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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

June 29, 2025

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All Are Welcome



The angel of the LORD
encamps around
those who fear him,
and he saves them.
Taste and see that
the LORD is good;
blessed is the
stalwart one who
takes refuge in him.
Fear the LORD, you
his holy ones;
nothing is lacking to
those who fear him.
(Ps 34:8–10)



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

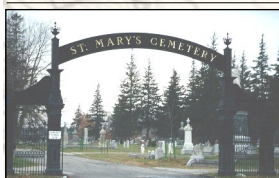
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Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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Immaculate Conception School

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

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate
Conception Collaborative
Parishes



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/28)

4:00pm **IC Stasia Malionek and for the intentions of Sergio Vergara** (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St. Ann Frederick T. Jones & Helen Burke Jones** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (6/29)

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

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

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

11:00am **IC For the intentions of Dennis & Gail Bedrosian** (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (6/30)

9:00am **IC Lillian M. Foley and for the intentions of Jeffrey Perkins** (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (7/1)

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

Wednesday (7/2)

9:00am **IC Joseph Santangelo, and the Niles, Keefe, Swochak, and Macri families** (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (7/3)

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

Friday (7/4)

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

Saturday (7/5)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **IC Alex Hasapis** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (7/6)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am **IC Diane Lees** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

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

11:00am **IC John D. Larnard** (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers please remember Vivian Sweeney 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.

Online Resources

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, hriccatholic.org for information on groups, meetings, faith formation, Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our calendar, X, Instagram, and Facebook pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, check out the photos tab, or explore our volunteer tab to see how your talents can be utilized.



Independence Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will be closed on Friday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. Offices will reopen on Monday, July 7 at 9:00 a.m.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Below, please find the text of a press release from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and its president, Archbishop Timothy Broglio. This was sent from the Archdiocese this past week, but too late to be included in last week's bulletin.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

June 16, 2025



Office of
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — “As your shepherds, your fear echoes in our hearts and we make your pain our own. Count on the commitment of all of us to stand with you in this challenging hour,” said Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), addressing the surge in immigration enforcement actions. He offered a reflection on behalf of the bishops of the United States and acknowledged that while law enforcement actions to preserve order and ensure community security are necessary for the common good, we cannot turn a deaf ear to the anxiety and fear in communities. Archbishop Broglio's reflection follows:

Just before the opening of the special assembly of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, it seems appropriate to give voice to a profound concern in the hearts of the Shepherds of the Church in our Country.

When he spoke to the young people of Chicago this past weekend, Pope Leo XIV reminded us that at the heart of the Christian faith is an invitation to share in the communion of life and love of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the first community and based completely on love. The Holy Father also challenged us to be a sign of hope by making the world a better place.

Considering Pope Leo's message, no one can turn a deaf ear to the palpable cries of anxiety and fear heard in communities throughout the country in the wake of a surge in immigration enforcement actions.

Law enforcement actions aimed at preserving order and ensuring community security are necessary for the common good. However, the current efforts go well beyond those with criminal histories. In the context of a gravely deficient immigration system, the mass arrest and removal of our neighbors, friends and family members on the basis of immigration status alone, particularly in ways that are arbitrary or without due process, represent a profound social crisis before which no person of good will can remain silent. The situation is far from the communion of life and love to which this nation of immigrants should strive.

The many actions of protest throughout the country reflect the moral sentiments of many Americans that enforcement alone cannot be the solution to addressing our nation's immigration challenges.

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, June 30

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

Tuesday, July 1

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

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

Wednesday, July 2

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Thursday, July 3

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

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, July 4, Independence Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Saturday, July 5

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, July 6

K of C Hospitality Sunday 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

Baptism Preparation Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

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.

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 loving presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

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While protest and dissent can be a legitimate expression of democratic participation, violence is never acceptable. At the same time, it is good to remember Pope Francis' admonition that "without equal opportunities the different forms of aggression and conflict will find a fertile terrain for growth and eventually explode" (*Evangelii gaudium*, 59).

The chronic lack of opportunities for legal status for our immigrant brothers and sisters, together with the growing denial of due process to them, is injurious to human dignity and is a considerable factor in the breakdown of the rule of law. Likewise, unfounded accusations against Catholic service providers, who every day endeavor to provide critical support and care to the most vulnerable, contribute to societal tensions and a growing climate of fear.

On behalf of my brother bishops, I want to assure all of those affected by actions which tear at the fabric of our communities of the solidarity of your pastors. As your shepherds, your fear echoes in our hearts and we make your pain our own. Count on the commitment of all of us to stand with you in this challenging hour.

I acknowledge those in our Catholic service and community organizations working to promote the common good by binding up the wounds of the afflicted. Let those motivated by the urgency of the current moment to work for just and humane solutions to these immigration challenges know of the cooperation and goodwill of the Catholic Bishops of our country.

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



ODE TO DEACON DOW

On His Retirement

We met in church some years ago,
Three decades passed, or nearly so.
A steadfast soul, a faithful friend—
On Paul, you always can depend.

Became a Deacon with servant's grace,
He lived God's love in every place.
With steady hands and an open heart,
He always played the faithful part.

A father, grandfather, husband too,
With love that daily shone right through.
His family, strong through every test—
For 56 years, Maureen's been blessed.

But Paul's not just a man of prayer—
You'll find him at the racetrack there.
Talladega's thrills, Daytona's roar,
Indy 500 and so much more.

He loves the road, the campfire glow,
With a fifth-wheel hitch and trailer in tow.
In nature's calm, he finds retreat,
Where stars and silence gently meet.

At home, the grill is his domain—
A master chef in sun or rain.

With BBQ and smoky art,
He feeds the soul, he cooks with heart.

From GE's world, where years he gave,
To serve Christ, both kind and brave.
Retired now from the pulpit call,
Yet leaves a legacy to all.

A Cursillista, firm and wise,
With Spirit's fire behind his eyes.
A guide for souls, both near and far,
A humble, faithful northern star.

We've walked together, far and wide,
On pilgrim paths, all side by side.
We've prayed in Rome, we've laughed in
Spain,
And dined where cultures sweetly reign.

He'll raise a glass with cheer and joke—
A cheap rum and a Diet Coke.
Or wine, of any kind, will do,
For joy, for friends, for something true.

Now from the altar he steps down,
No stole, no homily, no crown—
But etched in hearts, his service stays,
A light that never fades away.

At HRIC, the voices say,
"Paul lit the path, then led the way."
A man of faith, of grit, of cheer—
We're all the better for having him here.

Author: Paul Blanchette

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.

New! 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.

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Questions of the Week

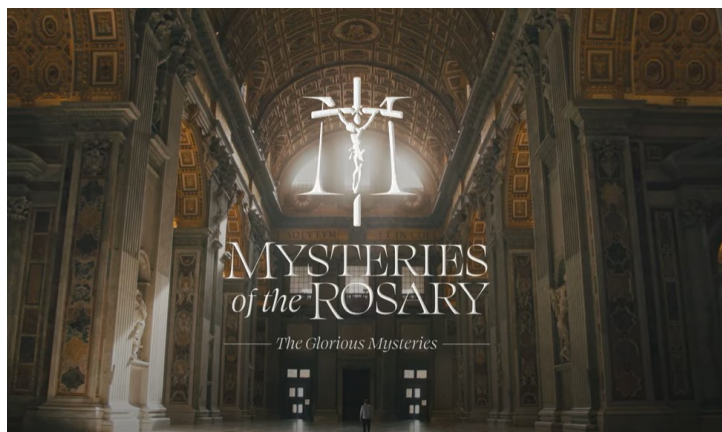
Adult: How would you answer the question "Who do you say I am?"

Child: What words would you use to describe Jesus to someone?



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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 St. Louis Hall 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.

Adoration



God's "tiny whispering voice" (1 Kings 19:11–13) can be heard by your ear of the heart. Your reply? Words are optional. It is your presence with Him in the Monstrance that attains to the spiritual dialogue.

Wednesdays 3:00–4:00 p.m. Nativity Church
(Note: no Adoration on 7-2)

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)

IC Haiti

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."

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our ministry to the Father Marc Piché school community in south-central Haiti, there is an eight-part historical overview at our website: ichaiti.org.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Patricia Baikewicz	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	Carol Johnson	Joanne Pesa
Coulombe	Derek Johnson	Donika Pulake
Kristen D'Entremont	Steve Johnson	Rob Schweizer
Deb Downie	Michael Juralewicz	Regina Seely
Dotty Duval	Arthur LaPointe	Yvonne Sloban
Ann-Margaret	Michael Lichtenstein	Gary Smith
Ferrante	Donna Limone	Arlene Stoddard
John Flynn	Johannah Lord	Taylor
Jeanine Ebacher	Monica Maguire	Captain Bill Taplin
Fowler	Sia Mahalati	Michael Tucker
Renee Fowler	Michael Martens	Maddie Villers
John Gutshaw	Ovidio Martinez	Laurent Vincent
Ed Hardy	Marjorie	Sandra Welch
Jane Harney	O'Callaghan	

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.

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Brief Personal Biography of Kennedy Ogujiuba

Beloved Parishioners of Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative,

Grace and peace to you all in Christ Jesus!



My journey to the seminary did not begin with a dramatic moment, but with something quieter—a whisper. It was gentle, persistent, and full of mystery. As a young boy growing up in Nigeria, I was deeply moved by the joyful and faithful presence of the priests who served in our parish. Their quiet strength and dedication to God and His people planted a seed in me.

Like many seeds, however, it needed time, light, and care to grow. I pursued my education and sought God's will through many paths. Yet that quiet whisper never left me. It matured into a longing, a longing to give my life completely to Christ, to walk with His people, and to serve as His priest. Responding to that call, I entered formation at the seminary in Nigeria where I spent a reasonable number of years until 2017. Today I am blessed to be back on a beautiful path of priestly formation for the Archdiocese of Boston, studying at St. John's Seminary in Brighton. I recently completed my first year at the seminary, and this summer assignment is a cherished step in my journey toward priesthood and parish life in the United States.

Since arriving at Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative, Newburyport, I have already experienced the warmth and kindness of your pastor, Fr. Timothy Harrison, the priests in residence, and from you all. I say a heartfelt thank you for your welcome. It is a gift to be here with you this summer.

Allow me to share a little more about myself. My name is Kennedy Ogujiuba, and I come originally from the East part Nigeria, where I spent most of my life before moving to the United States in 2023. I come from a big and loving family of ten—my parents, five sisters, two brothers, and myself. Family and faith were the foundations of my early formation, and they continue to guide my vocation today. My parents' witness, along with the vibrant life of our

parish, gave me the strength to embrace God's call with joy and trust, even through moments of challenge and uncertainty.

Here is a summary of my education and vocation/formation journey:

- **1995–2000:** Primary School – Assumpta Nursery and Primary School, Nigeria
- **2000–2003:** Junior Secondary – Assumpta Minor Seminary, Nigeria
- **2003–2006:** Senior Secondary – St. Peter Claver Seminary, Nigeria
- **2008:** Began formation with the Claretian Missionaries
- **2009–2010:** Novitiate – Claretian Missionary Congregation, Nigeria
- **2010–2014:** B.A. and B. Phil – Claretian Institute of Philosophy, Nigeria
- **2014–2015:** Pastoral Year in Nigeria
- **2015–2017:** Theology – Spiritan International School of Theology, Nigeria
- **2023–2024:** Master's in Theological Studies – Providence College, Rhode Island
- **2024–Present:** Ongoing priestly formation – St. John's Seminary, Boston

Where am I now?

I am currently serving in my summer pastoral assignment here at Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative in Newburyport. What a great and vibrant place to begin a summer pastoral assignment!

As I begin my work with you, I do so with a heart full of hope and openness. I am eager to serve wherever I am needed, whether in the liturgy, with the youth and elderly, in parish ministries, or simply by being present and listening. Even more, I have come to know and learn from you. Your witness, your stories, and your faith will shape me as I continue this journey. I believe a parish is truly a school for pastoral and spiritual formation, and I am honored to walk with you on this journey.

Please keep me in your prayers, as I will surely be praying for each of you. May this summer be a season of grace for us all, a time of shared faith, renewed hope, and deeper love for Christ who walks among us.

With gratitude and peace,

Kennedy Ogujiuba

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

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library.

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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, June 21–22	\$1,725.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending June 20	\$ 387.50
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 422.50
Total Weekly Offertory, June 21–22	\$2,535.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, June 21–22	\$ 573.00

No second collection this weekend (June 29) or next weekend (July 6).

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

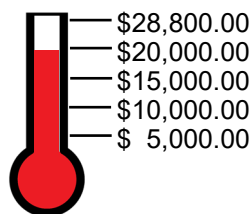
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

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



HR Catholic Appeal
Goal \$28,800.00
To Date \$19,235.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your kind and generous donations. Your constant support allows us to help with the ongoing needs of our neighbors. We offer this summertime blessing:

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do, wherever you go. Walking with God means walking with honesty and courage and walking with love, respect, and concern for the needs of others. May you talk to God this summer — every day and in every situation. Amen.



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.

We are also renewing our request for **new members**. You will find our work to be both heartrending and spiritually rewarding. Just a few hours of your time each month brings so much in return. Call 978-346-8604 and leave a message on our voicemail. We can help you to help others.

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

HR Online Giving

It's convenient and safe. To learn more about online giving (one-time or recurring donation options available), visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724.

HR Activities Committee News

Next Activities Committee Meeting

All are welcome to join us for our next Activities Committee meeting on **Tuesday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m.** in Nativity Hall. We will be discussing the Chicken BBQ dinner for Merrimac's Old Home Days on August 9.

Volunteers for Our Gardens

Our church yards are coming into bloom! The Activities Committee has filled the church yards with beautiful budding pots and flowers. We think it makes Nativity and St. Ann churches look so beautiful—a Parish family that is alive and welcoming! Perhaps a place where someone would like to attend. **Please, take a moment and sign up in the back of the church**, to help for ONE week this summer with watering and a little weeding. Our Parish family needs your help. Please lend a hand and volunteer for your Parish family. Thank you.

Mary Statue at St. Ann Update

The Activities Committee is glad to announce the completion of the repairs to the stone work, repointing, wall caps, and patio area supporting the statue of Mary outside St. Ann Church. The repairs were funded by all those who support the Parish Fair. **Thank You!**

Planning for Veterans Day in November

Veterans Day is November 11. The Activities Committee wants to celebrate our Veterans! We are planning a celebration after each Mass on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**. Please, write your name and email (or a veteran you know) on the paper in the back of the church so we can personally invite you.

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.

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass will move to **Nativity, Merrimac** for the month of **July**.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

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IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending June 20	\$1,132.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,462.82
Total Weekly Offertory, June 21–22	\$10,100.82

Ongoing Church Maintenance, June 21–22 \$2,996.00

No second collection this weekend (June 29) or next weekend (July 6).

*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: hricatholic.org/ic-online-giving.

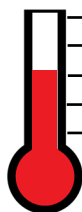


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Join us **Sunday, July 6, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC Parish Center for Hospitality Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.

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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!

IC Online Giving

To get started, register as a member of IC Parish (if you aren't already registered). Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. You can also register online.

To learn more visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724.

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Graduates will attend high school at Bishop Fenwick High School, Central Catholic High School, Newburyport High School, St. John's Prep, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Whittier Tech. Congratulations graduates!

Berry Festival

Save the Date



This year's Berry Festival is **Sunday, July 27**, the first day of Yankee Homecoming Week, from 12:00 noon–4:00 p.m. at IC Church (corner of Green and High Streets) Come and enjoy delicious homemade strawberry/blueberry shortcakes topped with fresh whipped cream.

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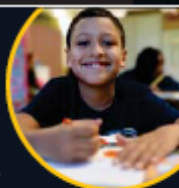
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