

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

The Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026



*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.*

John 3:16

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All Are Welcome



# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

*“Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...”*

## St. Ann

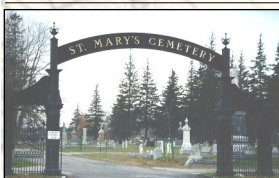
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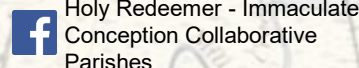
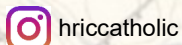
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Saturdays 3:00–3:30 p.m., IC Church  
Or by appointment. (Call Collaborative  
offices to schedule.)



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (5/30)

4:00pm **IC** *Santina Bottari, Elena Chiuccariello, Jean & Jere Doyle* (Fr. Harrison)  
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)

### Sunday (5/31) **Trinity Sunday**

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
9:00am **IC** *Neil Wile* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)  
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)  
**11:00am IC** *Robert Welch, For the intentions of Michael & Kathy Volpone* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

### Monday (6/01)

9:00am **IC** *For the Intentions of Seminarians Connor & Kennedy* (Fr. Harrison)

### Tuesday (6/02)

**No Mass scheduled**

### Wednesday (6/03)

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

### Thursday (6/04)

9:00am **IC** *Ernest Alix* (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (6/05)

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

### Saturday (6/06)

4:00pm **IC** *Paul O'Brien, Mabel & Harry Kalashian* (Fr. Morin)  
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

### Sunday (6/07)

8:30am **Nativity** *Maria & Jozef Kardas* (Fr. Harrison)  
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)  
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
**11:00am IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

*In your prayers please remember all of the faithful departed.*

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

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

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

**NOTE: No Daily Mass Scheduled for Tuesday, June 2.**

## New to our Collaborative?

Let's Celebrate!

*WELCOME* If you've joined our collaborative family in the last few years, we want to welcome you with open arms. Join us on **Sunday, June 14 after the 9:00am Mass** in the **IC Parish Center** for a joyful "Getting to Know You" celebration filled with light refreshments, warm smiles, and wonderful conversation. Come feel the spirit of our community—we can't wait to celebrate you!

## Men's Retreat at Saint Joseph's Abbey



The Guest House of Saint Joseph Abbey in Spencer, MA has been reserved for the exclusive use of the Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Parishes from **Monday, September 21 to**

**Friday, September 25, 2026.**

Spend the week in silent prayer and meditation joining the community of Monks at daily Mass and at the various hours of the day and night as they sing the Divine Office. There is also a daily conference given by one of the Monks. The Guest House welcomes 11 guests (all private rooms with bath).

The cost of this mid-week retreat is \$500.00 per person with arrival on Monday at 3:00 p.m. and departure on Friday after breakfast. Make your reservation with a check payable to Immaculate Conception Parish for \$500.00 (Memo line: Spencer Retreat). Act quickly: space is limited. If you have questions or want more information, please speak to Fr. George Morin.

## Planned Giving



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*Do you want to thank God for all He has given you in your lifetime? Do you care about ensuring that the Catholic values you live and believe will continue to radiate well into the future? Do you want to ensure your parish remains healthy and strong?*

Consider making a planned gift!

A planned gift is a future gift from your assets that you can easily make through your will, trust, life insurance policy, or retirement account. A planned gift supports the future of your parish while allowing you to receive life income and other tax advantages.

**Lynne Sullivan, Director of the Catholic Legacy Society, will be presenting "Planned Giving Made Simple" on Wednesday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m. in IC St. Louis Hall. For more information or to register please contact Dennis or Christine at 978-462-2724, 978-346-8604.**

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

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

#### Monday, June 1

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

Cub Scouts 5:30pm, Nativity Hall

#### Tuesday, June 2

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

HR Sewing Day 9:00am, Nativity Hall

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

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

#### Wednesday, June 3

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Retirement Seminar 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

#### Thursday, June 4

HR Prayer Shawl Mtg. 2:00pm, Nativity Hall

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

#### Friday, June 5

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

AA Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

#### Saturday, June 6

Men's Cursillo Reunion Group 8:00am, St. Ann Church

Women's Cursillo Reunion Group 9:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

#### Sunday, June 7

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

St. Ann Coffee Social 11:00am, St. Ann Hall

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

### 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/).

### Youth Choir

Does your child love to sing? Join the IC Youth Choir!

The IC Youth Choir is for young people in 3rd–8th grade. If your child loves to sing, it is the perfect way for them to use their gifts to glorify God and serve our church.



Rehearsals will begin in mid-September.

For more information, please contact Paula Quann: [youthchoir@hriccatholic.org](mailto:youthchoir@hriccatholic.org)

*"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"*

### True North Vacation Bible School

Trek into an unforgettable 4-day Alaskan adventure this summer at VBS!

**When:** Mon. June 29–Thurs. July 2

**Time:** 9:00–12:00

**Where:** Nativity Church Hall

**Who:** students ages 5–12



Registration is now open. Register online at [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) under "Vacation Bible School."

Cost: \$50/child, \$75 for 2 and, \$100 for 3 or more children.

**Volunteers needed:** Adults and teens

Contact: Jen: 978-697-1082 Donielle: 413-668-6181

### Bulletin Information

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

### Adoration



**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)

### Social Action/Justice Committee News

The next Social Action/Justice committee meeting will be on **June 10 at 6:30 p.m. in IC St Louis Hall**. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Update on Housing for the Homeless during extreme weather
- Outreach to educate all on Social Justice issues and our responsibilities as Catholics—**prayer service for the entire Collaborative**
- Other suggested topics

If you have any ideas or suggestions for projects or issues that should be addressed, please attend a meeting or speak to one of the committee members. **All are welcome.**

This will be the final meeting of the year; the "roadmap" for next year will be discussed.

### Thank You to Everyone

*During the past several months, everyone in the Collaborative has been asked to contribute to a number of causes where members of our local community needed help.*

*Your response was tremendous and it continues to be inspiring.*

*God bless you all.*

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS



First Communion 2026



May 17



May 9

Our 2026 First Eucharist class.

We celebrated at five Masses this year.



May 3



May 16



May 2

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** How do you experience God in your life as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**Child:** What do you think about when you make the Sign of the Cross?

## Catholic Appeal

**Together We Are One**



Once a year, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to support the greater church by giving a gift to the Catholic Appeal. Just as our weekly collection supports our collaborative expenses, initiatives, and programs, the Catholic Appeal helps fund services that are essential to our parishes, schools, and the greater community. Each of us is responsible not only for the wellbeing of our parish but also for the wellbeing of the Church throughout our Archdiocese. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift.

You can drop your donation in the collection (Catholic Appeal envelopes are in the pews, checks payable to "The Catholic Appeal") or, to make a donation online, visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org).

## Ministry Committee News

### Save The Dates

The Collaborative Ministry Committee announces some upcoming events. Mark your calendars:

**Sunday, June 14, 10:00 a.m.,** Welcome Reception for new parishioners, IC St. Louis Hall

**September 12, 13,** Ministry Fair at IC

**September 19, 20,** Ministry Fair at HR

**October 25, 12:45 p.m.,** Appreciation Luncheon for all in Collaborative ministries, IC School Gymnasium

**Saturday, November 14, 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.,** Leadership Training for all in ministry, IC St. Louis Hall

More information on all of these events will be forthcoming.



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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## 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.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Our next meeting is **Thursday, June 4**. All are welcome! **Come join us**. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you!

## 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.

## Call for Altar Servers

**We welcome new altar servers—youth and adult.**



Anyone, 4th grade–adult who has made their First Holy Communion is welcome to join us. Contact Melinda in the office (978-462-2724) if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Training will be 3 one-hour sessions before school (7:45–8:45 a.m.) on three consecutive Mondays: June 1, 8, and 15.

## Calling All Gardeners!

Do you have a green thumb? Love working with flowers and being outdoors? Then the HRIC Rail Trail Garden would be grateful for your help.

The Garden was installed as part of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Immaculate Conception and to commemorate Pope Francis' call to embrace creation in his 2015 encyclical, **Laudato Si**. This important document discusses our responsibility in the "Care of our Common Home."

After the initial planting of annuals and mulching at the garden, the goal is to set up a weekly schedule for weeding and watering and general plant maintenance. If you are willing to coordinate this effort and/or sign up to help, please call/text Pat Temple at 617-899-0424.

In honor of St. Francis' Jubilee year, let's ensure our garden remains a testament to the beauty of God's handiwork and a peaceful place for all to enjoy.

## Prayers for the Sick

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

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|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Lucas Aucamp        | Jane Harney          | Carol O'Neal         |
| Paula Cullen        | Chloe Hequet         | Eleanora Paciulan    |
| Barnhart            | Loriann Herrick      | Joseph Palumbo       |
| Pattie Bombard      | Matt Hershey         | Carol Parks          |
| Kathy P. Brodeur    | Angela Holloran      | Joanne Pesa          |
| Michael Brenner     | Tula Hunt            | Elizabeth Pettingell |
| Phyllis Collins     | Emma Hurley          | Lorraine Portalla    |
| Autumn Rose         | Young Jameson        | Angie Reddy          |
| Coulombe            | Derek Johnson        | Regina Seely         |
| Kristen D'Entremont | Steve Johnson        | Yvonne Sloban        |
| Neal DesRoches      | Michael Juralewicz   | Gary Smith           |
| Ward Dilmore        | Denise Kenneson      | Arlene Stoddard      |
| Deb Downie          | Arthur LaPointe      | Susan Sweeney        |
| Dotty Duval         | Ed Laverty           | Taylor               |
| Ann-Margaret        | Michael Lichtenstein | Captain Bill Taplin  |
| Ferrante            | Donna Limone         | Heather Thompson     |
| John Flynn          | Johannah Lord        | Michael Tucker       |
| Jeanine Ebacher     | Monica Maguire       | Maddie Villers       |
| Fowler              | Sia Mahalati         | Laurent Vincent      |
| Renee Fowler        | Michael Marchese     | Joseph Vonhandorf    |
| Cheryl Gallo        | Robert (Bob) Marks   | Sandra Welch         |
| John Gutshaw        | Michael Martens      |                      |
| Jon Haggerty        | Ovidio Martinez      |                      |
| Ed Hardy            | William Murphy       |                      |

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

## Men's Cursillo Reunion Group Opportunities

For those who have been to Cursillo, Reunion Group is an opportunity to meet in small groups to share your spiritual life, support others in their walk with Jesus, and to deepen your commitment to Christ.

There are two Men's Reunion Groups to join in our Collaborative.

1. "St. Ann Group": Meets on the first and third Saturday of each month from 8:00–9:00 a.m. at St. Ann Church in West Newbury.
2. "IC Group": **Starting on Saturday June 13**, this **new** group will meet on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 8:00–9:00 a.m. at IC St. James Chapel.

You may choose to participate in either or both groups. Feel free to reach out with questions (Jonathan, 978-809-9337), and feel free to share this opportunity with other men who have been to Cursillo.

## 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. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call 978-225-0804 or email [kofc231@outlook.com](mailto:kofc231@outlook.com).

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Adoration Note Cards



Many people had asked for more of the Richard Jones watercolor, *Adoration*, depicting the altar at Immaculate Conception during Adoration with John Kelley and our beloved friend, Joseph Patchett.

We are happy to announce we have boxes of the cards available for the cost of \$10 per box.

Cards will be available for purchase through the office.

We are blessed by the work of our very talented parishioner, Richard Jones, and are grateful he has allowed us to use the image once again.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

### Serving Our Neighbors in Need

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues its mission of bringing hope and assistance to those in need within our parish and community. Through your generous donations and prayers, we are able to make a real difference in people's lives.

If you or someone you know is facing hardship, please reach out to us. All requests are handled with compassion and confidentiality.

#### How to Donate:

- Online: [svdpnewburyport.org](http://svdpnewburyport.org) and click on "Donate"
- By mail: St. Vincent de Paul, IC Conference, 42 Green St., Newburyport, MA 01950
- In Church: use the "Poor Box" at the Green St. entrance

We hope you can "Help us help our neighbors." Thank you for sharing Christ's love in such a tangible way.

Do you or someone you know need assistance? Call our confidential help line: 978-518-0728. Members respond to all messages as quickly as possible.

## Community Events

### Choral Evensong: to be a light in the Darkness

Join us for a performance featuring the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Choir and the Jubilate Chamber Choir.

**Date:** May 31, 2026

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newburyport

### First Thursdays Concert Series

Take a midday break and enjoy live performances in a beautiful setting. All performances are on the first Thursday of the month from June until December.

**Time:** 12:00 noon–12:30 p.m.

**Location:** St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newburyport

**June 4:** Baroque Trios for Three

**July 2:** Ragtime

**August 6:** From Biber to Bach

**September 3:** The Blue Jays

**October 1:** Organ with the Historic Willia Stevens Organ

**November 5:** Spanish Baroque

**December 3:** Carols and Hymns of the Season

## St. Vincent de Paul Breaking Bread Meal

Free, hot, three-course meal served 4:45–5:30 p.m. in the IC St. Louis Hall dining room. Take-out meals available at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

*Pictured right:* Our Breaking Bread meal crew posed for some photos last week.

**Top:** Pineapple kings and queens! After peeling and cutting many pineapples for fruit salad we got silly with pineapple top hats!!!

**Center:** Seminarian Vince is already at work. Seminarian Vince, on day #2 of his summer assignment, is already helping out in the kitchen.

**Bottom:** The wonderful Breaking Bread setup crew. Every Tuesday they faithfully set up the dining room for the Breaking Bread meal.



**Breaking Bread Meal Prep.**

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, May 23–24	\$5,619.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending May 22	\$ 980.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$3,268.00</u>
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, May. 23–24</b>	<b>\$9,867.00</b>
Seminarians, May 23–24	\$1,839.00
Grand Annual, Goal: \$100,000	\$100,880.00

No second collection this weekend (May 31). The second collection next weekend (June 7) 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).

## Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School's Field Day took place last week at Pioneer Park on Merrimac Street. A glorious, cool day, full of sunshine created perfect conditions for a day outside with schoolmates.

In keeping with tradition, the 8th grade students ran the games—featuring physical challenges that required teamwork and strategy. After the opening ceremony and prayer by Principal Sullivan, the children dispersed throughout the park and rotated through the nine different game stations. Many parent volunteers made the day possible—which included snacks, watermelon and popsicles, and refereeing the culminating event: the 7th grade versus 8th grade kickball game. The 8th graders won the game thanks to the cheers and encouragement of their schoolmates. A great day all around!

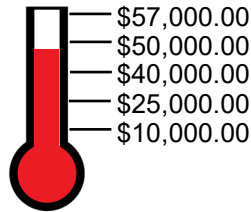


Pictured: Class of 2026 at Field Day. Photo by L. Tangorra



**IC Catholic Appeal**  
Goal: **\$57,000.00**  
To Date: **\$47,991.00**

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



## Knights Hospitality Sunday



Join us **Sunday, June 7, 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.

## The God Minute



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

guided prayer and then uploaded for all to share.

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

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



## IC Choir Members at Gospel Night at the Pops

Four members of the Immaculate Conception Adult Choir will perform at Boston's Symphony Hall at 7:30 p.m. on June 6 as part of the Boston Pops Gospel Choir.

Bonnie Durante, Kate Prescott, and Pat and Jon Temple will join the 90-member choir, directed by conductor/arranger, Charles Floyd, with guest artists Tamela and David Mann.

Tickets are on sale at the Symphony Hall box office or online at [www.bso.org](http://www.bso.org). The show is always a sellout so tickets will go quickly. A "friends and family" discount can be applied using the promotion Gospel25.

Come and support our choir members and enjoy a night of joy-filled, spirit-lifting music and ministry.

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HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 572.00
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, May 23–24</b>	<b>\$3,324.50</b>
Seminarians, May 23–24	\$ 681.00
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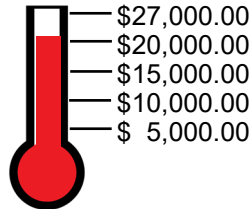
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

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## Summer Flowers Watering

The Activities Committee will be working on the church yards and flower plantings. We plan to plant flowers outside of our churches. Please consider lending a hand. There will be sign up sheets in the back of the churches soon, looking for weekly **watering help** this coming summer. If you could commit to **one week this summer**, to tend to the plants, that would be a great help in making our churches look spiffy!

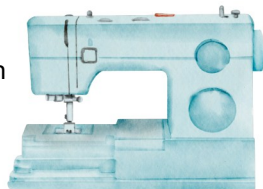
## Saturday Mass at St. Ann

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

## HR Sewing Day

It's never too early to prepare for the church fair! We will be sewing "20 minute table runners" on Tuesday, June 2 from 9:00–12:00 at Nativity Hall. If you would like to join us, please bring the following:

- A sewing machine in excellent working condition
- 3/8 yard "theme" fabric
- 5/8 yard contrasting fabric
- Thread and filled bobbin to match
- Sharp machine needle
- Sewing pins
- Scissors/rotary cutter
- Cutting mat
- Two one-inch buttons to coordinate with fabric



We should complete one table runner, and hopefully two. Make one for yourself and one to donate to the fair! Suggested themes are birthday, holiday, and celebrations.

Questions? Call Roberta Homan at 978-290-9158.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

### Some neighbors you have helped

We've been busy in April and May. Here are a few of our stories:

"**Elaine**" had been having trouble making ends meet when her furnace failed in early April. We worked with a local HVAC contractor to get her heat restored. Here's a quote from her thank you note: *"I love being warm. I owe you complete gratitude. I will continue to pray for you."*

"**Rhonda**" lives alone in Merrimac and is struggling with a cancer diagnosis. With little or no income, she has fallen behind in her electricity payments. You were able to pay her bill and prevent service from being shut off.

"**Nancy**" is over 70 and living alone in Merrimac. Despite a stroke two years ago, she's still searching for a job to help her get by. You were able to pay for some necessary car repairs so that she could keep her car on the road.

"**Louis**" lives alone now that his father has passed. Their combined income allowed them to get by but now he struggles to make ends meet by doing odd jobs for his neighbors. You prevented his electricity from being shut off with a timely payment.

Your kind donations in any form to help our neighbors are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes that can be found on tables at the main entrances of St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or **placed in the poor boxes**. Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to **HR St. Vincent de Paul**.

## Flag Day Breakfast: June 14

### Dear HR Parishioners and Honored Veterans,

You and your family are invited to breakfast. The members of the Holy Redeemer Parish Activities Committee would like to serve you and thank you for your support of our parish. For those who served our country, we would also like to express our sincere gratitude.

Please join us for a complimentary breakfast in your honor. This is our opportunity to gather in celebration of Flag Day and show our appreciation to our wonderful parishioners and area Veterans for your contributions to our parish, our community and our beloved country.

**Date:** June 14, 2026

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. Mass, breakfast to follow (9:30 a.m.)

**Location:** Church of the Nativity, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA (*handicapped accessible*)

**RSVP:** We ask that you please RSVP by Sunday, June 7 for our planning purposes.

Please contact Nancy at (978) 363-5416 to let us know that you are coming and if you are bringing a guest.

## HR Coffee Socials

**St. Ann** will hold the last coffee social before summer break in the church hall on **June 7** following the 10:00 Mass. They are a lot of fun! For your convenience, the side door on the parking lot side will be open with easier access to the hall.



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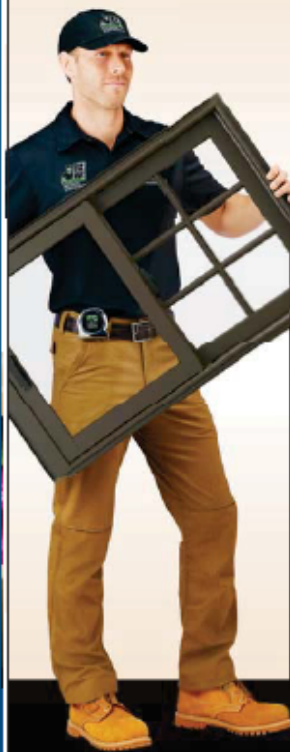


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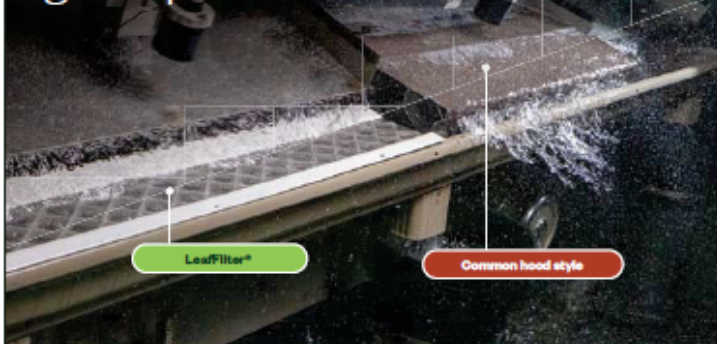
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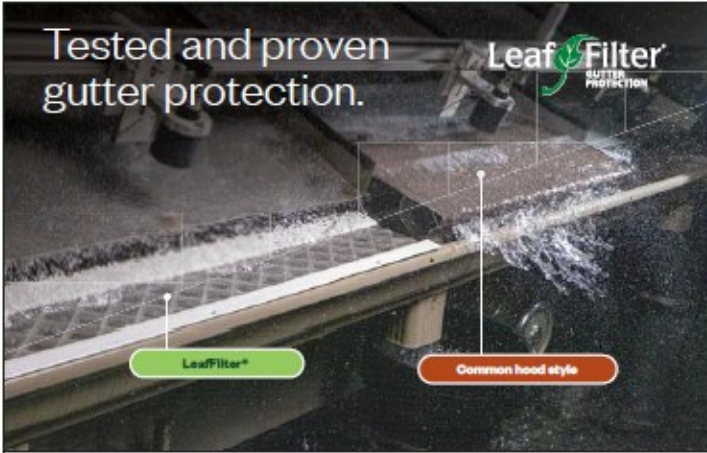
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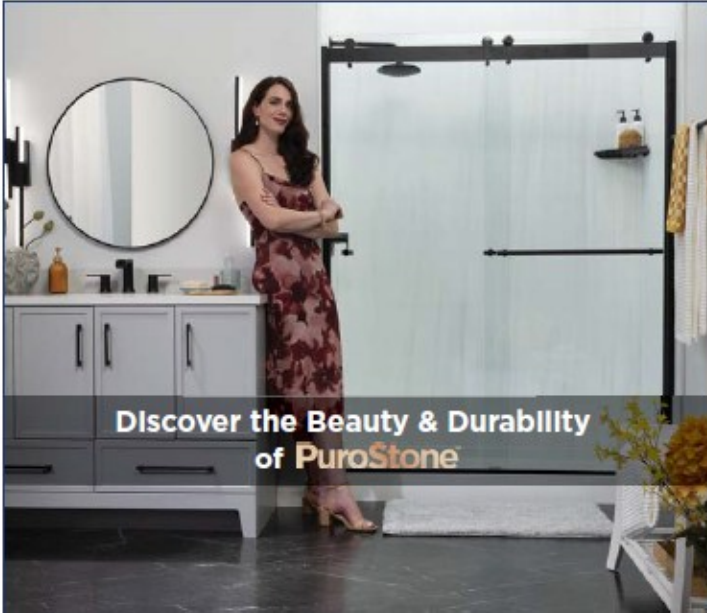


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