellowship, and a little prayer on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.: April 12 and 26. Bring a friend!

### Youth Liturgical Ministries

#### Altar Servers

**Requirements:** must have completed the 2nd grade and received his/her First Communion. **Training:** 3 one-hour sessions in the church.

#### Lectors

**Requirement:** Anyone who has been Confirmed. **Training:** approximately 1 one-hour session, on an early evening during the week.

### Youth Choir

Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord (Psalm 100)

The Youth Choir rehearses at IC Church on Wednesdays from 3:30–4:45 (3:45–5:00 if you need to come later).

**New members, grades 3–8, are welcome!**  
**Come use your gifts to glorify the Lord!**

The Youth Choir will sing at the following 9:00 Masses: March 29, and May 10.

The Youth Choir will perform at the IC Spring Concert: Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m.



For more information please contact Paula Quann:  
[youthchoir@hriccatholic.org](mailto:youthchoir@hriccatholic.org).

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** What part of the Passion story most touches your life this year?

**Child:** What can you do to become closer to Jesus?

## True North Vacation Bible School

Trek into an unforgettable 4-day Alaskan adventure this summer at VBS!

**When:** Mon. June 29–Thurs. July 2

**Time:** 9:00–12:00

**Where:** Nativity Church Hall

**Who:** students ages 5–12

Registration is now open. Register online at [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) under "Vacation Bible School."

Cost: \$50/child, \$75 for 2 and, \$100 for 3 or more children.

**Volunteers needed:** Adults and teens

Contact: Jen: 978-697-1082      Donielle: 413-668-6181



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & Easter Collections

The **Holy Thursday** collection will support our local **HR and IC St. Vincent de Paul Societies**. These organizations, through your generous support, are able to help those in our communities who need assistance meeting their basic needs. Make checks payable to either "HR St. Vincent de Paul" or "IC St. Vincent de Paul."

The **Good Friday** collection, Holy Land Shrines, supports the sacred places and the educational, charitable, and peace-seeking ministries of the **Church in the Holy Land**.

The **Easter** Collection supports **the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston**. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit [www.clergytrust.org](http://www.clergytrust.org).

## Online Giving

Both HR and IC offer Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of one of our parish communities. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the Collaborative offices.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org), and click the "Links" tab, then on "HR Parish Online Giving" or "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the appropriate site.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724.

## Collaborative Office Hours

Collaborative offices will close at 12:00 noon on Good Friday, April 3 and will be closed all day on Easter Monday, April 6.

## Greek to go "Pastry Sale"



Pre-orders online only. Order today: **online ordering closes at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30.**

Pre-order menu:

*Small pastry tray*

12 pieces, 4 baklava, 4 finikia, 4 kourambiedes, \$40

*Large pastry tray*

18 pieces, 6 baklava, 6 finikia, 6 kourambiedes, \$60

*Dozen Koulourakia* (Greek butter cookie), \$12

*Sweet Easter bread* (Tsoureki w/red egg), \$13

Online pre-order link: [secure.myvanco.com/L-ZXVW/home](https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZXVW/home)

Or scan the QR code to pre-order

Pick up: 11:00–2:00, Saturday, April 4 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Harris St., Nbpt.

All proceeds benefits Saint Basil's meal ministry.



## Catholic Appeal

*Together We Are One*



Once a year, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to support the greater church by giving a gift to the Catholic Appeal. Just as our weekly collection supports parish expenses, initiatives, and programs, the Catholic Appeal helps fund services that are essential to our parishes, schools, and the greater community. Each of us is responsible not only for the wellbeing of our parish but also for the wellbeing of the Church throughout our Archdiocese. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift.

You can drop your donation in the collection (Catholic Appeal envelopes are in the pews, checks payable to "The Catholic Appeal") or, to make a donation online, visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org).

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the 2026 Catholic Appeal.

## Shawls and Lapghans



Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy! We would be happy to deliver to anyone. Or if you personally would like to give one to a friend, relative, or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673.

*We are taking a "winter break" from our meetings until May 7, but continue to deliver shawls and lapghans to those who need them.*

We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Our next meeting is **Thursday, May 7**. All are welcome! **Come join us**. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you!

## Prayers for the Sick

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

Lucas Aucamp	Chloe Hequet	Ovidio Martinez
Patricia Baikewicz	Loriann Herrick	Carol O'Neal
Pattie Bombard	Matt Hershey	Eleanora Paciulan
Kathy P. Brodeur	Angela Holloran	Joseph Palumbo
Michael Brenner	Tula Hunt	Carol Parks
Autumn Rose	Emma Hurley	Joanne Pesa
Coulombe	Young Jameson	Elizabeth Pettingell
Kristen D'Entremont	Carol Johnson	Regina Seely
Cheryl DiCicco	Derek Johnson	Yvonne Sloban
Ward Dilmore	Steve Johnson	Gary Smith
Deb Downie	Michael Juralewicz	Arlene Stoddard
Dotty Duval	Denise Kenneson	Susan Sweeney
Ann-Margaret	Arthur LaPointe	Taylor
Ferrante	Ed Laverty	Captain Bill Taplin
John Flynn	Michael Lichtenstein	Heather Thompson
Jeanine Ebacher	Donna Limone	Michael Tucker
Fowler	Johannah Lord	Maddie Villers
Renee Fowler	Monica Maguire	Laurent Vincent
Paul Gerroir	Sia Mahalati	Joseph Vonhandorf
John Gutshaw	Michael Marchese	Sandra Welch
Ed Hardy	Robert (Bob) Marks	
Jane Harney	Michael Martens	

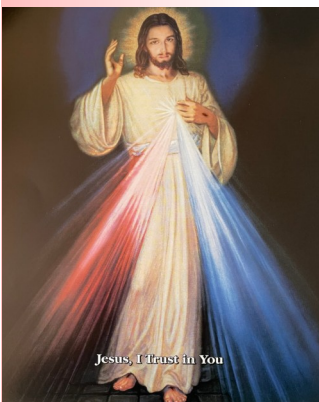
# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Divine Mercy Devotion

During the weekends of Lent, we have been explaining the key components of the Divine Mercy devotion by walking through the acronym “F.I.N.C.H.” This weekend, we finish with “H” standing for the “Hour of Mercy.”

Because, according to Sacred Scripture Jesus died at 3:00 p.m., he encouraged St. Faustina to stop each day at 3:00 p.m. and “immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners.... This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world.” (*Diary*, 1572) and “I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of my Passion.” (*Diary*, 1320) The main point is that Jesus wants us to recall each day His suffering and Death that won us eternal life. It is the ultimate expression of love and, therefore, it is not morbid to dwell on Jesus’ death, but an act of great love and joy. The hour of His Death is the perfect time to recall this central article of our faith and to “immerse” ourselves in this Greatest moment in gratitude and devotion, receiving from Jesus countless graces in return.

## Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with Us



Join us on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, when we will celebrate this Feast Day with **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** from 2:30–3:30 p.m. in IC Church, during which we will sing the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** and pray the **Litany of Divine Mercy**. After Adoration, we will move to St. Louis Hall for fellowship and testimonies on Divine Mercy.

## Thursday Morning Fellowship & Video Series: *Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told*

Thursdays: April 2 (9:00–10:30) and April 9 (9:45–11:15) in IC St. Louis Hall.



Join us for a deep-dive into the story of how this devotion came about and how it is connected to the most fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith. This high quality documentary tells the fascinating history of how

God has used people and whole nations to lead the world back to his merciful Heart. Join for the food, spiritually rich content, and conversation.

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## The Joyful Suffering of St. Francis

Most know St. Francis of Assisi as a man of joy and love ministering to the poor and sick, caring for God’s creatures and Creation. Lesser known is how deeply St. Francis suffered with physical illness, blindness, depression, rejection by his own order, and the unique torment of the stigmata, the wounds of Christ imprinted into his flesh.



St. Francis yearned to be like Christ and prayed to share in both Christ’s suffering on the Cross and in Christ’s love that led Him to the Cross. He was imprisoned in Perugia, was beaten by his father for his conversion and, when Christ anointed him with the stigmata, St. Francis was the first saint to have the wounds of Christ etched into his hands, feet and side. He bore Christ’s wounds and pain for the last two years of his life. He felt he was unworthy of the stigmata and chose to hide them so others would not know. St. Francis embraced his many illnesses, as he did his poverty, and referred to them as his “sisters”. He found his suffering to be redemptive and looked for the joy in his hardships as a way to share greater intimacy with God.

On his deathbed, he asked to be stripped of all his clothing and laid on the ground to imitate Christ on the Cross. St.



Francis embraced suffering as a conduit for God’s blessings. The Franciscan model faces suffering with humility and gratitude. Life’s trials foster growth in compassion and personal holiness. Offering up suffering opens a path to join Christ in His healing and saving work. Turning to God in our suffering deepens our trust in our Lord and Savior and draws us in closer communion with Christ.

The Cross is a reminder of Christ’s suffering for us and a measure of Christ’s love for us. Christ gave us His all in an act of faith and obedience to the Father. So, too, was St. Francis’ life anchored in faith and obedience to the Gospel.

As Lent concludes and we prepare for the coming Triduum, we pray to continue to imitate the conviction, the charity and the love of Christ which sustained Francis’ life.

**“All I want to know is Christ and the power flowing from his Resurrection.”**

## Knights of Columbus

All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call 978-225-0804 or email [kofc231@outlook.com](mailto:kofc231@outlook.com).

# LENT

## Lenten Care Packs

In order to ease the suffering of the unhoused and as a Collaborative-wide Lenten observance we are collecting "Care Packs" that will be distributed by service agencies at no charge. A Care Pack is a one-gallon Ziploc bag filled with personal care items. We are asked to provide "Five Essentials" in each bag:

**All Care Packs should contain these 5 items:**

Shampoo Deodorant Toothbrush Toothpaste Liquid body wash

**Then you can add any of the following:**

Chapstick*	Antiseptic wipes	
Shave cream	Disposable face cloths	*Especially important items
Kleenex packs	Gloves	
Feminine hygiene products	Disposable wipes	
Protein bars	Moisturizer*	<b>No mouthwash, cash, or used items</b>
Socks	Rain ponchos*	
Cough drops	Small umbrellas	
Hand sanitizer		

Travel-sized or slightly larger items work best as they are easily carried in a backpack. There are marked collection bins in each church and the IC Parish Center lobby. We will collect care packs throughout Lent. God bless you for your generosity.



## Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is offered on Wednesday, April 1 from 3:00–4:00 p.m. at Nativity. Join us.

## Guidelines for Lent

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent.

### Fasting during Lent

**Good Friday** is a day of fasting. Catholics age 18–59 are bound to the obligation of fasting. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including water, milk, and fruit juices are allowed.

### Abstinence during Lent

Abstinence is observed on **all Fridays** of Lent. Abstinence is the absence of meat all day. Fish is allowed during Lent, though. All Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence.

## Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina for Lent

All are welcome as we gather Wednesdays from 6–7 p.m. via Zoom. Following 30 minutes of Centering Prayer we practice Lectio Divina. We listen to God's words in scripture, ponder, and share what we hear the Lord saying to us. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God.

If you are interested in joining us or learning more about these practices, contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage



**Rome • Papal Audience • Monte Cassino • San Giovanni Rotondo • Monte Sant' Angelo • Lanciano • Loreto • Assisi • Sansepolcro • Medjugorje\***

Spiritual Director: **Fr. George Morin**

Group Leaders: **Paul & Christine Blanchette**

Dates: **October 26–November 4, 2026\***

\*Optional Post Tour to **Medjugorje**: November 4–7

On this pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy, see some of the holiest Catholic sites that Italy has to offer!

In Rome, step foot into the four Major Basilicas, see the Square from the steps of St. Peter's Basilica, and attend a Papal Audience with his successor, the Pope.

In San Giovanni Rotondo, visit sites from the life of St. Padre Pio.

In Loreto, visit the "Holy House," home of the Holy Family and mysteriously transported to Italy by the holy angels.

Close out your pilgrimage with several days of prayer and reflection in the beautiful hometown of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.



Hurry! Spaces are limited and filling fast.

Visit [www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/italy/](http://www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/italy/) to learn more or to make your reservation.



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# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Mar. 21–22	\$1,981.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Mar. 20	\$ 270.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 573.00
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, Mar. 21–22</b>	<b>\$2,824.00</b>
IC Haiti, Mar. 21–22	\$1,178.00
Grand Annual, Goal: \$25,000	\$22,171.00

No second collection this weekend (March 29). The Holy Thursday collection (April 2) is HR St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please make checks payable to "HR St. Vincent de Paul." The Good Friday collection (April 3) is Holy Land Shrines. The Easter collection (April 5) is Clergy Benefit Trust. See page 5 of this bulletin for details about these collections.

Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to **Holy Redeemer Parish** with the second collection noted in the memo.

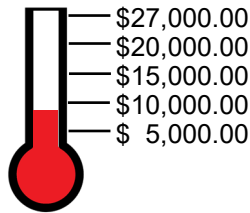
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: [hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving](http://hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving).



**HR Catholic Appeal**  
**Goal \$27,000.00**  
**To Date \$9,130.00**

Visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to learn more or to donate.



## Holy Week at HR

### Stations of the Cross at St. Ann: Good Friday 9:00 a.m.



Join us as we retrace the footsteps of Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Garden Tomb. The final Stations of the Cross for Lent at St. Ann will be held on Good Friday, April 3, beginning at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

### Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Ann: Good Friday 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a reading of the Passion, veneration of the Cross, and Intercessions for the world on Good Friday, April.

### Stations of the Cross at Nativity: Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

Nativity will offer Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 3, beginning at 7:00 p.m. *Note: no simple supper served on Good Friday.*

### Easter Sunday Masses

Easter Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m., Nativity  
 10:00 a.m., St. Ann

## Bible Study Group

We are starting a small Bible study group that will meet one morning a week at Nativity. For anyone who may be interested please look for a sign-up sheet located at the back door of Nativity. Watch the bulletin for more information to come.



## HR St. Vincent de Paul

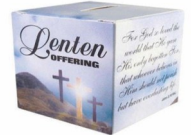
### "I thirst"

Jesus' cry of "I thirst" (John 19:28) from the cross, signifying His physical suffering and humanity, highlights His spiritual longing for souls and the completion of his mission to redeem humanity. When we respond to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, we are fulfilling our obligation to serve Jesus.



Mother Teresa explains: "The greatest evil is the lack of love and charity, the terrible indifference towards one's neighbor. People today are hungry for love, for understanding love which is much greater and which is the only answer to loneliness and poverty."

Reminder: Please drop off your mite boxes during Holy Week.



Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes that can be found on tables at the main entrances of St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or **placed in the poor boxes**. Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to **HR St. Vincent de Paul**.

## Activities Committee

The HR Activities Committee will meet on Monday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Nativity Hall.

All are welcome to join this productive and fun organization. We will be making plans for spring activities. Bring your ideas.

## HR Coffee Socials

St. Ann will be holding their next coffee social in the church hall on **April 12** following the 10:00 Mass. They are a lot of fun! For your convenience, the side door on the parking lot side will be open with easier access to the hall.



If you are interested in hosting a coffee, or baking your favorite treat, please call or text Donna, 978-904-5682.

**Nativity's** next coffee hour is **April 19, after the 8:30 Mass**. All are invited and encouraged to attend. If you would like to bring a breakfast item to share, that would be lovely! **We had 28 visitors at our March coffee. Let's break that record in April. The more the merrier!**

## Merrimac Senior Center Drivers Needed

Merrimac's Senior Center is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to local Merrimac residents Monday and/or Friday from approximately 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Brienne Walsh, Executive Director, at 978-346-9549.

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## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Mar. 21–22	\$6,177.00
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IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,275.00
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, Mar. 21–22</b>	<b>\$10,904.00</b>
IC Haiti, Mar. 21–22	\$5,499.00
Grand Annual, Goal: \$100,000	\$99,350.00

No second collection this weekend (March 29). The Holy Thursday collection (April 2) is IC St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please make checks payable to "IC St. Vincent de Paul." The Good Friday collection (April 3) is Holy Land Shrines. The Easter collection (April 5) is Clergy Benefit Trust. See page 5 of this bulletin for details about these collections.

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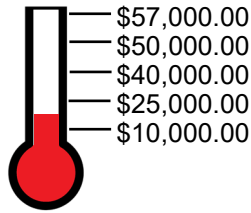
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## St. Mary's Cemetery Spring Clean-up

Mill City Management Corporation will begin its spring clean-up at St. Mary's Cemetery, Newburyport on April 1.

Family members wishing to save any personal, holiday, or seasonal decorations or any other mementos should remove them before April 1. **Any items remaining after April 1 will be discarded.** Rules and regulations are posted at the cemetery's main gate. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

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Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Fund. Email your request for an application to [maryak scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:maryak scholarship@gmail.com).

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- High school graduate in pursuit of a scientific education

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## Free Hair Cuts

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## Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School JV Girls Basketball team is the New England CYO Catholic School Division champion! They beat Corpus Christi School of Weathersfield, CT. on Sunday afternoon, in Trumbull, CT.

At the end of an undefeated regular season, the team won the North Shore Catholic Elementary School Basketball League title for the second year in a row. They went on to win the Archdiocese of Boston JV Girls title, as well. The team got a bye in the New England CYO tournament, advancing right to the semi-finals, and played last Saturday morning. In the semi-final game against Saint John Paul II of the Diocese of Bridgeport, the game was within one point at the end of each of the first three quarters. The 4th quarter is our team's strength—and they shut SJP down, allowing only one basket in the 4th quarter, winning by 11 points.

The championship game was played late Sunday afternoon in Trumbull, CT. In unfamiliar territory, the IC was down double digits at one point before the half. They were down by only 2 at the end of the 3rd quarter, and then sprung into 4th quarter action to take the game by 6 points at the buzzer. The Pelican's ability to focus and keep their emotions at bay really demonstrates the growth they have experienced as a team. The nail bitter whittled years off the lives of the girls' parents (pictured with the team) who dedicated their entire weekend to staying in Connecticut for the tournament—all worth it to see them succeed!

Congratulations to the IC Pelican JV Girls, to their coaches, and their families. We are so proud of them!!



## Lenten Almsgiving: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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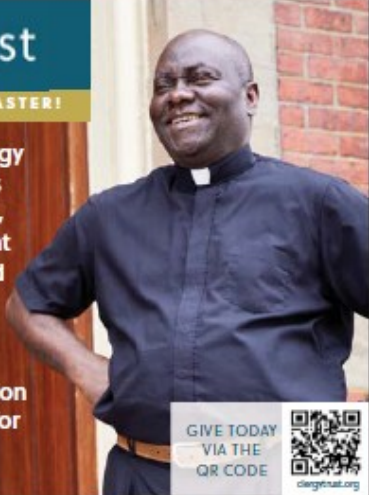


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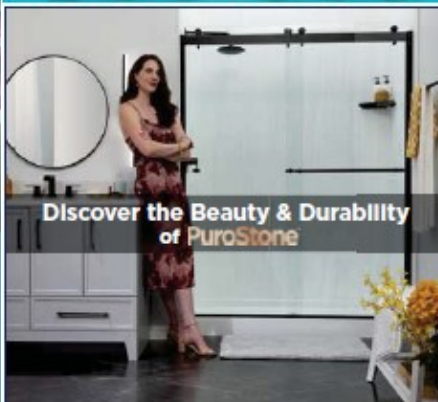
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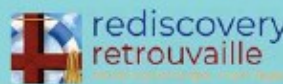
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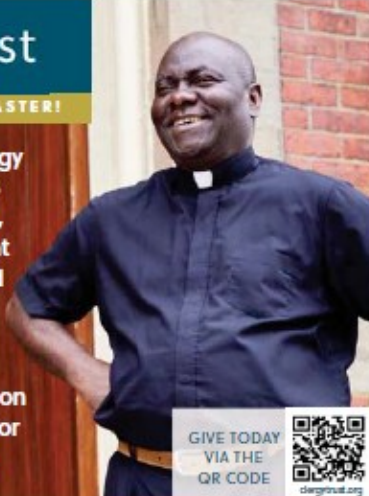
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