

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

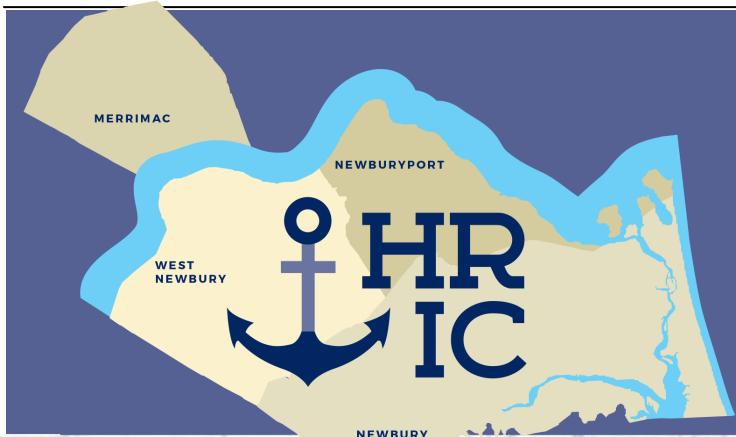
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All Are Welcome



The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the  
glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

Revelation 21:23



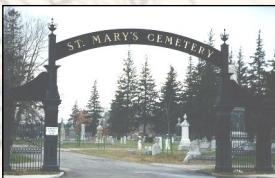
# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

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  
**Phone:** 978-346-8604  
Email: [info@hriccatholic.org](mailto:info@hriccatholic.org)



## St. Mary's Cemetery

36 Storey Avenue,  
Newburyport 01950

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4 Green St., Merrimac 01860  
Office Hours: By appointment  
**Phone:** 978-346-8604  
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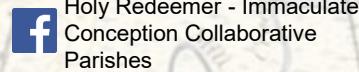
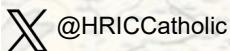
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Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir

609-519-3236

### Confessions

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



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (5/24)

4:00pm **IC** *Phyllis White, Michael Perruccio (Bishop Hennessey & Deacon Moranski)*  
 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)

### 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, Rose DeLuca (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)*

### Monday (5/26) Memorial Day

9:00am **St. Mary Cemetery** (*weather permitting*)  
*For the intentions of Anthony D'Ambrosio (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)*

### Tuesday (5/27)

9:00am **IC** *Lena D'Ambrosio, Charles H. Audet, Michael Giacchetti (Fr. Stanley)*

### Wednesday (5/28)

9:00am **IC** *Kim Reilly Dow (Fr. Stanley)*

### Thursday (5/29) Feast of the Ascension

9:00am **IC** *Elaine Poulin (Fr. Morin)*  
 9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)  
 7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)  
 7:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

### Friday (5/30)

9:00am **IC** *Jean Keefe Doyle, Margaret (Peg) Roney, For the Needs of Families (Fr. Harrison)*

### Saturday (5/31)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 4:00pm **IC** *Barry M. Shepperson, Michael Reardon, Mabel & Harry Kalashian (Fr. Stanley)*

### Sunday (6/1)

8:30am **Nativity** *Maria & Jozef Kardas (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)*  
 9:00am **IC** *Maria Nault, Gilda LaBarba (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)*  
 10:00am **St. Ann** *Jerry Mullen (Fr. Stanley)*  
 11:00am **IC** *Domenico & Caterina Maiello, Joseph Carmody (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)*

*In your prayers please remember Thomas A. Tribble, Michael Crowley, 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.



## Feast of the Ascension

Thursday, May 29 is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. Collaborative Mass times:

9:00 a.m.: **IC**  
 9:00 a.m.: **St. Ann**  
 7:00 p.m.: **IC**  
 7:00 p.m.: **Nativity**

## 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).

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 Collaborative Parishes

## Memorial Day Office Hours

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 27, at 9:00 a.m.

# 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 26, Memorial Day

**Collaborative Offices Closed**

**Memorial Day Mass** 9:00am, St. Mary's Cemetery, Nbpt.

**Memorial Day Parade Gathering** 10:00am, St. Ann Church

### Tuesday, May 27

**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 28

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

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

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

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

### Thursday, May 29, Ascension

**Summer Faith Formation Catechist Mtg.** 10:15am, IC Charity Dining Room

### Friday, May 30

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

**AA Mtg.** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Saturday, May 31

**Pastoral Council Mtg.** 9:00am, Nativity Hall

**Confessions** 3:00pm, IC Church

### Sunday, June 1

**KofC Hospitality Sunday** 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

**St. Ann Coffee Hour** 11:00am, St. Ann Hall

**Faith Formation Volunteer Brunch** 12:00 noon, IC St. Louis Hall

**Baptism Preparation** 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

## HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

**Next delivery is Wednesday, May 28**

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

**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—with or without cheese—and peanut butter & jelly are favorites. **Please do not use condiments.**

Homemade **soups** and **casseroles** are always gratefully accepted. You can pick up soup containers and/or foil baking pans during the drop off dates/time.

Party-sized **powdered drink mixes** such as iced tea, lemonade, and Kool-Aid, along with fresh fruits and goodies (cookies, chips, candies, etc.) are greatly appreciated!

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

*If you would like more information or have any questions about the HRIC Soup and Sandwich program, feel free contact the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724.*



## 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).

## 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).

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS



## First Eucharist Celebrations

Congratulations to those who made their First Eucharist in May this year.

We celebrated at five beautiful Masses in the Collaborative.

## Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism:

**William Joseph Bona**

**Anne Claire Curtin**

**Lillian Jean Habib**

**Harrison James Harvey**

**Carmen Josephine Morse**

**Beau Coyne O'Connor**

**Miles Mark O'Connor**

**Ellie Summer Scott**

## 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).

## Bulletin Information

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

## 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/).



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

Contact Collaborative offices to remove 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.



A group of men from the Collaborative attended a retreat at Saint Joseph's Abbey in Spencer this past week. Father Jean-Claude, a monk at the Abbey, was our retreat director. It was a blessed week for all.

## 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.

## St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Box



Immaculate Conception SVdP now offers a St. Vincent de Paul clothing drop box. We are accepting **clothing and shoes only** in the drop box.

The box is located behind the IC Parish Center, nearest Green Street.

## 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

## Adoration



"Adoration doesn't have instructions, and there's no particular format to follow....It's free time with Jesus, where we don't have to think about kneeling and standing or finding pages in the hymnal. Adoration is our up-close-and-personal time with the Holy Eucharist, where we can focus wholly on our relationship with God." (from *The Handy Little Guide: Adoration* by Michelle Jones Schroeder)

**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)

## Questions of the Week



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

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



## The God Minute

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

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

See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. Visit [www.thegodminute.org](http://www.thegodminute.org).

## Walk for Life

Join us Saturday June 21, 2025 as we Walk for Life! The Pregnancy Care Center is celebrating its 40th Anniversary with a Walk for Life event at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Lawrence. This 2-mile, family-friendly event is a great way to show your support for the hundreds of local women, children and families they serve each year.

Register to walk, build a team, and start fundraising today at [PCCFriends.org/events](http://PCCFriends.org/events). Thank you!

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, May 17–18	\$6,415.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending May 16	\$ 714.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,256.59
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, May 17–18</b>	<b>\$10,385.59</b>

The second collection this weekend (May 25) is IC Haiti. Make checks payable to "IC Haiti."

The second collection next weekend (June 1) is the Monthly.

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: \$36,266.00

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.

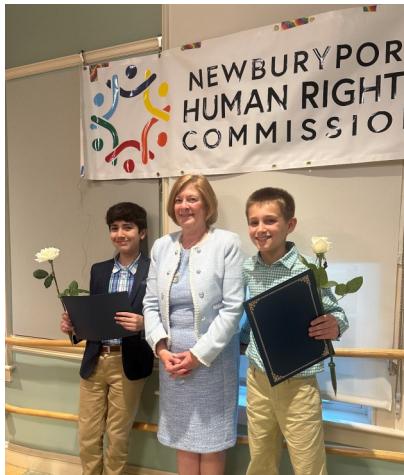
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## Immaculate Conception School

On May 14, two students from Immaculate Conception School received the Peace Prize Award 2025 from the Newburyport Human Rights Commission. This annual awards ceremony celebrates remarkable students from all Newburyport schools. This year's recipients for the IC were Matias Frueh, 7th grade, and Ben Pocsik who is in 5th grade.

Both recipients were applauded by IC teachers for their sensitivity to those around them and the all around kindness that they radiate every day. Mrs. Kelly Milia, the 5th grade teacher wrote in her nomination letter, "Helping someone to feel included and welcomed is always on Ben's radar." The middle school math teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Godfrey nominated Matias, and wrote in her nomination letter, "Matias stands out in faith and leads with clarity and genuineness. This subtle but strong example to the school-community lets others know it's okay to speak up for what you believe in."



Congratulations Ben and Matias! We are very proud of you and are blessed to have you as such wonderful disciples within our community!!

Matias (left),  
Mrs. Sullivan,  
and Ben.

Photo courtesy of K. Milia

## It's Berry Festival Time Again!



The date of our Festival this year is **Sunday, July 27**, the first day of Yankee Homecoming Week.

All are welcome to join us for our first planning meeting on **Monday June 2, at 6:00 p.m. in IC St Louis Hall**.

This event takes many volunteers and all parishioners are invited to come and see how you can help make this event successful. Please join us for the first meeting and share your talents.

## Knights Hospitality Sunday



Join us **Sunday, June 1, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC Parish Center for Hospitality Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending May 16	\$ 880.00
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**HR Catholic Appeal**  
Goal \$28,800.00  
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## HR Coffee Hours



Holy Redeemer Coffee Hours are held twice a month, seasonally, 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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