

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025

[hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org)

All Are Welcome



*I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.*

(Jn 13:34)

## ARCHBISHOP RICHARD G. HENNING STATEMENT ON THE ELECTION OF POPE LEO XIV



### LEONE XIV

With great joy we received the news from Rome: *habemus papam!* We have a pope! I join with Catholics in the Archdiocese of Boston and throughout the world, along with people of good will, in celebrating the election of Pope Leo XIV as the new Holy Father. We pray for him as he begins this ministry as the Vicar of Christ and the Bishop of Rome. May he be for us a visible source and foundation of communion in faith. In his first words to us, Pope Leo spoke of the peace that is the gift of the Lord Jesus:

*Peace be with you all, this is the first greeting of the resurrected Christ, the good shepherd who has given up his life for God. And I should also like this greeting of peace to enter our hearts and our families.* (Pope Leo XIV from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica)

May that peace give him strength and consolation, and may it fill our hearts as we live our own calling.

+ Richard G. Henning, Archbishop of Boston

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (5/17)

4:00pm IC Jessica Gill, Patricia Weldon (Fr. Morin)  
 4:00pm **Nativity** For all those written with love on our Garden Hearts of Remembrance (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

### Sunday (5/18)

8:30am **Nativity** For all those written with love on our Garden Hearts of Remembrance (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)  
 9:00am IC Irene Stauber, Neil Wile, Margaret (Peggy) Boelke (Fr. Stanley)  
 10:00am **St. Ann** For all those written with love on our Garden Hearts of Remembrance (Fr. Morin)  
 11:30am IC Helen & Bob Lynch, Robert Filomia, Robert Murphy, Theresa Deneumoustier (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

### Monday (5/19)

9:00am IC Herbert, Alexia, & Joyce Harrington, David R. Rock and deceased members of his family (Fr. Morin)

### Tuesday (5/20)

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

### Wednesday (5/21)

9:00am IC Dick Riley (Fr. Stanley)

### Thursday (5/22)

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

### Friday (5/23)

9:00am IC Elaine Poulin (Fr. Morin)

### Saturday (5/24)

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

4:00pm IC Phyllis White, Michael Perruccio (Bishop Hennessey & Deacon Moranski)

### Sunday (5/25)

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

9:00am IC Kay L. Borek (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

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

11:30am IC Robert Welch (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

*In your prayers please remember Stasia Malionek 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: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) as well as our Facebook page.

## Memorial Day Office Hours

Collaborative offices will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, May 23 and will be closed all day on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 27, at 9:00 a.m.

## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

## Spring Concert

Featuring HRIC

Adult & Youth Choirs

Sunday, May 18

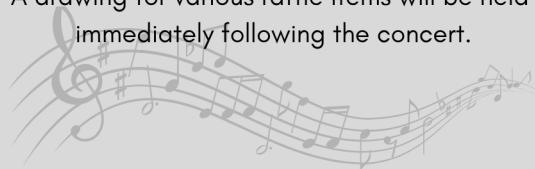
2:30 p.m.

IC Church



Take a trip through all of the liturgical seasons as the choirs present musical highlights from Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, performed by the choirs and musicians, and some audience participation!

A drawing for various raffle items will be held immediately following the concert.



## Scuba Vacation Bible School

Diving into Friendship with God

Register online now: [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org).



Dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where participants experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. We will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

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

**Dates:** Monday–Friday, July 21–25

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. each day

**Location:** Church of the Nativity Hall; 4 Green St., Merrimac

This week of faith and fun is open to **all children** of our region ages 5–11. We also invite 12–14 year olds to attend as Junior Counselors and 15–17 year olds to attend as Counselors (both free of charge).

**Fee (for children 5–11):** \$50 for one child; \$80 for two children; \$100 for 3+ children. **To register**, go to: [www.hriccatholic.org/vacation-bible-school-2025](http://www.hriccatholic.org/vacation-bible-school-2025).

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

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

### Monday, May 19

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

### Tuesday, May 20

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, May 21

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

### Thursday, May 22

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

### Friday, May 23

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

**Collaborative Offices Close at 12:00 noon**

### Saturday, May 24

Laudato Si Garden Prayer 2:30pm, Newburyport Rail Trail, off Washington St., between Marker 02 & 03.

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

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

## Memorial Day Mass

### Monday, May 26



Mass will be offered on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 26**, at St. Mary's Cemetery, 36 Storey Avenue (Rte. 113), Newburyport. The Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather and pray for all those who have given their lives in service to our country as well as remember all who have been interred here at our local Catholic Cemetery. Please bring a chair, sunscreen/bug spray, sunglasses, and a hat if you need them.

The regular 9:00 a.m. Mass at IC is transferred to the cemetery on Memorial Day. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be moved back to IC Church. Please check our website for any updates: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

## Like Us on Facebook

Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception  
Collaborative Parishes

*We were pleased to welcome Most Reverend Robert F. Hennessey to Holy Redeemer Parish, Nativity Church on May 10. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit were conferred upon ten young men and women. Bishop Hennessey always makes this a very special celebration for those being confirmed as well as for their families and friends. May these newly confirmed be assured of our continued prayers as they take the next step in their journey of faith.*

## IC Haiti Updates

The second of IC Haiti's four annual collections will be taken up **the weekend of May 24-25** at all HRIC Collaborative Masses. We are currently keeping up with the rising inflationary costs brought on by the ongoing societal upheaval in Haiti. Still, we ask for your continued generosity to help educate, feed, and provide dental and medical care for the school children of Puit Chacha, Haiti. Gang violence still reigns in many areas, but it has not reached Puit Chacha\* and Fond des Blancs\*\* directly. Still, the ramifications of this societal crisis are felt throughout Haiti.

\*The Father Marc Piché elementary school is in Puit Chacha.

\*\*Saint Boniface Hospital is in Fond des Blancs. Our elementary school graduates attend secondary schools there.

Earlier this month we received some distressing news from our partners in Haiti: Health Equity International (formerly known as the Saint Boniface Haiti Foundation). HEI's president, Conor Shapiro (who spoke at IC Masses prior to the Covid outbreak in 2020) informed us that:

The U.S. Government has terminated its five-year USAID contract to strengthen Haiti's health system, including St. Boniface Hospital. The sudden and shocking loss of funding has immediate and dangerous repercussions for our patients and for St. Boniface Hospital—one of the few functional hospitals remaining in Haiti as the ongoing humanitarian crisis pushes the entire healthcare system toward collapse.

The USAID funding St. Boniface Hospital received ...helped us meet the unprecedented demand for maternal and child health care, HIV/AIDS testing and treatment services, comprehensive community health services, and more. It was also critical to helping us manage the skyrocketing costs of procuring and transporting the essential medicines and supplies we need to care for hundreds of patients every single day. While we have many sources of funding, USAID was able to provide a significant multi-year investment that was instrumental in helping us keep up with rapid inflation and go to any lengths necessary to stay fully operational during this catastrophic period in Haiti.

If you would like more information about HEI's medical mission and its current financial need, please access its website: [healthequityintl.org](http://healthequityintl.org).



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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## Directed Marian Retreat

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.

Mary will be our teacher and guide. I will provide material for reading and reflection from scripture and a variety of spiritual teachers that reflect your unique relationship with Mary. We will meet for four in person or Zoom Spiritual Direction sessions you schedule throughout the retreat.

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.

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.



## HRIC Laudato Sí Garden

**Saturday, May 24, 2025**

**2:30 p.m.**

Join Deacon Paul and members of the Laudato Sí Committee as we honor the life and legacy of Pope Francis at the HRIC Rail Trail Garden for a prayer and planting service.

### Directions to the Garden on the Clipper City Rail Trail



For those who would like to process to the garden from the church, turn left from the parking lot onto Washington Street. Cross over Route 1, cross over Winter Street (look for the Cookie Jar on your right) and turn left at the Washington Street Trailhead.

The garden is located between Mile Markers 02 and 03 on the left side of the trail after crossing over Low St.

It is an approximately 20 minute walk from the church to the entrance to the trailhead.

For those who would prefer to drive, there is an entrance at the Parker Street Trailhead. Parking is available in the Seacoast Business Park at 65 Parker Street. Use the crosswalk to enter the rail trail. It is an approximate five minute walk from the entrance at the trail head. The garden is located on the right between Mile Markers 02 and 03.



## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** Are there people in your life that you find difficult to love?

**Child:** How can you show you have love for others as Jesus commanded us to do?

## Adoration Is an Encounter With Christ

Don't put off genuine prayer in the presence of God because it might change you. Expect that you will be changed: by grace, by attentive listening and by holy aspirations which His crazy love for you will set you free to love as He loves.



**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

## Prayers for the Sick

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

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

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

## 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](http://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).

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

## 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, June 5 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us.**

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:kofc231@outlook.com).

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Jubilee Year 2025

The Jubilee calls us to set out on a personal journey of conversion, to reconcile with God, and pilgrimages are a beautiful tool in the Church to facilitate just that. When we travel, we not only change location, but we ourselves change.

Archbishop Henning has designated eleven pilgrimage sites throughout the Archdiocese of Boston for us to visit during this holy year. You can see a complete list with Mass, Confession, and Adoration times, here: [www.BostonCatholic.org/Pilgrimage-Sites/Local](http://www.BostonCatholic.org/Pilgrimage-Sites/Local)

May we truly be pilgrims of hope.



Archbishop Henning has designated the following locations as pilgrimage sites throughout the Archdiocese of Boston for the 2025 Jubilee Year.

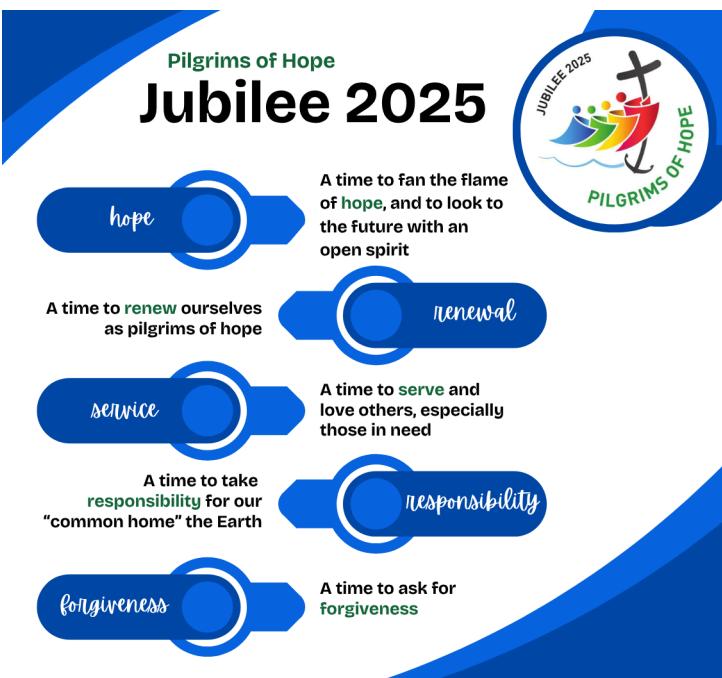
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- Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston
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- Most Holy Redeemer, Boston
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- St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, Boston
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- Holy Rosary Shrine, Lawrence
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- St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, Lowell
- +
- Divine Mercy Shrine, Salem
- +
- Blessed Andrew Phu Yen, Medford
- +
- Missionary Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Holliston
- +
- Immaculate Conception, Marlborough
- +
- St. Paul, Hingham
- +
- St. Patrick, Brockton



## Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website at [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org). Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.

 (The free App "Laudate" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)



## Pelican Intervention Fund

We have placed 173 local men and women into 12-step residential sober living. 12-step recovery programs receive no federal/state funding and insurance won't cover costs due to its faith-based nature. So, your support is more important than ever.

The Pelican Intervention Fund envelopes can be dropped in the collection at any time according to your means. Make checks payable to HR or IC Parish. Totals will be reported quarterly.

Visit our website at [www.pelicaninterventionfund.org](http://www.pelicaninterventionfund.org).

Visit our **Website**, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) for up-to-date information in the Collaborative. Find links to our bulletins, our live stream Masses, and our social media pages.

## 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](http://www.thegodminute.org) or scan the QR code.



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, May 10–11	\$6,709.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending May 9	\$ 442.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$3,256.59</u>
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, May 10–11</b>	<b>\$10,407.59</b>

Monthly, May 10–11 \$1,225.50

*No second collection this weekend (May 18). The second collection next weekend (May 25) is IC Haiti. 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: [hriccatholic.org/ic-online-giving](http://hriccatholic.org/ic-online-giving).



**IC Catholic Appeal**  
Goal: \$59,300.00  
To Date: \$34,956.00

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



## 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](http://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!

## IC Online Giving

To get started, register as a member of IC Parish (if you aren't already registered). Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. You can also register online.

To learn more visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724.

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## Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School spring musical production of *Annie Jr.* took place last weekend. Students in grades Kindergarten to eighth grade joined together on stage singing such memorable songs, "The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow." Backstage and technical crew included students in the middle school. Almost 70 students were part of the production which was supported by many talented volunteer parents and alumni parents. Directed by Deirdre Budzyna and co-directed and choreographed by Beth Anderson-Song, this dynamo duo has led IC musicals for many years now. Parent producer Beth Davis handled all of the logistical pieces of rehearsal schedules, detailed communications to families, and advertising the performances. Costumes were done once again by Tina Welsh. Both performances brought out over 300 people in the audience. The annual musical is a wonderful collaboration of student ages and parent support! Pelican pride at its best!!



*Sophia Davis as Annie and Anna Schneider as Daddy Warbucks*



*Ensemble featured students grades 3–8*



*Fay Sullivan as Lily, Thomas Walsh as Rooster, and Elle Sullivan as Miss Hannigan*

## Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser for over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame. She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, May 10–11	\$2,204.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending May 9	\$ 200.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 452.50
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, May 10–11</b>	<b>\$2,856.50</b>
Monthly, May 10–11	\$ 881.00

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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: [hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving](http://hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving).



**HR Catholic Appeal**  
Goal \$28,800.00  
To Date \$13,170.00

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



On May 10, our Nativity First Communicants participated in the May Crowning, honoring the Blessed Mother.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

Your kind donations in any form are always 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 shown here. **Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to HR St. Vincent de Paul.**



## HR Online Giving

It's convenient and safe. To learn more about online giving (one-time or recurring donation options available), visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) and click the "Links" tab, then click on "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724.

## HR Coffee Hours



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 last Coffee Hour until the fall:

- **Coffee and goodies after Mass at St. Ann on June 1.**

Anyone interested in helping with setup, clean up, or making "breakfast food" is asked to call Donna Pallone (978-904-5682) 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 Activities Committee News

### Volunteers for Our Gardens

We are looking for volunteers to help with outside maintenance of both of our church yards. Please consider volunteering **one week** this summer to help water our flowers and pick out a few weeds. A sign-up sheet is in the back of **both** churches, one for each church yard. The schedule will be from a Sunday through a Saturday. There will be 18 weeks that we will be needing volunteers. Flowers will be planted soon. We are looking for volunteers to start June 1.



### Garden Prayer Stakes

There are heart-shaped garden stakes in the back of both churches. Please write the name of that special person you would like everyone to remember and offer up a prayer!

We will be placing these garden stakes among our flowers in the church yard. (Limited supply available.)

### West Newbury Memorial Day Parade

Join us at **10:00 a.m. on Memorial Day, Monday May 26**, in front of St. Ann Church for the beginning of West Newbury's Memorial Day Parade. We will have a **prayer request box** for anyone to write their intentions and will pray for these intentions the following Sunday at the 10:00 Mass. We will have something special for children also.

### Planning for Veterans Day in November

We are also thinking of our **Veterans**. If you are a Veteran in our parish, or know of a Veteran who lives around the area, please write your name and email down on the paper in the back of the church. The Activities Committee is planning an event for Veterans Day in November and would LOVE to personally invite you!

### Activities Committee Meeting: June 16

The next Activities Committee meeting is scheduled Monday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity Hall. Everyone is invited to join.



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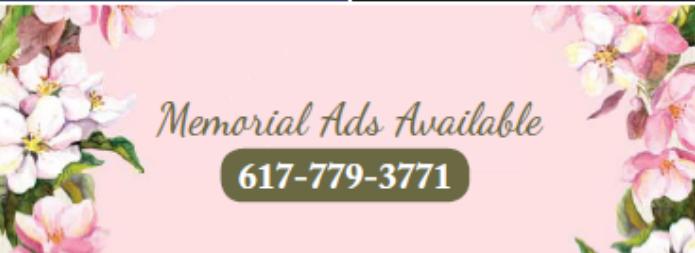
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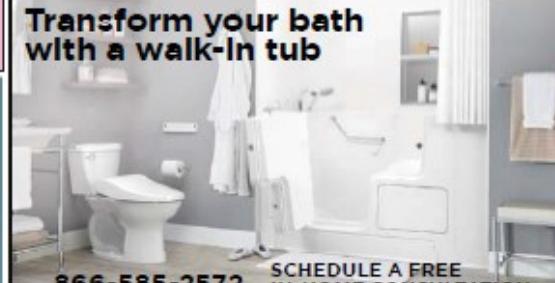
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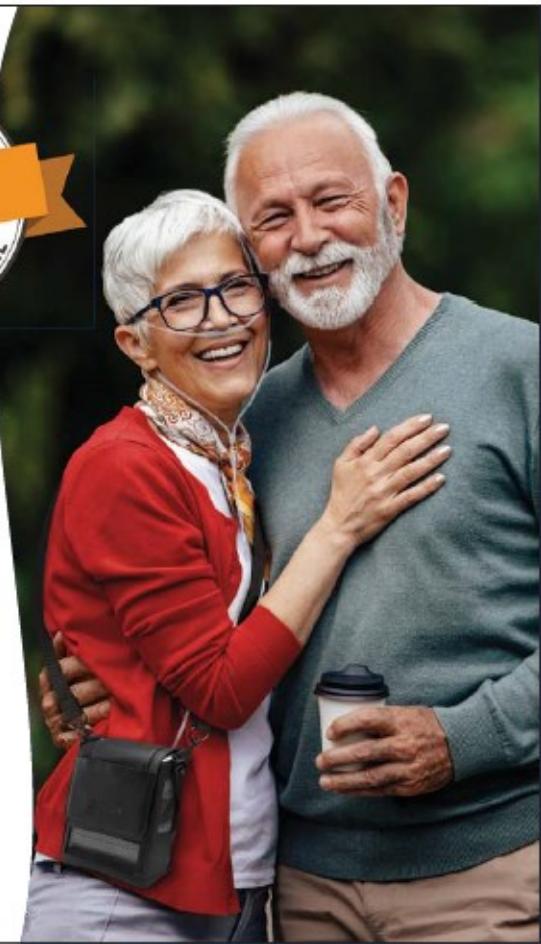
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