

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 21, 2026

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All Are Welcome



*But the LORD is with
me, like a mighty
champion*

Jeremiah 20:11a

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ONE NATION UNDER GOD

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route

Walk with Jesus
CELEBRATE 250 YEARS
Pray for the Nation



Friday, June 26:
Our Lady of the Annunciation
Melkite Cathedral
7 VFW Pkwy, West Roxbury
2pm Divine Liturgy
3pm Fellowship

Pilgrim Memorial State Park
79 Water St., Plymouth
6pm Adoration
6:30pm Procession (.5 mi)
7pm Mass at St. Peter

Saturday, June 27:
Freedom Trail
139 Tremont St., Boston
9:30am Boston Common Visitor's Ctr.
10am Procession (2.5 mi)
1pm Adoration Bunker Hill, Charlestown

Vigil Mass @ Cathedral of the Holy Cross
1400 Washington St., Boston
3-4:15pm Confession & Adoration
4:30pm Mass

Sunday, June 28:
St. Brigid
1995 Mass. Ave., Lexington
3:30-4:30pm Confession
5pm Mass at St. Brigid
6pm Procession (.25 mi)
6:30pm Adoration on Battle Green



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Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/20)

4:00pm IC Lena Maccarone Krager, Jessie Lynn Tulley (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

No 4:00pm Mass at Holy Redeemer

Sunday (6/21) Father's Day

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am IC Ted LoPreste (Fr. Stanley)

10:00am St. Ann Michael McCartney (Fr. Harrison)

11:00am IC Frank Johnson (Fr. Stanley)

Monday (6/22)

9:00am IC William Palle (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (6/23)

9:00am IC Paul E. Reardon (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (6/24)

9:00am IC Robert L. Quinn Sr. (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (6/25)

9:00am IC Anne Marihugh (Fr. Stanley)

Friday (6/26)

9:00am IC For the Needs of Families (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (6/27)

4:00pm IC Diane Clemens (Fr. MacInnis & Deacon Moranski)

No 4:00pm Mass at Holy Redeemer

Sunday (6/28)

8:30am Nativity (Fr. Stanley)

9:00am IC John Vander Sande (Fr. Kiley)

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

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

In your prayers please remember Denise Power, Edward Blais, Kevin Sullivan, 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: hricatholic.org as well as our Facebook page.

Temporary Mass Schedule Changes this Week

We have to make a few scheduling changes in our Mass schedule due to shifting clergy availability.

Please note these temporary changes for this week:

Saturday, June 20, 4:00 p.m., Mass at IC.

(Note: No 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann)

Saturday, June 27, 4:00 p.m., Mass at IC.

(Note: No 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann)

Please continue to watch the bulletin, our website, social media, and online calendar for up-to-date information.

True North VBS

VBS starts next Monday. Last week to register!

Register online at hricatholic.org under "Vacation Bible School."



When: Mon. June 29–Thurs. July 2

Time: 9:00–12:00

Where: Nativity Church Hall

Who: students ages 5–12

From the Pastor: Offertory Renewal

"What you received as a gift, give as a gift."

These words of Jesus are both a *reminder* and a *challenge*. A *reminder*: whatever good we have is a gift from God. A *challenge*: what do we give back from what we have received? This month I am asking everyone in our two parishes to share what God has given to you with a grateful and generous heart. At every Mass, we bring a portion of the gifts that the Lord has given and we give them back to him. During the offertory, we offer two kinds of gifts. One is the fruit of the earth: the bread and wine that signify our basic needs. These are brought to the Lord's table and become the Body and Blood of the Lord. But there is another gift we bring to the Lord: the gift of ourselves in the offerings we make each week. We are all blessed to have food, shelter, clothing, and so many other things that we take for granted.



What do I give back to God? I ask this question concretely in terms of our offertory. Three years ago, I asked you to increase your giving. This week, I have sent a reminder, a letter to renew the commitment that you made three years ago. The fact is that we need your help not just to maintain our buildings and our programs but also to make them better and stronger.

My sacrifice and yours. We have three beautiful churches and great places to meet and to serve one another. When we come to Mass, the priest says to us just before the consecration prayers: "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours, may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father." As a priest, I am not exempt from making personal sacrifices as a gift to the Lord. I make a serious commitment to do so and today I am asking you to do the same. Plainly and simply: offer your sacrifice to the Lord. Pray and search your heart this month and ask yourself the question we find in the Psalms: "How shall I give back to the Lord in return for all he has given me?" (Psalm 116:12).

Commitment Weekend: June 20–21

In the letter I am sending you are suggestions for increased contributions. These may help you determine your new level of commitment or a renewal. You will also receive a pledge card. Please fill it out and return it this weekend. How much should I give each week? My letter offers some guidelines for giving at various levels. Please review your contribution and seriously consider an increase. Also consider giving electronically. You can visit our parish website to find out how to donate a set amount to your parish each month. Once it is done your commitment is honored every month.

We Are Stewards of God's Gifts

Today at Mass, I asked you to share the gifts you have received from God. I want to thank those who give generously; my words are not meant to burden you who give so much. Unfortunately, at some of our Masses income has declined. So please know how important your personal pledge is.

To consider your giving as a form of Catholic stewardship please read the following excerpts: "To Be a Christian Steward: A Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship."

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Pt 4:10)

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human

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resources and using them responsibly is one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Stewards of Vocation

Jesus calls us, as His disciples, to a new way of life—the Christian way of life—of which stewardship is part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name. Each one of us—clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child—has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. The challenge, then, is to understand our role—our vocation—and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations which we receive from God.

Stewards of the Church

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church.

All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission: parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith; parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community; all Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.

A Steward's Way of Life

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God." (Rom 8:28)

Welcome to Our New Seminarian, Kyle Ellis!



Hello all! My name is Kyle Ellis and I am a Seminarian for the Archdiocese of Boston. I am happy to finally join the Collaborative this summer and help contribute to make it a time of grace and peace, as best as I am able.

Two things to know about me: One, I was raised and still live in Stoneham, MA. Two, I am a recent graduate of Our Lady of Providence Seminary, and will be headed to St. John's

Seminary this fall!

Please keep me in prayer this summer and onwards, as all of you will be in my Rosary daily.

Who are the American Saints?

We pay tribute with gratitude for two American saints who helped build the American Catholic Church and faith community.

Saint Katharine Drexel (1858-1955)

Canonized in 2000—Patron Saint of philanthropists and racial justice.

St. Katharine Drexel is the **first natural-born citizen to be canonized**. This Philadelphia heiress dedicated her life and fortune to helping Native Americans and African Americans.

Katharine inherited and leveraged the Drexel family's incredible wealth, deep Catholic faith and active philanthropy for the betterment of others. Papal inspiration led Katharine to the religious life. She was foundress and Mother to the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. The Sisters work for the welfare, education and spiritual empowerment of poor Black and Indigenous communities.

Mother Katharine financed, built, and, with her Sisters, operated over 200 missions and schools serving Native and African Americans. She founded Xavier University of Louisiana which remains the only historically Black Catholic institution of higher learning in the United States. She advocated fiercely for the needs and rights of Native and African Americans and petitioned Congress for increased aid to reservation schools. She campaigned for federal anti-lynching laws.

St. Katherine's financial support ended with her death, however, the Sister's work continues in 21 states and Haiti. *St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us.*

Saint John Neumann (1811-1860)

Canonized in 1977—Patron Saint of Catholic education, immigrants, and sick children.

St. John Neumann is the **first American bishop to be canonized**. He is known as the "Father of the American Parochial System."

John Neumann was born in Bohemia (the Czech Republic) and, at age 25, immigrated to the United States. He rose rapidly to the priesthood and the Redemptorist order to serve the physical and spiritual needs of the impoverished and marginalized in Pennsylvania. Fr. Neumann ministered tirelessly to immigrant and isolated communities. He traveled miles on horseback, wagon, and on foot and adapted his offering Mass in nontraditional settings and serving his diverse congregations in their six native languages.

At age 41, Fr. Neumann was appointed Bishop of Philadelphia, the largest diocese in the country. He established the first diocesan-wide 200-school network which increased the number of educated immigrant children twentyfold. He died unexpectedly at age 48. In his short time within his new country, the young missionary from Bohemia served the needs of countless of immigrants. *St. John Neumann, pray for us.*

Happy Father's Day

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Register for HRIC 250th Anniversary Celebration

Join us on July 12 10:30–3:00 p.m.

Bring your lawn chair for an outdoor Mass at 11:00 a.m. with choir and color guard on the grass behind the Elks Pavilion on Low Street, Newburyport.

Following Mass, step up to the food tables for an all-American BBQ of hot dogs, chili dogs, burgers, and a variety of salads, desserts, and drinks.

After lunch, adults and children alike can sign up for some good old-fashioned games and prizes, and the Merrimack Valley Concert Band will entertain with a performance of patriotic tunes and a chance to sing along.

July 12 is coming fast so get your complementary anniversary tickets at registration in the lobby of the church after each Mass through July 5.

Let's celebrate together as a Collaborative in gratitude on the 250th Anniversary of our nation.



Call for Volunteers for 250th Anniversary Celebration



HRIC's 250th Celebration is shaping up to be a full day of festivities to celebrate and honor America!

There's a lot to do before, during, and after the event; and **we need your help**. Please take a look at the list of activities and let us know where you might lend a hand.

- ⇒ **Set Up:** tables and chairs, games and decorations, signage
- ⇒ **Shepherds:** greeting and directing guests, hand out programs, help with raffles
- ⇒ **Fun & Games:** register participants, set-up and manage contests, help with prizes
- ⇒ **Patriotic Cookie Contest:** bring your best red, white, and blue creations for our priests and seminarians to judge
- ⇒ **Clean Up:** let's leave the Elks property better than we found it!

Your help will ensure a fun and successful event. Anyone interested in volunteering please text or call **Nancy Rose at 978-270-1579**. Thank you!



Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

Let's celebrate!

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA

JULY 12 | 10:30–3:00 | SUNDAY

Elks Club, Low St., Newburyport
RAIN OR SHINE

★ ★

OUTDOOR MASS (11:00), BBQ, LIVE BAND, GAMES FOR ALL AGES

Bring your own lawn chair for Mass.



Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes
Serving Merrimac, Newbury,
Newburyport, and West Newbury

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This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, June 22

AA Mtg. 10:30am, IC Nazareth Library

Berry Festival Mtg. 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, June 23

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

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

VIRTUS Class 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room (See p. 7.)

IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Wednesday, June 24

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Pilgrim Mass/Mtg. 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall/St. James Chapel

Thursday, June 25

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, June 26

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, June 27

Men's Cursillo Reunion Group 8:00am, St. James Chapel

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, June 28

OCIA Mtstagogy and Reunion 12:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Summer Reading with Pope Leo XIV

Read Pope Leo's new encyclical, ***Magnifica Humanitas: on Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence***, with fellow parishioners.

Two Options:

Tuesdays, 9:45–10:45 a.m. in IC Charity Dining Room, **July 14–August 25**

or

Thursdays, 6:00 –7:00 p.m. in IC St. Louis Hall, **July 16–August 27**

Join Deacon Ray Doucette and Aaron Giard for a summer study of this important new encyclical. It covers more than a Catholic response to AI, it calls humanity to realize our human dignity more profoundly and is a great “short course” on Catholic Social Thought from Pope Leo XIII to the present day. We look forward to discerning together how this document is calling us to bring the Gospel to bear on our current societal challenges and sufferings.

If you have questions and/or are interested, please email Aaron Giard (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or call (978) 462-2724 x405. **We hope to order copies of the book, so please RSVP by July 1.**

Update: Fr. George is doing well after his recent medical procedure. Should you care to send a card, please send it to the IC offices and we will see that it gets to him.



From Vince Barcinas, Seminarian-in-Residence

The Camino de Santiago is a pilgrimage that is centuries old, established in the 9th century after the discovery of the relics of St. James in Spain. It is one that reaches out from all sorts of starting points to people of all sorts of backgrounds. While all come from different walks of life and for different reasons, we all share the same destination—Santiago de Compostela where within the cathedral is the resting place of St. James, one of the Twelve Apostles. The most popular route weaves through France into Spain and is about 500 miles long.

While I have known about the Camino for the better part of a decade, I never had a clear reason to make the pilgrimage. Growing in faith and in my relationship with Our Lord, He has shown me what I most desired for this pilgrimage: to go for the conversion of souls, to go for the souls in Purgatory, and to go for my brothers from St. John's Seminary who were just ordained as priests this year. With these in mind and with Him watching over me, I will begin the journey to Santiago this summer upon completion of my time in the parishes of our Collaborative.

I will be physically alone on this journey, but spiritually I won't be. I will be praying my own intentions all along the way, but I will also carry with me all the intentions you, my brothers and sisters, send along with me. I ask you to join me in spirit as I make my way across Spain. Know that we can still be connected spiritually as I will be praying the same Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Spain as you all pray here in the Collaborative. Even if I arrive in Santiago physically alone, I walk with a whole Collaborative of people with me in spirit. I hope to send many updates throughout the journey.

Thank you for your prayers and support along The Way!

~Vince

Sponsor Vince on the Camino

For those who are interested in asking Vince to carry their prayer-petitions and/or would like to sponsor Vince as he makes this incredible pilgrimage this summer, requests and donations can be made through our office in the weeks ahead or to Vince directly. Suggested offerings may include a fixed amount as a gift to help offset his travel expenses or perhaps sponsor him by the mile for part—or all—of his excursion. Any, and all, donations to help him with the cost of this journey will be gratefully received. Thank you!

Questions of the Week

Adult: How does your faith in Christ reassure you as you face fears in your life?

Child: How do you help someone who is feeling afraid?

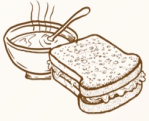
San Marcos Coffee Sales Hold

We usually sell coffee on Father's Day weekend, but there will be no Honduran coffee for us until at least September. The farmer cooperative is having trouble arranging shipment as their previous arrangement is no longer available. Please offer a little prayer that The Coffee Project can continue as it greatly improves the lives of these poor farmers.

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HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, June 24



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

Sandwiches: Popular sandwich choices are peanut butter & jelly or cold cuts with cheese. Please do not use

condiments. We ask that sandwiches be cut and individually wrapped, then placed in the bread wrapper. Please label the bread wrapper with the variety of sandwich inside.

Soups and Casseroles: Make your specialty soup or casserole! One-gallon soup containers as well as foil casserole pans are available in the St. Ann Church Hall on Wednesday mornings during sandwich drop off. Please label your soup or casserole donation and include any heating instructions.

Also welcome: any other goodies you can donate: cookies, powdered drink mixes, chips, granola bars, fresh fruit, etc.

Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Prayers for the Sick

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

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

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

Upcoming Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Workshops

All adult employees and volunteers in the Archdiocese of Boston must complete a one-time Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) class in addition to their yearly CORI.

The training is an in-person, 3-hour training that is needed only once in your life.

If you have not taken the course yet, here is your chance to fulfill that requirement. The Archdiocese will be sponsoring these Protecting God's Children workshops:

- **Tuesday, June 23, at IC St. Louis Hall, Newburyport from 6:00–9:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, July 11 at St. Ann Hall, W. Newbury from 8:30–11:30 a.m.**

You can register online at <https://www.virtusonline.org/> (see registration steps below).

How to Register for a PGC Workshop

- Go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/>
- Click on "First-Time Registrant"
- Click on "Begin the Registration Process"
- From the pull-down menu, choose "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)," ONLY and click "Select"
- When asked, "Have you previously registered with VIRTUS Online?" Click "NO"
- Create a username and password when asked to do so and click "Continue"
- Fill in all the required fields for contact information on the next screen and click "Continue"
- From the pull-down menu for "Location," choose the name of the parish, church, or school where you will attend the class
- When the roles appear, choose a primary role and an additional role
- In the box at the bottom, add a title (what you do for parish/school) and click "Continue"
- On the next page, you may choose YES or NO, depending on whether you want to associate your name with an additional parish, church, or school
- Answer the **four** YES/NO questions on the next page and click "Continue"
- When asked, "Have you already attended a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Session?" answer NO
- On the next page, choose a session entitled, "Protecting God's Children for Adults" (ONLY)
- Confirm, and you are done!

Thank You

The Collaborative Ministry Committee would like to thank all who came to our Newcomer's Welcome last weekend at IC. It was an enjoyable occasion with great conversations, tasty refreshments, and even coloring pages and balloons for the kids. To all of our new or returning parishioners who were not able to come, please know we are so happy you are joining us at weekend Masses and we look forward to personally meeting you in the weeks ahead.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, June 13–14	\$2,232.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending June 12	\$ 250.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 670.00
Total Weekly Offertory, June 13–14	\$3,152.00

The second collection this weekend (June 21) is Promoting the Gospel. The second collection next weekend (June 28) is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

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

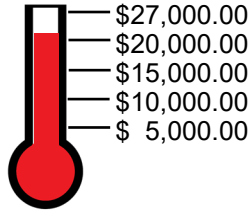
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

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



HR Catholic Appeal
Goal \$27,000.00
To Date \$20,595.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



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 Vigil Masses at HR

Note: There is no 4:00 Mass scheduled at St. Ann on Saturday, June 20 and June 27. Also no 4:00 Mass scheduled at Nativity on July 4 and July 11.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Christ. This devotion sees a heart filled with mercy and provides a clear image of what mercy can mean in our lives.



Whereas earlier devotion focused on the Sacred Heart as an image of God's mercy for us in Christ's crucifixion, today the Sacred Heart can be a template for *our own acts of mercy*. We must be moved to the very depths of our persons, by mercy—a mercy which we can hope would also move the Heart of Christ.

A contemplative attention to the mystery of Christ and our world's needs call us to return to the Sacred Heart with renewed vigor. For God's love burns for us, burns so powerfully and so brightly—in the faces of the poor, in our exchanges of mercy—that we can look nowhere else but to Christ's Heart for our own identity and our own future.

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**.

On Flag Day, Holy Redeemer Activities Committee sponsored a Flag Day breakfast where we honored area veterans. We had about 50 attendees and saw many new faces!



Photos: (top left) Our wonderful setup crew

(top right) The attendees at the breakfast

(bottom left) Elane Drolet enjoyed the breakfast so much that she went up for seconds!

(left center) Our many servers hard at work and dressed in red, white, & blue



(right center) A local veteran won the quilt raffle—a quilt hand made by our very own Roberta Homan!
 (bottom) Roger Clark from the American Legion gave a few remarks

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, June 13–14	\$6,338.25
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending June 12	\$6,939.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,805.00
Total Weekly Offertory, June 13–14	\$17,082.25

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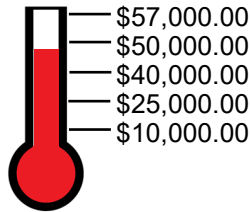
If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

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



IC Catholic Appeal
Goal: \$57,000.00
To Date: \$48,251.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



Stations of the Cross Lighting at IC

In the weeks ahead we will finally be installing new, improved lighting for the Stations of the Cross at IC Church. After an exhaustive search, the aging lamps from about 30 years ago will be replaced with new, focused LED lights that will better illuminate these treasured images and help bring them to life.

The cost for each installed lamp is approximately \$600. Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation to help offset this cost is invited to contact our office (978-462-2724). Several parishioners have already made donations for specific Stations. Memorial plaques with each Station number will be installed below each image when the project is completed.

Many thanks for your continued generosity and support!

IC Online Giving

IC provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring donation. To get started you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office. Once you register, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then “IC Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

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