

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

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All Are Welcome



Jesus 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 your son may give eternal life to all you gave him."

(JN 17:1-2)



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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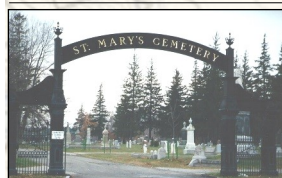
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Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/20)

4:00pm **IC** Jean Foley Doyle, Erwin Whitmore
(Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** Maurice James & Joanne Crouse
(Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (5/21)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am **IC** Lena Filomia, Neil Wile (Fr. Stanley)

10:00am **St. Ann** Jerry Mullen (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

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

Monday (5/22)

9:00am **IC** Shawn Douglas Benson (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (5/23)

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

Wednesday (5/24)

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

Thursday (5/25)

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

Friday (5/26)

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

Saturday (5/27)

4:00pm **IC** Alexander Basque, Claire Mackey,
Jessica Gill (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

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

Sunday (5/28)

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

9:00am **IC** Paudie Hanrahan, Maurice Galvin
(Fr. Harrison)

10:00am **St. Ann** Nora & Joan Vanderwood
(Fr. Stanley)

11:30am **IC** Robert J. Welch (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Jack DeRosa, Albert Hagen Jr., Janice M. Hudson, 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 and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).

Choir Concert

Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Adult Choir

Sunday, May 21, 2:00–3:30 p.m., IC Church



Join us in celebration of the 175th anniversary of the IC parish and be inspired by the transformative power of music.

Enjoy an afternoon of sacred music, hymns, spirituals and instrumentals performed by the Collaborative Adult Choirs and musicians.

A drawing for various raffle items will be held immediately following the concert. There is no admission charge but a free will offering will be graciously accepted in support of the Music Ministry.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Our Easter Season is set up, more or less, to follow the chronological pattern of Jesus' Resurrection, Ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. Thus we have the Solemnity of the Ascension 40 days after Jesus' Resurrection, and Pentecost 50 days forthwith. But different Gospel accounts compress these events into even one day, leaving the early Church with a variety of ways to mark these central events of our faith. The actual number of days in between each "moment" is irrelevant. The Truth contained in their celebration remains.

The bottom-line reality is that God's plan of Salvation for our world was far broader and more inclusive than anyone envisioned at the time, and unfolded with breathtaking magnificence as the early Apostles slowly came to realize that Jesus was God's gift for everyone, Jew and Gentile alike. There were no limits placed on who God would call or where the Holy Spirit would choose to work next. It was amazing to see God's Grace poured out in so many new and beautiful ways!

While we read of these powerful first century events with a bit of detached acceptance, maybe an appreciation that great things happened in the past, we can wonder at times what God is doing for us today. Was this first outburst of the Holy Spirit given just to get things going and then, like the "god of Deism," the Lord pulled back, looking more and more like the great watch-maker in the sky who set things in motion and then became uninvolved in its day-to-day operations? Where is this passionate Jesus who set our hearts on fire with His preaching and teaching and promised to remain with us until the end of time? Where is this Holy Spirit whose breath of life empowered the early Church to grow and spread to the ends of the earth? Where is God the Father who so loved the world that He gave us His only Son as our Redeemer? It can feel at times that God took Him back and that we have indeed been abandoned and forgotten, that the Spirit has flamed-out and that Jesus must be about other things elsewhere.

If you have ever had a dark moment where you may have wondered just what is going on, rest easy, because even the early Christians in the midst of all of this potent action of God's Saving Presence, had days when they wondered too. Recall just how confused and downright confounded the disciples were regularly as they witnessed Jesus' teachings and miracles. Just when they started to figure out one aspect of who Christ was, they completely missed the boat the next moment. Recall the encounter of Jesus with His disciples at Cesarea-Pilippi, where in one instance Peter gets it right by answering that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God... and minutes later is chastised as "Satan" by Jesus for becoming an obstacle to what Jesus' mission from the Father was all about. Poor Peter... praised by Jesus for his spiritual insight and then dashed to the ground for his lack of vision! That couldn't have been a good day for any of them!

The early Christian communities were under regular fire from those who were rejecting Jesus including many Gentiles and even the local synagogues. St. Paul was publicly laughed at by the elite when he tried to preach to many of the learned-minds in Athens. St. John's community was increasingly persecuted

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by the local synagogues who saw the followers of "The Way" (as they were first known) as more of a threat to their faith than of a natural fulfillment of the Law and Prophets. And, as the decades wore on, just about all of the Apostles suffered martyrdom for the faith, so severe was the reaction to their witness and example of faith. Although the Scriptures tend to romanticize their suffering, as human beings, they must have had days when they wondered where this whole thing was going, where God was and how they might better see the Lord alive and present in their midst. They surely must have had days when they wondered if God was even listening, or even cared.

What separated our greatest saints from those who might fall away and abandon the faith were two things: perseverance and a heart-rendering trust in God's faithfulness through Christ.

First, perseverance. Simply put, they were stubborn, refused to give up and were ornery in their determination to do what Jesus told them to do. We don't often think of being obstinate as a virtue to be imitated, but in this case it was an attribute that well served the early Christians. They just didn't give up and refused to surrender to massive amounts of popular peer pressure that the secular world practically drowned them in. They moved ahead with their preaching and teaching despite 10,000 good reasons to abandon these "crazy" notions about Jesus and worship Zeus or return to traditional Judaism. Somehow, to them, continuing the course was more attractive than giving in to popular opinion. "We've suffered this far, we might as well suffer some more," they might have said.

And then there was their enduring trust in God. Despite what anyone else in the world might say, they were convinced that God would be faithful. People would fail, societies would fail, governments would fail, but God would always be faithful, no matter what. Somehow, deep inside, they knew that even if they couldn't see how God was present to them at a given moment, God was there nonetheless. This comes directly from their witness of Christ's faithfulness and trust in God, right up to the moment of His death on the Cross. Jesus never wavered, never hesitated, never turned back. He was 100% convinced that He came from God and was going back to God and taught clearly that those who professed their faith in Him would be with God forever. God is faithful, even when we are not. Jesus' whole mission was to reconcile sinners to the Father. So, that even in moments of human failure, God's love and mercy would be real for them. It's the only thing that made any sense.

So, when there were times of persecution, they persevered. When times of war and insurrection occurred, they trusted in

God's faithfulness. When their message was met with opposition and hatred, they returned it with love and patience. When they were confronted with apathy or indifference, they redoubled their efforts to make the Gospel heard. When believing was seen as out of fashion, they moved forward with confidence in the timeless. When faced with darkness, they held to the belief that the Light shines on in the darkness, and that the darkness would not overcome it.

So must we today.

We face a dizzying array of challenges to practicing our faith, despite the well-touted religious freedom that we enjoy in our nation. Many of them are subtle—nudges to submit to the latest opinion or trend, outright pressure to succumb to social correctness, or even the conclusions of the intellectual elite. While there may be many particles of certainty awash in all of these currents, none embody the Way, the Truth, and the Life as does Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead. In our faith, we have been given a priceless gift of a relationship with the One who ultimately matters most: the immutable, unchanging God of the Universe. This relationship, when lived out to its fullness here in this world will lead to eternal life in the next. Stubborn or trusting, let us proclaim the Gospel of Life to a troubled world, that more and more may come to believe through the (sometimes unseen?) action of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

In the words of St. Peter, "Lord I believe, help my unbelief!" (Mk 9:24) May our faith in Christ be strengthened this day and always!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, May 22

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

Cub Scout #26 Mtg. 4:00pm, St. Ann Hall

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

Scout Troop 41 Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Compassionate Friends Mtg. 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, May 23

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

Breaking Bread Meal (in-person) 4:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:15pm, Virtual Meeting

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, May 24

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Ministry Committee Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC 175th Committee Mtg. 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, May 25

Mysteries of the Rosary Series 9:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, May 26

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

HRIC Playgroup 9:45am, IC Conference Room 209

Collaborative Offices Close at 12:00 Noon

Saturday, May 27

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

women at the well

We invite all women to come join us at any time, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. Our study, *Keeping in Balance from Walking with Purpose*, is about managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness rooted in Christ. We meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in person at the IC Parish Charity Dining Room and virtually on Zoom.

If you have any questions, or would like to join via Zoom, please email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

If you are unable to make it to every meeting, please do not worry! This group is designed to allow you to drop in whenever you are able to join us, no pre-reading necessary from week to week.

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	Ann-Margaret	Chet LeBlanc
Priscilla Brown	Ferrante	Carol O'Neal
Baby Boyle	Jeanine Ebacher	Lee Preble
Vasfije Buhali	Fowler	Donika Pulake
Autumn Rose	Eddie Gagnon	Douglas Rose
Coulombe	Charmaine Haan	Robert Rose
Bill Crounse	Hillar Haan	Maureen Russell
Drew Daubach	Jay Hanslig	Rob Schweizer
Kristen	Al Hasapis	Yvonne Sloban
D'Entremont	Terence Healey	Tom Tribble
Carol Ann Doyle	Sam Kitchen	Michael Tucker
Jack Flynn	Arthur LaPointe	Laurent Vincent

The Sacrament of the Sick

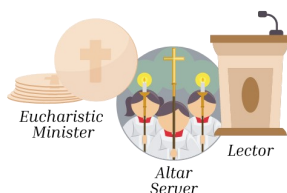
The **Anointing of the Sick** is one of the seven Sacraments of our Church and is administered by a priest for healing and inner wholeness. Those who are seriously ill, elderly, or are entering the hospital can request to be anointed. Due to varied schedules and availability, it may not always be possible 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.

Volunteer as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server

Please consider becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion at Mass. We also continue to encourage new Altar Servers. We will teach you everything you need to know.

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Altar Server and feel the Holy Spirit calling you to serve our Lord, please contact the Collaborative offices at 978-346-8604 or 978-462-2724. No experience necessary.

In the next few weeks we will hold an information session for all interested.



Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.



Summer Mass Schedule Reminder

Beginning June 4 (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.

Collaborative Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

Summer 2023 Faith Formation Week
Grades 3–8 June 26–30, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. each day.
 Registration forms available: hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs (Grades K–10)

School year Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation schedules and registration forms are available on the website at hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

Baptism

We celebrate this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

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 in the IC Nazareth Library. Also, all are welcome to join us on the first Sunday of every month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the IC Parish Center for coffee and donuts.

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

Questions of the Week



Adult: Which of your actions would show someone you were a disciple of the Lord?

Child: Before Jesus went back to the Father, what did He say He wanted us to do?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

IC Haiti Collection Weekend: May 20-21

This year's second quarterly collection for IC Haiti takes place the weekend of May 20-21. Please be generous to the people of Haiti we have been called to serve.

Since 2008 our outreach mission has responded to the educational and health needs of our brothers and sisters there. We are the sole financial support for the Fr. Marc Piché Elementary School in the rural community of Puit Chacha and a generous supporter of Saint Boniface Hospital in Fond des Blancs.

The Board of Directors for IC Haiti thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

IC Haiti: Beginnings Part 5

2016 started off with drought conditions that severely affected food production and costs in Haiti. The sector IC Haiti and St. Boniface Hospital serve was put on a famine watch list by the World Health Organization. Then in February the Zika virus, a mosquito-borne disease that affects unborn children, hit the families of the children in the Fr. Marc Piché school. IC Haiti responded with a \$25,000 donation to St. Boniface Hospital for their community health and nutrition outreach program. In August, we were still able to fully fund the 2016-17 school budget thanks to the generosity of parishioners.

Then in October Hurricane Matthew devastated the southern area of Haiti where both the Fr. Marc Piché school and St. Boniface Hospital are located. The damage to homes, roads, and bridges was dramatic and severe, leaving the entire region cut off from immediate access to clean water and food. The school provided a sound shelter for many during the storm, but it too suffered some damage. Disease, particularly cholera, and starvation became terrible realities. Financially IC Haiti was not in a good position at that time to respond effectively to this emergency. Yet the need of our brothers and sisters in Haiti was urgent, so IC Haiti made an appeal to the parish. Cardinal Seán O'Malley made a similar appeal to the entire Archdiocese of Boston.

IC Haiti's Board of Directors set an aggressive goal to raise \$10,000 in two weeks' time to address the emergency relief needs in Haiti. The response was tremendous, praise God! A dress-down day at IC grammar school raised close to \$1,300; Carol Robertson donated a beautiful quilt for a raffle that netted \$2,000; donations by IC Haiti supporters through PayPal amounted to over \$5,000; and parishioners directly contributed \$26,388. Within IC Haiti's two-week period to raise \$10,000, we raised close to \$35,000. Wow! Before the end of October, we were able to send \$30,000 for emergency relief to the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation which runs the hospital in Fond des Blanc and oversees the operation of our school, its lunch program, and health outreach programs in the area of southern Haiti. In January of 2017 we sent an additional \$11,700 which included funding for continued hurricane relief efforts and for the higher cost of food for our school lunch program. In the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, parishioners, the IC school community, and many individual supporters responded with a generosity that far exceeded our expectations. The Spirit was, indeed, present in our community, helping us to see our brothers and sisters in Haiti through the eyes of Christ.

Super Sunday Food Pantry

Over the last three weekends, you have contributed over 500 pounds of food and living essentials for local food pantries. Thank you for stepping up!

Some statistics: Your contributions have gone to the Merrimac and West Newbury food pantries, Lazarus House, and the First Parish Food pantry, which supports Newburyport and the surrounding area; more than 600 families and homeless are served on a weekly basis.

With summer almost here, we anticipate the need will be more acute as typical sources that replenish the pantries are reduced because of summer traveling. Our Collaborative can help the pantries to fill the void.

On Memorial Day weekend (May 27-28), we are asking everyone to bring at least an item or two, but any amount is appreciated. Many hands make light work. Challenge yourself to help make a difference in the community! All of us together can help pick up the slack for the local pantries.

Let's have some fun with this Super Sunday and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will be impacting hundreds in our local communities. The collaborative organizers, the pantry volunteers, but most importantly the people and families we are helping *thank you sincerely for your generosity*. We are making a difference for them.

Recommended items include:

Canned goods—vegetables, soups, pork and beans, fruit (especially pineapples)	Tomato sauce Peanut butter and jelly Soap, deodorant, shampoo Toothpaste and toothbrushes Diapers
Cereal	
Rice, Rice-A-Roni	
Pasta, ramen noodles	

Confessions

We offer confessions Saturdays from **3:00-3:30 p.m.** at IC Church. No appointment needed. Confessions are also available at other times and places during the week by appointment only. For more information or to schedule a time for confession, contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

Second Collection May 27-28

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.

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/

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, May 24



The HRIC Collaborative Soup & Sandwich Program (formerly the HR Sandwich Program) is asking for volunteers to help make sandwiches for the Lazarus House Ministry. We deliver on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Thank you to all who have been donating since we started up again. We are delivering over 150 sandwiches every date, and are now bringing 5 gallons of soup.

Sandwiches need to be **individually wrapped or bagged** and returned to the bread wrappers. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are requested at this time, also cold cuts and/or cheese sandwiches. Please, no condiments. **Large** containers of coffee, Adobo, and minced garlic are also welcome. They are also looking for fresh vegetables (not potatoes). Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury, from 7:00–9:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. (Door on the larger parking lot side of the church).

Any questions please contact Jill: dobsondoll@aol.com or Tom at Tom@grellafinancial.com.

Adoration: Encounter Christ



Prayer in the presence of God might change you. Expect that you will be changed: by grace, by attentive listening and by holy aspirations which His love for you will set you free to love as He loves.

Enter through the Green Street door only.

Place: IC Church

Time: Thursdays: 7 p.m.–8 p.m.

Also: Fridays 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

Note: If a Friday funeral is scheduled, or in the absence of a presider, IC Church will remain open for "Sacred Silence" only. Check the HRIC calendar online for updated information.

Mom's Book Club

Are you a mom interested in meeting other HRIC moms? Or a mom looking for a good read? Join Lucia and Kim, both moms of little ones, on June 4 in the IC Parish Center from 10:15–11:30 to discuss Laura Kelley Fanucci's *Everyday Sacrament: The Messy Grace of Parenting*.

Please email any bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

IC Berry Festival



Mark your calendars for the **IC Berry Festival** which will be held on Sunday, July 30 on the grounds of IC Church during Yankee Homecoming. This will be our third festival.

Join us for our next Berry Festival **planning meeting** on **Tuesday, June 26 at 6:30** in IC St. Louis Hall.

IC PARISH

IC Parish: 175th Anniversary

Immaculate Conception Parish celebrates 175 years

In celebration of this milestone of faith and service to the greater Newburyport community, the parish is planning a series of events throughout the year.

A committee has formed to create, plan, and execute these yearlong events, focused on celebrating the history of our parish and our patroness. If you would like to be part of the planning, join our next meeting at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 24** at IC St. Louis Hall. All are welcome.

175th Anniversary Prayer

Immaculate Conception Church

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Gracious and loving Father, on this 175th anniversary of our Parish, we join in celebration of our past and rejoice in our present.

We praise You for all the joy we have shared in these years of faith and fellowship. We pray for all who together make up this community of Your people.

Through the guidance and intercession of our Patroness, may we be ever mindful of the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the strength of the Holy Spirit who renews all things.



May our Parish continue to grow as a home for all who seek Your love and mercy. Mary, Queen of Peace, conceived without original sin, pray for us.
Amen

Harvest Fair

Join us and make new friends

As part of the 175th anniversary celebration of IC Church, we are planning to hold a Harvest Fair on Saturday, October 21. It will include a bake sale, artisan/craft tables, a wine rack, Grandma's Attic table, all-holiday table, 175th anniversary commemorative items, and much more.

Attention vendors: Are you a local vendor looking to sell your creative treasures? Our committee is looking for up to 15 vendors to fill our gymnasium with artistic holiday items. If you are interested in reserving a table at our IC Harvest Fair or know someone who may be interested, contact Kathie at Kathie108a@gmail.com and include a picture of the items or crafts you will be selling.

Harvest Fair Items Needed

All-Holiday Items

Grandma's Attic Items

Do you have any "once loved" items from *any holiday* (Easter, 4th of July, Thanksgiving, etc.) that you no longer use or display at home that could be donated to our **All-Holiday Table** at the Harvest Fair?

Or perhaps you have a "gently used" item that could be part of our **Grandma's Attic Table**?

Please help support our Parish's 175th Anniversary Harvest Fair by setting aside your treasures now! Drop off dates will be announced in a future bulletin.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, May 13–14	\$4,403.00
IC Mailed in Offertory, week ending May 12	\$1,470.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,296.34
Total Weekly Offertory	\$9,169.34
Monthly	\$1,179.00
Grand Annual Goal: \$100,000	\$81,825

The second collection this weekend (May 21) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to IC Haiti.** The second collection next weekend (May 28) is Seminarians. See page 6 of the bulletin for details. 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.



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Goal: \$54,952.00

To Date: \$48,895.00

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Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then click on “IC Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to. It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

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

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website tcfnewburyport.org.

Our next monthly support meeting is **May 22** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 from 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara with questions: 978-697-1349 or 617-410-6309, or barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

Immaculate Conception School

May 15 is Peace Officers Memorial Day, which pays tribute to local, state, and federal law enforcement officials who died or were injured in the line of duty. Immaculate Conception School 8th grade students participate in this event in Brown Square, followed by a tour of the Newburyport Police Department. This year's tour was led by Officer Carly Siemasko, who is a graduate of Immaculate Conception School and will be this year's graduation speaker. The tour of the police department includes an explanation of how criminals are processed and detained, how the dispatch desk functions, and inspection of the extensive scuba gear and water equipment that the department uses. The garage with the fleet of bicycles for around town patrolling also houses the mini police cruiser bed that is used in the Yankee Homecoming bed races.

Immaculate Conception School and the Newburyport Police Department have always worked together to support the needs of the students. Officers walk the halls of our school several times a week, talking and interacting with the students to foster familiarity and friendship. Especially near and dear to the students and staff is School Resource Officer Kyle McElroy who always shares a smile and a compassionate message when he visits. We are grateful for the partnership and for all that the Newburyport Police Department does for our community and for their dedication in keeping our schools safe.



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.svdpnnewburyport.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.

Breaking Bread to-go Meal Dining-in Now Available

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!

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, May 13–14	\$1,714.00
HR Mailed in Offertory, week ending May 12	\$ 5.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 330.00
Total Weekly Offertory	\$2,049.00
Monthly	\$1,418.00
Grand Annual Goal: \$25,000	\$19,715

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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: hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

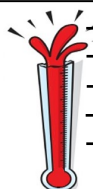


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Join us at St. Ann Church grounds on **Saturday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.**, for our first Annual Garden Party and Clean Up Day at St. Ann Church.

All are welcome: Garden Party & Clean up Day



Bring your family, friends, or come alone and help us in weeding and planting the garden beds while also enjoying some lemonade, pastries, and conversation with your Holy Redeemer community.

We are blessed to have a parishioner volunteering to mow our church lawn, but we need some help in getting our gardens looking their best. If you enjoy gardening or just digging in the dirt, we can use your help. Please bring your own garden tools...and don't forget your garden gloves! Any perennials you wish to donate will be gratefully appreciated!

In case of rain we will meet on Sunday, June 11, 1:00 p.m. For more information contact Donna Pallone, (978) 683-3632 or dpallone21@gmail.com.

Activities Committee Meeting

The HR Activities Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 31. We will be planning our next events, including the annual Holiday Fair in November. All are welcome to attend the meeting and share your talents.

HR St. Vincent de Paul



Imagine not knowing when or if you can get to work, go food shopping, or get to a doctor's appointment. Having no control over your transportation makes scheduling impossible and day-to-day living chaotic. Being without access to a car—even for a day or two—is tough!

Experiencing transportation insecurity means not ever being sure that you will have a timely, reliable way to get to work or to appointments. Local volunteers help tremendously with mercy transportation for the elderly or the chronically ill. Our conference routinely helps families for whom getting a ride here and there is just not enough: they need reliable transportation! Helping with car repairs, overdue insurance or even an overdue payment is not unusual for the HR St Vincent de Paul Society.

We appreciate your continued generosity as we help to address "transportation insecurity" in our community. As always, our poor boxes are available in each church for your donations. Envelopes can be found in the pews if you choose to mail in a donation. Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to HR SVdP, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

Don't forget the clothes collection bin behind the Green St., Merrimac rectory and also beside the Food Mart in West Newbury. As always, we appreciate your generosity.

If you know of someone who needs assistance, please have them call our hotline at 978-346-8604 X4.

Mite Boxes

Our conference greatly appreciates the generosity of our parish community for their Lenten Mite Box donations.

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Our next meeting is Thursday, June 1. at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.

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Please give thoughtful consideration to becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion, or Altar Server for St. Ann or Nativity Church. No experience is necessary: we will teach you everything you need to know. Scheduling is very flexible.

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