

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026



*When Jesus had said this, he raised his eyes to heaven and said,
“Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son,
so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over
all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him.*

John 17:1–2

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All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

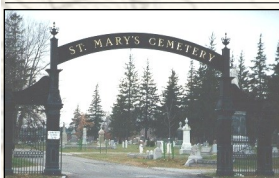
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Saturdays 3:00–3:30 p.m., IC Church
Or by appointment. (Call Collaborative
offices to schedule.)

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate
Conception Collaborative
Parishes



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/16)

4:00pm IC Michael Farricy, Marie Atchales, 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 Michael Kirwan (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

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

Monday (5/18)

9:00am IC For the Intentions of Elizabeth Bunkartas, Erin Gionet, Lisa Whittomore (Fr. Stanley)

Tuesday (5/19)

9:00am IC Mary Reilly (Fr. Stanley)

Wednesday (5/20)

9:00am IC John Xenakis, Photinie Karris (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (5/21)

9:00am IC Elizabeth Perkins, Sean Perkins (Fr. Morin)

Friday (5/22)

9:00am IC Anthony Bellia, Leonard Macginnis (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (5/23)

4:00pm IC James McGregor (Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm Nativity (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (5/24) Pentecost Sunday

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am IC Daniel Fennell (Fr. Morin)

10:00am St. Ann Thomas Patrick Connor (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am IC Doris Carbuccia-Aponte, Michael Perruccio (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember James McGregor 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.

Second Collection May 24

Next week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

Memorial Day Office Hours

Collaborative offices will close on Friday, May 22 at 12:00 noon and be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.



With Fr. George Morin Thursdays in May

9:45 a.m. (after daily Mass) • IC St. Louis Hall

May 14: The Marriage of Joseph and Mary

May 21: The Sorrowful Mother

May 28: The Immaculate Conception

Refreshments will be served.

IC Summer Mass Schedule Change Reminder

The 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at IC will move to **11:00 a.m.** beginning on **Sunday May 31**.

The schedule will remain in effect through Labor Day weekend.

Other Mass times at all 3 churches remain the same.

Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage



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

Spiritual Director: Fr. George Morin

Group Leaders: Paul & Christine Blanchette

Dates: October 26–November 4, 2026*

*Optional Post Tour to Bari: November 4–7

Hurry! May 27 is the deadline to register.

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

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This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, May 18

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

Tuesday, May 19

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 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, May 20

IC Fair Committee Mtg. 9:30am, IC Charity Dining Room

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Faith, Fun, Fellowship Committee Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, May 21

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

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, May 22

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

Collaborative Offices Close at 12:00 noon

Saturday, May 23

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, May 24

Pentecost Sunday

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

First Communion Prayers



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.

Ministry Committee News

Save The Dates

The Collaborative Ministry Committee announces some upcoming events. Mark your calendars:

Sunday, June 14, 10:00 a.m., Welcome Reception for new parishioners, IC St. Louis Hall

September 12, 13, Ministry Fair at IC

September 19, 20, Ministry Fair at HR

October 25, 12:45 p.m., Appreciation Luncheon for all in Collaborative ministries, IC School Gymnasium

Saturday, November 14, 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Leadership Training for all in ministry, IC St. Louis Hall

More information on all of these events will be forthcoming.

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: "Whatsoever 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 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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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

Questions of the Week



Adult: When you pray, what is it that you ask of the Father?

Child: Do you remember to pray for others? Who do you pray for the most?

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May Happenings in the Collaborative

We celebrated two May Crownings on May 9–10. Top left: Rain showers kept us indoors at Nativity's May Crowning. Bottom left: IC outdoor May Crowning.

Fr. Charlie, top right, wore this vestment, a gift from Parishioners of his first assignment, on Mother's Day weekend. The Rose embroidered on the vestment is in memory of his mother (whose name was Rose).

Bottom right: Cinco de Mayo was Kennedy's and Nick's last Tuesday helping at the Breaking Bread meal. They were hard at work prepping salsa and sour cream for chicken enchiladas.



Adoration: Be There Because Jesus is There!

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)

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, 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.

Prayers for the Sick

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

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

Lenten Care Packs

You did it again!



Thank you to the parishioners of all the Collaborative churches for your generous donations to the Lenten Care Pack program.

With your participation, we received over 700 packs for our brothers and sisters who live in need. Well over 100 more than last year's collection.

In addition to the care packs for Lazarus House and Cor Unum, large items such as shampoo and conditioner, socks, toothbrushes and toothpaste will go to Community Service, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Salvation Army.

Bless you for your generosity and expressions of love and compassion for our neighbors. A special thanks to the volunteers who helped with sorting, packing, and boxing the donations.

Proverbs 11:25: "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

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!

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Save the Date: Sunday, May 31

A Double-Header Lecture + Live Commentary Mass

Unpack the Mass by the numbers:

- *What 4 liturgical parts of Mass contribute to worship
- *When and why 6 Penitential sequences are recited aloud
- *How and why the priest's 6 commands cue us to change posture 18X
- *What those 6 different lay postures signify and intensify
- *Why all eyes should focus exclusively 5X on the action at the altar
- *Why exiting before the Final Blessing robs us of our Great Commission.

Lecture:

Place: IC Parish Center, Room 206

Times: 8:30–9:00 a.m. and 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Presenter: Mary Schmidt

“Live” Teaching Mass:

Place: IC Church, gather in the narthex

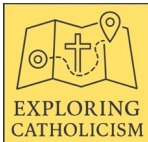
Time: 9:00–10:10 a.m.

Recommended to HRIC teens and adults, OCIA and Exploring Catholicism students, and all who want to receive the gift of experiencing Mass anew in the fullness of the Holy Spirit's directions through words, in responses, postures, gestures, and actions from the altar to the pews.

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 209 of the IC Pastoral Center.

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

May 17: If God is Real, Wouldn't He Reach Out to Us?:
Exploring Revelation from Genesis to the Church Age

May 24: Memorial Day break

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

St. Mary's Cemetery

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue in Newburyport. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination.

Call Joseph Viel, Mill City Management Corporation, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

Calling All Gardeners!

Do you have a green thumb? Love working with flowers and being outdoors? Then the HRIC Rail Trail Garden would be grateful for your help.

The Garden was installed as part of the 175th anniversary of Immaculate Conception and to commemorate Pope Francis' call to embrace creation in his 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si*. This important document discusses our responsibility in the “Care of our Common Home.”

After the initial planting of annuals and mulching at the garden, the goal is to set up a weekly schedule for weeding and watering and general plant maintenance. If you are willing to coordinate this effort and/or sign up to help, please call/text Pat Temple at 617-899-0424.

In honor of St. Francis' Jubilee year, let's ensure our garden remains a testament to the beauty of God's handiwork and a peaceful place for all to enjoy.

“Never forget this: Custody of Creation is custody of God's gift to us and it is also a way of saying thank you to God.” Pope Francis

St. Francis' Simplicity and Love of Creation

Joyful simplicity and loving care for God's creatures and Creation are hallmarks of St. Francis of Assisi's life.

Joyful Simplicity: St. Francis chose to live in “holy simplicity.” He shed material possessions and rid himself of distractions, detaching himself from earth-binding matters. “Holy simplicity” gave way to “holy joy.” He found joy in needing very little, living in total dependence on God. A simple life created fresh space for God and His Grace and serving drew him closer to Christ. “Holy simplicity” taught him to live in the present moment, to see God in all Creation, and to care lovingly for all creatures.

Loving Care for Creation: The hymn attributed to St. Francis, “The Canticle of the Creatures,” praises God and His Creation. He sings of “Brother Sun” and “Sister Moon.” All creatures are God's children, siblings within one divine family. St. Francis lived in brotherhood and harmony with people, animals, and nature alike. He compassionately ministered to the poor. He gently cared for all animals. He made his home in nature and was nature's caretaker. St. Francis exemplified responsible guardianship of nature. He demonstrated dignity, reverence, and love for all life forms.

Franciscan Inspiration: St. Francis and Pope Francis shared similar commitments and love for all which God has created. “Mother Earth” is an awe-inspiring gift to be shared and God calls us to respect and care for His Creation. In his 2015 environmental encyclical, “*Laudato Si*,” Pope Francis provided practical guidance for the “Care of our Common Home.” This Papal call inspired our Collaborative to cultivate and maintain the HRIC Rail Trail Garden dedicated to Pope Francis. Each time we pause to thank God for a sunrise, the song of a bird or the scent of rain, we join St. Francis in singing his Canticle, “**Praise to you, my Lord.**”

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, May 9–10	\$2,404.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending May 8	\$ 490.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 572.00
Total Weekly Offertory, May 9–10	\$3,466.00
Monthly, May 9–10	\$1,447.00
Grand Annual, Goal: \$25,000	\$24,376.00

The second collection this weekend (May 17) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti."** The second collection next weekend (May 24) is Seminarians. See page 3 for details.

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

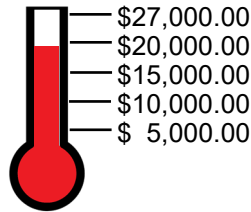
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

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



HR Catholic Appeal
Goal \$27,000.00
To Date \$19,280.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



Flag Day Breakfast: June 14



In honor of Flag Day, and all military veterans, the Activities Committee will be hosting a breakfast on June 14 after the 8:30 Mass.

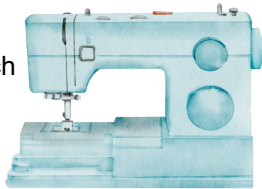
All are invited. If you know of any veteran who may want to come, please bring them along! More details in next weekend's bulletin.

HR Sewing Day

It's never too early to prepare for the church fair!

We will be sewing "20 minute table runners" on Tuesday, June 2 from 9–12 at Nativity Hall. If you would like to join us, please bring the following:

- A sewing machine in excellent working condition
- 3/8 yard "theme" fabric
- 5/8 yard contrasting fabric
- Thread and filled bobbin to match
- Sharp machine needle
- Sewing pins
- Scissors/rotary cutter
- Cutting mat
- Two one-inch buttons to coordinate with fabric



We should complete one table runner, and hopefully two. Make one for yourself and one to donate to the fair! Suggested themes are birthday, holiday, and celebrations.

Questions? Call Roberta Homan at 978-290-9158.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Spring Cleaning Time

Spring has sprung! Our clocks spring forward, and our closets could use a pruning. The Society of St Vincent de Paul relies heavily on proceeds from sales of donated clothing and furniture at various thrift shops in the Boston Archdiocese. From the svdpboston.org website:

Receiving and distributing millions of pounds of clothing, thousands of pieces of furniture, and tons of household goods, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a major U. S. recycler. The lightly used items we provide to the poor at no cost can dramatically improve the quality of their lives. Revenues produced by store operations help subsidize our local outreach efforts.

Dive into those closets and dressers and consider donating any unwanted clothing and shoes to St Vincent de Paul. Use the big blue metal container at the back of the Nativity Church parking lot shown here or the box at the West Newbury Food Mart.



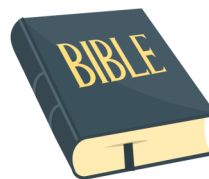
Your kind donations in any form are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes that can be found on tables at the main entrances of St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or **placed in the poor boxes**. Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to **HR St. Vincent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



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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 Coffee Socials



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.

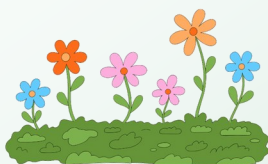
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Memorial Day Events

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!

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!

St. Ann Lost & Found

Items left in the pews at St. Ann can be found in 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 |



IC PARISH

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 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



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, and May 31 at 11:00 Mass

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IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, May 9–10	\$5,723.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending May 8	\$3,369.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,268.00
Total Weekly Offertory, May. 9–10	\$12,360.00
Monthly, May 9–10	\$1,294.00
Grand Annual, Goal: \$100,000	\$100,680.00

The second collection this weekend (May 17) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti."** The second collection next weekend (May 24) is Seminarians. See page 3 for details.

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

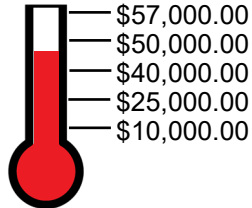
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Immaculate Conception School

Two weeks ago, students in grades 6-8 took center stage at the annual Immaculate Conception School STREAM Fair, showcasing months of research and creativity. Each student selected a topic that sparked their curiosity, diving deep into subjects spanning science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and mathematics.

A highlight of this year's fair was the mini models designed by many students and printed on the 3-D printers in our Innovation Lab. A new tool that students used was a "chomp saw," which safely cuts a variety of materials, including fabric. Students refined each iteration of their models, learning valuable lessons in problem-solving and design as they brought their ideas to life.

The gym buzzed with energy as students presented interactive exhibits to an enthusiastic audience of parents, grandparents, and peers. Visitors moved from booth to booth, engaging presenters in conversations about a wide variety of topics, such as a self-sanitizing locker for sports equipment, interchangeable shoe soles for different sports, a golf ball with a GPS inside, virtual reality headset to help veterans with PTSD, a mini model of a living room for a "what's changed?" game to help people experience the confusion that Alzheimer's patients feel, homemade acne patches that speed up the healing process, a contraption that eliminates lint from the clothes dryer, and an led light-up dog collar. The collar was sewn with mini light bulbs and electrical thread, then linked to a battery to illuminate it.

Presenters impressed attendees with their depth of knowledge and passion for their topics. Many families left inspired by the students' hard work and innovative thinking. The STREAM Fair continues to be a highlight of the school year, cultivating a love of learning and discovery that reaches far beyond the classroom.



Brogan in 7th grade captured the attention of the Kindergarten boys with his display on GOLD!



Elizabeth in 6th grade shares her love of Sequoia National Park with two 3rd graders.



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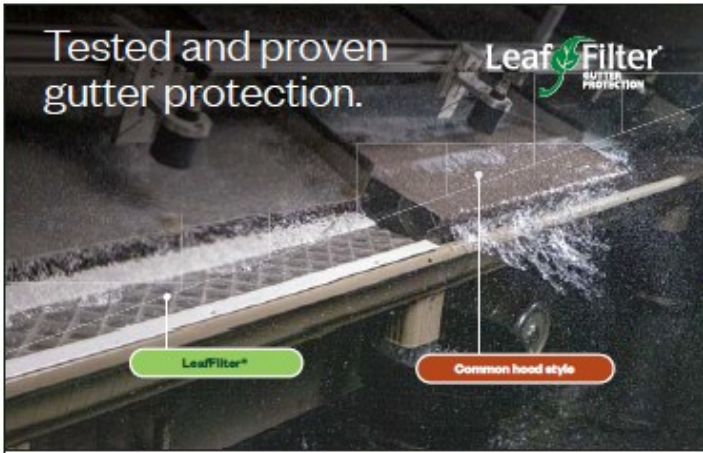
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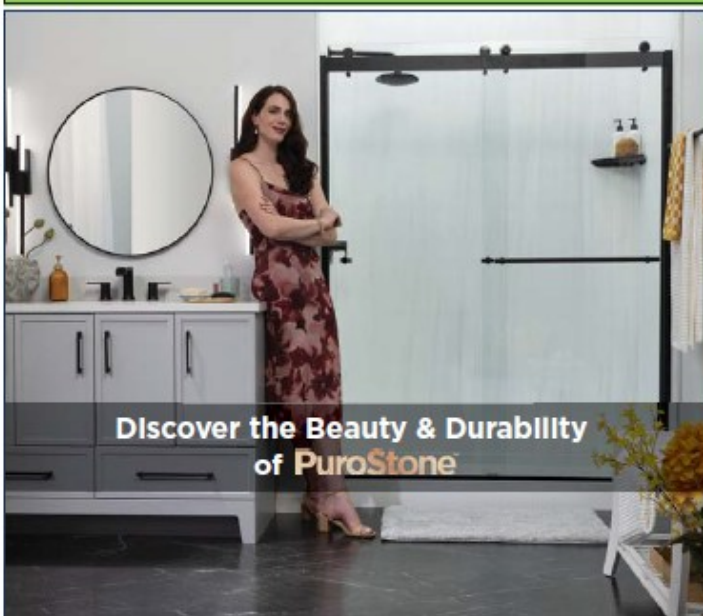


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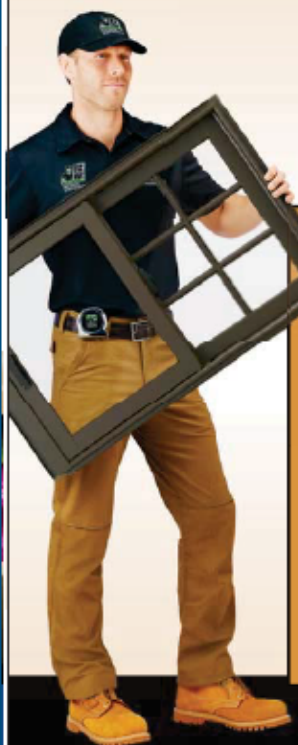


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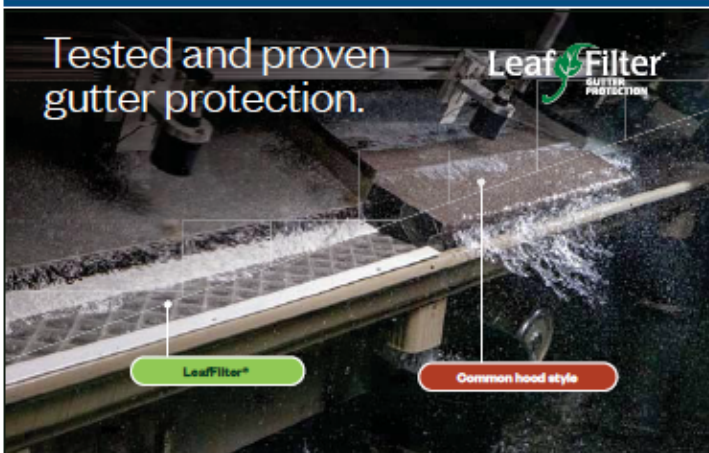
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