

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2026

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All Are Welcome

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away.

Matthew 13:47-48



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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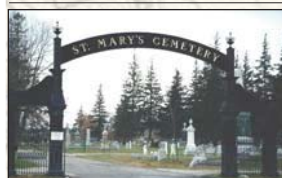
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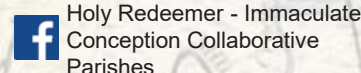
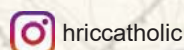
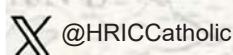
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Paula Quann, IC Youth Choir

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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 (7/25)

4:00pm **IC** Virginia Sipala, Joseph Buonomo
(Fr. Harrison)

No 4:00pm Mass at Holy Redeemer

Sunday (7/26)

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

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

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

11:00am **IC** Genevieve Johnson, Robert White
(Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

Monday (7/27)

9:00am **St. Ann** Patricia McCann (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (7/28)

9:00am **St. Ann** James A. Halloran, Sallyann T.
Coppola (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (7/29)

9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (7/30)

No Mass scheduled

Friday (7/31)

9:00am **St. Ann** Kevin D. Mahoney, For the Needs
of Families (Fr. Stanley)

Saturday (8/01)

4:00pm **IC** John Kearney Herlihy, Raymond J.
Haley, Henry Szymura (Fr. Stanley)

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

Sunday (8/02)

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

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

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

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

In your prayers please remember all of the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Vigil Mass is live-streamed online through our
website: hricatholic.org as well as our Facebook page.



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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes

Mass Schedule Changes

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

Please note these changes for this week:

Saturday, July 25, 4:00 p.m., Mass at IC

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

Sunday, July 26 follows the regular Sunday schedule.

**Note: Daily Masses will be held at 9:00 a.m. at
St. Ann on July 27–29, and July 31
due to the paving at IC.**

(Note: no daily Mass is scheduled for July 30.)

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



ANNUAL BERRY FESTIVAL



at

Immaculate Conception

On the front lawn corner of High and Green Streets

SUN. JULY 26, 12 – 4 p.m.



**Homemade Biscuits
and Fresh Whipped Cream**

\$7.00 each

Families of 4 or more \$20.00

Updated Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot Resurfacing Schedule

Please note the times when the IC Parking lot will be
closed to all traffic. This schedule is subject to change due
to weather conditions. **The High St. and the Green St.
parking areas will be used for staff and priest parking
only during the entire resurfacing project.**

Sat., July 25–Sun., July 26: parking lot is available for
Masses, however there will be only a gravel surface

Mon., July 27–Fri., July 31: parking lot is unavailable
(Paving of parking lot and area between church and
school—2 layers.)

**Note: Daily Masses will be held at 9:00 a.m. at
St. Ann on July 27–29, and July 31.**

**No Daily Mass at IC on these days
and there is no Daily Mass scheduled for July 30.**

Fri., July 31 and thereafter: parking lot is **available.**

Note: There will be no lines in the parking lot yet. (We will
be arranging a time when the parking lot lines will be
painted and the jersey barriers can be brought back. These
dates are TBD.)

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

Monday, July 27

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

HR Activities Committee Mtg. 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

Tuesday, July 28

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

Study: Pope Leo's Encyclical 9:45am, St. Ann Hall

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

Wednesday, July 29

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Thursday, July 30

Study: Pope Leo's Encyclical 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, July 31

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

Saturday, August 1

Men's Cursillo Reunion Group 8:00am, IC St. Ann Church

Confessions 3:00–3:30pm, IC Church

Sunday, August 2

K of C Hospitality Sunday 10:00am, IC Church

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

Bulletin Information

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

Collaborative Calendar



Check out our 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.

Offertory Commitment Program Envelopes Error

Please note that there was an error made during the distribution of our "Increased Offertory Commitment Program" information. The envelopes that were included were mistakenly printed as "Grand Annual" envelopes. All other literature is accurate.

When we receive these ("Grand Annual") envelopes, we will ensure that they will be applied to the "Increased Offertory Campaign" as planned. Please feel free to use these envelopes for that purpose.

We thank you for participating in the Increased Offertory Campaign and hope this clears up any confusion.

Our Grand Annual campaign will be held later this year.

Summer Reading with Pope Leo XIV

From Pope Leo's new encyclical, chapter 1: "The Church is present in the world as a sign of unity for the entire human family. She recognizes today's questions and challenges as the current setting in which to carry out her particular vocation of listening, dialogue and service, and of being responsive to everything concerning the lives of contemporary men and women." (paragraph 19)



Pope Leo's first chapter deals with the importance of the Church's Social Doctrine, as articulated over the last 135 years. He reminds us that we must apply the Gospel to real life situations and developments in the human family, for "...the Gospel remains relevant because it provides the criteria for recognizing what humanizes or dehumanizes and what liberates or oppresses in ever-

changing situations." (paragraph 36) The Church speaks on social issues in an effort to bring God's revelation in Jesus Christ to bear on injustice and the struggle for a better, more humane world.

Even if you missed last week, join us this Tuesday morning or Thursday evening as we unpack Catholic social doctrine, as expounded upon by Pope Leo in Chapter 1 of *Magnifica Humanitas*.

Note: Due to the repaving project at IC, the **morning session only on July 28 will be held in St. Ann Hall.**

Tuesdays, 9:45–10:45 a.m.: 7-28 in St. Ann Hall
8-2 through 8-25 in IC Charity Dining Room

or

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

Collaborative Faith Formation

K–8th grade Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation schedules and online registration forms are now posted on our website.

Go to www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation to find links to the schedule and forms.

Confirmation Preparation (8th grade) will begin with two options: September 15 or 16 at 6:15 p.m.

All other grades will begin on Sunday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Baptisms

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



Note: a blue canvas lawn chair was left behind at the 250th anniversary event at the Elks on July 12.

Please call the offices if it is yours.

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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 thirty minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God, surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives. This ancient prayer practice opens our minds and hearts to hear God within and in silence over time we are healed and transformed. We remain open to God as we hear Sacred Scripture being read in group Lectio Divina.

For the next thirty minutes we listen to God's words; ponder and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now and contemplate God's message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God.

For more information, call Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483.

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. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call

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

Prayers for the Sick

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

Lucas Aucamp	Chloe Hequet	William Murphy
Paula Cullen	Loriann Herrick	Carol O'Neal
Barnhart	Matt Hershey	Eleanora Paciulan
Marcia Beeman	Angela Holloran	Jodi Paciulan
Pattie Bombard	Tula Hunt	Joseph Palumbo
Kathy P. Brodeur	Emma Hurley	Carol Parks
Michael Brenner	Young Jameson	Joanne Pesa
Phyllis Collins	Derek Johnson	Elizabeth Pettingell
Autumn Rose	Gary Johnson	Lorraine Portalla
Coulombe	Steve Johnson	Angie Reddy
Kristen D'Entremont	Michael Juralewicz	Regina Seely
Neal DesRoches	Denise Kenneson	Yvonne Sloban
Ward Dilmore	Arthur LaPointe	Gary Smith
Deb Downie	Ed Laverty	Arlene Stoddard
Dotty Duval	Michael Lichtenstein	Susan Sweeney
Ann-Margaret	Donna Limone	Taylor
Ferrante	Johannah Lord	Captain Bill Taplin
John Flynn	Patricia M.	Heather Thompson
Jeanine Ebacher	Lisa MacDougall	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	
Jane Harney	Fr. Bill McLaughlin	

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

IC Haiti Collection: August 1–2

Dear Parishioners: IC Haiti's Board of Directors is happy to inform you that it continues to offer hope to the school children of Puit Chacha, Haiti, and their families by funding both the entire school budget of the Father Marc Piché Elementary School and the tuition costs for those students who continue on to area secondary schools. In partnership with Health Equity International (formerly the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation), health services are also provided for these school children. Despite the ongoing crisis in Haiti, the school remains fully operational, and the children receive a hot meal daily along with their education.



HRIC's ministry to our brothers and sisters in Haiti over the past 17 years has been made possible by the grace of God and the generous response of parishioners. **On the weekend of August 1–2, the second collection at all Masses will be taken up for IC Haiti.** Trusting in Our Lord's ongoing call and the needs of our Haitian brothers and sisters, may we all be generous once more in our service to the people of Haiti.

Youth Music News

IC High School Praise Singers

The IC Praise Singers is now forming! If you are in HS and would love to sing and/or play your instrument to glorify God, *please contact Paula Quann: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org.* The IC Praise Singers will sing contemporary hymns at the 9:00 Mass once a month. Rehearsals begin in September.



Youth Choir

Does your child love to sing? Join the IC Youth Choir!



The IC Youth Choir is for young people in the 3rd–8th grade. If your child loves to sing, it is the perfect way for them to use their gifts to glorify God and serve our church.

Rehearsals will begin in mid-September.

For more information, please contact Paula Quann: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org.

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"

Upcoming Ministry Fairs

The Collaborative Ministry Committee is again sponsoring Ministry Fairs in both parishes. The fair at IC will be September 12–13 after all the weekend Masses and at HR on September 19–20 after all the weekend Masses. These fairs will give the opportunity for all Collaborative ministries to show all who attend, who they are and what they do, and where they need new volunteers. We will reach out to all ministry leaders over the next few weeks to give them more details about the events. If you are a ministry leader, please make sure you reach out to Jim Williamson at 603-491-9916 to make sure we have your correct contact information. Stay tuned for more details.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Men's Retreat at Saint Joseph's Abbey



The Guest House of Saint Joseph Abbey in Spencer, MA has been reserved for the exclusive use of the Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Parishes from **Monday, September 21 to Friday, September 25, 2026.**

Spend the week in silent prayer and meditation joining the community of Monks at daily Mass and at the various hours of the day and night as they sing the Divine Office. There is also a daily conference given by one of the Monks. The Guest House welcomes 11 guests (all private rooms with bath).

The cost of this mid-week retreat is \$500.00 per person with arrival on Monday at 3:00 p.m. and departure on Friday after breakfast. Make your reservation with a check payable to Immaculate Conception Parish for \$500.00 (Memo line: Spencer Retreat). Act quickly: space is limited. If you have questions or want more information, please speak to Fr. George Morin.

Questions of the Week



Adult: How do you feel about the Kingdom after listening to the parables this week?

Child: Which story about the Kingdom is your favorite?

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.

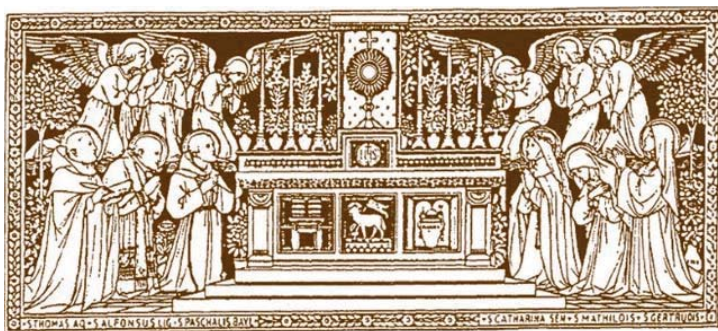
Shawls and Lapghans



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.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Our next meeting is **Thursday, August 6**. All are welcome! **Come join us.** Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you!

Adoration Sets the Time



It's Ordinary Time, yet an extraordinary personal mission may await as the season of Lent nears. Try this: place prayer to precede how and when you proceed in lay ministry. *Prayer such as Adoration allows the Holy Spirit to be your Time-Keeper, pacing a humble start before Jesus calls you into the deep where spiritual ripple effects await.*

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)



This past week, we bid farewell to Vince Barcinas, one of our seminarians. We gathered to wish Vince well and to thank him for his service to our Collaborative. Vince now will embark on his journey on the Camino de Santiago for the next several weeks before heading back to Seminary in the fall. We will miss you, Vince!

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



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 Marianne Cope (1838–1918)

Canonized in 2012—Patron Saint of outcasts and those suffering with Hansen's disease (Leprosy) and HIV/Aids.

St. Marianne Cope is the **first Franciscan Sister from North America** to be canonized. This missionary Sister dedicated her life to serving immigrants and those marginalized by society.

Barbara Cope, a German-born immigrant, entered the Sisters of St. Francis. Newly named, Sr. Marianne spent her early years serving the immigrant communities in central New York state. She founded several schools, often serving as teacher and principal. She opened the first two Catholic hospitals in New York, and, as nurse-administrator, she pioneered rules for patient rights, cleanliness practices, and equality of care.

In 1883, Mother Marianne's mission took her to Hawaii to serve those afflicted with Hansen's Disease. Over 35 years, she managed Oahu's triage center and established a girls home, and opened Maui's first general hospital. "Mother Marianne of Molokai" ministered to Father Damien in his dying months and took on his missionary work on Molokai. Sr. Marianne Cope died of natural causes at age 80.

St. Marianne Cope, pray for us.

Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769–1852)

Canonized in 1988—Patron Saint of perseverance amid adversity.

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne was a pioneer of Catholic education in the American Midwest. This French missionary Sister persevered in her mission despite repeated setbacks and extreme hardships.

Rose Philippine Duchesne entered the Visiting Sisters at age 19. During the French Revolution, Sr. Philippine took care of the poor and sick, opened a school for homeless children, and risked her life helping priests in the underground.

At age 49, Sr. Philippine volunteered to educate French and Indigenous children in Louisiana and Missouri. She suffered from poor lodging; shortages of food and water, fuel and money; forest fires; and climate vagaries. Still, she built the order's first convent house outside France and established the first free girls school west of the Mississippi and the first boarding school for pioneer daughters. In 1841, the Sisters joined the Jesuits in serving the Potawatomi tribe in Kansas. Sr. Philippine held prayer vigils for the Mission, and the Indigenous children named her "Woman Who Prays Always." At 73, Sr. Philippine returned to St. Charles where she lived the last ten years of her life in contemplative prayer.

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, pray for us.



Immaculate Conception School Job Opening

Job Opportunity: After-School Care Program

Immaculate Conception School is seeking dedicated, energetic, and responsible individuals to join our After-School Care team. This role is essential in providing a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for our students ranging from age 3 through grade 4. The ideal candidate enjoys working with children, fosters positive social interactions, and maintains a high standard of safety and supervision.

This part-time position follows the academic calendar. The After Care program runs M–F on full days of school. Most team members work a few days a week. Work hours are 2:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Job responsibilities include:

- **Safety and Supervision:** Maintain constant visual supervision of all children to ensure a secure environment. Follow all check-in and check-out procedures to ensure students are released only to authorized guardians.
- **Positive Interaction:** Actively engage with students during play, snack time, and organized activities. Model and encourage respectful communication, sharing, and positive conflict resolution among peers.
- **Activity Coordination:** Assist in facilitating age-appropriate activities, including board games, puzzles, outdoor play, and quiet study time for older students.
- **Environment Management:** Ensure the after-school space remains clean, organized, and welcoming. Assist with light setup and cleanup of materials and snacks.
- **Communication:** Maintain professional and friendly communication with parents and school staff regarding student behavior or daily updates.

Individuals with patience, reliability, and a genuine passion for early childhood and elementary development are encouraged to reach out to Principal Joan Sullivan at Immaculate Conception School to apply.

Resumes and inquiries should be emailed to jsullivan@icsnewburyport.com.

This parish family has been a wonderful resource for our school's After Care program team members for many years, and we look forward to welcoming new team members for the coming school year!!

Online Giving

Both HR and IC offer Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of one of our parish communities. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the Collaborative offices.

Once registered, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org, and click the "Links" tab to get to the Online Giving page. Questions? Contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724.

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IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, July 18–19	\$6,037.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 17	\$3,572.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,366.00
Total Weekly Offertory, July 18–19	\$12,975.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, July 18–19	\$1,329.00

The second collection this weekend (July 26) is electrical cooling costs. The second collection next weekend (Aug. 1–2) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to IC Haiti.**

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

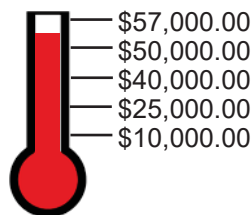
If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

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



IC Catholic Appeal
Goal: **\$57,000.00**
To Date: **\$54,216.00**

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul—Serving Our Neighbors in Need

During the month of June, our St. Vincent de Paul conference received 18 requests from our neighbors facing difficult circumstances. With your generosity, we helped all of them with urgent car repairs, rent support to avoid eviction, and past-due electric bills as well as food cards and gas cards to many families who were struggling to make ends meet.

Your kindness continues to bring hope and stability to those who need it most. Thank you for keeping our neighbors in your prayers and for supporting this ministry of compassion.

How to Donate:

- Online: svdpnewburyport.org and click on “Donate”
- By mail: St. Vincent de Paul, IC Conference, 42 Green St., Newburyport, MA 01950
- In Church: use the “Poor Box” at the Green St. entrance

We hope you can “Help us help our neighbors.” Thank you for sharing Christ’s love in such a tangible way.

Do you or someone you know need assistance? Call our confidential help line: 978-518-0728. Members respond to all messages as quickly as possible.

Tuesdays Breaking Bread Meal: Free, hot, three-course meal served 4:45–5:30 p.m. in the IC St. Louis Hall dining room. Take-out meals available at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Thank you for helping us serve our community with compassion and dignity.

Stations of the Cross Lighting at IC

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!

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.

A message of gratitude from Paul and Christine Blanchette

What began as an ordinary Saturday evening at the 4:00 p.m. Mass quickly became one of the most frightening moments our family has experienced anywhere, never mind in Church! Although Christine hadn’t been feeling well earlier in the day, she was determined to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, as she has done for years, so there we were. As Fr. Harrison began the Mass, she suddenly became ill and sat down. I saw the blank stare in her eyes and dialed 911. Within moments, our parish family responded. Nurses who were attending Mass, an emergency physician, Deacon Dow, and so many caring friends. Father Tim came from the altar to anoint Christine before she was taken by ambulance to Anna Jaques Hospital. After 7 hours of blood draws, 3 scans, a lot of waiting, praying, together with Stephen, Jeannine, & Dcn. Dow & Maureen for support. We need more explanations, but we were blessed to return home together that night. We continue to seek answers, but we already know this. If this had to happen, it happened in the one place where we were surrounded by prayer. HRIC prayed for me during my own crisis in 2024. Now those prayers have carried Christine. We cannot fully express what that means, but please know each of you is in our hearts. Thank you to Fr. Harrison, Deacon Dow, the medical professionals who responded, the Cataldo EMS team, the staff at Anna Jaques, and every parishioner for every prayer, every kind word. May God bless you for being the living heart of Jesus Christ.

With grateful hearts,

Christine & Paul Blanchette



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HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, July 18–19	\$2,140.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 17	\$ 720.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 587.00
Total Weekly Offertory, July 18–19	\$3,447.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, July 18–19	\$1,034.00

The second collection this weekend (July 26) is electrical cooling costs. The second collection next weekend (Aug. 1–2) is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to IC Haiti.**

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

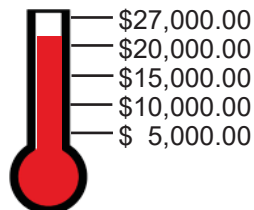
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Saturday Masses at HR

Note: There is no 4:00 Mass scheduled at Nativity on July 25.

4:00 Mass will return to St. Ann beginning on August 1.

Weekday Masses at St. Ann

Note: Daily Masses will be held at 9:00 a.m. at St. Ann on July 27–29, and July 31 due to the paving at IC.

(Note: no daily Mass is scheduled for July 30.)

Piano for Nativity Hall

We have been given a chance to purchase a very nice, slightly used piano for Nativity Hall at a greatly reduced price.

This beautiful Kawai upright is being offered to us for only \$5,000, and I think it is an opportunity too good to pass up. Retailing new for more than \$12,000, this instrument has been lovingly cared for and beautifully maintained over the years. It comes with its own humidification system, to help keep it in-tune during the drier months of the year. Any parishioner interested in making a donation to help offset this cost is invited to contact our office in the weeks ahead. Any donation checks, no matter the amount, can be made out to Holy Redeemer Parish. Many thanks for your generosity in helping our parish to be all that it can be!



HR St. Vincent de Paul

Faith and Good Deeds

This weekend, the church celebrates the Feast of St. James the Apostle. His writings remind us of the connection between faith and acts of charity.



What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. (James 2: 14–17)

You help us in our ministry as you renew your faith through acts of charity.

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.**

Activities Committee News

Upcoming Meetings



Monday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity Hall to finalize Old Home Days activities. All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity Hall for an "angel decorating" craft night to make angels for our November fair.

Merrimac Old Home Days

The Old Home Days committee has been struggling the past few years to get volunteers to help with this community event and the Activities Committee wants to support them. Here's how you can join Holy Redeemer by lending a hand to our community. Any type of help is appreciated.

- Set up on Friday, August 7, 10 a.m. Nativity parking lot. *Moving tables and chairs to the Donaghue School Field. Setting up a huge tent on the school's field.*
- Friday night, August 7, 5–8 p.m. at the Donaghue Field. *Making and selling popcorn for the outdoor movie: ET.*
- **Compete** Saturday morning, at the Donaghue Field, in the **Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament** sponsored by Holy Redeemer Parish. Fun for all ages!! Check out on the website: merrimacohd.com.



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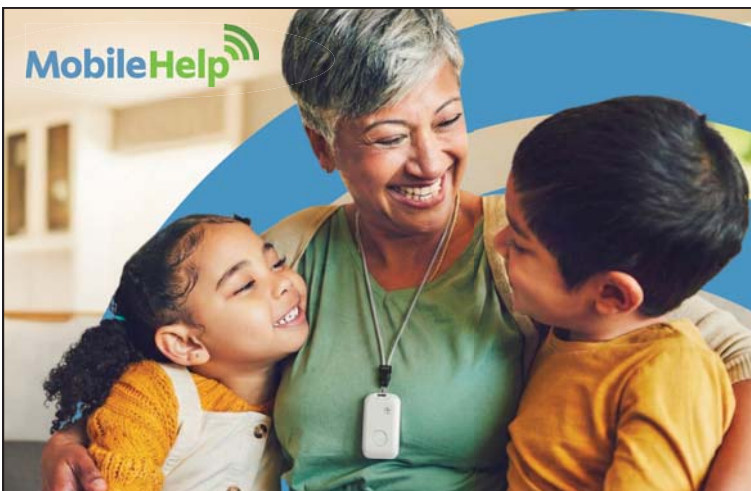
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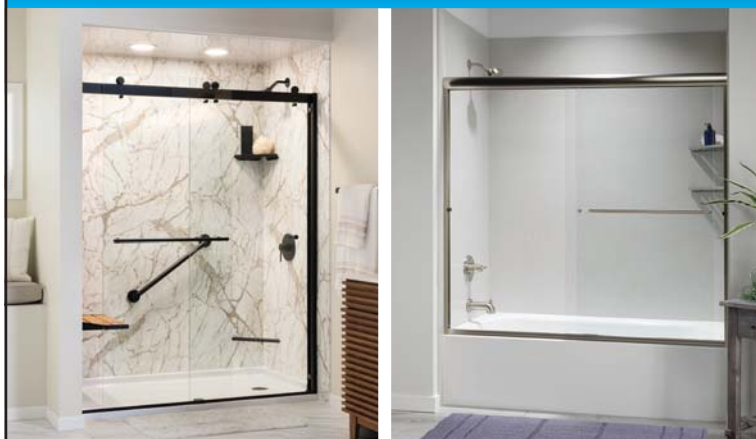
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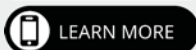
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