

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 30, 2024

All Are Welcome

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*He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha kum,"
which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!"
The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around.*

(Mk 5:41-42)



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985

Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

Phone: 978-346-8604

Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Nativity

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

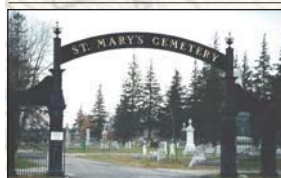
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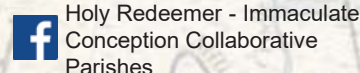
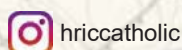
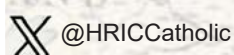
Tim Richard, IC organist

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Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/29)

4:00pm **IC** Dorothy Gail Mauro, Marjorie Howard
(Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (6/30)

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

9:00am **IC** Lillian M. Foley (Fr. Harrison)

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

11:00am **IC** Marjorie Barr, Thomas Zeloski
(Fr. Stanley)

Monday (7/1)

9:00am **IC** For the Intentions of Michael Lichtenstein
(Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (7/2)

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

Wednesday (7/3)

9:00am **IC** Niles, Keefe, Swochak, & Macri Families,
Steven Balba, Anne Rice (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (7/4)

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

Friday (7/5)

9:00am **IC** Ralph Teran & Family (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (7/6)

4:00pm **IC** Alex Hasapis, Cynthia Lapre Colby,
Matthew Eaton (Fr. Shea & Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (7/7)

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

9:00am **IC** Irene Palaima, Gilda LaBarba (Fr. Shea &
Deacon Moranski)

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

11:00am **IC** Caroline Doyle, John Larnard
(Fr. Shea & Deacon Moranski)

In your prayers please remember Margaret DeBoyes, Norman Ceder Sr., 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.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Sometimes things are so ubiquitous, that we don't even question whether they should be or have to be. For example, this time of the year, everything around us seems so green. Trees, plants, bushes, shrubbery...you name it, it is probably green. But the green largely comes from the chlorophyll in the plants' leaves, which absorb the red and blue colors from the white, multi-spectrumed, light of the sun and reflect back its green rays to our eyes. But plants don't have to be green, and science can imagine that there may be other chemicals than chlorophyll that can power the photosynthesis process in living cells to produce energy. So, there could be worlds out there in our universe where the plants are all blue or red or yellow...depending on what part of their star's light they want to keep or reflect back into the world. For us, in our tiny little corner of the cosmos, green is it. And it is everywhere.

Death also seems to be all around us. Just about anything we can observe has some birth-life-death cycle. Even the great mountains that soar above distant horizons are lifted by plate tectonics, volcanic action, or some other deep-earth process that often occurs so slowly that they can seem eternal and unmoving. Yet the mountains are eventually eroded by water and weather, and return many eons later into the ground and sea from which they came. Every living being also follows this pattern. We are born, nurtured—we grow, mature, age, and eventually die. It is a seemingly inescapable pattern that we are bound to from the earliest moments of our conception. But do we ever question whether this *has* to be? Is death always the end-result of life? Death is all around us. But do we ever wonder if this is the only way it can be?

Our Scriptures this weekend offer a resounding, "No!" Clearly stated in the Book of Wisdom, death, at least how we experience it, is the result of our rebellion against God, not an enduring part of God's plan for Creation. "God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living." (Wis 1:13). What a startling statement! Many of us may go our whole lives thinking that this is just the natural way of things, and yet it clear in the Bible that it is

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Independence Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5 for the Independence Day holiday. Offices will reopen on Monday, July 8 at 9:00 a.m.



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Collaborative Parishes

Evening of Reflection

Save the Date

The Collaborative Ministry Committee is sponsoring an Evening of Reflection, led by Fr. George Morin, on **Wednesday, September 25 from 6:00–8:00 p.m.** at IC Church. Any Collaborative member who is involved in any ministry, committee, or involved in any other way is invited to attend. More information will be provided as the day gets closer.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, July 1

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

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

Tuesday, July 2

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

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

Wednesday, July 3

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, July 4, Independence Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Friday, July 5

Collaborative Offices Closed

Saturday, July 6

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, July 7

Knights of Columbus Hospitality Sunday 10:00am,
IC St. Louis Hall

Baptism Preparation Class 12:00pm, 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.

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not. We read in Luke's Gospel: "That the dead will rise—even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called 'Lord' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all are alive." (Lk 20:38–39). Jesus' own resurrection (and, therefore, all of ours!) is seen as a restoration of God's original plan for us and our world. It is, literally, Paradise, restored.

Jesus' earthly ministry was all about proclaiming the coming of God's Kingdom through signs, miracles and words of hope. It was a present-event that pointed to a fullness and completion that was still immanent. Jesus' healing of Jairus' daughter and the woman with a hemorrhage show that death and decay, illness and disease will have no part of what is to come from God. Rather, we will see the restoration of what was once thought to be lost (like basic human health), a return to wholeness (such as a little girl enjoying a meal with her family!) and a blessed freedom from anything that will take away from the state of perfection that God wills for us. And, of course, there will be no death. "We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him." (Rm 6:9) And so, too, us, in Christ.

Death may seem inevitable and inescapable. But it only seems that way. God has another plan! Stay tuned for more!

Summer blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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.

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. 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."



Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped clean up and mulch the HRIC Rail Trail garden in recent weeks. Many people stopped to give us compliments. The mulch was donated by Nunan's Florist and Greenhouses in Georgetown.

St. Mary's Cemetery Trash Removal Policy

From time to time, we get inquiries about trash removal at St Mary's Cemetery. In order to avoid very costly trash removal fees and to discourage people from littering and leaving trash throughout the cemetery, we have posted signs that read:

**Please respect our consecrated grounds.
Remove any trash or discarded items
when you leave.**

As we did last year, we will continue the practice of not placing trash barrels throughout the cemetery as the cost of regular trash removal would be prohibitive.

We ask that visitors to St Mary's Cemetery please take any trash with you when you leave and dispose of it at home.

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Shawls and Lapghans



Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy! We would be happy to deliver to anyone. Or if you personally would like to give one to a friend, relative or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673.

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.

We are taking a break from meeting in July. Our next meeting is Thursday, August 1 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m.

Looking for Yarn Donations

We are always looking for **yarn donations**. Do you have some leftover yarn from an old project? Maybe a family member who no longer knits or crochets? Any amount is welcome. Contact Helen at 978-771-4673 and she will arrange to pick it up.



Prayers for the Sick

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

Rosemarie Anderson	Raymond Gibbons	Eleanora Paciulan
Patricia Baikewicz	Ed Hardy	Joseph Palumbo
Kathy P. Brodeur	Jane Harney	Joanne Pesa
Priscilla Brown	Chloe Hequet	Donika Pulake
Vasfije Buhali	Linda Hofferty	Rose Raimo
Autumn Rose	Armand Hyatt	Maureen Russell
Coulombe	Justin Johnson	Rob Schweizer
Bill Crounse	Michael Juralewicz	Harold Simons
Drew Daubach	Arthur LaPointe	Yvonne Sloban
Kristen D'Entremont	Michael	Gary Smith
Deb Downie	Lichtenstein	Arlene Stoddard
Ann-Margaret	Johannah Lord	Taylor
Ferrante	Sia Mahalati	Captain Bill Taplin
John Flynn	Patricia Carey	Tom Tribble
Jeanine Ebacher	McCarthy	Michael Tucker
Fowler	Maynard	Maddie Villers
Renee Fowler	MacGregor	Laurent Vincent
	Carol O'Neal	

Contact the Collaborative offices to remove someone 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.

Collaborative Pastoral Council

We have almost completed our fourth 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 parish 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 this information to jimwilliamson35@gmail.com by July 14, 2024. 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 later in the summer.

Collaborative Faith Formation

Baptism

We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on the second Sunday of each month at IC Church at the 11:30 Mass. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Confirmation

In January, Cardinal Seán announced his decision to move the Sacrament of Confirmation from 10th grade to 8th grade. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation process will be changing. While we are working on how this change will be rolled out, please help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not yet be aware. Program updates will be made available as they occur.



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Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Questions of the Week



Adult: What does it cost you to be a follower of Jesus Christ?

Child: How can others tell that you know and love Jesus?

women at the well

Are you seeking a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social, or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

We invite all women to come join us, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. The group meets **Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** in person at the IC Parish Center and virtually on Zoom. If you have any questions, or would like to join via Zoom, please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com.

Live Rosary Update



Note: Facebook live recitation of the rosary on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be paused for the next month from June 25 to July 23. Join us on Tuesday, July 23 at 8:30 a.m. (before 9:00 Mass) in person at IC Church or on Facebook.

www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/.

Adoration Update

There will be no Adoration this week due to the holiday. This includes Wednesday afternoon at Nativity Church, Thursday evening at IC Church, and Friday Morning at IC Church.

View our weekly bulletin online on our website:
hriccatholic.org.

Pelican Intervention Fund



To date we have placed 135 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.

Collaborative Baptisms

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

**Ava Quinn Fronius • Lucy Bry Fronius •
Quinn Andrew McCarthy • Theodore Martin
McNamara • George Arthur Quarantiello
Clements • John Gregory Von Nessen**

The God Minute

Every morning a small group of priests, nuns, and lay people start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a 10-minute prayer called *The God Minute*. It's then uploaded for you to access and pray along with us on your own time. And it's free.



Listen with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work, or taking a walk. See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. www.thegodminute.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Box



Immaculate Conception now 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.

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Collaborative Calendar



Did you know we have an online Collaborative calendar? It lists Mass times and all Collaborative events and activities. Access it through the calendar tab on our website: hriccatholic.org or you can scan the QR code.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, June 22–23	\$4,531.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending June 21	\$3,165.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,073.84
Total Weekly Offertory, June 22–23	\$10,769.84
IC Grand Annual, Goal: \$100,000	\$87,200.00

No second collection this weekend (June 30). The second collection next weekend (July 7) is Missionary Cooperative Appeal. See below for details.

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: **\$62,600.00**
To Date: **\$48,488.00**

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



\$62,600.00
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\$40,000.00
\$25,000.00
\$ 5,000.00

Missionary Cooperative Appeal Collection July 6–7



M **FATHERS AND BROTHERS MARYKNOLL**

Next weekend, as part of the annual Missionary Co-Operative Program Father Leo Shea, a Maryknoll Missioner with experience in Venezuela, China, and Jamaica, will speak on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith at some of the Masses at IC. He will give you an opportunity to take part in the vital work of bringing Christ's name and Christ's message to all people.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies represented here in the Archdiocese of Boston. Father Leo will share stories of the missions and help us build a spiritual connection to others whose daily lives may be very different from ours. The Society of the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Catholic Church dedicated to assisting and supporting laypeople, priests, and religious in their evangelizing missionary work. To learn more in advance, visit www.propfaithboston.org.

While at IC, Father Shea will be happy to talk with any parishioners who are interested in doing overseas mission work as a Maryknoll Priest, Sister, Brother, or Lay Missioner. For more info., visit www.maryknollsociety.org.

May our hearts and ears be opened by the Holy Spirit to support and pray for all missionaries and people they serve in the missions.

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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.

Car Donation Still Needed

We are still seeking the donation of a car in good running order for a Newburyport single mom. Her current car's engine is no longer repairable. If you, or someone you know, has a vehicle that they would like to donate to this deserving family, please call the SVdP hotline or see any one of the IC Vincentians.

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, hriccatholic.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 x 402.

IC PARISH

Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **Sunday, July 7, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC St. Louis Hall for Hospitality Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.

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 call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.



Hospitality Sunday

1st Sundays after the 9AM Mass | Parish Center



Harvest Fair 2024

Our next planning meeting for the October 19 Harvest Fair is **Wednesday, August 7**, after the 9:00 Mass at IC in the IC Charity dining room at St. Louis Hall.

All are welcome. Many hands are needed to make this a success. If you can help, please join us.

Memorial Mass for Fr. Kelly

Fr. James T. Kelly, who some of you may remember as the Parochial Vicar at IC from 2003–2011, has passed away less than a year after being granted senior priest/retirement status. Father James T. Kelly died on May 16, 2024, at Regina Cleri.



We will hold a Memorial Mass for Fr. Kelly at the 9:00 Mass at IC Church on Tuesday, July 16. All are welcome to attend.

It's Berry Festival Time Again!



Join us for our annual Berry Festival on **July 28**, from 12:00–4:00 on IC Church grounds.

This event always sells out!

Delicious homemade strawberry/blueberry shortcakes topped with fresh whipped cream for 8:00 each. Gluten-free biscuits are available.

HR PARISH

Vacation Bible School at HR



Vacation Bible School is **back** at Holy Redeemer Parish with STELLAR: "Shine Jesus' Light!"

Dates: Monday–Friday, July 22–26

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.

The week will be packed with out-of-this-world fun activities, songs, and Bible-learning experiences.

The program capitalizes on the innate imaginations in our children and immerses them in the Bible and the life of faith in a unique way—with an *outer space* theme.

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:** hriccatholic.org/vbs-stellar.

HR Chicken BBQ

The Activities Committee has taken on a **HUGE** project. Holy Redeemer is participating in Merrimac's Old Home Days on Saturday, August 10. We are serving the **Saturday Night Supper** (300 people).

The supper was put on by the Boy Scouts for many years at the fire station. The Scouts are no longer able to do it. The Activities Committee thought this would be a great opportunity for Holy Redeemer Parish to be visible in the town as an active Parish. Perhaps finding new Catholic families or sparking up lapsed Catholics.

We will be serving our supper from 5:00–7:00 p.m. in Nativity's **newly air conditioned** hall. We will need **help** from more than just our committee members. Please consider helping. It will make the load easy for everyone.

How you can help:

- Baking cookies for our dessert
- selling tickets around town
- selling tickets Saturday morning (Aug. 10) in our booth
- setting up Nativity hall on Friday, August 9, at 10:00 a.m.
- volunteering your pick up truck to cart tables
- Helping to serve and clean up at the supper

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, July 17, at 6:00 p.m.** at Nativity Hall. If you cannot come to our meeting but are willing to help, please call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

Our Saturday Night Supper menu: BBQ chicken sandwich, homemade potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, cookie, and a drink for \$12.00. Children 12 years old and younger: \$8.00. Limited tickets. Take out available.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, June 22–23	\$1,650.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending June 21	\$ 299.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 276.25
Total Weekly Offertory, June 22–23	\$2,225.25
HR Grand Annual, Goal: \$25,000	\$21,865.00

The second collection this weekend (June 29–30) is Missionary Cooperative Appeal (See article, right column.). No second collection next weekend (July 6–7).

*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: hrccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.



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St. Ann Coffee Hour Update

*We Are Taking a **Summer Break** from Our Fun and Delicious Coffee Socials*

There will be no Coffee Social in July, August, or September. Watch the bulletin for the fall return of these happy gatherings.

Thank you to all who hosted, baked, and brought their good cheer to the St. Ann church hall. Enjoy the summer!



Adoration at Nativity Church

Note: Eucharistic Adoration at Nativity will be paused for the next month. Please join us again on July 24.

Saturday Mass at Nativity

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

Missionary Cooperative Appeal Collection June 29–30



We welcome Father Leo Shea, a Maryknoll Missioner, who will speak at some of the Masses this weekend on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Maryknoll is the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America. Maryknoll's task is to bring God's Word to foreign lands. Maryknollers share the Gospel, not in word alone, but in practical and concrete actions—by feeding the hungry, clothing naked, giving shelter to the homeless, and comforting the oppressed.



The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies represented here in the Archdiocese of Boston. Father Leo will share stories of the missions and help us build a spiritual connection to others whose daily lives may be very different from ours. To learn more, visit www.propfaithboston.org.

While at HR, Father Shea will be happy to talk with any parishioners who are interested in doing overseas mission work as a Maryknoll Priest, Sister, Brother, or Lay Missioner. For more info., visit www.maryknollsociety.org.

May our hearts and ears be opened by the Holy Spirit to support and pray for all missionaries and people they serve in the missions.

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.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

You have been so generous in the past. You probably have noted that this request for support is never-ending. In fact, the need *is* never-ending. Please give what you can.



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.

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