

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

All Are Welcome

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*And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.*

(Acts 2:2–3)



## 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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#### Confessions

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



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (5/18)

4:00pm **IC** Irene Stauber, Cynthia Colby, Harry & Mabel Kalashian (Fr. Harrison)

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

### Sunday (5/19) **Pentecost**

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

9:00am **IC** Helen & Robert Lynch, Neil Wile (Fr. Stanley)

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

11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

### Monday (5/20)

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

### Tuesday (5/21)

9:00am **IC** Mary Reilly, Dick Riley (Fr. Harrison)

### Wednesday (5/22)

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

### Thursday (5/23)

9:00am **IC** Ann Welch, Sean & Elizabeth Perkins (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (5/24)

9:00am **IC** Michael Perruccio (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Saturday (5/25)

4:00pm **IC** Alex Hasapis, Jerry Majocha, Kim Dow, Steve Maguire (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

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

### Sunday (5/26)

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

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

11:30am **IC** Ann Welch, for the intentions of Anthony D'Ambrosio (Fr. Stanley)

*In your prayers please remember John Doggett, Jr. and all of the faithful departed.*

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

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

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

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Have you ever had a device “bricked?” This is a tech-term in our modern world for when one of our many electronic devices gets fried or just simply stops working and becomes like a brick for no apparent reason. I had a TV do this once for me. Not sure why, but it just stopped working altogether, no matter what I did to it or how many times I plugged it in and unplugged it, no matter how many buttons on the remote control I pressed. Nothing. Nada. Not going to happen! This is why they make extended warranties and recycle bins, depending on which one applies to you. No matter how it is resolved, it is a very frustrating and unrewarding experience to go through...all over some tiny wire or itsy-bitsy little circuit board gone rogue deep inside the bowels of the plastic bezel that holds it all together. Inaccessible and unrepairable. Ugh!

I think of this experience when I consider this weekend's great Feast of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our Church and world. In many ways, the Spirit is the electricity that makes things happen! It enlivens us and channels us into ministry. In ways that are beyond our human understanding, the Spirit brings to new life those who have been redeemed by Christ and empowers them to further spread the Good News to others. Just like festive music or a cheering crowd draw onlookers into the show, so, too, the Spirit brings us together to celebrate the joy of what God is doing in the present moment.

Absent the Spirit, and we are like bricks, lifeless and inert. And no matter what we do on our own, nothing can come together, nothing can function with regard to God's Kingdom. It is futile.

When we look at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the Pentecost event, we see a number of significant things: unity despite a great diversity, a confirmation of love among people, joyfulness in God's presence, a lasting peace that only God can give, patience to see God's plan of salvation unfold, an unreserved kindness that brings about healing, an abundance of generosity, faithfulness and trust, a

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## Bulletin Information

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

## Second Collection May 18-19

This 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](http://www.VocationsBoston.org).



*After sharing my own First Communion picture in last week's bulletin, one of the retired priests offered to share his, from 1952! Any guesses on who it is?*

# 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 20

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

### Tuesday, May 21

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

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

**IC Adult Choir Rehearsal** 6:30pm, IC Church

### Wednesday, May 22

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

**Holy Jammers Practice** 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

**Adoration** 3:00pm, Nativity Church

**HR Activities Committee Mtg.** 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

**Medjugorje Reunion Mass/Reception** 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel/IC Charity Dining Room

### Thursday, May 23

**Adoration** 7:00pm, IC Church

### Friday, May 24

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

**Adoration** 9:30am, IC Church

### Saturday, May 25

**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.

## Summer Mass Schedule Reminder

**Beginning June 2** (Sunday after Memorial Day) our summer weekend Mass schedule will begin. The later Sunday Mass at IC will begin at 11:00 a.m. This schedule will remain in effect until the weekend after Labor Day.



*This past weekend, Geoffrey Grab was Confirmed, received his First Holy Communion and was received into full communion in our Church at the 11:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. He is pictured here along with his wife, Meredith, Fr. Tim Harrison and Deacon John Moranski following the Mass.*

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gentleness that belies great strength and self-control that flows from the heart. From these “fruits of the Spirit” we see the followers of Jesus Christ emboldened to leave their fears behind and be about the proclamation of the Gospel with great confidence. Baptizing along the way, they went about forgiving sins in the name of Jesus and testifying to the Truth of who He is. The Spirit enlivens us to be about the things of God in a way that brings new life to all.

Sin, on the other hand, bricks us. Fear hobbles our gait. Deception clouds our way. Worldly concerns cast us into a fog. Hatred blinds us. Jealousy and every kind of vice harden our hearts and keep us from loving others as God would call us to. The antidote and “fix” to all of these and every kind of evil in this world is Christ—crucified, buried, resurrected, ascended, and seated at God’s right hand... and with the Father, sending the Holy Spirit to enflame our hearts in the great love of Christ, to guide and direct our ways and ultimately lead us on paths unknown to our heavenly home.

This Pentecost, let us embrace the Holy Spirit and allow God’s loving presence to transform our lives and world, that we might be energized for the journey ahead. No bricks allowed!

Happy Pentecost to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

## Collaborative Pastoral Council

We have almost completed our fourth full year and are seeking the names of people you think might be good candidates for this Council. We are now looking for parishioners who might be interested in serving in this capacity. At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve the parish in this way. Please list your own name if you are interested and/or list the names of others. No need to ask them at this point—this will be done as the process unfolds. No one will be chosen for this Council until they fully understand what they are being asked to do and the time involved. This is just the initial surfacing of names.

The purpose of the Collaborative Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education, and service activities within the parish.

If you are interested in serving on the Council, consider nominating yourself. All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parish who are 16 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated. Please send the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate and email this information to [jimwilliamson35@gmail.com](mailto:jimwilliamson35@gmail.com) **by June 30, 2024**. Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council.

Selection of candidates for expiring terms will be chosen by lot during the summer.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## 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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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Patricia Baikewicz | Ed Hardy           | Eleanora Paciulan   |
| Marjorie Barr      | Jane Harney        | Joseph Palumbo      |
| Kathy P. Brodeur   | Chloe Hequet       | Joanne Pesa         |
| Priscilla Brown    | Rosemarie Hines    | Donika Pulake       |
| Vasfije Buhali     | Linda Hofferty     | Rose Raimo          |
| Autumn Rose        | Armand Hyatt       | Maureen Russell     |
| Coulombe           | Justin Johnson     | Rob Schweizer       |
| Bill Crounse       | Michael Juralewicz | Frank Siderio       |
| Drew Daubach       | Karen L.           | Yvonne Sloban       |
| Kristen            | Arthur LaPointe    | Gary Smith          |
| D'Entremont        | Johannah Lord      | Arlene Stoddard     |
| Deb Downie         | Sia Mahalati       | Captain Bill Taplin |
| Ann-Margaret       | Patricia Carey     | Tom Tribble         |
| Ferrante           | McCarthy           | Michael Tucker      |
| John Flynn         | Maryann Mikson     | Maddie Villers      |
| Jeanine Ebacher    | Ann Murphy         | Laurent Vincent     |
| Fowler             | Carol O'Neal       |                     |

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

## The Sacrament of the Sick

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

## Shawls and Lapghans



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

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

**Our next meeting is Thursday, June 6 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.**

## women at the well

We invite all women to come join us, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. The group meets **Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** in person at the IC Parish Center and virtually on Zoom. If you have any questions, or would like to join via Zoom, please email [HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com](mailto:HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com).

## May Collection for IC Haiti

**Hope Rising: IC Haiti.**

The second collection for the weekend of **May 25–26** supports IC Haiti's continuing mission to the school community in Puit Chacha, Haiti. We have been able to fund the annual school budgets there thanks to the generosity of parishioners and former parishioners from both Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception. Despite Haiti's present chaotic condition, the Father Marc Piché Elementary school has been functioning daily. The attendance there and at the secondary school in Fond des Blancs where we tuition in the older students has been exemplary. The commitment and perseverance of teachers and staff in both places have been heroic.

Since we funded the budget for the 2023–24 school year last fall, our collections now are in preparation to fund the 2024–25 school year. Last October we fully funded the budget for \$70,150. We do not yet know what the projected costs for the 2024–25 school year will be, but we do know that costs for food, fuel, and all sorts of materials have risen between 30 and 50%.

In anticipation of a dramatic increase in costs to fund the budget for the 2024–25 school year, the Board of Directors for IC Haiti once again appeals to the generosity of parishioners. Please continue to support our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ with your prayers and monetary contributions. As a Collaborative, we have been blessed by God for the past fifteen years to carry on this invaluable mission to Haiti. We are reminded of this spiritual reality by the familiar words of St. Francis of Assisi: *"Lord, make us instruments of Your peace...it is in giving that we receive."*

**If you are making your contribution by check, please make out the check to "IC Haiti."**

## Memorial Day Office Hours

Collaborative offices will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, May 24 and be closed all day on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.



*Fr. George and a group of men from the Collaborative getting ready to leave this week for St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer for a week's retreat at the Monastery.*

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Choir Concert

**Sunday, May 19**  
**2:30-4:00 p.m. • IC Church**

**Featuring HRIC Adult Choir**



Enjoy a program of sacred music, hymns, spirituals, and instrumentals performed by the Collaborative Adult Choirs and musicians, and some audience participation!

**2:30-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 19**

Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

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

A free-will offering will be graciously accepted in support of the Collaborative Music Ministry.



## Boston Pops Gospel Night



Don't miss the chance to hear some great gospel music and support several of the Immaculate Conception choir members on stage who are part of the Boston Pops Gospel Choir. Take advantage of the "friends and family" discount and enjoy one of the most uplifting nights at Symphony Hall. Save 25% off your order by using promo code GOSPEL 25.

Saturday, June 8, 7:30 p.m., Symphony Hall, Boston.

Tickets at [bostonpops.org](http://bostonpops.org).

For any questions, call 617-266-1200



## Memorial Day Mass

**Monday, May 27**



Mass will be offered on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 27**, 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: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org).

## Collaborative Faith Formation

**Summer Program**

Summer Faith Formation program dates for grades 3-8 are June 24-28. Registration forms are available online: [hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation).

**Baptism**

We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on the second Sunday of each month at IC Church at the 11:30 Mass. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

**Confirmation**

In January, Cardinal Seán announced his decision to move the Sacrament of Confirmation from 10th grade to 8th grade. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation process will be changing. While we are working on how this change will be rolled out, please help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not yet be aware. Program updates will be made available as they occur.

## May Crownings

During May, the Catholic Church gives special honor to the Blessed Mother. In the Collaborative, we held two May Crownings: one at IC and one at Nativity. What a wonderful way to honor Mary, our mother.



## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** When are you aware of the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

**Child:** How does having the Holy Spirit in your life make you stronger?

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

**Next delivery is Wednesday, May 22**



This program delivers soup and sandwiches to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month.

**PLEASE NOTE: We are suspending the delivery of soups until the fall. Casseroles are still welcome!**

We ask that sandwiches be cut and individually wrapped, then placed in the bread wrapper. Please label the bread wrapper with the variety of sandwich. Cold cuts and peanut butter & jelly are favorites. Please do not use condiments. Also welcome are party-sized powdered drink mixes such as iced tea and Kool-Aid, along with fresh fruits and goodies!

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

## Adoration



**Impels Awe Because of the Humility of Jesus**

Pope Paul IV wrote: "The Eucharist deserves Adoration not only during Mass but outside of Mass." The Host impels worship and praise and thanksgiving. Test Adoration yourself. Jesus' abject humility impels awe. It is why we kneel in sacred silence: He is God and yet He humbles Himself to come to us as Bread in Monstrance.

**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)

## 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.

## The God Minute

Every morning a small group of priests, nuns, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called *The God Minute*. It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free.

Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. [www.thegodminute.org](http://www.thegodminute.org).

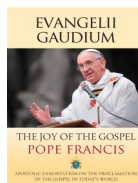


# HR NEWS

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

For inspiration in ministering to the poor, Pope Francis writes in *The Joy of the Gospel*:

The way we treat others has a transcendent dimension: "The measure you give will be the measure you get." (Mt 7:2) "For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Lk 6:36–38). What these passages make clear is the absolute priority of "going forth from ourselves toward our brothers and sisters" as one of the two great commandments which ground every moral norm and as the clearest sign for discerning spiritual growth in response to God's completely free gift.



Something to think about.

Please use the envelopes in the pews at 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."

As always, anything that you can give is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

## Adoration at Nativity Church



Eucharistic Adoration is offered on Wednesdays from 3:00–4:00 p.m. at Church of the Nativity. Join us weekly for one hour of Sacred Silence.

## Activities Committee Meeting

The HR Activities Committee will meet on **Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m.** in Nativity Hall.

All are welcome to join in and help plan future HR events such as the Chicken BBQ and Holiday Fair.

## HR Online Giving

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.

To learn more visit our website, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 x 402.

## 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.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| HR Offertory, May 11–12                    | \$1,696.00        |
| HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending May 10 | \$ 525.00         |
| HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving          | \$ 271.25         |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory, May 11–12</b>   | <b>\$2,492.25</b> |
| Ascension, May 9                           | \$ 398.00         |
| Monthly, May 11–12                         | \$1,202.00        |
| HR Grand Annual, Goal: \$25,000            | \$21,825.00       |

The second collection this weekend (May 19) is *Seminarians*. See page 3 for more information. The second collection next weekend (May 26) 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: [hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving](http://hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving).



**HR Catholic Appeal**  
Goal **\$25,000.00**  
To Date **\$26,400.00**

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



–\$25,000.00  
–\$20,000.00  
–\$15,000.00  
–\$10,000.00  
–\$ 5,000.00

## Vacation Bible School at HR



Vacation Bible School is **back** at Holy Redeemer Parish with **STELLAR: "Shine Jesus' Light!"**

**Dates:** Monday–Friday, July 22–26

**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.

The week will be packed with out-of-this-world fun activities, songs, and Bible-learning experiences.

The program capitalizes on the innate imaginations in our children and immerses them in the Bible and the life of faith in a unique way—with an *outer space* theme.

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: [hriccatholic.org/vbs-stellar](http://hriccatholic.org/vbs-stellar).

## IC Haiti's Gratitude to Holy Redeemer Parish

The Board Members of IC Haiti are most grateful to the parishioners of Holy Redeemer Parish for your continuing support for the school community in Puit Chacha, Haiti. The parishioners of Immaculate Conception began this mission fifteen years ago, and in recent years you have added your financial and spiritual support. In recognition of your invaluable contribution to the IC Haiti mission, the Board has decided to add the following words to the IC Haiti logo: **HOPE RISING**. Although this is a seemingly minor change, it is one that signals the unity of our collaborative effort. **"Hope Rising: IC Haiti."**

(The official name for IC Haiti will remain the same due to our legal non-profit organization status both with the State of Massachusetts and the Federal Internal Revenue Service. All donation checks should be made out to **"IC Haiti"** only.)

## Spring Awakening Raffle

*Holy Redeemer Parish Announces its Spring Awakening Raffle.*

Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and we are picking 3 winners. Each winner will receive one restaurant gift card worth \$100 to either:



Michael's Harborside, Newburyport  
Loretta, Newburyport  
Texas Road House

Proceeds will help to purchase mulch and outdoor flowers for St. Ann and Nativity this summer.

Tickets on sale after all HR weekend Masses or see a member of the HR Activities Committee to purchase your tickets.

**Winners will be drawn on Sunday, May 19.**

## We Are Making a Cookbook

We are making a cookbook and are looking for your contributions.



Look for the box in the back of each church for the forms to submit your favorite recipes. The directions are included with each form, and you can submit as many as you want. Just make sure to use a separate form for each new recipe.

**OR** you can submit your recipes online at: **typensave.com** and then click on "Get started: Launch the app."

The Username is: **collaborative**, and the Password is: **salt365**. This is the preferred way to submit, and very user-friendly. Any questions can be directed to Donna (978) 886-1621.

**Hurry! Recipes are due by Sunday, June 2.**

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

|                                            |                    |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| IC Offertory, May 11-12                    | \$4,817.00         |
| IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending May 10 | \$2,220.00         |
| IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving          | \$3,056.24         |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory, May 11-12</b>   | <b>\$10,093.24</b> |
| Ascension, May 9                           | \$ 567.00          |
| Monthly, May 11-12                         | \$1,079.00         |
| IC Grand Annual, Goal: \$100,000           | \$86,060.00        |

The second collection this weekend (May 19) is Seminarians. See page 3 for more information. The second collection next weekend (May 26) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to "IC Haiti."**

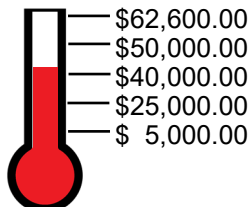
Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the memo. If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

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



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## IC St. Vincent de Paul

If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are ready to assist.

You can now make online donations on our website: **[www.svdnewburyport.org](http://www.svdnewburyport.org)**. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "**SVdP of Newburyport**" and drop it into the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

### Car Donation Still Needed

**We are still seeking the donation of a car in good running order for a Newburyport single mom.** Her current car's engine is no longer repairable. If you, or someone you know, has a vehicle that they would like to donate to this deserving family, please call the SVdP hotline or see any one of the IC Vincentians.

### 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!

## Recitation of the Rosary

Join us for recitation of the rosary Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. (before 9:00 Mass) in person at IC Church or on Facebook. [www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/](http://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/)



## Immaculate Conception School



Immaculate Conception School  
Celebrates the Retirement  
of  
Mrs. Evelyn Pike  
and  
Mrs. Monique Labrecque

Please join us on Friday, May 24  
to celebrate their many years of service.

Past, present, and future IC families are welcome to attend!

We will gather in the church to crown Mary at 1:30 p.m.  
With brief remarks to honor both  
Evelyn and Monique

Cake will be served for all in the gym, immediately following.

Not able to attend the May Crowning?  
Join us in the gym at about 2:15 p.m.

## It's Berry Festival Time Again!



Many hands and much planning is needed to make our Berry Festival, on **July 28, 2024**, another success. Our first meeting will take place on **Wednesday, May 29 at 6:00 p.m.** in IC St Louis Hall.

We encourage **new people to join in this fun event**. We need: bakers, servers, set up and clean up crews, whipped cream makers, berry scoopers dessert creators, money takers, runners, and many more.

Please join us for the first meeting and share your talents.



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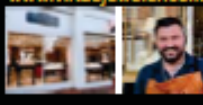
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