

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

The Most Holy Trinity

June 15, 2025

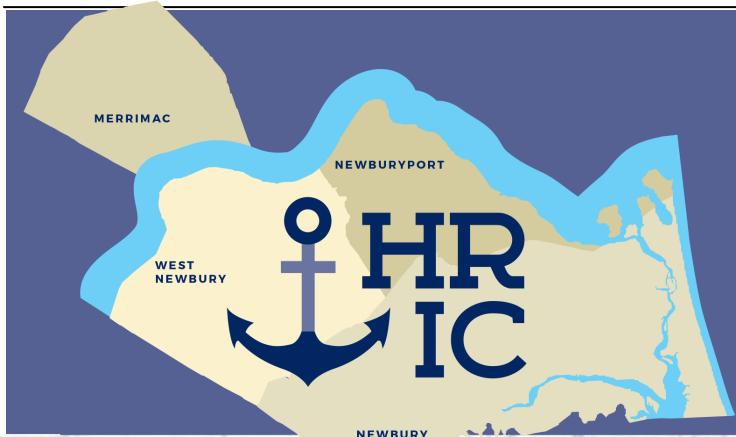
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All Are Welcome



*O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name
in all the earth!*

(from Psalm 8)



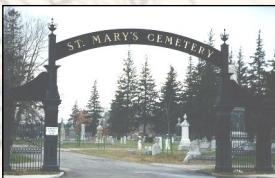
Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

"Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters..."

St. Ann

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St. Mary's Cemetery

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Newburyport 01950

Nativity

Parish offices and church:
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Office Hours: By appointment
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Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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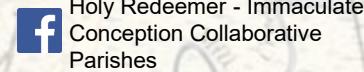
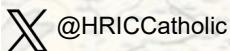
978-270-4924

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 (6/14)

4:00pm **IC Stasia Malionek** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (6/15) Father's Day

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

9:00am **IC Joanne McCarthy Raymond** (Fr. Stanley)

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

11:00am **IC Elizabeth J. & Paul L. Hanlon** (Fr. Morin)

Monday (6/16)

9:00am *David R. Rock and the deceased members of his family* (Fr. Stanley)

Tuesday (6/17)

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

Wednesday (6/18)

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

Thursday (6/19)

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

Friday (6/20)

9:00am **IC Lena Maccarone Krager, Paul Neil Kane, William Packard** (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (6/21)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm **IC Stasia Malionek** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (6/22)

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

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

11:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember Jeremiah Duggan Jr. and all of the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Vigil Mass is live-streamed online through our website: hriccatholic.org as well as our Facebook page.

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

Summer Faith Formation Week

June 23–27; 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., IC Parish Grounds



Every year, we host a Faith Formation Week after school ends in June for rising 3rd–8th graders in our parishes. The week is filled with formation in our faith through class time, but also through skits, prayer, and song together in large group gatherings. It is a great way for children to delve deeper into our faith as they spend the week together learning, having fun, and praying on parish grounds. Go to www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation for more and to register.

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From the Pastor

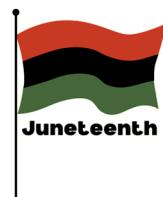
As was mentioned some weeks ago, we are blessed to welcome several young seminarians who are in various stages of training to become priests to our Collaborative this summer. Connor Roukey arrived this past week and Kennedy Ogujiba will be joining us in several weeks after his retreat. I would encourage you to reach out to them in the weeks that they are with us and invite them to get to know you and your family. They will be involved in many parish activities over the summer including assisting with our Faith Formation Program, helping at Mass, visiting the sick and helping with weddings, baptisms, and funerals. Please join me in giving them a warm welcome to our communities of faith.

Fr. Tim Harrison



Fr. Tim and Connor riding Engine 3 as part of the Fireman's Sunday Memorial Service last weekend.

Juneteenth Holiday



Collaborative offices will be closed on Thursday, June 19 for the Juneteenth federal holiday. Offices will reopen on Friday, June 20 at 9:00 a.m.

San Marcos Coffee Sale

June 14–15

For Father's Day please consider treating dad to a pound of Father Ray's delicious San Marcos coffee. This specialty organic coffee is produced by poor farmers in Honduras who benefit greatly from our quarterly sales. It will be freshly dark-roasted and available for \$13/pound (whole-bean or ground) at all collaborative Masses on June 14–15. Text/call Karen to pre-order 978-270-0183 for 2lbs or more.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Meet Seminarian Connor Roukey

Dear Parishioners of the Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Collaborative,

Please allow me this opportunity to introduce myself and to share with you how excited I am to be beginning my assignment here!

My name is Connor Roukey and I am a seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of Boston at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, where I have just completed my second year of formation.

I grew up on the South Shore in Abington with my parents and younger brother, where we were parishioners at St. Bridget's Parish. After having attended public schools since Kindergarten, I decided to brave the often-hour-long drive to attend Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, where I had many wonderful experiences that both challenged me and nurtured my faith life. After briefly discerning the possibility of entering college seminary directly from high school, I decided to enroll at Boston College where I double majored in accounting and philosophy, during which time I was an active parishioner at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Brookline.

Throughout my years at BC, the call to the priesthood that I had first perceived in high school (especially during a powerful moment of grace right after my Confirmation) was only strengthened with greater access to the Sacraments and participation in such a vibrant Catholic community. So, with a desire to follow God's will and to discern this vocational call even more intentionally, I applied to St. John's Seminary (which is right down the street from BC) and began my time there in the Fall of 2023.

Each summer, Boston Seminarians are given parish assignments in order to better prepare us for the varied ministries that diocesan priests are involved in on a day-to-day basis. After having had a wonderful experience being assigned to the Christ by the Sea Collaborative in Cohasset and Hull last summer, I can't tell you how excited I was to receive this assignment in Newburyport! Although this might make me a turncoat in the famous South Shore vs. North Shore rivalry, I must say that I have been blown away by the natural beauty of the area and the kindness of this local community! I am truly thankful for the incredibly warm welcome that I have received from Fr. Harrison, Fr. Morin, and Fr. Stanley; the staff; and especially from all of you! We have really "hit the ground running" since I arrived this past Thursday, and I am eager to gain as many experiences as I can over the course of my 8 weeks here.

So, as I know Fr. Harrison mentioned at some of the weekend Masses, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to me, and I would certainly appreciate any invitations to join the various ministries you participate in, or just to go out for coffee or to share a meal!

And of course, please be assured of my prayers.

In Christ,

Connor Roukey



This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: hriccatholic.org.

Monday, June 16

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

HR Activities Committee Mtg. 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

France Pilgrimage Mass & Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/ St. Louis Hall

Tuesday, June 17

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, June 18

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Faith, Fun, & Fellowship Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, June 19, Juneteenth

Collaborative Offices Closed

Friday, June 20

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, June 21

Holy Quilters Mtg. 8:30am, Nativity Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, June 22

Baptism Family Reunion 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

DAR Mtg. 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

Scuba Vacation Bible School

Diving into Friendship with God

Register online now: 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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Silence All Voices to Hear Whose You Are



Silence before the Monstrance amplifies your acuteness to hear Jesus' heartbeat emanating from His intimate love for you! Come and be in order to become who you want to be. He's got your life's plan and desire to commission you to fulfill it!

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)

Baptism Reunion Announced

Baptism



All families who had a baby baptized in our Collaborative in the past year you are invited to a reunion.

Join us Sunday, June 22, beginning with participation in the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church followed by a reception in the IC St. Louis Hall or hopefully outside.

Refreshments will be served, and we are planning some other fun activities where you can meet other families or reconnect with friends who have shared the same experiences as you over the last year.

So that we can plan, please let us know if you are coming with the number of family members attending by contacting the parish office at 978-462-2724, or text Jim at 603-491-9916. **Please RSVP by June 16.** Looking forward to seeing you on June 22.



Join Archbishop Henning on Corpus Christi weekend, June 21 and 22, as he leads the first Eucharistic procession by sea in the history of the Archdiocese of Boston!

Archbishop Henning will bring the Blessed Sacrament by boat down the North Shore

to 11 towns, cities, and Boston neighborhoods for Mass, prayer, and adoration. The procession will begin at Our Lady of Good Voyage in Gloucester and end at Gate of Heaven in South Boston with multiple stops along the way. This procession is not just for the parishioners along the North Shore. **All are invited** to join in to see the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and receive His blessing.

Into the Deep is a procession by which the Archbishop will bring Jesus in the Eucharist to the shores of the Archdiocese of Boston to draw all people into the loving, merciful heart of God.

Catholic Appeal



One of the most meaningful ways that we deepen the impact of our Archdiocese's schools, parishes, and ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. Your partnership and participation carry Christ's love into our communities and spread hope.

If you have not had a chance to do so, please consider making your gift to the Appeal today by picking up an envelope in the churches or making an online donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org or scanning the QR code to learn more or to donate.



Participation from every household in the Collaborative is important and every gift makes a meaningful difference to support the parishes, schools, and communities within our Archdiocese. Thank you.

Second Collection June 15

This week's second collection, Promoting the Gospel, supports Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through the work of CCHD and CCC the Gospel is promoted by supporting those in poverty, providing grants to community-based groups and using the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values.

For more information about these organizations, please visit:

1. www.usccb.org/cchd
2. www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm

While this collection supports national efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local CCHD grants and parish communication efforts.

Into the Deep: A Eucharistic Procession by Sea

Saturday, June 21

8:30am – Mass at Our Lady of Good Voyage, Gloucester

10:50am – Reed Park, Manchester-by-the-Sea

12:20pm – Beverly Town Pier, Beverly

1:30pm – Salem Maritime National Historic Site, Salem

2:50pm – Hammond Park, Marblehead

4:15pm – Fisherman's Beach, Swampscott

6:00pm – Prayer Service at St. Michael the Archangel, Winthrop

Sunday, June 22

8:15am – Piers Park, East Boston

9:20am – Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park, North End

10:1am – Fan Pier Park, Seaport District

11:05am – Boston Harbor Yacht Club, South Boston

12:00pm – Mass at Gate of Heaven Parish, South Boston

*All arrival times are estimates.

Visit evangelizeboston.com/into-the-deep for more details.

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

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, July 3 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us.

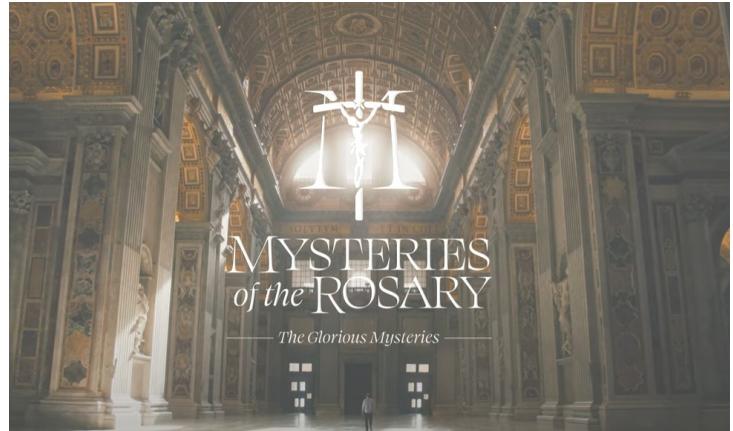
Recitation of the Rosary

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/.



Mysteries of the Rosary Series

The Glorious Mysteries



Thursdays (July 17–August 28)

9:45–11:15 a.m., IC St. Louis Hall

Food and drink will be served.

Join us on Thursdays at IC for a beautiful 7-part video series from Paradisus Dei on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Each episode takes us to beautiful pilgrimage sites throughout Europe (Rome, Lourdes, Fatima, etc.). We will be taken on a spiritual journey to meditate more fully on these powerful mysteries of our faith: Jesus' resurrection, Ascension, Sending of the Spirit, Assumption, and Coronation of Mary.

Learn more or sign up on our website: hriccatholic.org/adult-faith-formation.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Boxes



Immaculate Conception SVdP 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.

Holy Redeemer SVdP offers St. Vincent de Paul clothing drop boxes at two locations. One is located in the Nativity church parking lot and another is located at the West Newbury Food Mart lot (Main St.).

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Faith Formation

School Year Programs (K-8, 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

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).

New! Youth Ministry

youth — MINISTRY — We are hoping to start Youth Ministry for high school students in the fall, now that 8th grade Confirmation draws a close to formal faith formation in middle school. If parents believe their son or daughter would be interested in something like this (small groups, games/activities, service projects etc.) once a week or every other week at the Collaborative, please contact Aaron at 978-462-2724 x405. More details to follow in September.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Which member of the Trinity do you most address in prayer? Why do you think that is?

Child: When you make the Sign of the Cross, what do you think about?

Parish Membership

Welcome! We invite you to become a member of our Parish communities and take an active part in parish life. Registration forms are available at the IC office or online at www.hriccatholic.org.

HRIC Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council in our Collaborative assists the Pastor in his responsibilities as the leader of the Collaborative. They serve in a consultative role and there are members from both of our parishes. Please feel free to contact them with any questions.

Pastoral Council Members 2024-25

Fr. Tim Harrison (Chair)

IC

Alan McEmber, Co-Chair IC
Amanda Barcus
Mike Corbett
Joseph Cox
Thomas Grella
David Olds
Patty Olds
Nancy Rose
Tom Welch

HR

Greg Jablonski, Co-Chair HR
Bob Belmont
Veronica Laite
Colleen Mulholland
Kathy Peavey

Ex-Officio

Deacon Paul Dow
Deacon John Moranski
Aaron Giard

Pelican Intervention Fund



We have placed 173 local men and women into 12-step residential sober living. 12-step recovery programs receive no federal/state funding and insurance won't cover costs due to its faith-based nature. So, your support is more important than ever.

The Pelican Intervention Fund envelopes can be dropped in the collection at any time according to your means. Make checks payable to HR or IC Parish. Totals will be reported quarterly.

Visit our website at www.pelicaninterventionfund.org.

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For more information visit:
kofc.org/join



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. Thank you!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, June 7-8	\$5,631.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending June 6	\$ 837.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,462.82
Total Weekly Offertory, June 7-8	\$9,930.82

Seminarians, June 7-8 \$1,551.00

The second collection this weekend (June 15) is Promoting the Gospel. See page 5 of this bulletin for details.

The second collection next weekend (June 22) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

*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.



IC Catholic Appeal
Goal: \$59,300.00
To Date: \$38,156.00

Visit 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 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!

The Sound of (Choir) Music



With the celebration of Pentecost, the Youth and Adult choirs will take their much needed rest until the Sunday following Labor Day. Cantors and organ will continue to participate in summer Liturgy.

Thank you to all for a year of inspirational sacred music. See you in September!

Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School Community celebrated the end of the school year with a final Mass on Monday. The first grade students led the Mass, sending everyone off for the summer with a full heart. It's always an exciting opportunity for the youngest students to lead a Mass, their first time ever. The school community would like to thank the parishioners who have served as Eucharistic ministers at school Masses this year. Their commitment to the students and to serving at monthly Masses is appreciated and impactful. The 7th graders served as ushers and supporters of the first grade readers who just needed an older, wiser student to stand next to them to feel confident in delivering their part. Now that our 8th grade students have graduated, the 7th grade steps up to be the lead in many capacities. The church was filled with parents and grandparents in attendance who have faithfully attended the school Masses all year. The students and staff at Immaculate Conception School wish you all a wonderful summer and thank you for the prayers you have bestowed upon them throughout the school year.



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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, June 7–8	\$2,766.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending June 6	\$ 475.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 422.50
Total Weekly Offertory, June 7–8	\$3,663.50
Seminarians, June 7–8	\$ 590.00

The second collection this weekend (June 15) is Promoting the Gospel. See page 5 of this bulletin for details.

The second collection next weekend (June 22) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

*Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to **Holy Redeemer Parish** with the second collection noted in the memo.*

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

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.



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Communion to the Homebound

If you are a Holy Redeemer parishioner who is homebound or unable to attend Mass on a regular basis, we would like to offer you the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. Please let us know. If any parishioner knows of someone who might be interested in receiving the Eucharist, please also let us know. This could be a one-time occasion, or a regular schedule could be arranged. Please call Melinda Burrell at 978-346-8604 to schedule a visit.

Adoration at Nativity Church



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

Save Your Baskets for the 2025 Holiday Fair

We are looking for baskets for the “Basket Table,” for next year’s Holiday Fair. Please leave any baskets in the back of either church and we will recycle them for next year’s fair.

Also, we like to use 1½ – 2" wired ribbon for our bows if you have any extras.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Who Are You Helping?

Utilities are being shut off! Your donations have prevented shut-offs for several members of the community. Here are a few of their stories:

“Nancy”—a West Newbury single mom has been out of work as a medical assistant for more than six months and no longer receives unemployment benefits. Your donations have helped her pay her propane and electricity bills.

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“Sharon”—a part-time transportation driver is not getting enough work to make ends meet. Your donations prevented her electricity from being shut off.

Please use the envelopes in the pews at St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or placed in the poor boxes. Reminder: Make sure to make checks payable to HR St. Vincent de Paul.

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

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.)

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 for Monday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity Hall. Everyone is invited to join.



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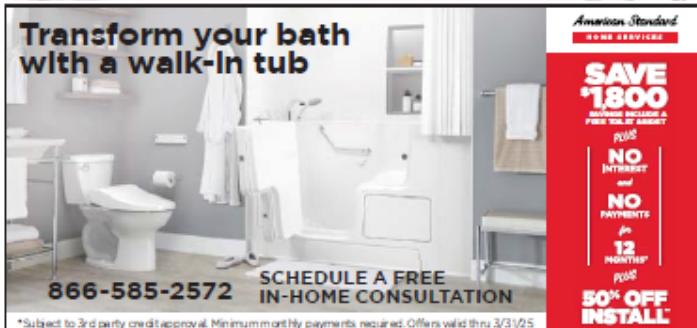
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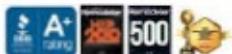
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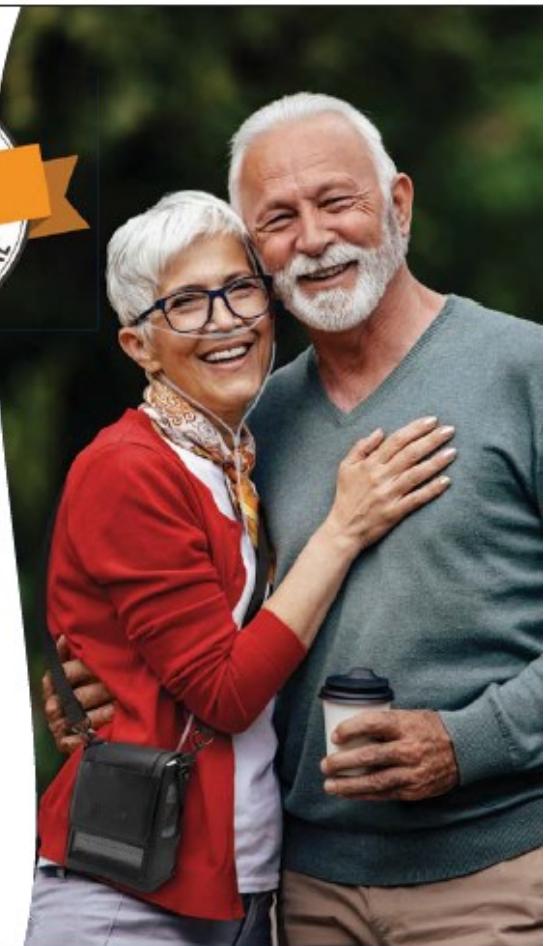




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