



**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026**

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All Are Welcome

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you...”

John 14:15–17



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

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Nativity

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Immaculate Conception

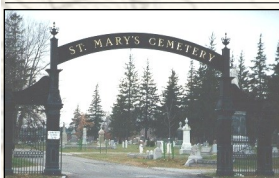
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Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir
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Confessions

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

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate
Conception Collaborative
Parishes



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/09)

4:00pm **IC** *Jean Pickett* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

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

Sunday (5/10) **Mother's Day**

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

9:00am **IC** *Luke Picillo, Catherine Carrigan, For the Intentions of Anna Venezia* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

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

11:30am **IC** *Donna Reid, Pam Griffin, Genevieve Johnson, Thomas Powers* (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (5/11)

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

Tuesday (5/12)

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

Wednesday (5/13)

9:00am **IC** *Nora and Joan Vanderwood* (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (5/14) **Ascension Thursday**

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

9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

7:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Friday (5/15)

9:00am **IC** *Kenneth A. Morris* (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (5/16)

4:00pm **IC** *Michael Farricy, For the Intentions of Mary D'Ambrosio* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (5/17)

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

9:00am **IC** *Patricia Welden* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

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

11:30am **IC** *Helen & Robert Lynch, James LaRaia, Henry Therrien* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Thomas Tormey 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 as well as our Facebook page.

Happy Mother's Day

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 14 is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times in the Collaborative are:

9:00 a.m. **IC**

9:00 a.m. **St. Ann**

7:00 p.m. **IC**

7:00 p.m. **Nativity**



With Fr. George Morin • Thursdays in May
9:45 a.m. (after daily Mass) • IC St. Louis Hall

Join Fr. George during the four Thursday mornings in Mary's month of May as he reflects on Our Blessed Mother depicted in four different famous pieces of art.

Refreshments will be served.

May 7: The Annunciation

May 14: The Marriage of Joseph and Mary

May 21: The Sorrowful Mother

May 28: The Immaculate Conception

Questions of the Week



Adult: How do you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit?

Child: When do you feel like the Holy Spirit is guiding you?

The God Minute



The God Minute is an online prayer community, led by priests, nuns, and lay people who start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are woven into a 10-minute, guided prayer and then uploaded for all to share.

Listen/pray with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking the dog for a walk. Our mission is simple: to inspire and empower people of faith into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. And it's free.

See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. Visit www.thegodminute.org or scan the QR code.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: hriccatholic.org.

Monday, May 11

HR Activities Committee Mtg. 9:30am, St. Ann Hall

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

Cub Scouts Mtg. 5:30pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, May 12

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

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

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

Wednesday, May 13

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Youth Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, IC Church

Ministry Committee Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, May 14, Ascension Thursday

Reflections of Mary in Art Lecture 9:45am, IC St. Louis Hall

Friday, May 15

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

AA Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, May 16

Quilters Mtg. 8:30am, Nativity Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, May 17

Coffee after Mass 9:30am, Nativity Hall

DAR Mtg. 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Faith Formation, Confirmation Prep. 7:00pm, 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.

IC Haiti Second Quarter Collection: Weekend of May 16–17



Since IC Haiti's inception in 2009, its motto has been "I see Haiti; I see Hope." Although Haiti was the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere then and remains so today, the Board of Directors of IC Haiti with your support remains committed to our Haitian brothers and sisters. We are guided by the words of Jesus in the Last Judgement

parable found in chapter 25 of St. Matthew's Gospel: "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do unto me," and we are guided as well by the prayerful words of St. Francis of Assisi: "Lord, make us instruments of your peace...where there is despair, let us sow hope."

Despite the seemingly insolvable, desperate situation present in Haiti today, we are determined not to wash our hands of our responsibility to carry on our ministry there. We, trusting in God's blessings, will faithfully continue to offer the children of Puit Chacha, Haiti, the gifts of a primary and secondary education, proper nutrition, and healthcare. So, as in years past, we appeal to you to support IC Haiti's ministry. In advance, we thank you for your generosity.

The second quarterly collection for 2026 is next weekend: May 16–17. When donating, you are reminded to use the pre-printed IC Haiti envelopes or the second collection envelopes in the pews. If you are donating with a check, please write "IC Haiti" on the "Pay to the Order of" line, not the name of your parish. You can also Venmo your donation through the QR code.



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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

Hurry! Only a few spaces left.

Visit www.206tours.com/cms/blanchette/italy/ to learn more or to make your reservation.

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 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

Bulletin Information

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

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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.

Youth Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers

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

Lectors

Prerequisite: 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 May 10 9:00 Mass.

For more information please contact Paula Quann: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org.

Adoration: Eucharistic Presence is the Real Deal

Jesus' Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity is truly present in the consecrated Host and Wine. We know this because He said so (John 6: 54-58).

Do not waver in belief that the Wafer that embodies His body—when consumed as Jesus commanded—transforms your own body. That you become a walking tabernacle is a too lofty mystery, but that's who Our Lord is: accessible by humility to you!

Rouse your belief in the One who humbles Himself to be food that He might impel you to bow, believe and become Whom you eat. Commune with Jesus at Mass. Worship Him at Adoration. Enter the mystery of Jesus truly present in the Monstrance. You needn't understand. Just come. Be. Because He is there. Let Jesus lead. Be changed by His presence.



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)

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.



We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Our next meeting is **Thursday, June 4.** All are welcome! **Come join us.** Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you!



Please keep in your prayers, especially during this month of Our Blessed Mother Mary, the children in our Collaborative who are receiving their First Holy Communion in our churches.

Your prayers, also, for their families and families throughout the world will graciously be heard and treasured in the Heart of the Mother of God, the loving heart of Our Mother of the Church.



Prayers for the Sick

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

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

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

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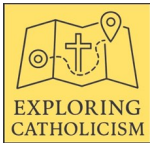
Congratulations to two of our OCIA candidates: Remi Fish (right) who was baptized and received Confirmation and Eucharist and to Michael Denner (left) who was received into the Catholic Church, was Confirmed and received the Eucharist on April 26.

Also, we welcome Jack Couture and Tyler Passalero, not pictured, both seniors at The Governor's Academy, who were accepted into the Catechumate, the important first step toward Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation.

Exploring Catholicism

An Invitation to Reconnect

Have you ever felt like there are gaps in your understanding of the Catholic faith? You're not alone. Many adult Catholics carry questions they've never had the space or opportunity to ask.



"Exploring Catholicism" is for you, too. It's a peer-led weekly conversation space for revisiting the foundations, learning afresh, and growing deeper. Join us Sundays, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass (10:15–11:15 a.m.), in Room 305 of the IC Pastoral Center.

Come learn, revisit, or simply listen. All are welcome.

May 10 (no session) Happy Mother's Day

For questions or to learn more, contact: Aaron Giard, OCIA Director, (978) 462-2724, agiard@hriccatholic.org.

Catholic Appeal

Together We Are One

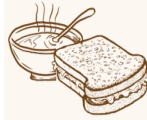


Once a year, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to support the greater church by giving a gift to the Catholic Appeal. Just as our weekly collection supports our collaborative expenses, initiatives, and programs, the Catholic Appeal helps fund services that are essential to our parishes, 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.

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, May 13



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

Sandwiches: Popular sandwich choices are peanut butter & jelly or cold cuts with cheese. Please do not use condiments. 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 inside.

Soups and Casseroles: Make your specialty soup or casserole! One-gallon soup containers as well as foil casserole pans are available in the St. Ann Church Hall on Wednesday mornings during sandwich drop off. Please label your soup or casserole donation and include any heating instructions.

Also welcome: any other goodies you can donate: cookies, powdered drink mixes, chips, granola bars, fresh fruit, etc.

Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

If you would like more information or have any questions about the HRIC Soup and Sandwich program, scan the QR code.



Marian Retreat

Celebrating God's gift of Mary in your life.

Please consider a Marian retreat in May to honor and celebrate the Gift of Mary, our Blessed Mother. This retreat will focus on your relationship with Mary. Exploring the many ways Our Blessed Mother leads her children to Jesus may reveal your own path to Jesus through Mary. Authentic Marian devotion always leads to Christ.

Provided retreat material will include writings from spiritual authors; questions for reflection; Scripture passages for reading, reflection, and Lectio Divina; and sacred images of Mary for Visio Divina. Retreat materials will reflect your desires and through your prayer and pondering may reveal the gift of Mary in your life.

We will meet in person or by Zoom for spiritual direction sessions you schedule. Spiritual direction sessions will provide time to share and explore the fruits of your retreat work. This offering is designed to provide an affordable, convenient retreat that creates an intimate space for you to share yourself deeply with the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Retreat opens May 1; retreat closes May 31
Begin retreat any time you choose. Four one-hour spiritual direction sessions scheduled at your convenience. Spiritual Director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastoral Counseling. Call (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information. Suggested donation: \$95.00.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, May 2–3	\$7,148.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending May 1	\$ 824.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,268.00
Total Weekly Offertory, May. 2–3	\$11,240.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, May 2–3	\$1,640.00
Grand Annual, Goal: \$100,000	\$100,515.00

The second collection this weekend (May 10) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (May 17) is IC Haiti. Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti."

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: hricatholic.org/ic-online-giving.

Immaculate Conception School



Congratulations to the Immaculate Conception School recipients of the Newburyport Human Rights Commission Peace Prize Award for 2026. Fifth grader Jackson Cantara and 7th grader Maya Wilson, *pictured*, were this year's recipients. Both have quiet, caring qualities that are appreciated and noticed by the teachers and staff. In an environment where often the loud and forward students always get the attention, both Jackson and Maya are the ones who stay behind to care for the classroom, offer a thank you or smiling hello to others, and always ask if they can help in some way. Positive role models are important for peers and younger students in the school environment. Both Jackson and Maya are role models in social situations as well as academic determination and dedication. We can count on them to show others the way in times of confusion or misunderstanding. Thank you Jackson and Maya and congratulations on a most deserved honor!

The IC community wishes all mothers, aunts, teachers, and role models a Happy Mother's Day.

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IC Catholic Appeal
Goal: **\$57,000.00**
To Date: **\$46,986.00**

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



\$57,000.00
\$50,000.00
\$40,000.00
\$25,000.00
\$10,000.00

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Serving Our Neighbors in Need



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues its mission of bringing hope and assistance to those in need within our parish and community. Through your generous donations and prayers, we are able to make a real difference in people's lives.

If you or someone you know is facing hardship, please reach out to us. All requests are handled with compassion and confidentiality.

How to Donate:

- Online: svdpnewburyport.org and click on "Donate"
- By mail: St. Vincent de Paul, IC Conference, 42 Green St., Newburyport, MA 01950
- In Church: use the "Poor Box" at the Green St. entrance

We hope you can "Help us help our neighbors." Thank you for sharing Christ's love in such a tangible way.

Do you or someone you know need assistance? Call our confidential help line: 978-518-0728. Members respond to all messages as quickly as possible.

Tuesdays Breaking Bread Meal: Free, hot, three-course meal served 4:45–5:30 p.m. in the IC St. Louis Hall dining room. Take-out meals available at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Thank you for helping us serve our community with compassion and dignity.

2026 IC Harvest Fair Meeting

The Harvest Fair Committee will meet on **Wednesday, May 20, at 9:45 a.m.** in the IC Charity Dining Room. We are making a few changes in the fair this year.

Vintage Goods will replace the Grandmas Attic table and we are in need of a volunteer to work with the chairman to help with pricing and selling items. The chairman of the Gift Basket Raffle is also in need of 2 or 3 more volunteers to help both before and the day of the fair. Also, we are adding a children's corner and are in need of a couple of volunteers (teenagers welcome) who would enjoy face painting the day of the fair. If this sounds interesting to you, please come to our meeting on May 20 to find out more information. Or if you would prefer, call Betty Harrington at 978-595-7776

IC PARISH

IC Choir Members at Gospel Night at the Pops

Four members of the Immaculate Conception Adult Choir will be performing at Boston's Symphony Hall at 7:30 p.m. on June 6 as part of the Boston Pops Gospel Choir.

Bonnie Durante, Kate Prescott, and Pat and Jon Temple will join the 90-member choir, directed by renowned conductor/arranger, Charles Floyd, with guest artists Tamela and David Mann.

Tickets are on sale at the Symphony Hall box office or online at www.bso.org. The show is always a sellout so tickets will go quickly. A "friends and family" discount can be applied using the promotion Gospel25.

Come and support our choir members and enjoy a night of joy-filled, spirit-lifting music and ministry.

Catholic Legacy Society



CATHOLIC
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ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

Do you want to thank God for all He has given you in your lifetime? Do you care about ensuring that the Catholic values you live and believe will continue to

radiate well into the future? Do you want to ensure your parish remains healthy and strong?

Consider making a planned gift!

A planned gift is a future gift from your assets that you can easily make through your will, trust, life insurance policy, or retirement account. A planned gift supports the future of your parish while allowing you to receive life income and other tax advantages.

Lynne Sullivan, Director of the Catholic Legacy Society, will be speaking at IC Masses about the Catholic Legacy Society and will be presenting "Planned Giving Made Simple" on Wednesday, June 3 (location/time TBD). For more information or to register please contact Dennis or Christine at 978-462-2724, 978-346-8604.

Lynne will speak at the following Masses at IC:

- May 30 at 4:00 Mass
- May 31 at 9:00 Mass
- May 31 at 11:00 Mass

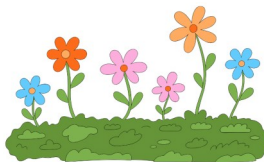
IC Online Giving

IC 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 Immaculate Conception 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, hricatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

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

HR PARISH

Activities Committee Planting Summer Flowers



The Activities Committee, once the weather gets warmer, will be working on the church yards and flower plantings. With our bake sale before Lent, we raised over \$600.00. We plan to buy flowers for the outside of our churches.

Please consider lending a hand. There will be sign up sheets in the back of the churches soon, looking for weekly **watering help** this coming summer. If you could commit to **one week this summer**, to tend to the plants, that would be a great help in making our churches look spiffy!

Memorial Day Events

The American Legion will be having a Memorial Day service at the **Locust Grove Cemetery, Merrimac** on **Monday, May 25**. There will be an 8:30 a.m. service for the Navy and Coast Guard and a 9:00 a.m. service for all other military. *Memorial Day, held the last Monday in May, is the nation's foremost annual day to mourn and honor its deceased service men and women.*

West Newbury will be celebrating Memorial Day on **Monday, May 25** with a parade at 10 a.m. To honor our Veterans and support the parade goers, there will be a table in front of **Saint Ann Church**. Please stop by and say hello!

St. Ann Lost & Found

Items left in the pews at St. Ann can be found in a small bin in the rear of the church.

Lost & Found items currently in the bin:

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Black beanie winter hat | 2 pairs of lady's leopard print gloves |
| Book: <i>The Resting Place</i> | Article: "The Cross that Came Back" |
| Blue lady's hat | 3 pairs of reading glasses |
| Prayer card for Andrew T. Vlack | Toy airplane |
| 2 glasses cases | 1 silver hoop earring |



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HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, May 2–3	\$2,047.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending May 1	\$ 370.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 572.00
Total Weekly Offertory, May 2–3	\$2,989.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, May 2–3	\$1,018.00
Grand Annual, Goal: \$25,000	\$24,376.00

The second collection this weekend (May 10) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (May 17) is IC Haiti. Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti."

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

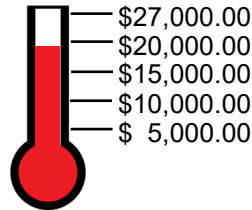
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

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



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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.

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, hricatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

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

Activities Committee Meeting



The Activities Committee will hold our next meeting on **Monday, May 11** at St. Ann Hall at 9:30 a.m.

All are invited to attend. We will be discussing and planning our activities for the summer months!

HR St. Vincent de Paul

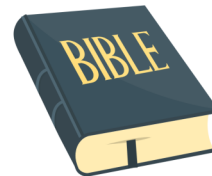
Mother's Day Compassion

The connection between the Hebrew words *rachamim* (compassion) and *rechem* (womb) highlights that divine compassion is not abstract, but a visceral, "womb-like" maternal love. It is described as a fierce, intimate, and nurturing care that carries and sustains. As we celebrate Mother's Day we are reminded that all of God's children share in this maternal love and the compassion that flows from it. As we reflect on our mothers' tenderness, let's be reminded of how we can share this compassion with those less fortunate than ourselves.



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**.

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.

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.

HR Coffee Socials



Nativity's last coffee social, before we take a break for the summer, will be Sunday, **May 17**. Please plan on attending after the 8:30 Mass.

St. Ann will hold the last coffee social before summer break in the church hall on **June 7** 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 at St. Ann, or baking your favorite treat, please call or text Donna, 978-904-5682.



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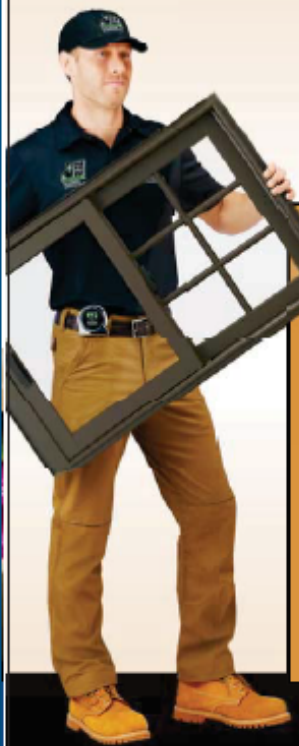


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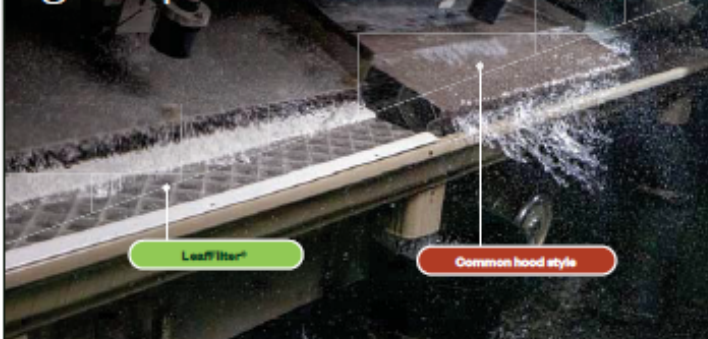
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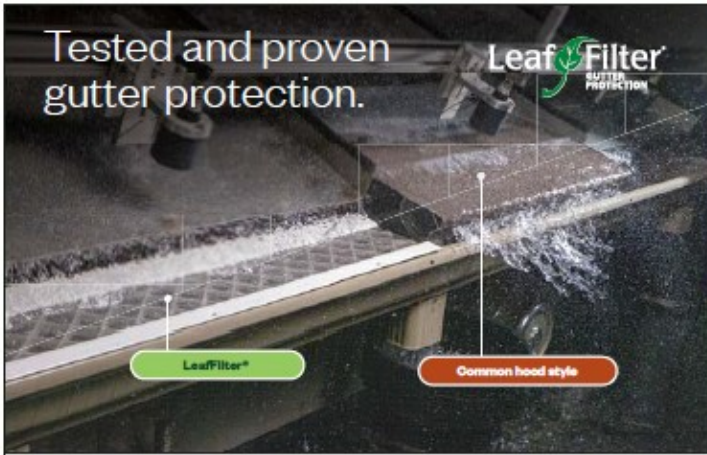
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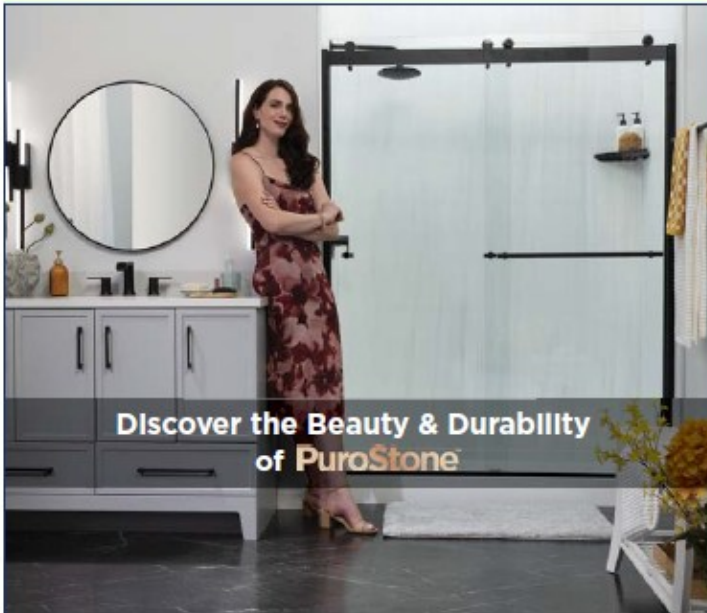
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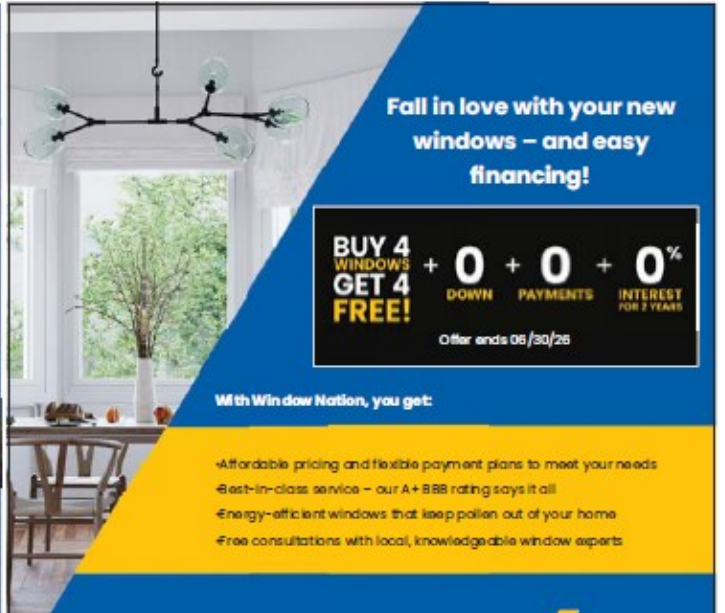
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