

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 2025

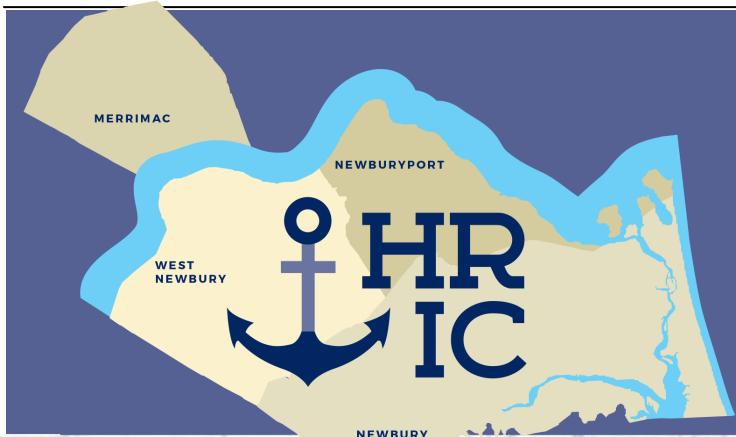
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All Are Welcome



When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.

Acts 2:1-2



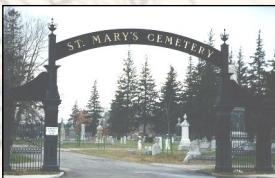
Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

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



St. Mary's Cemetery

36 Storey Avenue,
Newburyport 01950

Nativity

Parish offices and church:
4 Green St., Merrimac 01860
Office Hours: By appointment
Phone: 978-346-8604
Email: info@hriccatholic.org

Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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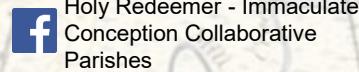
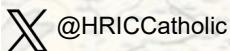
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Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir

609-519-3236

Confessions

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



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/7)

4:00pm IC **Theodore & Janet Gurski, Norbert Vogl, Will Quirion** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (6/8) Pentecost

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)
9:00am IC **Kyle Roche, Leo Reardon** (Fr. Morin)
10:00am **St. Ann Ed Wallace** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)
11:00am IC **Angelo Maiello, Rita Low, Jonathan Perry, Frank Johnson, Regina Darosa** (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (6/9)

9:00am (Fr. Stanley)

Tuesday (6/10)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (6/11)

9:00am IC **Mary White, Mary Vallee** (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (6/12)

9:00am IC (Fr. Morin)

Friday (6/13)

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

Saturday (6/14)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)
4:00pm IC **Stasia Malonek** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (6/15) Father's Day

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am IC **Joanne McCarthy Raymond** (Fr. Stanley)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:00am IC **Elizabeth J. & Paul L. Hanlon** (Fr. Morin)

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: hriccatholic.org as well as our Facebook page.

San Marcos Coffee Sale

June 14–15

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

Bulletin Information

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

Deacon Paul Dow "Retirement"

Recently, we received an official letter from the Archdiocese indicating that Deacon Paul Dow would be granted official "Senior Deacon" / retirement status.



Mindful of the many "quote marks" hanging around this new title, what this will mean is that Deacon Paul will still be serving among us, but we will probably see him a little less frequently than before. Over the years and often quietly behind the scenes, Deacon Paul has been serving the parishes of our Collaborative very generously celebrating Weddings, Baptisms, and Funerals whenever asked as well as visiting the sick, assisting with the Faith Formation program and offering his calm and reassuring presence at so many Parish and Collaborative events.

He is a superb preacher and has been a good friend to us all. While stepping back a bit from the full burden of all of these ministries and responsibilities, he desires, nonetheless, to stay involved as he is able in the months and years ahead. We are most grateful to him and his wife, Maureen, for the amazing witness of their marriage, their committed life of service and generous presence. We look forward to seeing them both as often as they are able to share their time with us.

Please join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving in gratitude for his many years of service among us on Friday, June 13 at 9:00 a.m. at IC Church. Food and frivolity will follow afterwards in St. Louis Hall! All are welcome.

**Congratulations (Senior) Deacon Paul!
Ad Multos Annos!**

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, June 9

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

Tuesday, June 10

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

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:15pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Wednesday, June 11

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

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Thursday, June 12

Social Action Committee Mtg. 5:45pm, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, June 13

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

Retirement Brunch for Deacon Paul 9:45am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Saturday, June 14

San Marcos Coffee Sales at all Masses

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, June 15, Father's Day

San Marcos Coffee Sales at all Masses

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

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

Our Gardens Are Growing!



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.

Summer Faith Formation Week

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

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

Adoration: Where Jesus Abides

Consecrated at Holy Mass, Jesus remains present after liturgy ends in the Tabernacle. When His Real Presence is seen in the Monstrance, it is right praise to gaze in homage and gratitude during a Holy Hour at Adoration. Be changed by this profound exchange of real presences: Jesus abiding with you and you abiding in Him.

Wednesdays 3:00–4:00 p.m. Nativity Church

Thursdays 7:00–8:00 p.m., IC Church
(enter at Green Street door only)

Fridays 9:30 a.m., IC Church (unless a funeral is scheduled)

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Second Collection June 8

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

Second Collection June 15

Next week's second collection will be shared by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). These two organizations communicate the Gospel by promoting works of justice, education, and the dignity of human life. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes and will support our local communications needs, such as Catholic TV programming.

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.



Fr George and altar server John Kelly pose for a photo at IC after Mass on the Ascension Holy Day.

The God Minute

The God Minute is an online prayer community, led by priests, nuns, and lay people who start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are woven into a 10-minute, guided prayer and then uploaded for all to share.

Listen/pray with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking the dog for a walk. Our mission is simple: to inspire and empower people of faith into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. And it's free.

See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. Visit www.thegodminute.org or scan the QR code.



HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

Next delivery is Wednesday, June 11

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

Please note: We are suspending the delivery of soups until the fall. Casseroles are still welcome! (See below)

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. Cold cuts with cheese and peanut butter & jelly are favorites. *Please do not use condiments.*

Also welcome are party-sized **powdered drink mixes** such as iced tea, lemonade, and Kool-Aid, along with fresh fruits and goodies (cookies, chips, candies, etc.) are greatly appreciated!

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

If you would like more information or have any questions about the HRIC Soup and Sandwich program, feel free contact the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724.

Making Casseroles for the HRIC Soup & Sandwich Program

 As you have read in our bulletin, in addition to soup and sandwiches, the HRIC Soup and Sandwich Program provides casseroles to the Good Shepherd Center in Lawrence. The visitors, who drop in for what might be their only meal of the day, are incredibly appreciative of a tasty, filling meal.

For anyone who would like to contribute a casserole, foil casserole pans with covers, are available to be picked up at St. Ann during the scheduled drop-off hours. On the following drop-off, return the foil casserole pan filled with a delicious, hearty casserole and an identifying label on the outside. If desired, pick up another foil casserole pan for the next scheduled drop off.

A few ideas to help you fill the foil casserole pan: hot dishes like lasagna or mac 'n cheese—with or without add-ins like broccoli—are always a hit. Cold dishes such as chicken salad, potato salad, or macaroni salad are great for the dog days of summer when it is too hot to cook!

Thank you so very much for prayerfully considering this extremely important mission to help feed those who hunger. May God bless you abundantly!

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, June 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Prayers for the Sick

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

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

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

The Sacrament of the Sick

The **Anointing of the Sick** is one of the seven Sacraments of our Church and is administered by a priest for healing and inner wholeness. Those who are seriously ill, elderly, or are entering the hospital can request to be anointed. Due to varied schedules and availability, it may not always be possible for a priest to come on short notice to offer the Sacrament, therefore it is strongly recommended that you request the Anointing of the Sick **before going in for a hospital stay, upon entering a nursing home, or at the beginning of hospice care**. Please call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drop Box

Immaculate Conception SVdP 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.

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.

We were pleased to welcome Most Reverend Robert F. Hennessey to Immaculate Conception Church on May 30 for the last Confirmation of the season. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit were conferred upon 50 young men and women.

Bishop Hennessey, again, made this a very special celebration for those being confirmed as well as for their families and friends. May these newly confirmed be assured of our continued prayers as they take the next step in their journey of faith.



First Parish Newbury Food Pantry

Ten-Year Anniversary Open House
First Parish Food Pantry, 20 High Rd, Newbury, MA
Sunday, June 8, 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

All are invited to help us celebrate 10 years of building community with neighbors helping neighbors! The Newbury Food Pantry is a 100% volunteer organization working to reduce food insecurity in seven area communities including Newbury, Newburyport, Salisbury, West Newbury, Ipswich, Rowley, and Georgetown. There has been tremendous growth in 10 years: from serving a single person in December 2015 to now fulfilling orders for over 750 people each Friday. We are so thankful for our neighbors and community supporters who assist us in our mission. At our 10 year celebration you can learn about our systems to reduce food insecurity in local households and schools and the methods we utilize to reduce waste with food recovery programs. Come visit us on Sunday, June 8 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. and enjoy refreshments, music, tours, kid's activities, and raffle prizes.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Faith Formation

School Year Programs (K-8, Including Sacramental Prep.)

Registration forms and schedules for 2025-26 will be uploaded onto our website in July.

Baptism

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information regarding this sacrament.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is now celebrated with students currently in Grade 8 rather than Grade 10 students. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation process has changed. Help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not be aware of this change.

Summer Faith Formation: June 23-27

Grades 3-8, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. daily

Registration forms for summer Faith Formation are now available on our website:

hriccatholic.org/faith-formation-registration-forms

NOTE: If your child is preparing for **Sacraments** (First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation) we offer preparation only during the school year.

If your child is entering **8th grade** in the fall, but has not received Faith Formation in recent years, enrolling them in the summer Faith Formation week is a great way to catch them up and get in a prerequisite year before they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (8th graders can begin preparation for Confirmation only if they have attended recent Faith Formation with us).

New! Youth Ministry

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—MINISTRY—

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

Questions of the Week



Adult: When are you aware of the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

Child: How do you know when the Holy Spirit is guiding you?

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/



HRIC Pastoral Council

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

Pastoral Council Members 2024-25

Fr. Tim Harrison (Chair)

IC

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

HR

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

Ex-Officio

Deacon Paul Dow
Deacon John Moranski
Aaron Giard



A huge thank you!!!

from Ailsa, Caroline, and the residents and staff
at Capernaum Place, Lazarus House Ministries
(including Noelia and Sagrario, pictured above with Ailsa)

We were so overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of the IC parishioners! We collected \$2,093 in cash and checks, \$475 in gift cards, and countless donations of baby gifts and clothing, toys, apartment items, and toiletries. Your generosity has made an enormous difference and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God bless you all!

Love, Ailsa & Caroline

Walk for Life

Join us Saturday June 21, 2025 as we Walk for Life! The Pregnancy Care Center is celebrating its 40th Anniversary with a Walk for Life event at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Lawrence. This 2-mile, family-friendly event is a great way to show your support for the hundreds of local women, children and families they serve each year.

Register to walk, build a team, and start fundraising today at PCCFriends.org/events. Thank you!

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, May 31–June 1	\$2,222.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending May 30	\$ 350.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 422.50
Total Weekly Offertory, May 31–June 1	\$2,994.50
Feast of the Ascension, May 29	\$ 466.00
Monthly, May 31–June 1	\$1,018.00
IC Haiti, May 24–25	\$ 335.00

The second collection this weekend (June 8) is Seminarians. See page 5 of this bulletin for details. The second collection next weekend (June 15) is Promoting the Gospel. See page 5 of this bulletin for details.

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

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

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



HR Catholic Appeal
Goal \$28,800.00
To Date \$15,115.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



Communion to the Homebound

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

Adoration at Nativity Church



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

Save Your Baskets for the 2025 Holiday Fair

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

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul

A Never-ending Need

If you are reading this, you might take running water and electricity for granted. Some of our neighbors are not as fortunate. The “shut-off season” is having an impact on a growing number of folks who, for various reasons, have become delinquent in payments. Your donations have allowed us to help several people in just the last few weeks! Please help us to help others faced with utility shut-off notices.

NOTICE
ELECTRICAL
POWER
SHUT-OFF

Quick Reminder: Cleaning out used clothing and shoes? Consider dropping them at the St. Vincent donation boxes: in the Nativity parking lot and at the West Newbury Food Mart lot.

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

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

HR Activities Committee News

Volunteers for Our Gardens

We are looking for volunteers to help with outside maintenance of both of our church yards. Please consider volunteering **one week** this summer to help water our flowers and pick out a few weeds. A sign-up sheet is in the back of **both** churches, one for each church yard. The schedule will be from a Sunday through a Saturday. There will be 18 weeks that we will be needing volunteers. Flowers will be planted soon. We are looking for volunteers to start June 1.



Garden Prayer Stakes

There are heart-shaped garden stakes in the back of both churches. Please write the name of that special person you would like everyone to remember and offer up a prayer!

We will be placing these garden stakes among our flowers in the church yard. (Limited supply available.)

Planning for Veterans Day in November

We are also thinking of our **Veterans**. If you are a Veteran in our parish, or know of a Veteran who lives around the area, please write your name and email down on the paper in the back of the church. The Activities Committee is planning an event for Veterans Day in November and would LOVE to personally invite you!

Activities Committee Meeting: June 16

The next Activities Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity Hall. Everyone is invited to join.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, May 31–June 1	\$6,708.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending May 30	\$2,122.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	<u>\$3,462.82</u>
Total Weekly Offertory, May 31–June 1	\$12,292.82

Feast of the Ascension, May 29	\$1,193.00
Monthly, May 31–June 1	\$1,408.00

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Immaculate Conception School

The second grade students at Immaculate Conception School have been extra busy these last few weeks. Having recently made their First Holy Communion, leading the whole-school Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension was very timely. Sitting among the children as they enthusiastically delivered the responses highlighted how they have grown throughout the year. The 2nd grade class has attended Mass almost every Tuesday morning with the 9:00 a.m. parishioners.



Last Friday they led the school's Crowning of Mary ceremony, which is a wonderful tradition for the second grade class. They were all dressed up in their beautiful First Communion outfits, leading all in praying the Rosary (pictured).

The second grade would like to thank the Immaculate Conception Church parishioners for their blessings and friendly smiles which they shared so graciously every Tuesday morning!

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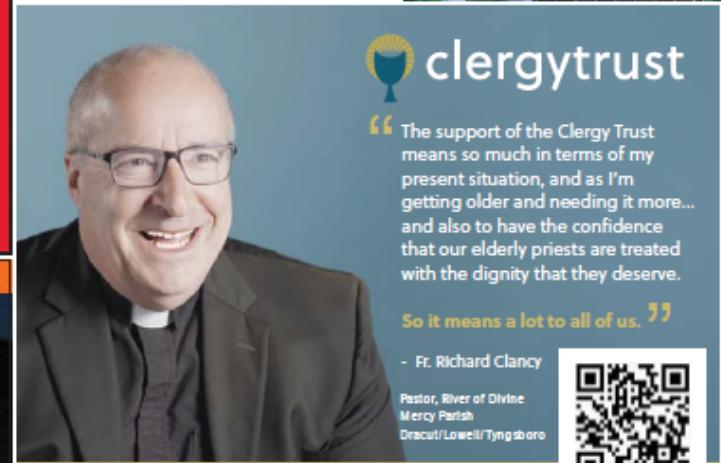
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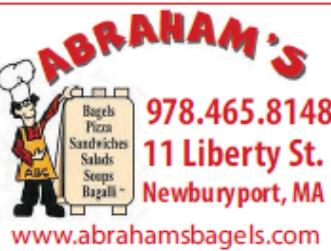


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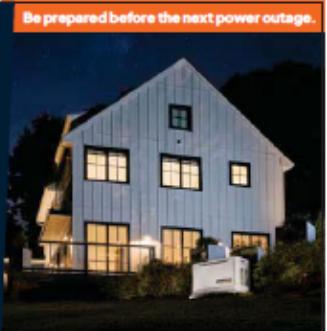
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