

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

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Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

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*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak
in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.*

(Acts 2:4)

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Pentecost

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend brings our Easter Season to a close with the great feast of Pentecost. Celebrated 50 days after Easter, Pentecost has its roots in the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot, also known as the "Feast of Weeks" that corresponds to the wheat harvest in Israel, usually seven weeks and one day after the celebration of Passover. In the Church, we celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the early disciples and the beginning of the time of the Church in Salvation History.

Empowered by the Spirit, the disciples were given the grace and strength to go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It is the Pentecost event that unleashed the preaching of the Apostles and the rapid missionary efforts that would lead to the spread of the Gospel and the founding of numerous Christian communities throughout the known world. What began as a ragtag band of uncertain fishermen following an itinerant rabbi soon became an international and multi-continental call to belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Their message was simple and direct: repent of doing evil, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and believe in the Good News that God has acted powerfully through the sacrifice of His only Son to save us.

Given the hostile reaction that many Jewish leaders and those in authority had to the message and preaching of Jesus, all of this might have ended with His crucifixion and death. In hindsight, it SHOULD have ended there and then. And yet, within a very short time after His execution at the hands of the Romans, reports of Jesus' resurrection began to spread throughout all of the region surrounding Jerusalem. Rather than hiding out of fear that what happened to Jesus might happen to them, the Apostles were emboldened to go out into the very streets, synagogues, and even the Temple area in Jerusalem and proclaim His rising from the

dead. They found an incredible joy in preaching the Good News and even healing people and casting out demons in Jesus' name, just as the Lord Himself had done months before.

All this can be attributed to the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling among them and working to open windows when doors were shut before them, unlocking the obstacles in people's hearts and outright guiding the pathways of those who sought to share their faith with others. This same Spirit continues to work among us, directing the hearts of many and providing comfort and strength, guidance and direction when it is most needed. Given to us in Baptism and sealed within us at Confirmation, this gift of the Holy Spirit is our number one asset in seeking to follow Christ in an often-confusing and troubled world. If we are docile to the movements of the Holy Spirit in our lives, it will be a reliable and steady conductor of our daily affairs as well as a potent marker of new paths and directions we are to take when God chooses.

May our hearts be consoled through this great advocate, counselor, and friend:

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful
and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.**

Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.

And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

**O God, Who did instruct the hearts of Thy
faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise,
and ever to rejoice in His consolation.**

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(From the traditional Prayer to the Holy Spirit as found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCC 2670)

Memorial Day blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Several weeks ago, we received word from the Archdiocese that all COVID-era restrictions at Mass were being lifted and that, in particular, we could return to sharing Holy Communion under both forms, which means, among other things, offering the Chalice once again. All this may begin as early as the weekend of June 10–11, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). With strong support from our Collaborative Pastoral Council, I am happy to reintroduce the Communion Cup on that upcoming weekend and warmly extend an invitation to all of you to embrace this fullest form of sharing in Holy Communion.



Since it has been 3 years that we have been without it, I want to take a few moments here and explain a little about why this is so important and also respond to some common questions that frequently accompany the sharing of the Chalice. To begin with, it is critical that all of us understand the “why” behind this ancient practice.

Before the time of Jesus, the Cup of Blessing was an integral part of both the Jewish Passover meal itself as well as common at the weekly Friday evening Sabbath meal, where a blessing is offered to God in gratitude for His many gifts. The Cup of Blessing symbolized many things, but most especially God’s favor upon those who shared in it. To produce wine required the actions of many hands, time, and an abundance of favorable weather, rain, sunshine, and patience. Skilled laborers were needed to properly prune the vines, water and fertilize the soil so that just the right amount of nutrients reached the roots. At just the right moment, the entire community would be called upon to go out into the vineyard to harvest the grapes as they ripened. Many people would be involved in picking, sorting, crushing, and pouring this new infant wine into wineskins for fermentation and maturing. Then all waited for the wine to reach its peak, when it was shared with all. To have an abundance of good, quality wine was seen as a tremendous blessing from God, as God had such a powerful hand in bringing it about.

It is this Cup of Blessing (the third of four cups of wine used in the Passover meal/Seder supper) that Jesus is believed to have offered to His disciples at the Last Supper. “Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” (Mk 14:23–25) In this moment, Jesus transforms an already-rich symbol of God’s potent blessing into the very sharing of Himself, His sacrifice to be offered on the Cross, His resurrection from the dead, His offer of new eternal life with the Father. To follow His command to “take and eat, take and drink, do this in remembrance of me,” means our full participation in His One sacrifice, and thus our full participation in the fruits of that One sacrifice, namely the forgiveness of our sins and life everlasting!

As St. Paul would later write in his First Letter to the infant Church at Corinth, “The cup of blessing that we bless, is it

not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.” (1Cor 10:16–17) Thus we also express our unity by sharing in one bread and one cup. One of Jesus’ most fervent prayers during His earthly ministry was that we be one with each other. “I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.” (Jn 17:21–22) This unity is expressed in many ways, but none more powerfully than in our sharing in the One Bread and One Cup.

So, we share Holy Communion in obedience to the Lord’s command, as a sign of our full participation in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection and as an expression of our profound unity in Christ. The Real Presence of Christ offered to us in Holy Communion is true food and true drink that means we share in eternal life. “Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.” (Jn 6:53–58) Because of God’s great love for us through Christ, we are invited regularly to share in this highest gift and greatest of blessings.

So, now on to some Frequently Asked Questions:

- Q:** All during COVID and for many years in the past we only received Holy Communion in the form of bread. Why is receiving under both forms better?
- A:** While it is the Church’s teaching that whether a person receives under one form or both (either Host or Chalice,) they receive the full Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ; receiving Holy Communion under both forms (Bread and Wine) together, however, is the full sign of Communion as instituted by Christ. It more clearly represents the sacred meal that is being offered and more fully shows how God satisfies our hunger and quenches our thirst for His love. It is how Christ instituted the Eucharist for us.
- Q:** Why don’t we use individual communion cups like some of the Protestant churches?
- A:** As mentioned above, it has long been our Church’s tradition to share Holy Communion from a common cup. This preserves the communal nature of our sharing in Communion as well as more clearly shows our unity as a community of faith.
- Q:** Sometimes we have seen people trying to receive by intinction (dipping the Host into the Chalice of Precious Blood.) Why isn’t this allowed?
- A:** While some different communities may have had this practice in the past, currently it is not allowed in the Archdiocese of Boston except in some special

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circumstances, and only with the Bishop's permission. There are reasons of hygiene to be considered as well, given that there are far more germs on people's hands than on their lips, thus the act of intinction brings a much greater risk of contaminating the Precious Blood. The words of Jesus, too, are clear: "Take and drink."

•**Q:** Doesn't drinking from the Chalice pose a health risk? Isn't that why it was forbidden during COVID?

•**A:** We encountered many restrictions and modified practices during COVID. Some were helpful and necessary, others, in hindsight, were less so. Restricting the use of the common Communion cup during COVID was done out of an abundance of caution and with regard to the safety of all, including those who were struggling with weakened immune systems and compromised health. Going back several decades, the Church approached the CDC. (The Centers for Disease Control) not once but twice and asked if the sharing of a common Communion cup has ever been known to be a source of the spread of disease. In both instances, the CDC responded by saying that although it could not rule out the possibility of such an event, it was not aware of any outbreak of disease spread from the sharing of the cup. To further reduce the possibility of the spreading of disease, the manner in which Holy Communion from the Chalice is administered is carefully done. Metal (non-porous) Chalices are used. Clean Purificators (the cloth napkins used at Communion) wipe both sides of the rim of the Chalice after each communicant. The Chalice itself is carefully rotated in between each communicant so that it has a chance to dry after being wiped. Although we believe that the wine becomes the Precious Blood of the Lord during the Mass, it retains the slightly antiseptic quality of alcohol, further reducing the chance of spreading an illness. All these things taken together provide for a measure of safety in sharing the Chalice among healthy communicants.

•**Q:** So, is it safe to drink from the Cup on a regular basis?

•**A:** Yes, if you are otherwise healthy and don't suffer from a compromised immune system.

•**Q:** Is there anyone who should refrain from receiving Holy Communion from the Cup?

•**A:** Anyone who is sick and considered contagious or exhibits any form of nasal / gastrointestinal illness should refrain from receiving the Precious Blood (and indeed, attending Mass in person) until such time that they have completely recovered from their illness. Women who are pregnant should consult with their doctor about whether receiving the Precious Blood is appropriate for them. Once again, although we believe that the wine has become the Blood of the Lord, it still retains the "accidents" (physical properties) of wine with alcohol. In this same line, those who suffer from substance-use-disorder or those who are recovering alcoholics might consider refraining from receiving for this same reason, though individual circumstances affect people in different ways. What is permissible for one may not work well for others who are more sensitive to the effects of alcohol. In all things, please use prudence and common sense.

•**Q:** What about those who are gluten-intolerant? Are they

able to receive from the Chalice?

•**A:** Depending on a person's reaction to gluten, it may be best for them to either be the first person in line to receive from a particular Cup, or to make arrangements ahead of time to receive from their own, personal Chalice that is set aside only for them. Because a small piece of the priest's Host is intentionally placed in one of the Chalices during the Fraction Rite and because this Chalice is sometimes used for general distribution, this is best worked out ahead of time with the priest.

•**Q:** What about children? Are they allowed to receive?

•**A:** Yes, provided that they have been properly prepared, have already celebrated their First Holy Communion and have the permission of their parents.

•**Q:** What happens if some of the Precious Blood is spilled or drips? Isn't this a sacrilege?

•**A:** Our Ministers of Communion (clergy and laity) are trained how to handle this and will carefully cover the spill on the floor with the Purificator until it can be properly cleaned after Mass. Please remember that the Lord gave us these elements—bread and wine, fully aware that there would be times when crumbs and spillage would occur. It is far more important that we receive confidently these lavish gifts of God's Real Presence for our spiritual nourishment rather than worry about an occasional mishap. The reverent attention of all involved will keep these moments to a minimum.

•**Q:** Why can't we use grape juice, like some other Protestant churches do?

•**A:** The Catholic Church requires that we use pure wine made only from grapes for use as Communion. It cannot contain any other ingredients and must have an alcohol content of 11% or higher. Jesus used real wine at the Last Supper, as would have any faithful Jew during the Passover celebration. We honor and are part of an ancient and rich tradition that requires our faithfulness to the actions and directives of Christ through the Church.

•**Q:** If for whatever reason I choose not to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice at a given Mass, what should I do? Just walk by and ignore the Cup?

•**A:** Even if not receiving from the Chalice on a given week, a communicant should always pause briefly and make a slight bow of the head to the Chalice to acknowledge the Real Presence of the Lord contained in the Precious Blood, just as one would do if passing by a Minister of the Host.

I hope that this article has been helpful in preparing our communities to welcome and embrace a return to sharing Holy Communion under both forms in the weeks ahead. I also understand if some people are not yet ready to return to all of our former practices in the time before COVID. But I do hope that everyone will prayerfully reflect on the nature of our shared Eucharistic meal and in the weeks and months ahead seek to celebrate it in its fullest manner for the sake of all. Please do not hesitate to approach me or any of our clergy or staff if you have any questions or concerns.

May the Lord bless us richly in the time ahead!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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Mass Schedule

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, Eugene John Mucci
(Fr. Harrison)

Monday (5/29) Memorial Day

9:00am **St. Mary's Cemetery** Neal Hudson, Tom &
Peg Pendergast (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (5/30)

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

Wednesday (5/31)

9:00am **IC** Tom & Peg Pendergast (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (6/1)

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

Friday (6/2)

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

Saturday (6/3)

4:00pm **IC** Harry & Mabel O'Brien Kalashian, Mary
Taylor (Fr. Stanley)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (6/4)

8:30am **Nativity** Jozef Kardas & family
(Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)
9:00am **IC** Michael Perruccio (Fr. McLaughlin)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon
Moranski)
11:00am **IC** Domenico & Caterina Maiello
(Fr. Stanley)

In your prayers please remember Barbara Carbone, Kenneth A.
Morris, 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](#)).

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.

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 Charity Dining Room
from 10:15–11:30 to discuss Laura Kelley Fanucci's
Everyday Sacrament: The Messy Grace of Parenting.

Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 29



Mass will be offered on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 29**, 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.

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

Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **June 4, after the 9:00am Mass**, in IC St. Louis Hall for Hospitality Sunday. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.

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.



Hospitality Sunday

1st Sundays after the 9AM Mass | Parish Center



HRIC Playgroup



Join our new HRIC playgroup! Come let your little ones play, read, and sing while meeting other parents of young ones in our Collaborative. We meet on Friday mornings from 9:45–11:15 in the IC Conference Room 209. Open to all ages including infants! We will meet through June 23 before our summer break. Contact Kim (mom of Max, 2) at kimberly.a.schulte@gmail.com for more information. We would love to see you!

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Second Collection May 27-28

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future 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.

IC Haiti: Part 6

The period from 2017 to 2019 saw a rise in costs to support the annual Fr. Marc Piché Elementary school budget and dental program. In addition, a new solar and wind powered water filtration system was installed at the school; an annual teacher training program was initiated; and scholarships to attend a secondary school were offered to all graduates of our elementary school. For this three-year period, IC Haiti's total costs to support these efforts averaged just over \$66,000 per year.

In July of 2018, IC Haiti issued a 5-Year Financial Report to IC Parish covering the years 2013-2017. This report included all income (collections, fundraising, gifts, and interest); all program costs and aid to Haiti; and administrative costs. The purpose of that report was primarily informational, but the Board of Directors for IC Haiti also wanted parishioners to see that the Board was being a good steward of their generous donations. A second 5-Year Report (2018-2022) will be issued shortly as part of this series on the history of IC Haiti.

Three fundraising efforts stood out during this period, and each of them was initiated by IC Parish students. First, Margot Anderson-Song's annual sale of "Cookies for Haiti" continued to support our mission to Haiti. Second, the children in the Davis family held a lemonade stand during Yankee Homecoming to raise funds and awareness for IC Haiti. Third, Alyson Rose, a graduate of IC, created a beautiful portrait of our church to adorn cards she sold to raise funds for IC Haiti.

In September of 2019, the Board of Directors invited parishioners and all other supporters of IC Haiti to a video presentation at the Newburyport Community Center. The video "Bending the Arc" focused on the efforts of Dr. Paul Farmer and his colleagues to deliver the highest quality health care to the most unlikely places, including Haiti. *"Reaching far beyond the issue of health care, 'Bending the Arc' shows how moral imagination, strategy, and sheer will together can change the trajectory of the world, bending the arc of the moral universe closer to justice."* (<http://bendingthearcfilm.com>) Our purpose in inviting people to see this film was to thank them for their past support and to inspire them to continue to see the people of Haiti with the eyes of Christ.

Some may ask: why are we continuing to help the people of Haiti? Despite widespread social chaos and violence, natural disasters, disease, lack of resources, political corruption, and greed, we are helping them because God continues to invite and empower us to be kind and merciful as He is kind and merciful. We are helping the people of Haiti because we have chosen to see them as our brothers and sisters who are in dire need of our compassion.

CPR Training

We are able to offer some additional CPR classes. All are welcome to sign up. The cost is \$50 per person. Pre-registration is required. Sessions are limited to 8 participants each. Please call the Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724 and let us know which session you would like to attend.

Saturday, June 17, 9:00 a.m. IC Charity Dining Room
Saturday, June 24, 9:00 a.m. Nativity Hall

These training sessions are being offered as an extension of our recent purchase of AED and stop bleed/first aid kits for our worship spaces. If you would like to make a donation to help pay for these potentially life-saving kits, please contact Dennis in our offices. Full or partial donations for these sets are welcome and appreciated.

Collaborative Faith Formation

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



Summer 2023 Faith Formation Week
Grades 3-8 June 26-30 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Registration forms available online:
hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

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.

HRIC BBQ Celebrating Father's Day June 17

Want to celebrate the Dads in your life in a special way? Then join us for the HRIC Father's Day BBQ on Saturday, June 17 at 5:00 p.m., immediately following the 4:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception. Dining will be on the lawn between the church and the parish center.



Fr. Tim will be flipping burgers and dogs. Chips, watermelon, cookies, and brownies will round out the menu. Vegetarian options too. Top it off with iced tea, lemonade, or Father Ray's special iced coffee. Cornhole, hula hoops, bubbles, and cotton candy for the kids!

Entertainment provided by choir member and WJOP Jazz World DJ, Sean Goguen from 93.5 Joppa Radio.

Hosted by the HRIC Cursillo Community, there is no charge for the BBQ, but reservations are requested for headcount. Please use the link below to connect to Eventbrite to reserve the number in your party or you may call the office to reserve as well.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/immaculate-conception-175th-anniversary-fathers-day-bbq-tickets-639887359317>

So, when you hear the call of the bagpipes, find your place in line and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship as we honor the men who are a strong and loving presence in our lives.

IC 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Laudato Sí Garden Dedication



An intrepid group of parishioners and friends braved the rain and walked from IC to the new Laudato Sí Garden on Saturday, May 20, to hear bagpipes by parishioner Tom

Welch, a dedication service by Pastor Tim Harrison, the unveiling of a stone monument and encouraging remarks by Mayor Sean R. Reardon. The garden, proposed and created by the Laudato Sí group and designed by local landscaper, Carol Robertson, is planted with native trees, shrubs, and flowers chosen to support indigenous species of birds, bees, butterflies, and moths. The garden was inspired by Laudato Sí, Pope Francis' beautiful encyclical on climate change, which has spurred international efforts to protect our earth and all of its creatures. The dedication concluded with the hymn, "For The Beauty of the Earth" with guitarist, Steve Swochak, and a scattering of bird seed for the "visitors" to the garden. The Laudato Sí group meets on the third Wednesday of the month in spring and fall to hear speakers discuss their own efforts to tread lightly on this earth. Join us!



Fr. Lennon's Devotion to the Parish and to Newburyport

IC's 175th Anniversary History Continued

We last met Fr. Lennon as he presided over the dedication of the Immaculate Conception Parish church in 1853. Following soon thereafter, a residence was purchased for Fr. Lennon on Court St. on the site of the present rectory. Fr. Lennon's zeal and energy continued through 1862 with major repairs to the church, the addition of a basement room where Sunday School was conducted and the beginnings of a tower in preparation for a spire.

This was a time of rapid growth for the parish. An extremely loyal following indeed. A Newburyport Herald article from 1861 noted that "there are perhaps not more than 2500 Catholics in this city...and...full three-quarters of these are attending church once at least every day.... From a thousand to fifteen hundred of them will attend Mass at 5 o'clock in the morning."

Fr. Lennon's dedicated service to the parish and the community came to an end after 21 years when, at age 51, he passed away on July 13, 1871. Fr. Lennon's body was placed in a grave at the southeast corner of the church that he built and remained there until it was transferred to St. Mary's cemetery in 1877. On the occasion of his death, the Newburyport Herald writes, "Thus was buried a good man and a pastor, one whose influence on his people is admitted by people of all sects to have been beneficial to them, and for the interests of the community in which he and they lived." This proud tradition of community support continues today.

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: 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 **7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 12** at IC St. Louis Hall. All are welcome.

175th Anniversary Prayer

Immaculate Conception Church

1848-2023

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 20–21	\$3,703.00
IC Mailed in Offertory, week ending May 19	\$1,145.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,296.34
Total Weekly Offertory	\$8,144.34
IC Haiti	\$2,364.00
Ascension	\$ 734.00
Grand Annual Goal: \$100,000	\$81,950

The second collection this weekend (May 28) is *Seminarians*. See page 6 of the bulletin for details. The second collection next weekend (June 4) 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.

Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School STREAM Fair was held on May 17 in the school gym. On display were projects of personal interest to the middle school students. The STREAM challenge, which involved work over several months, was designed to focus on amplifying student voice. It incorporated four stages; wonder, find, create, and share. Students selected a topic that interested them, or a problem that they wanted to solve. Once their topic was identified, students began to do research to learn more. The create phase of the project involved making something to inform others about the topic. This was the part of the project that really showcased student voice and choice. Some students worked with virtual reality, others made models, informational videos, games that would appeal to young children, as well as visual displays that provided a great deal of information. Students shared their projects with classmates before gathering together in the gym for the final STREAM Fair that was visited by the school community.



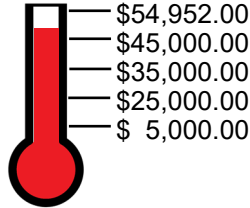
The STREAM challenge and the process Mrs. Fallon, the Science teacher who followed to amplify student voice, was of particular interest to the Catholic Schools Office at the Archdiocese. They partnered with cor, a professional development company, to chronicle the progress of IC students, and educated other RCAB teachers and administrators on the importance of voice and choice to foster student engagement.

STREAM Fair projects ranged from ecological problems, diseases, evolution of sports equipment, cookie ingredients, a wide range of animals, and famous athletes.



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Questions of the Week

Adult: What one area in your life do you need forgiveness from? forgiving yourself or forgiveness from another?

Child: Name one way that shows you have forgiven a friend or classmate?

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.svdpnwburyport.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!



Pictured, Jack G. in Grade 6 shares his knowledge on big air skiing with several Kindergarten schoolmates.

Ultreya

Our regional Ultreya will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2 at IC Church, Newburyport. Join our brothers and sisters from Amesbury, Haverhill, and Newburyport in prayer for those living their weekend.



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HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, May 20-21	\$1,726.00
HR Mailed in Offertory, week ending May 19	\$1,350.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 330.00
Total Weekly Offertory	\$3,406.00
IC Haiti	\$ 516.00
Ascension	\$ 238.00
Grand Annual Goal: \$25,000	\$19,715

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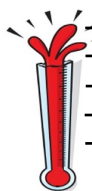
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.

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Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** for the month of **June**.

In God's Garden There is Work to be Done!

All are welcome: Garden Party & Clean up Day

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.



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.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

There but for the Grace of God Go I



People point to a number of religious leaders as the source of this expression, which means that I, too, could be in such a situation if it weren't for the grace of God. How quickly a situation can change. A lost job...a crippling illness...a bad investment...all of these situations can bring an individual or a family into a life-changing situation. Often the St. Vincent de Paul Society is called upon to help.

With your donations we continue to answer the calls. Please use the envelopes in the pews or place your donation in the poor boxes located in both of the Parish churches. Thank you for your continued generosity. Pray for the Grace of God to be with us always.

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.

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.

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

New Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers



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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