HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY







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

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: 42 Green St., Newburyport 01950 Office Hours: M–F 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Phone: 978-462-2724
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St. Mary's Cemetery

36 Storey Avenue, Newburyport 01950

Immaculate Conception School

1 Washington Street, Newburyport 01950, Pre-K-grade 8, Mrs. Joan Sullivan, Principal, Phone: 978-465-7780, Fax: 978-234-7331, www.icsnewburyport.com



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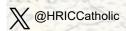
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Confessions

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











Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes



Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/3)

4:00pm **IC** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow) 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (5/4)

8:30am **Nativity** *Jennie & Alden Johnson, Theresa Duhamel* (Fr. Stanley)

9:00am IC Nancy Young, Gilda LaBarba

(Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

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

11:30am **IC** Andrew Filomia, John & Theresa Bartoszek, James Booth, Luke Piseillo

(Fr. Harrison) **Monday (5/5)**

9:00am St. Ann (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (5/6)

9:00am IC Louis Ron St. Pierre (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (5/7)

9:00am IC Norbert Vogl, the Niles, Keefe, Swochak and Macri families (Fr. Harrison)

Thursday (5/8)

9:00am **IC** For the intentions of Peter D'Ambrosio (Fr. Stanley)

Friday (5/9)

9:00am **IC** James & Mary Lefebre and their families (Fr. Stanley)

Saturday (5/10)

4:00pm Nativity (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm IC Mabel Jancewicz, Mel Woodman, Mary Jane Batenhorst (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (5/11) Mother's Day

8:30am **Nativity** *Maria Kardas, Jennie Johnson* (Fr. Morin)

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

10:00am St. Ann Wilhelmina Hayes (Fr. Morin)

11:30am IC Mary Razza, Lena Filomia, Genevieve Johnson, Mary Prescott (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Bernard Dube, Frances Ronan, William Edward Crounse, 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.

NOTE: We will move our daily Mass to St. Ann beginning Wednesday, April 30 through Monday, May 5. Daily Mass will resume at IC on Tuesday, May 6.



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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

Please email any bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As of this writing, the world is preparing for Pope Francis' funeral at the Vatican. While certainly offering a heartfelt tribute to a much-loved pontiff, there is also widespread speculation about who his successor will be. Over the past week, I have seen many lists of "Papabile" (those who might become Pope).



But these are merely the opinions of the writers. There is an enduring piece of conventual wisdom that those who go into a conclave as Pope, leave as a cardinal. Thus, though many prophets want to predict what will happen in the Sistine Chapel in the weeks ahead, only the Holy Spirit really knows what is to be.

We are fascinated by this process nonetheless. Many interesting movies have been released in recent years, capturing some aspects of conclaves more or less accurately. There is the obvious Academy Award-winning, Conclave, from this past year featuring Ralph Fiennes that walks the audience through the experience with all of its humanness. Its ending is best categorized by the phrase, "didn't see that one coming," yet the build-up to the moment where a new pope is elected is plausible and believable. Then, one of my favorites in recent years, is The Two Popes, delving into the relationship and transition of power between Benedict the XVI played by Anthony Hopkins and Francis played by Jonathan Pryce. While intermingling some historical fiction with the reality of that moment, it is very well done and does portray a number of dramatic moments of a conclave.

Then there was the 2011 sleeper, *Habemus Papam* (Latin, for "We Have a Pope"). While fictional, and certainly filled with some subtle humor, it also shows a number of scenes within the conclave that elects a reluctant new pope. And then, there is the 1968 classic, *The Shoes of the Fisherman*, starring Anthony Quinn and Laurence Olivier. Best understood in the context of the Cold War, it tells the fictional tale of a Ukrainian political prisoner who is suddenly freed and finds himself walking through a conclave and into history amidst a world crisis that threatens all-out war. So much drama!

The reality behind all of these films and many more speaks to the human element involved in any earthly process, including selecting a new Vicar of Christ to lead our Church. While God could have chosen to send an angel to drop a blazing coal on the head of the one would next be pope, or fire off some kind of lightening bolt to confirm the Holy Spirit's choice, as in most things, God chooses to work through our human nature rather than around it. This means the messy world of politics and relationships, of promoting various causes and seeking allies for consensus and support. It means navigating the slippery currents of sin and Grace that flow throughout life and people's hearts. The cardinal-electors, though of great esteem and known to be persons of integrity and men of prayer, are merely human beings, just like you and me. Individually, they can make mistakes as any one of us can. What we reverence,

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however, in a conclave, is that the Holy Spirit is promised to work within and through this flawed group of human beings to help select one who will lead our Church forward in the years to come. And no pope will be perfect, either.

Starting with Peter, we see in the Gospels that Jesus chose him specifically to lead the early Church after Christ's death and Resurrection. Peter was the one who protested to Jesus after witnessing an impossible catch of fish, "Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!" (Lk 5:8) Peter is the one who gets Jesus' earthly mission so wrong that Jesus rebukes him and even calls him, "Satan" (ouch!)—"He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." (Mt 16:23) Peter, of course is most famous for his tri-fold denial of Jesus while the Lord was being questioned before his trial and execution. If you are going to screw up, why not do it three times in a row, right?! Peter was confounded by his own weakness and failures, and wept bitterly after hearing that rooster crow that fateful night. But it was his great love for Christ and the Lord's redeeming love for Peter that enabled him to be strengthened by Jesus' forgiveness and empowered with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to step forward and lead the fledging band of believers in those critical first few years of the Church's history. God used Peter's stubbornness, his determination and latent courage to help spread the Gospel far and wide. It was his ultimate sacrifice of his own life in witness to the Faith in Rome that cemented his legacy for all those who would follow.

Back in 2023, I had the opportunity to go on what is called the "Scavi Tour" of the excavations of the necropolis under St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. It was fascinating to see the ancient pagan burial grounds that led up to the humble ruins that are believed to contain the actual bones of St. Peter, which are encased in a small glass reliquary that can be viewed through a crevice at the end of the tour. In the cramped and brutally humid confines of this tour, one is very conscious of the enormous weight of millions of tons of marble and rock that are directly above. If it ever came crashing down, you would be pulverized in a microsecond! But also, it is overwhelming to consider the gravity of history that flowed from this one disciple, martyred for the faith, and buried in this singular spot. So much of what we presently know as Western history unfolded precisely because of Peter and his witness to the faith. Had Peter died in Jerusalem or some other place in the Mediterranean, it is quite possible that our world would look very different than it does today. But because he was crucified on Vatican Hill and buried a short distance away in this ancient cemetery, his shrine was the source of devotion, pilgrimage, and strength for many early Christians, even when the outward structure of the Roman Empire crumbled. Thus when the Caesars were relegated to the dustbin of history, Rome remained a centerpiece of civilization, learning, and faith because of the Church that would follow its demise. All because Peter died and was buried THERE. I highly recommend John O'Neill's 2018 book, The Fisherman's Tomb detailing the dramatic story of how all of the excavations under St. Peter's Basilica were undertaken. It reads like a Dan Brown novel, yet is nonfiction and even filled with symbology!

So, in the week ahead, the cardinals of the world, of which 135 are under the age of 80 and eligible to participate in the conclave, will gather in Rome to elect the next pope. A majority of them have been appointed by Pope Francis, so they no-doubt share many of his concerns and ideas. Yet, once literally locked in the Sistine Chapel, in following the requirements of Canon Law, they will be free to elect any baptized male Catholic above the age of reason from anywhere in the world. However, it has been more than 500 years since anyone other than a Cardinal has been elected to this highest office in the Church. It is highly unlikely that this conclave will change that tradition. Once elected, the new Pontiff will accept his election (a requirement of Canon Law—the papacy cannot be imposed on anyone without their consent) and then will choose the name by which he will be called. White smoke will escape from the small furnace that is set up in the Chapel for the purpose of burning old ballots and as a traditional signal to the faithful in St. Peter's Square that we have a new pope. After donning the signature white cassock, he will appear in short order at the balcony and begin his work as the new Vicar of Christ here on earth.

So much to pray for and watch in the days ahead! May the Lord choose for us a good and holy leader who will imitate Christ in all things and be a true example of humility, apostolic zeal and unconditional love.

Easter Blessings to all!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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, neverending 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.

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This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, May 5

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

Tuesday, May 6

Women's AA Mtg. 7:00am, St. Ann Hall IC Fall Fair Mtg. 9:45am, IC Charity Dining Room

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

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, May 7

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Thursday, May 8

ICS PTO Mtg. 8:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

Social Action Committee Mtg. 5:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, May 9

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

Saturday, May 10

Confirmation Liturgy 1:30pm, Nativity Church

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day

Coffee Social 9:30am, Nativity Hall

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

Directed Marian Retreat

As the Easter season continues, we honor Our Blessed Mother in May. Please consider a Marian Retreat in May, *Mary, Full of Grace*: Exploring with gratitude, Jesus' gift of his Blessed Mother to all of us.

Four one-hour spiritual direction sessions will be scheduled at your convenience. Retreat opens May 1. Retreat closes May 31 Begin the retreat any time you choose.

Spiritual Director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastoral Counseling

Please call (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information. Suggested donation: \$95.00.

Catholic Appeal

"The Catholic Appeal is our way of acting in solidarity to spread hope." -Archbishop Richard G. Henning



Please enter into solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need and spread hope by making a gift today. Thank you to those who have already responded generously to Archbishop Richard

Henning's invitation to contribute. Together we are on our way to great success.

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate. Thank you for your support!

Adoration: Listener's Choice

Dial down words to dial into the choicest Word of the Lord meant to assign you your mission. Echo Samuel's words of spiritual availability: "Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening."



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)

Newburyport Choral Society

Last Performance: Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m.

The Newburyport Choral Society (NCS), will perform contemporary composer Dan Forrest's *Jubilate Deo*, and other celebratory music at **Immaculate Conception Church**, 42 Green St., Newburyport.

The program features the 110-voice chorus, a 17-piece orchestra, organ, and piano. A special auditioned subgroup, the NCS Chamber Singers will perform several songs as well.

Information: newburyportchoralsociety.org/events.

HRIC Laudato Sí Garden

Come Celebrate Our Tenth Anniversary and honor Pope Francis

Saturday, May 24, 2025

2:30 p.m.

In May 2015, Pope Francis issued his encyclical, *Laudato Sí, Encyclical on Climate Change and Inequality: On Care for Our Common Home*. Laudato Si translates as "praise be to you" taken from St. Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Creatures.

In its simplest form, this 184-page document focuses on the relationship between God, humans, and the earth and calls us to be stewards of God's extraordinary creation.

During the 175th anniversary of Immaculate Conception Church, a garden was dedicated on the Clipper City Rail Trail through the efforts of parishioner, Carol Robertson. A



stone was installed carrying an inscription from Laudato Sí, attributed to Pope Francis which reads, "We are not disconnected from the rest of creatures but joined in splendid universal communion."

To commemorate the tenth anniversary of Laudato Sí and in honor of Pope Francis and his love of creation, there will be a prayer and planting service on Saturday, May 24 at 2:30 p.m. at the HRIC Collaborative garden. The garden is located on the Newburyport Rail Trail, off Washington Street between Marker 02 and 03.

Please join Deacon Paul and members of the Laudato Sí Committee as we honor the life and legacy of Pope Francis at this beautiful site.

Prayers for the Sick

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

Patricia Baikewicz John Bourque Kathy P. Brodeur Michael Brenner Priscilla Brown Autumn Rose Coulombe Kristen D'Entremont Arthur LaPointe Deb Downie **Dotty Duval** Ann-Margaret Ferrante John Flynn Jeanine Ebacher Fowler Renee Fowler Ed Hardy Jane Harney Chloe Hequet

Loriann Herrick

Karen Hopwood Emma Hurley **Armand Hyatt** Carol Johnson Derek Johnson Steve Johnson Michael Juralewicz Michael Lichtenstein Donna Limone Johannah Lord Monica Maguire Sia Mahalati Michael Martens Ovidio Martinez Hallinan Mineo family Patricia Carev McCarthy Molly O'Donnell

Carol O'Neal Eleanora Paciulan Joseph Palumbo Joanne Pesa Elizabeth Pettingell Donika Pulake Rob Schweizer Regina Seely Yvonne Sloban Gary Smith Arlene Stoddard Taylor Captain Bill Taplin Tom Tribble Michael Tucker Maddie Villers Laurent Vincent Sandra Welch

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

Collaborative Faith Formation

School Year Programs (K-10, 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).

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

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 ioin 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, June 5 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us.

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.

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

Tom Welch

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

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

Ex-Officio

Deacon Paul Dow Deacon John Moranski Aaron Giard



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.

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."

Help Wanted: Part-Time Custodian

We are seeking a part-time custodian for Holy Redeemer Parish (St. Ann and Nativity). This position requires approximately 10 hours of work per week. Responsibilities include maintaining cleanliness in both St. Ann and Nativity campuses, performing routine cleaning tasks, some outside yard work, and ensuring a safe and orderly environment. Previous experience is preferred but not required. Please contact Dennis LaMalfa, Collaborative Business Manager, 978-462-2724 to apply or for more information.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.



May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Spring Concert HRIC Adult and Youth Choirs

Sunday, May 18, 2:30 p.m. IC Church



Come and enjoy our spring concert featuring the HRIC adult and youth choirs on Sunday, May 18 at 2:30 p.m.

Take a trip through all of the liturgical seasons as the choirs present musical highlights from Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, accompanied by organist Tim Richard

and flautist Judy Manning. And, plenty of songs for audience participation!

A drawing for a variety of raffle items will be held immediately following the concert in support of the music ministry.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Have you ever had an "aha!" moment when you realized Jesus was with you?

Child: How do you show Jesus that you love Him?

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, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, April 26–27 \$2,198.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending April 25 \$415.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving \$508.75

Total Weekly Offertory, April 26–27 \$3,121.75

Monthly, April 26–27 \$1,983.00

The second collection this weekend (May 4) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (May 11) is the Monthly

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.



Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



HR Online Giving

Holy Redeemer offers 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 Holy Redeemer Parish community. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then on "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: offertory, monthly, and grand annual.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow at 978-462-2724.

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 $1\frac{1}{2} - 2$ " wired ribbon for our bows if you have any extras.

HR Coffee Hours

Holy Redeemer Coffee Hours are held twice a month to promote fellowship among our parishioners. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and make a new friend!



Join us for our May Coffee Hours:

Coffee and goodies after Mass at St. Ann on May 4.

Coffee and donuts after Mass at Nativity on May 11 (Mother's Day).

Anyone interested in helping with setup, clean up, or making "breakfast food" is asked to call Donna Pallone (978-886-1621) if interested in helping after the 10:00 Mass (St. Ann) or Cindy Quinn (978-346-0072) if interested in helping after the 8:30 Mass (Nativity).

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

Thank you for your donations throughout Lent and especially the use of our mite boxes. We especially appreciate the Holy Thursday generosity. Please return your mite boxes as soon as possible in the bins provided in each church.



Remember Easter joy isn't just about gathering for Mass or enjoying a special dinner with family and friends. This joy comes from faith and service and it can last the whole year!

We always appreciate the continued use of 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 appreciated.

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.



(The free App "Laudate" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, April 26-27 IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending April 25 IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving Total Weekly Offertory, April 26–27

Monthly, April 26-27

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2025 IC Harvest Fair News

The first committee meeting for the 2025 Harvest Fair will be held on Tuesday, May 6, at 9:45 am in the upstairs dining room (Room 114) located in the IC Parish Center.

We welcome all volunteers to come and meet us, learn about what is involved in running a fair. You might decide to work with members pricing items for the Grandma's Attic or holiday tables or you may like to be a part of the Raffle Table committee putting baskets together. Or maybe you would like to work setting up the gym before the fair or help with cleanup after the fair.

There is something for everyone to do so come and see what we are all about.

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"SVdP of Newburyport" and drop it into the collection at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street. Newburyport, MA 01950.

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!

Immaculate Conception School



The Immaculate Conception School students held a ceremony on Monday to resurrect the alleluia as their first order of business upon returning from Easter break. Each class decorated an ALLELUIA banner before Lent began.

On Shrove Tuesday, the banners were ceremoniously placed in a small trunk as cheering, clapping, and singing filled the school gym. Once all the banners were in the trunk it was locked, the room fell silent, the lights went out, and the trunk was draped in a purple shroud. The alleluia banners remained in the sealed trunk for Lent. Upon returning from spring break, the banners were ceremoniously removed from the trunk, again amid cheers of "alleluia." Several Pre-K 4 students are pictured here parading their banner through the gym after it was removed from the trunk. The visual representation of burying and resurrecting the alleluia helps students to understand the meaning and significance of why "alleluia" is not spoken during Lent.

Mission Sox Drive

Last Weekend!

The Mission Sox organization raises awareness for clothing insecurity, and we focus on one of the most essential, but often overlooked items: socks! We have sent shipments of socks throughout MA and ME and even expanded to western NC to aid disaster relief efforts following the hurricanes.

Our goal for 2025 is to collect 2,500 pairs of socks, and we need your help to make it happen. Look for sox boxes and flyers at Immaculate Conception Church.

The sock drive will run until May 4.

Follow us on Instagram: @missionsox.

Knights Hospitality Sunday



Join us Sunday, May 4, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, in IC Parish Center for Hospitality Sunday sponsored by the Knights

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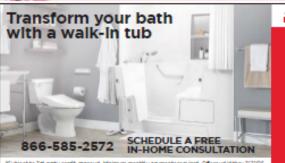
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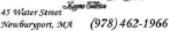
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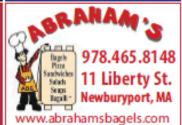
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