

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 20, 2025

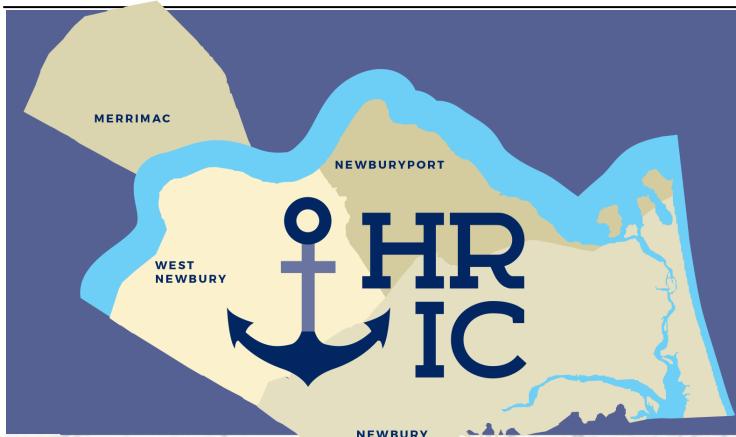
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Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.

Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

(from the Sequence *Victimæ pschali laudes*)



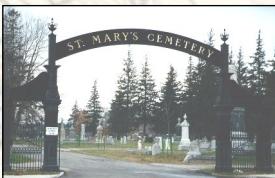
Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

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Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985
Phone: 978-346-8604
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St. Mary's Cemetery

36 Storey Avenue,
Newburyport 01950

Nativity

Parish offices and church:
4 Green St., Merrimac 01860
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Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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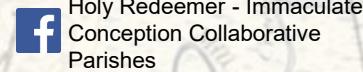
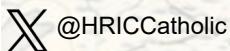
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Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir

609-519-3236

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00–3:30 p.m., IC Church
Or by appointment. (Call Collaborative
offices to schedule.)



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Mass Schedule

Saturday (4/19) **Holy Saturday**

7:30pm IC (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (4/20) **Easter Sunday**

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

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

11:30am **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

Monday (4/21)

9:00am **IC** *Alex Hasapis, Mary Prescott, David R. Rock & the Deceased Members of His Family* (Fr. Stanley)

Tuesday (4/22)

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

Wednesday (4/23)

9:00am **IC** *Mabel Jancewicz, For the Intentions of Donna Limone* (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (4/24)

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

Friday (4/25)

9:00am **IC** *Paul Neil Kane, For the Needs of All Families* (Fr. Stanley)

Saturday (4/26)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **IC** *Elizabeth J. Hanlon, Robert Murphy* (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (4/27)

8:30am **Nativity** *Helen & Tom O'Donnell* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am **IC** *Joe, John, & Vincent O'Connor, James Carew* (Fr. Stanley)

10:00am **St. Ann** *Bill Moore, Matty Corbett, & Jack Graham* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am **IC** *Nicola, Angelina, & Francesco Maiello, David McLaughlin* (Fr. Stanley)

In your prayers please remember 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: hriccatholic.org as well as our Facebook page.

Help Wanted: Part-Time Custodian

We are seeking a part-time custodian for Holy Redeemer Parish (St. Ann and Nativity). This position requires approximately 10 hours of work per week. Responsibilities include maintaining cleanliness in both St. Ann and Nativity campuses, performing routine cleaning tasks, some outside yard work, and ensuring a safe and orderly environment. Previous experience is preferred but not required. Please contact Dennis LaMalfa, Collaborative Business Manager, 978-462-2724 to apply or for more information.

Collaborative Offices Schedule

Collaborative offices will be closed on Easter Monday, April 21. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, April 22 at 9:00 a.m.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a concrete event in human history that happened approximately 2000 years ago just outside the walls of ancient Jerusalem. After being dead and buried in His tomb for three days, God resurrected Jesus and gave Him new life. But this new resurrected life is way beyond our understanding of what our earthly life is like.



Many years ago, I recall standing in my grandmother's kitchen with my mother who was about to make a phone call. Just before picking up the handset that was tethered to the base unit which was bolted to the wall, my grandmother reminded her that the line was a "party line" and that she needed to first check and see if anyone else was using it before she started dialing. Many decades ago, when phones were first being installed in people's houses and the technology was brand new, it was considered by some a luxury to have a private phone line. Instead, many people opted for the cheaper option of sharing a single phone line and number between several nearby houses. Only one person could use it at a time, but anyone could pick up the receiver and listen in, as, no doubt, some extra nosy neighbors occasionally did!

We might recoil in horror at the thought of our neighbor listening in on our private conversations, but that was the way many were introduced to telephones. In the beginning, central switchboards were used to complete calls through an operator, who could hear everything anyone said, if they wanted to. Real progress was made when phones became capable of dialing numbers directly. These were rotary phones, with a circular disc that had to be "dialed" or rotated for each number in sequence. Get one number wrong, and you had to hang up and start all over again. Further progress was achieved when these individual phones swapped the rotary dial for digital numbers—a key pad. And the phone revolution was off and running! Soon, phones of every imaginable design, color, and shape could be purchased from secondary stores, like Sears, rather than be rented each month from the phone company. Then, AT&T broke off into a number of smaller companies, each offering their own regional phone service. Soon, these began to compete nationwide with each other to offer consumers the best possible "plan" for local and long-distance dialing. That's right...it used to cost extra to call across the country or even a few towns over! Finally, phones became wireless, using a radio or walkie-talkie-like connection between the battery-powered hand-held unit and the base station, which was plugged into the wall. Amazingly, free from the tangle of cords that often plagued the average homeowner, one could walk anywhere in the house, even out into the back yard, while chatting on the phone! Wow! Progress! Heaven! (...well, not quite.)

At the end of the day, while technological advances certainly transformed the telephone and phone call experience, a phone was just that: a device that enabled you to make a phone call. You still had to speak into the device, and then listen when someone on the other end spoke back to you. And that was basically all they did. Made and received phone calls. But starting in the 1980s and exploding into vogue by the 2000s was the cellular phone and what ultimately became known

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today as a “smart phone.” It is light years beyond what even the most sophisticated landline ever could be. Today’s smart phone is a phone—it actually can make a voice call, which on most days is crystal clear and can reach any place on earth in microseconds, usually with no additional surcharges or tolls. But that is just the beginning! Smart phones are also mini-computers, calculators, music players, TV’s, movie theaters, flashlights, currency converters, language translators, game players, book readers, health monitors, weather forecasters, search engines, clocks, maps, navigation systems, rolodexes, newspaper readers, cameras, video cameras, note-takers, photo libraries, banking terminals, word processors, and a briefcase for a whole filing cabinet worth of files and records. They offer video conferencing, connect us with social media and can actually enable us to buy and sell houses, cars, stocks and bonds and so, so, so much more...all from the tiny screen in our hand! They can even make a hot pizza appear at your exact location in a matter of minutes after just a few “clicks” of haptic-enabled virtual buttons! Good Lord Almighty!

On this holiest day of the year, though I seriously digress and spend way too much time parsing out the history of the phone, I want to emphasize the contrast between resuscitation and resurrection.

There were a number of incidences in the Gospels where Jesus brought people back to life. There was Jairus’ daughter: “Talitha Koum! Little girl, I tell you, arise!” There was the young man who Jesus called from his very casket as it was being brought to the cemetery for burial in Nain. Then, of course, there was Lazarus at Bethany...“Lazarus come out! Untie him and let him go free.” But in all of these cases, those “raised from the dead” simply resumed their earthly life for a while and eventually died again.

Now, life here on earth can be pretty good on some days. On some very rare days, it can be excellent and even awesome. But most days it is average or OK or boring or just “meh.” We all have our routines, patterns and habits, most of which are helpful, some are not. And then we have some bad days, some days filled with frustration, grief, and sorrow, some painful and even agonizingly unbearable days, that we have no choice but to suffer through them. And then, there are some worse than those. So, that was what Jairus’ daughter, the young man from Nain and Lazarus were restored to...the crazy, varied, and often unremarkable day-to-day life as we know it. It is like a phone call of old. On a really good day, it is static-free and included in your local dialing area.

But resurrection...well that is a whole different matter! Like the contrast between an old Ma-Bell rotary monster and a sleek, shiny new iPhone...Jesus’ resurrection from the dead is that much beyond Him simply coming back to the earthly life that He willingly sacrificed for us on the Cross. Resurrection means a whole new kind of life that completely redefines what it means to truly live. “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” (Jn 10:10) In His glorified body, Jesus is not bound by space and time the way that we currently are. Though He retains His corporality, His glorified body is beyond pain and suffering, beyond decay, beyond the limitations that our earthly bodies have. Jesus is free to come and go as He pleases, despite locked doors and solid walls. He apparently can move freely between locales, walking along the way with his traumatized disciples on the road to Emmaus, meeting them in Galilee, fishing and preparing breakfast for them on the Sea of Tiberius, breathing

on them and sending the Holy Spirit back in Jerusalem and confronting Saul of Tarsus on the way to Damascus. He looks differently to everyone who encounters Him, recognized more by His actions and words than by His personal voice and past appearance. His wounds remain, but they are no longer lethal. He is present and in the room, even when no one sees Him, as St. Thomas would find out the hard way! “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” (Jn 20:27) Mysteriously, He is alive and present, living in and through all those who believe, whenever we are gathered by His love. Cleopas, his companion, and all who would follow will encounter Him intensely through the Breaking of the Bread.

This is Good News for us today because the prismatic transformation of Jesus Christ from His earthly life and death to the pure glory that is His Resurrection is our inheritance through Christ as well. As the Church prays on the Fourth Sunday of Easter: “Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.” The Book of Revelation also anticipates this joy: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.... I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them [as their God]. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, [for] the old order has passed away.” The one who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” (from chapter 21) It is through our common Baptism that we have been given a share in the new, eternal, resurrected life that Christ won for us.

In our present moment, we can barely conceive of what our own resurrection will be like. As St. Paul once wrote, ““What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him.” (1 Cor 2:9), I often wonder what my grandmother would have thought of seeing a smart phone for the first time. I can picture her shaking her head, shrugging her shoulders and uttering the truism, “What will they think of next?!” Fortunately for us, God has done all the thinking for us. This Easter, let us open our hearts to ponder the new life that we have received in Christ. It will be beyond our wildest imagining, yet comfortingly familiar! As Isaiah once wrote when entertaining a vision of heaven, “On that day it will be said: “Indeed, this is our God; we looked to him, and he saved us! This is the LORD to whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!” (Is 25:9) Finally, St. Paul reminds us that as we live our present lives, we must always look forward to the life of Heaven, our true destiny. “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.” (Phil 3:20-21)

So, the next time you reach for a phone, whether it is to make a simple phone call from a legacy landline or do one of the many thousand other things that modern technology makes possible through the latest smart phone: think of the glory of Heaven, think of Christ risen from the dead, think of our own call to holiness and the promise of what our own resurrection from dead will be like. (Hint: it will be glorious!)

Happy Easter to All!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Prayers for the Sick

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

Patricia Baikewicz	Chloe Hequet	Molly O'Donnell
John Bourque	Loriann Herrick	Carol O'Neal
Kathy P. Brodeur	Karen Hopwood	Eleanora Paciulan
Michael Brenner	Emma Hurley	Joseph Palumbo
Priscilla Brown	Armand Hyatt	Joanne Pesa
Autumn Rose Coulombe	Carol Johnson	Elizabeth Pettingell
Bill Crounse	Derek Johnson	Donika Pulake
Kristen D'Entremont	Steve Johnson	Rob Schweizer
Deb Downie	Michael Juralewicz	Regina Seely
Dotty Duval	Arthur LaPointe	Yvonne Sloban
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	Michael Lichtenstein	Gary Smith
John Flynn	Donna Limone	Arlene Stoddard
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler	Johannah Lord	Taylor
Renee Fowler	Monica Maguire	Captain Bill Taplin
Ed Hardy	Sia Mahalati	Tom Tribble
Jane Harney	Michael Martens	Michael Tucker
	Ovidio Martinez	Maddie Villers
	Patricia Carey	Laurent Vincent
	McCarthy	Sandra Welch

Contact Collaborative offices to remove or to add someone on our prayer list: 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

The Sacrament of the Sick

The **Anointing of the Sick** is one of the seven Sacraments of our Church and is administered by a priest for healing and inner wholeness. Those who are seriously ill, elderly, or are entering the hospital can request to be anointed. Due to varied schedules and availability, it may not always be possible for a priest to come on short notice to offer the Sacrament, therefore it is strongly recommended that you request the Anointing of the Sick **before going in for a hospital stay, upon entering a nursing home, or at the beginning of hospice care.** Please call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

Shawls and Lapghans



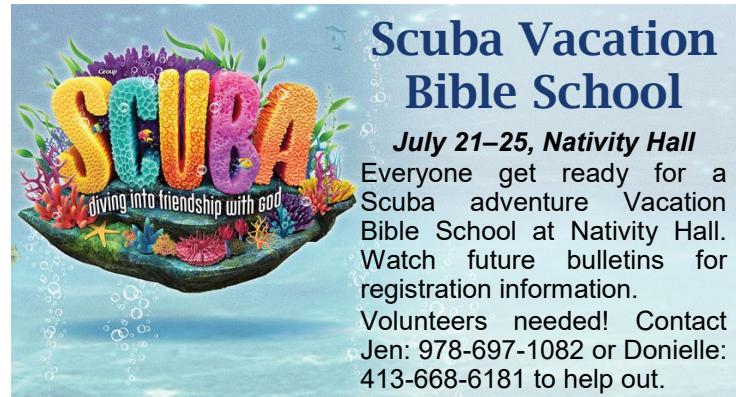
Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy! We would be happy to deliver to anyone. Or if you personally would like to give one to a friend, relative or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673.

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

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 1 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us.

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

If you, or anyone you know, are thinking about becoming Catholic, we always welcome new inquirers at any point in their spiritual journey. Contact Aaron Giard, the Director of OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) at (978) 462-2724 x405 to learn about the process and to get started.



Scuba Vacation Bible School

July 21–25, Nativity Hall

Everyone get ready for a Scuba adventure Vacation Bible School at Nativity Hall. Watch future bulletins for registration information.

Volunteers needed! Contact Jen: 978-697-1082 or Donielle: 413-668-6181 to help out.

Collaborative Faith Formation

School Year Programs (K–10, Including Sacramental Prep.)

Registration forms and schedules for 2025–26 will be uploaded onto our website in July.

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information regarding this sacrament.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is now celebrated with students currently in Grade 8 rather than Grade 10 students. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation process has changed. Help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not be aware of this change.

Summer Faith Formation: June 23–27

Grades 3–8, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. daily

Registration forms for summer Faith Formation are now available on our website:

hriccatholic.org/faith-formation-registration-forms

NOTE: If your child is preparing for **Sacraments** (First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation) we offer preparation only during the school year.

If your child is entering **8th grade** in the fall, but has not received Faith Formation in recent years, enrolling them in the summer Faith Formation week is a great way to catch them up and get in a prerequisite year before they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (8th graders can begin preparation for Confirmation only if they have attended recent Faith Formation with us).

IC Haiti

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our ministry to the Father Marc Piché school community in south-central Haiti, there is an eight-part historical overview at our website: ichaiti.org.

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."

Adoration

Wednesdays 3:00–4:00 p.m. Nativity Church

Thursdays 7:00–8:00 p.m., IC Church
(enter at Green Street door only)

Fridays 9:30 a.m., IC Church (unless a funeral is scheduled)



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, April 21

Collaborative Offices Closed

Tuesday, April 22

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 23

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program 7:00–9:00am, St. Ann Hall

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Thursday, April 24

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, April 25

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, April 26

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, April 27

Faith Formation, K-8 10:00am, IC Pastoral Center

Baptism Prep. Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Men's Retreat

The Guest House of Saint Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, MA has been reserved for the exclusive use of the men of Holy

Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Parishes from Monday, May 12–Friday, May 16. Spend a week in silent prayer and meditation joining the community of Monks at daily Mass and at various hours of the day and night as they sing the Divine Office. There is also a daily conference given by one of the Monks. The Guest House welcomes 11 guests (all private rooms with bath). The cost for the mid-week retreat is \$500.00 per person with arrival Monday at 3:00 p.m. and departure on Friday after breakfast. Make your reservation with a check payable to Immaculate Conception Parish for \$500.00 (Memo line: Spencer Retreat). Act quickly—there are only a few spaces left. If you have questions or want more information, please see or leave a message in the offices for Fr. George Morin.

Next Sunday's bulletin (April 27) will contain the list of this year's Easter flower donations.

Questions of the Week

Adult: What impact does the Resurrection of Jesus have on your world view?



Child: Name one way that you will celebrate the new life of Easter this week.

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, April 23

This program delivers soup, sandwiches, and casseroles to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month.

We ask that sandwiches be cut and individually wrapped, then placed in the bread wrapper. Please label the bread wrapper with the variety of sandwich. Cold cuts—with or without cheese—and peanut butter & jelly are favorites. *Please do not use condiments.*

Homemade **soups** and **casseroles** are always gratefully accepted. You can pick up soup containers and/or foil baking pans during the drop off dates/time.

Party-sized **powered drink mixes** such as iced tea, lemonade, and Kool-Aid, along with fresh fruits and goodies (cookies, chips, candies, etc.) are greatly appreciated!

Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from 7–9 a.m.

If you would like more information or have any questions about the HRIC Soup and Sandwich program, feel free contact the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724.

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. For more information about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library.

Catholic Appeal

"The Catholic Appeal is our way of acting in solidarity to spread hope." -Archbishop Richard G. Henning

Please enter into solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need and spread hope by making a gift today. Thank you to those who have already responded generously to Archbishop Richard Henning's invitation to contribute. Together we are on our way to great success.

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.

Directed Marian Retreat

Today we celebrate Easter and as the Easter season continues, we honor Our Blessed Mother in May. Please consider a Marian Retreat in May, **Mary, Full of Grace:** Exploring with gratitude, Jesus' gift of his Blessed Mother to all of us.

Four one-hour spiritual direction sessions will be scheduled at your convenience. Retreat opens May 1. Retreat closes May 31. Begin the retreat any time you choose.

Spiritual Director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastoral Counseling

Please call (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information. Suggested donation: \$95.00.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Newburyport Choral Society to Perform at IC

Newburyport Choral Society 90th Anniversary Spring Concert—Jubilate!

On Friday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m. the Newburyport Choral Society (NCS), will perform contemporary composer Dan Forrest's *Jubilate Deo*, and other celebratory music to mark the 90th anniversary of NCS. Both performances will be held at **Immaculate Conception Church**, 42 Green St., Newburyport.



Jubilate Deo is a breathtaking composition that weaves together musical traditions from Africa, Asia, America, and Europe, uniting languages and cultures in a jubilant celebration of faith and shared humanity.

The program will feature the 110-voice chorus, a 17-piece orchestra, organ, and piano. A special auditioned sub-group, the NCS Chamber Singers will make their debut by performing several songs as well. Please join us for this landmark event!

For information, visit www.newburyportchorscholarsociety.org/events.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, April 12–13	\$6,729.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending April 11	\$1,065.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,493.34
Total Weekly Offertory, April 5–6	\$11,287.34
Ongoing Church Maintenance, April 12–13	\$1,521.00

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.

The second collection next weekend (April 27) is the Monthly.

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

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.



IC Catholic Appeal
Goal: \$59,300.00
To Date: \$31,923.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



IC Precious Gifts



The Precious Gifts of bread and wine this Easter are given in loving memory of Raymond F. Hartnett former superintendent of St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mission Sox Drive

We are beyond excited to announce our **3rd Annual Mission Sox Sock Drive!** The Mission Sox organization raises awareness for clothing insecurity, and we focus on one of the most essential—but often overlooked—items: socks! Last year we collected nearly 2,000 pairs of new socks, and this year, we're aiming even higher! Since then, we have sent shipments of socks throughout MA and ME and even expanded to western NC to aid disaster relief efforts following the hurricanes.

Our goal for 2025 is to collect **2,500 pairs** of socks, and we need your help to make it happen. We want to make it **as easy as possible** for everyone to get involved so that our whole community can come together once again to help people facing clothing insecurity and homelessness. Look for sock boxes and flyers at Immaculate Conception Church.

The sock drive officially kicked off on **Friday, April 4** (coinciding with the Red Sox home opener) and will run until **May 4**. Please spread the word—together, we can make a huge difference!

Follow us on Instagram: @missionsox.

Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School Newburyport
Celebrating Over 140 Years!



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- Advanced Math
- Community Service
- Leadership Programs
- Athletics
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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 ready to assist.

You can now make online donations on our website: www.svdpnewburyport.org or scan the QR code. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "SVdP of Newburyport" and drop it into the collection at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Breaking Bread Meal

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner. Supper is served from 4:45–5:30. Those who prefer to continue "Grab & Go" can pick up at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

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HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, April 12–13	\$3,263.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending April 11	\$2,325.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 508.75
Total Weekly Offertory, April 12–13	\$6,096.75
Ongoing Church Maintenance, April 12–13	\$ 740.00

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.

The second collection next weekend (April 27) is the Monthly.

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**.

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Holy Redeemer Coffee Hours are held twice a month to promote fellowship among our parishioners. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and make a new friend!



Join us for our May Coffee Hours:
Coffee & goodies after Mass at St. Ann on May 4.
Coffee and Donuts after Mass at Nativity on May 11 (Mother's Day).

Anyone interested in helping with setup, clean up, or making "breakfast food" is asked to call Donna Pallone (978-886-1621) if interested in helping after the 10:00 Mass (St. Ann) or Cindy Quinn (978-346-0072) if interested in helping after the 8:30 Mass (Nativity).

HR Online Giving

HR provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring donation. To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office. Once you register, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

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

Communion to the Homebound

If you are a Holy Redeemer parishioner who is homebound or unable to attend Mass on a regular basis, we would like to offer you the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. Please let us know. If any parishioner knows of someone who might be interested in receiving the Eucharist, please also let us know. This could be a one-time occasion, or a regular schedule could be arranged. Please call Melinda Burrell at 978-346-8604 to schedule a visit.

Save Your Baskets for the 2025 Holiday Fair

We are looking for baskets for the "Basket Table," for next year's Holiday Fair. Please leave any baskets in the back of either church and we will recycle them for next year's fair.

Also, we like to use 1½ – 2" wired ribbon for our bows if you have any extras.

Activities Committee Updates

The HR Activities Committee will meet on **Thursday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m.** at Nativity Hall. You are welcome to join us. We always welcome new members!

We still have some cookbooks left. If you would like to purchase one, they are available (\$15 each) in the IC offices during regular business hours.



Adoration at Nativity Church

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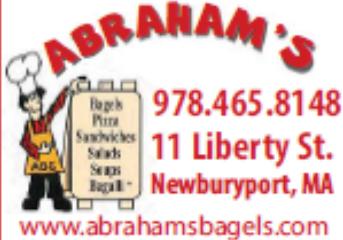
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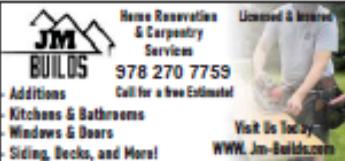
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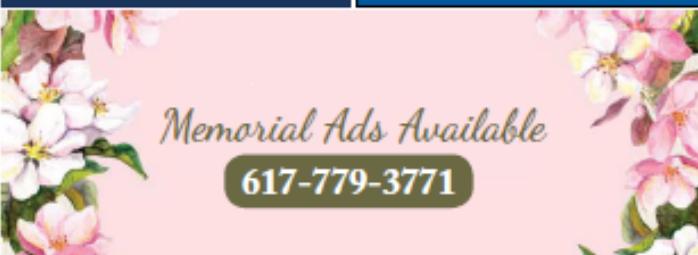
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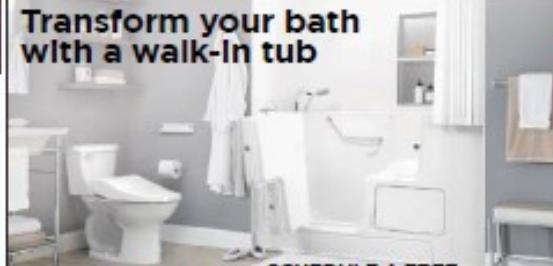
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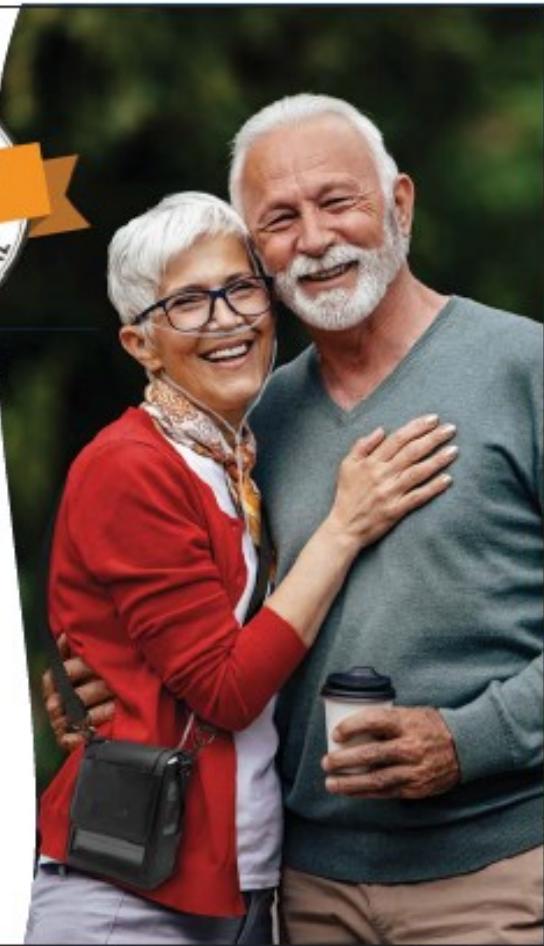
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