

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 18, 2023

All Are Welcome

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“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.”

(Mt 9:37-38)



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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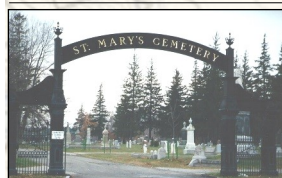
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/17)

4:00pm **IC** Paul L. Hanlon, Fr. James Broderick
(Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (6/18) *Father's Day*

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

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

11:00am **IC** Edward Harrison Jr. (Fr. Stanley)

Monday (6/19)

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

Tuesday (6/20)

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

Wednesday (6/21)

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

Thursday (6/22)

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

Friday (6/23)

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

Saturday (6/24)

4:00pm **IC** Kenneth A. Morris, Fr. Joe Clark, Jean
Foley (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

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

Sunday (6/25)

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

9:00am **IC** Jeanine Murray, Margaret Jean
(Fr. Harrison)

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

11:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

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 and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).

Happy Father's Day

Juneteenth Holiday

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

Donate your clothes to St. Vincent de Paul Society on

Bundle Sunday

June 24-25

IC Church Parking Lot

Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25

Clothes and shoes only, please (no toys or household items).



From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I think we had a very smooth re-introduction of Holy Communion under both kinds last weekend at all of our Masses. It was a joy to once again be able to share in the Precious Blood and the full sign of Communion as instituted by Christ. I am repeating my column from last week about "How to go to Communion" in case any one might have missed it. Again, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to share them with me.

Wishing you all a most blessed weekend and many prayers for all the dads out there! Happy Father's Day!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



I want to remind everyone on how the Church invites us to share in Holy Communion and to express our general reverence for the Blessed Sacrament which we believe is the Real Presence of the Lord. So here are some guidelines that come to us from general Catholic practice as well as liturgical law and Archdiocesan directives:

Upon entering or leaving a Church or Chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved:

- Unless prevented by a physical condition, everyone is invited to **genuflect once** towards the Tabernacle upon entering and before leaving.
- If you are crossing in front of the Altar of sacrifice (the primary Altar used for Mass), a **profound bow** from the waist is offered to the Altar as a recognition of its sacredness as the place where the Eucharist is celebrated. This is done at any time before, during or after Mass as often as needed.

When approaching for Holy Communion:

- A short pause and **slight bow of the head** is made towards the Blessed Sacrament before receiving from either the Plate or the Chalice. Kneeling or genuflecting are not required per Archdiocesan directives and are discouraged. Our unity in faith and love are best expressed by a unity in posture and gesture at this most important moment.
- After saying "Amen" to the faith proclamation of "The Body of Christ" from the minister, the Communicant will then first receive the Host on their **tongue or in their flattened, extended hand**. It is Archdiocesan policy that all Communicants have the choice of whether to receive on the tongue or in the hand. Neither is considered more reverent or preferable. It is simply a matter of personal preference on the part of the Communicant. The Host is then to be consumed in the presence of the minister and may not be taken back to the pew for later consumption.
- Once they have received the Host, the Communicant then moves to the minister of the Cup, and after having again offered a slight bow of the head and affirmed with an "Amen," the faith proclamation of "The Blood of Christ," they are to take the Chalice in

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, June 19, Juneteenth

Collaborative offices closed

Tuesday, June 20

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

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

Wednesday, June 21

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Laudato Si Lecture Series 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, June 22

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, June 23

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

HRIC Playgroup 9:45am, IC Conference Room 209

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

Saturday, June 24

SVdP Bundle Sunday 8:00am–6:00pm, IC Parking Lot

CPR Training 9:00am Nativity Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, June 25

SVdP Bundle Sunday 8:00am–12:00noon, IC Parking Lot

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

Adoration Is an Encounter With Christ



Don't put off genuine prayer in the presence of God because it might change you. Expect that you will be changed: by grace, by attentive listening and by holy aspirations which His crazy love for you will set you free to love as He loves.

Place: IC Church

Enter through the Green Street door only.

Time: Thurs. 7 p.m.–8 p.m. and Fri. 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

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

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! **This week, June 23 is our last meeting 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!

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

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their hands, **take a small sip** from the Precious Blood, and return the Chalice to the minister of Communion.

- We are reminding everyone once again that dipping the Host in the Precious Blood (aka "intinction") is not allowed.

- If for any reason (see last week's instruction) a Communicant is not to receive from the Chalice, they are to still pause before the Real Presence in the Chalice and make a slight bow of the head before continuing back to their pew. No one should simply walk by either ministers of the plate or cup without acknowledging the Real Presence of the Lord with a short pause and slight bow of the head.

After receiving Holy Communion:

- After receiving Holy Communion, parishioners should return to their pew and join in the **Communion Song**, if they are not already doing so. Our sung prayer at this moment is meant to unify the Assembly and act as a deeper expression of our oneness in Christ. While Holy Communion is still being distributed, this is not a time for private prayer, but of communal song and praise.

- After everyone has received Holy Communion, **then we are invited to sit and spend a few moments in silent personal prayer** in thanksgiving for the great gift we have just received. Sometimes on more festive occasions, this time for silent prayer may be replaced with a communal hymn of thanksgiving which everyone is invited to participate in.

For those who will be taking Holy Communion from Mass to the sick:

- A reminder that this is to be arranged ahead of time with the priest before Mass begins. A Pyx with a host will be set aside for you to collect after Mass is over and take to the sick.

- It is not permitted to approach a minister of Communion during the Mass in the Communion line to seek a host for someone who is sick and not at Mass. If you arrive late for any reason, just see the priest or any minister of Communion after Mass is over, and arrangements will be made for you to bring Holy Communion to those in need.

- If taking Holy Communion to the sick, please remember that you must bring Communion to them directly following Mass. It is not appropriate to run errands or attend to other personal business while carrying the Blessed Sacrament. If you have any questions, please see the priest or deacon after Mass.

It is my hope that a regular and careful attentiveness to these guidelines and directives will increase everyone's awareness of the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, strengthen each other's faith and support a general atmosphere of prayer and reverence in our celebrations of the Eucharist. It is here in this place where we encounter the Risen Lord anew and draw strength from the choicest of food and drink offered to us in His memory. It is here that our sins are forgiven and the promise and pledge of eternal life is renewed within us.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Pastoral Council Nominees

We have almost completed our third full year and are seeking the names of people you think might be good candidates for this Council. We are now looking for parishioners who might be interested in serving in this capacity. At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve the parish in this way. Please list your own name if you are interested and/or list the names of others. No need to ask them at this point—this will be done as the process unfolds. No one will be chosen for this Council until they fully understand what they are being asked to do and the time involved. This is just the initial surfacing of names.

The purpose of the Collaborative Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education, and service activities within the parish.

If you are interested in serving on the Council, consider nominating yourself. All confirmed, active, practicing members of the Collaborative who are 16 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated. Please send the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate and email Jim: jimwilliamson35@gmail.com by **August 5, 2023**. Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council.

Selection of candidates for expiring terms will be chosen by lot in late August.

Prayers for the Sick

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

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

women at the well

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

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

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

San Marcos Coffee Sale

June 17–18



For Father's Day please consider treating Dad to a pound of Father Ray's delicious San Marcos coffee. This specialty coffee is produced by poor farmers in Honduras who benefit greatly from our quarterly sales. It will be freshly roasted and available for \$10/pound (whole-bean or ground) at all Collaborative Masses on June 17–18.

Second Collection June 17–18

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.

Laudato Sí Meeting

Our last Laudato Sí meeting of the spring season will be held on Wednesday, June 21 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at IC St. Louis Hall. The speaker will be Matt Bacon from Black Earth Compost who has been working in sustainable materials since 2016, and who is currently on the sales team for Black Earth Compost, which is transforming waste management along Boston's North Shore.

CPR Training

We are able to offer 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. 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 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.



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in the month of **May**:

Cashel Dylan Askman

Eleanor Elizabeth DeBellis

Arlo Julian Flagg

Emma Marie Kites

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/

Confessions

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

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

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

The Pelican Intervention Fund



We provide funding for non-profit, 12-step residential sober homes for economically challenged people struggling with addiction. Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

Donations can be made to "**The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF**" Essex County Community Foundation, 175 Andover Street, Danvers, MA 01923

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. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

Collaborative Faith Formation

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



Summer 2023 Faith Formation Week

Grades 3–8 June 26–30 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Registration forms available online:

hriccatholic.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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: How do you respond to Christ's call to witness to the world?

Child: What can you do to make others feel cared for and loved?

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

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

IC Haiti

May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950**. Checks should be made out to "IC Haiti."

Help Wanted: St. Mary Parish Faith Formation Coordinators

St. Mary Parish, Georgetown - Rowley

St. Mary Parish is currently looking for 2 Faith formation Coordinators for our 2023–2024 school year.

1. Children's Faith Formation for grades 1–6, including First Reconciliation and First Communion.
2. Youth Faith Formation for grades 7–10, including Confirmation prep and community service activities and events.

These part-time positions would require both weekday and weekend hours. To qualify, you must possess a passion for the Catholic faith and would need a minimum of nine college credits in Religious Studies or Theology and / or previous experience of 2–4 years as a Catechetical teacher in a parish setting. If interested, please contact Maureen Cannon at mcannon@stmayrsgr.com or (978) 352-2024.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, June 10–11	\$2,804.00
IC Mailed in Offertory, week ending June 2	\$ 977.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,031.34
Total Weekly Offertory	\$6,812.34
Ongoing Church Maintenance	\$ 988.00
Grand Annual Goal: \$100,000	\$81,950

The second collection this weekend (June 18) is Promoting the Gospel. See page 5 of this bulletin for information. The second collection next weekend (June 25) is Missionary Appeal. 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: **\$54,952.00**
To Date: **\$51,228.00**

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



\$54,952.00
\$45,000.00
\$35,000.00
\$25,000.00
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Faith into Action

TO SUPPORT
OUR PARISHES,
SCHOOLS, AND
COMMUNITIES.
AND IT ALL
STARTS WITH *You*

IC St. Vincent de Paul



If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are ready to assist.

You can now make online donations on our website: www.svdpnnewburyport.org. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "**SVdP of Newburyport**" and drop it into the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Breaking Bread to-go Meal **Dining-in** Now Available

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner. Supper is served from 4:45–5:30. Those who prefer to continue "Grab & Go" can pick up at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

The Compassionate Friends



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

Our next monthly support meeting is **June 27** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 from 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Mel Yell, 978-764-2547 or Heidi Damiano, 978-360-7525 with questions.

Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School has completed its 140th year—in grand style! With the support and guidance of Fr. Tim, an insightful Advisory Board, many dedicated teachers and staff, families who invest their time and talent to enrich the school experience especially through the PTO, and extended family near and far, the school continues to flourish and grow. It is an important time for children to feel valued and a part of something bigger than themselves. Through service to the community, friendships fostered among schoolmates of varied ages, athletic and drama programs that welcome all, and prayer that is infused into everything the children do, the IC continues to cultivate empathetic, caring young men and women. Developing a responsible work ethic and skills to self-advocate leads to academic success. The IC is a place that remains close to all of our hearts. Thank you for a wonderful year!



Mrs. Joan Sullivan, Principal



Graduates of the Class of 2023 lock hands with each other before leaving the church for the last time as students.



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**Next
weekend!**

Bundle Sunday

Clothing Donation Event June 24–25



Bundle up your old clothes for donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. A collection truck will be in the Immaculate Conception church parking lot. Clothing, coats, and shoes of every size will be accepted. No toys or household items. The donation event will take place on **Saturday, June 24, from 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, June 25, from 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon.**

IC 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Parish Needs a Burial Ground

IC's 175th Anniversary History Continued

Rev. Teeling had more on his mind than the Parish School. One of his instructions given by Bishop Williams was to secure a burial place for deceased parishioners.

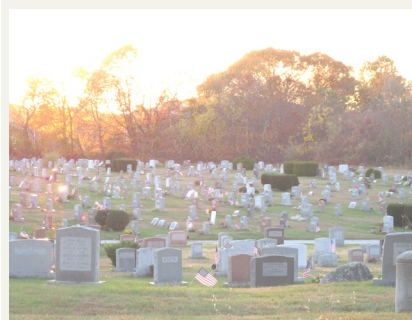
Jacob Balch owned 23 acres on what is now Storey Avenue that was formerly a training ground for the Newburyport militia. On May 4, 1874, this land was



purchased by the Parish for \$23,000. The cemetery was laid out in the form of a Celtic cross with the center ring becoming the place set aside for the burial of priests.

On June 9, 1876, a Mass was celebrated at the church at 8:00 a.m. Then approximately 2500 people proceeded to the newly designated St. Mary's Cemetery for the ceremony of consecration by Archbishop Williams. Soon after the consecration, nearly 700 persons were re-buried there from various neighboring cemeteries.

Beautification of the cemetery started immediately with the purchase of 10,000 Norway Spruce and 400 Scotch Pine seedlings. An unused portion of the cemetery was used as a nursery for the young trees.



added to the original lot and a decorative wrought iron fence was added.

Soon they had grown enough to be used throughout the cemetery and the church grounds. So many remained that they were sold off, yielding a profit for the Parish.

Over the next few decades more land was

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 **Monday, June 26 at 6:30** in IC St. Louis Hall. Anyone wishing to volunteer for the July 29 Berry Festival is urged to attend this planning meeting.

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

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, July 19** at IC St. Louis Hall. All are welcome.

Harvest Fair

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

Harvest Fair Items Needed

All-Holiday Items

Raffle Prizes

Grandma's Attic Items

How Can You Help? Do you have any "once loved" holiday items from **any** holiday that you no longer use or display at home that could be donated to our All-Holiday Table especially Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas?



Do you have a "gently used" item for the Grandma's Attic Table?

Or perhaps you could donate a gift card to a local restaurant, tickets to a sporting or musical event, or a weekend at a summer cottage or ski resort for our raffle?

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.

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HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, June 10–11	\$2,049.00
HR Mailed in Offertory, week ending June 9	\$1,087.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 267.50
Total Weekly Offertory	\$3,403.50
Ongoing Church Maintenance	\$ 843.00
Grand Annual Goal: \$25,000	\$19,715

The second collection this weekend (June 18) is Promoting the Gospel. See page 5 of this bulletin for information. No second collection next weekend (June 25). Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Holy Redeemer Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

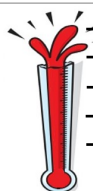
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Questions? Contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724 x 402.

Activities Committee Updates

We are in the planning stages of a **ham and bean dinner** followed by BINGO on Saturday, September 23 after the 4:00 Mass at Nativity. We continue to plan for the November 18 Holiday Fair as well.

If you would like to help out with the ham and bean dinner or any of the other Activities Committee events such as the November Holiday Fair, we welcome you to **join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Nativity Hall.**

Communion to the Homebound

We would like to offer our Holy Redeemer parishioners the opportunity to receive the Eucharist if you are homebound or unable to attend Mass on a regular basis. 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.

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Our next meeting is Thursday, July 6. at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.

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