

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Third Sunday of Easter

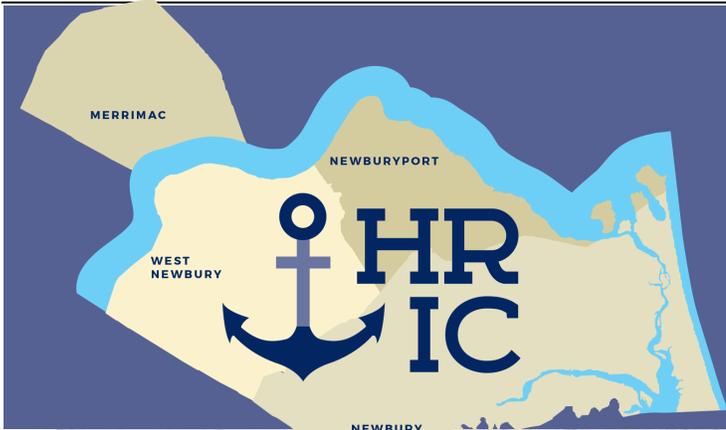
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“The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.” (Lk 24:35)

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

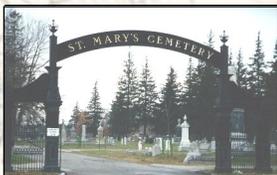
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (4/14)

4:00pm **IC** *Richard Guertin, Patrick Murray, Jack Graham, Dick Ring, Lillian Pecht, For the intentions of Stephen Gadziala* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St. Ann K. Theodore "Zak" Pruyn** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (4/15)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge* (Fr. Morin)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** *Sheila Kay Russo, Bill Moore, Noreen Driscoll* (Fr. McLaughlin)

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** *Robert Filomia, Sheila Kay Russo, Robert Lynch*

Monday (4/16)

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

Tuesday (4/17)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (4/18)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (4/19)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

Friday (4/20)

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

10:30am **Port Rehab** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (4/21)

4:00pm **IC** *Maryann Hughes, Dan Wecal* (Fr. Broderick)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Marie Lambert* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (4/22)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge* (Fr. Harrison)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

9:00am **IC** *George Wm. Champoux, Jr.* (Fr. Harrison)

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

11:30am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Annamarie Heffelfinger and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

Palliative Care, Advance Care Planning Seminar

The Collaborative of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception invite you to a program on Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning.

Are you over 18? Have you or someone you love faced medical challenges? Have you wondered what the difference between palliative care and hospice care is? Have you ever wondered what the Catholic Church teaches regarding health care proxy, advance directives, or end-of-life care?

Come hear a presentation and join in a discussion at Holy Redeemer, Church of the Nativity Hall, 4 Green St., Merrimac on Sunday, April 29 at 6:30pm. Presented by the Archdiocese of Boston's **Initiative for Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning**.

Please RSVP for refreshment planning purposes to:

Ms. Doreen O'Leary, Director of Religious Education at Holy Redeemer reledhrp@gmail.com or 978-346-8604, ext. 7

Dr. Mag McKinnon, Director of Religious Education at Immaculate Conception mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org or 978-462-2724 ext. 7405.

Youth Masses

Youth Masses are celebrated as a collaborative. Students take part in the ministries during the Mass. Folk music, with guitar, is featured. Youth Masses begin at 5:00pm. All ages are welcome to this lively celebration. Our next youth Mass is **Sunday, May 20 at IC**.

For each youth Mass, a charity is chosen for donations. The May charity is St. Vincent de Paul Society. Donations: toiletries, lotions, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

Prior to Mass, a **beach clean up day** is scheduled from 2:00–4:00pm at the North End of Plum Island. Please bring trash bags and disposable gloves. This activity is open to families. A permission form is required for any teens not accompanied by an adult. Form to be posted to the website in Youth Mass section of page: hricatholic.org/Youth-Ministry.



Teens participating in the annual Hunger for Justice weekend retreat helped out at the Lynn Mobile Food Market sponsored by Catholic Charities. On Holy Saturday morning they distributed food and care packs to hundreds of grateful people.

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This Week in Our Collaborative

See our calendar at hriccatholic.org for more activities.

Monday, April 16, Patriot's Day, Collaborative offices closed

Tuesday, April 17

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Raffle Night Planning Meeting 6:45pm, St. Ann Hall

Pastoral Plan Leadership Team Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Wednesday, April 18

Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, April 19

Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

Friday, April 20

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

Saturday, April 21

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, April 22

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church

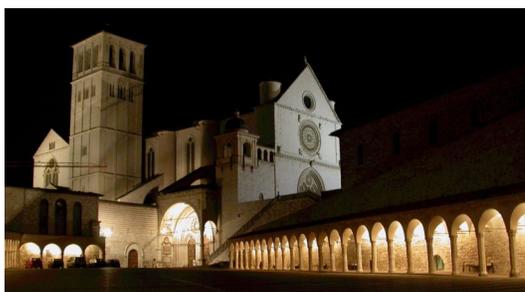
Bulletin Information

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

Italy 2 Pilgrimage

It's not too late!

We are in the process of putting together our **Pilgrimage to Northern Italy** for the fall. The "**Early Bird Discount**" has been extended, so if you are interested, please contact Paul Blanchette at (978) 500-5661 as soon as possible so as not to miss out on this important opportunity. Religious travel is a wonderful way to see the world and deepen your faith experience along the way. Join us for what will be a memorable and unforgettable journey!



Assisi at night

Patriot's Day

Collaborative offices will be closed Monday, April 16 in observance of Patriot's Day.

Celebrating the Sacraments

Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm or by appointment.

HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass or by appointment.

Baptism

Call the Parish office for information and to register.

Marriage

Archdiocesan guidelines request that couples planning to marry in the Church contact the church at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick

This Sacrament should not be seen as only administered when there is danger of death. Please call us if someone is in the hospital, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.

EWTN: Catholic News

EWTN News: Your Online Catholic News Resource.

<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

Scripture for the Week

15 Sun	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
16 Mon	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
17 Tue	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
18 Wed	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
19 Thu	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
20 Fri	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
21 Sat	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
22 Sun	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our Parish communities and hope you take an active part in parish life. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at www.hriccatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices.

Cor Unum Ministry

Cor Unum Meal Center, located in South Lawrence at St. Patrick Church, is in need of volunteers to serve meals to the poor.

Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer Parishes serve breakfast to the poor of Lawrence on the first Saturday of every month. Volunteers meet in the IC parking lot at 5:00am on Saturday morning. The Center serves breakfast from 6:00am to 8:00am. If you are able to give a few hours of your time serving this meal, please contact Larry Lambert at (978) 462-4842 for further information.

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The Pelican Intervention Fund

Updates and Events

The Pelican Intervention Fund's 3rd annual Celebration of Hope will be Sunday, April 29 from 1:00–3:00pm at the Senior Center in Newburyport. The event is free. Come hear testimonials of funded recipients who are in recovery and other speakers.

To date the Pelican Intervention Fund has raised over \$175,000 and placed 23 local men and women in 12-step-based programs. Five of these individuals have come from Essex County Correctional Facility.

We have been very blessed by the generous and continued support of individuals and organizations in the communities we serve and our Collaborative. Thank you.

If you have any questions please contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483.



Cursillo is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love and joy into your daily life.

2017–2018 Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
April 27	May 3–6 (Women)
June 1	June 7–10 (Women)

Ultreya is held in the St. James Chapel in the IC Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).



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All Care Hospice

All Care Hospice is currently seeking caring, compassionate people to offer comfort and support to our patients and families through companionship. As part of the care team, volunteers serve a vital role in affecting the quality of our patients' lives. All Care Hospice serves the North Shore, Merrimack Valley and Greater Boston. Volunteer opportunities available close to home. For more information or to enroll in a training, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Maureen Burge at 781-244-1129 or visit our website, allcare.org to download a volunteer form.

Offertory Envelopes

You can attend Mass at any worship site in our Collaborative and use your usual offertory envelope. Drop it in the collection and we will deliver it to your home Parish.

Online Resources

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hricatholic.org for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our **calendar**, **Twitter**, and **Facebook** pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, or check out the photos section. We have so much happening in our Collaborative.

Volunteers Needed for Avita of Newburyport

Every Sunday, Avita of Newburyport Assisted Living brings residents to Mass at Holy Redeemer. They are in need of volunteers to escort residents from Avita to church and back on the Avita bus at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Please contact Debra Shapiro at deb@avitaofnewburyport.com or 978-225-7000.

Preparing for Mass

Visit <http://liturgy.slu.edu> to read this weekend's Scripture, historical and theological commentaries, and prayerful reflections. It is a great way to get ready to hear and respond to God's Word.

Community Food Pantry

First Parish Church of Newbury Community Food Pantry, 20 High Road, Newbury, is open every Friday from 3:00pm–5:00pm for anyone in need in the Collaborative's towns as well as Georgetown, Rowley, and Salisbury. The volunteers are very welcoming and no one is made to feel uncomfortable when visiting. No registration or proof of residency required. Fresh fruit and vegetables, many types of frozen meats, pasta, and desserts, as well as an array of canned goods, toiletries, etc. are available.

If you would like to donate, nonperishable goods, personal hygiene products, and/or pet food may be dropped off on Sunday mornings from 9:30–11:30am. Grocery store gift cards as well as cash/checks (made out to "First Parish" and write "food pantry" in the memo) are always welcome.

Questions of the Week



Adult: When have you had an "aha" moment when you realized that God was with you?

Child: Name some times when you know Jesus is with you.

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Centering Prayer

Welcome All Members of Our Collaborative Family

Centering Prayer, resting silently in God, facilitates the process of inner transformation. Our prayer without words is one of intention to surrender to God's presence and action in our lives and desire for a closer relationship with God. As God moves us closer to him, through our daily discipline of silent prayer, we find our focus turns from self to God and we are blessed with the fruits of Centering Prayer.

Join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm, in the IC Conference Room 209. Join us as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of this prayer in our own spiritual journey. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or visit our website at <http://www.hriccatholic.org/Get-Involved>.

Save the Date

Celebrate Fr. Bill McLaughlin's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Sunday, June 3, 2018, the Feast of Corpus Christi

Mass at Immaculate Conception Church @ 11:00 am

Reception @ IC St. Louis Hall (Parish Center) immediately following Liturgy. All are invited.

Adult Faith Formation Education Program: "Everyone Leads"

On Saturday, April 21, Sr. Barbara Quinn RSCJ will facilitate a Day of Recollection at St. John's Episcopal Church in Beverly Farms from 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. The topic is "**Everyone Leads.**"

Sr. Barbara will offer a general profile of the challenges of our Church today, particularly in the US, as well as inviting reflection on all the gifts members of Voice of the Faithful (VOTF) and others have to offer in the revitalization of our Church. Our own experiences will be infused into this interactive session. Barbara is a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart. She has been Associate Director of Spiritual Formation at BC School of Theology & Ministry (STM) since 2011. Barbara earned a Master of Divinity from Weston Jesuit School of Theology in 1981 and a Doctor of Ministry (spirituality concentration) from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago in 1998.

Bring your own brown bag lunch. Coffee, tea, and water provided. Everyone is invited. Good will offering deeply appreciated. If you need further information please call Barbara and John Gould 978-535-2321. *Sponsored by North Shore Seacoast Affiliate of VOTF.*

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Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal, provided by volunteers, is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Inform the funeral director that you request this service when making arrangements.

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause.

Our monthly support meetings are held in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. **Our next meeting is April 23.** Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at (617) 410-6309 or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

IC Easter Flowers

In memory of/from: Geraldine & Jack Brislin, Florence & Frank Welch, Joanne & Jack Brislin, Barbara Jean & Karen Welch, Kathy & George Brislin

IC Knitting Ministry



We meet Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the IC Parish Center, Room 209. We knit shawls, hats, mittens, and scarves and bring prayers and hope to people who are sick and to their caregivers and to celebrate

happy occasions. We also distribute hats and scarves to homeless children. Our membership is open to all. Please join us for knitting, fellowship, and tea (and goodies).

If you know anyone who needs a prayer shawl or for more information please call Frances Ronan 978-462-4972 or Julia O'Connor at 978-465-3350.

Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Fund. Email your request for an application to maryakscholarship@gmail.com. Scholarship eligibility:

- Young man or woman parishioner of IC Parish
- High school graduate in pursuit of a scientific education

Completed applications must be postmarked and returned to the Trustees no later than **tomorrow, Monday, April 16, 2018.**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

April 7–8 **\$11,676.00**
 Restoration/Renovation **\$ 1,561.00**

The second collection this weekend is the Pastor's Charity.
 The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.



Catholic Appeal

Goal **\$52,231.00**
 To Date **\$42,311.00**
 170 Donors



\$52,231
\$45,000
\$30,000
\$15,000

The Immaculate Conception 2018 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a wonderful start with \$42,311.00 already pledged! The early outpouring of support from so many helps sustain the important ministries that make IC a vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your prayers and support.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 15.00
Poor Box	\$ 256.00
Total	\$ 271.00

Quilt Drawing

Parishioners Dale and Dale Eckert are part of this year's Run to End Alzheimer's program. As part of their fundraising, they will once again have a drawing for a family made quilt. This year's quilt, "Life is a Sampler," can be seen after IC Masses April 14–15. Tickets will be available \$10 for one and \$20 for three. Drawing will be June 21.

IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. (At this time, Online Giving is available for only IC members.) Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "Online Giving" to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to. 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. Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

Immaculate Conception School



For several years, our Junior High Spanish program has included the opportunity for students to be pen pals with students in Ecuador. Letters have been carefully drafted and penned, and then exchanged through several mailings during the course of the school year. Recent high postage

prices and failed mail delivery brought the entire program to a halt, only to take on a new direction with the use of technology. Last week, our 8th grade students Skyped with students in Ecuador for the first time. Although the session was all about communicating, it required very different preparation—focusing on such things as articulation, maintaining composure, and respecting social and cultural differences. The pen pal program will continue, but in face-to-face form from a continent away.



ICS students gather to Skype via computer with students in Ecuador.

Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

Breaking Bread

The Breaking Bread dinner program is in need of a dedicated volunteer to help in the kitchen once or twice per month. We serve every Tuesday at 5:00pm. The time commitment would be no more than 2 hours. Cooks and servers are doing well, but the very small group that keep the kitchen sink area clean and organized need help.

We are a "family" of happy and caring volunteers. **You** would be blessed to be a part of our group. We always leave the Parish Center happy to be a part of such a wonderful group of "kitchen angels." Please join us!

Contact: "Bunny" Chiasson, Co-ordinator for the St. Vincent de Paul Breaking Bread dinner. 978-465-5810 or sandbunnyc@yahoo.com.

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IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

Pope Francis released the Exhortation on the Family. We continue to review the various statements from the Holy Father.

An Expanding Fruitfulness: In #183: A married couple who experience the power of love know that this love is called to bind the wounds of the outcast, to foster a culture of encounter and to fight for justice. God has given the family the job of “domesticating” the world and helping each person to see fellow human beings as brothers and sisters. “An attentive look at the everyday life of today’s men and women immediately shows the omnipresent need for a healthy injection of family spirit....Not only is the organization of ordinary life increasingly thwarted by a bureaucracy completely removed from fundamental human bonds, but even social and political mores show signs of degradation.” For their part, open and caring families find a place for the poor and build friendships with those less fortunate than themselves. In their efforts to live according to the Gospel, they are mindful of Jesus’ words: “As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me (Mt 25:40).” In a very real way, their lives express what is asked of us all: “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed” (Lk 14:12–14). You will be blessed! Here is the secret to a happy family.

Summer Religious Programs

Religious Education is coming this summer. The weeks of June 25–29 and July 23–27. Monday–Thursday, 9:00am–3:00pm and Friday 9:00am–2:00pm. Cost: \$175/person. Parent letter and registration online:

hriccatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education

We will also host our Collaborative MS Mission week for grades 7–8 the week of July 16–20 from 9:00am–4:00pm. Time will flex with visits to different agencies. This is an alternative Religious Education experience for IC youth.

hriccatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education

Baptism

Baptism info.: www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism

Please pre-register for the class.

May 6 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

May 13 Group Baptism—Church 2:00pm

Note: change of Group Baptism time for May only from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

Confirmation

Confirmation Years 1 and 2: Please be working on your service activities. You need 24 hours over a two-year period.

Summer Confirmation Sessions for Years 1 and 2 is scheduled for July 9–12 from 5:30–8:00pm. Registration information is found on online: hriccatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish

Landings

Landings meets on Monday, April 23 from 7:30–9:00 in the IC Charity Dining Room 114. To find out more about Landings, please contact: Dr. Mag McKinnon 978-462-2724 ext. 7405, mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org

Cookies for Haiti

Bake Sale April 28–29 after every IC Mass

Margot Anderson-Song, now a 7th grader at Immaculate Conception School, is once again urging everyone to participate in Cookies for Haiti. This is the fifth annual event to raise important money for the Father Marc Piché School and the children of Puit Chacha.

In Margot’s own words: “IC Haiti has been a part of my life since I was 8 years old, in the third grade. Understanding what some kids who are less fortunate than I am are going through, is humbling and inspiring, and that is the message that I would like to get across to everybody. What makes my bake sale successful each year are the generous donations made by members of the church. From baking to buying—anything helps. Thank you so much for all your support every year!”

Please help this wonderful cause which has become a crucial part of the annual budget for IC Haiti. This money goes directly toward the food for student lunches, teacher salaries and supplies that allow the Father Marc Piché School to continue to feed and educate the children of Puit Chacha.

We take for granted our beautiful school next door which nurtures our children every day. Please help us to extend this vital service to children who are not very far away or at all different than our own!

Buy cookies! Bake cookies! If you would like to support this wonderful cause please be sure to give generously for those cookies two weeks from now—they will be sold after every mass at Immaculate Conception the weekend of April 28–29.

Youth Mass at IC

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, May 20 at IC at 5:00pm. Charity: St. Vincent de Paul Society: Donations: toiletries, lotions, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

Prior to Mass, a beach clean up day is scheduled from 2:00–4:00pm at the North End of Plum Island. Please bring trash bags and disposable gloves. This activity is open to families. A permission form is required for any teens not accompanied by an adult. Form to be posted to the website in Youth Mass section of page: hriccatholic.org/Youth-Ministry.

IC First Eucharist

Our 1st Eucharist Rehearsals are at 4:30pm in the church as follows:

- Monday, April 30 for May 5, 11:00am Mass.
- Tuesday, May 1 for May 5, 4:00pm Mass.
- Thursday, May 3 for May 6, 11:30am Mass.
- Monday, May 7 for May 12, 11:00am Mass.
- Tuesday, May 8 for May 12, 4:00pm Mass.
- Thursday, May 10 for May 13, 11:30am Mass.

Please pray for our candidates as they prepare for their reception of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

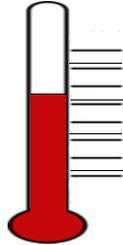
April 7-8 \$4,261.00

The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.



Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,862.00
To Date \$14,385.00
61 Donors



The 2018 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at Holy Redeemer. So far, we have raised \$14,385.00 toward our parish goal of \$22,862.00. Thank you to all who have already participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at bostoncatholicappeal.org or complete a pledge form available in the backs of the churches.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

Please return your Lenten **mite boxes** to either church. Your support allows us to provide local assistance. Thank you.

If you are writing a check for us, please write the check to HR Saint Vincent de Paul to help expedite our banking.

Holy Redeemer Raffle Night



Holy Redeemer's *Annual Raffle Night Social* will be held Saturday, April 28 at Nativity Parish Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for a buffet supper of all our favorite comfort foods. \$8.00 for dinner includes main choice, Caesar salad, roll, and drinks. Homemade desserts served at intermission. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and the raffles will be drawn starting at 6:00 p.m.

We are looking for **volunteers to make their family's favorite "comfort food" recipe** sign-up sheets are in the back of both churches or contact Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072 for more details.

Everyone is invited to come to our **organizational meeting** on **Tuesday, April 17** at 6:45 p.m. at St. Ann Hall.

Raffle Donations Needed

We are asking for donations for our raffle night.



Anything new—any size, any shape, any type. Gift cards and gift certificates are welcome. Donations may be left in the back of either church. Please mark donation with "Raffle." We need the donations by Sunday, April 22.

Contact Cindy Quinn, cynwinquinn@aol.com, 978-346-0072 with questions.

HR Religious Education

Congratulations to our **First Communicants** who received Holy Communion on Sunday, April 8 at Holy Redeemer Parish. The students are: Timmy Becker, Madeline Damacio, Alex DiTucci, Parker Evitts, Noah Hall, Ford Hatch, Clifton Judson, Peter Lazarus, Lily LeClerc, Hayden Marquis, Sophia Marquis, Anthony Orrino, William Pessina, Agatha Quinlan, Ella Raine, Paige Souliotis, Christopher Sullivan, Charlotte Walton, and Chace White.

Also, a very special thanks to Brian Hall and Mary DiTucci for serving as Eucharistic Ministers during our celebration. May God continue to bless these youngsters!



Youth Mass

Our next youth Mass is Sunday, May 20 at IC at 5:00pm.

The May charity is St. Vincent de Paul Society: Donation suggestions: toiletries, lotions, shampoo, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

Prior to Mass, a **beach clean-up day** is scheduled from 2:00-4:00pm at the North End of Plum Island. Please bring trash bags and disposable gloves. This activity is open to families. A permission form is required for any teens not accompanied by an adult. Form to be posted to the website in Youth Mass section of page: hricatholic.org/Youth-Ministry.

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **Nativity** in Merrimac on **April 21**.

HR Prayer Shawl



Do you know of any woman, man, or child who needs comfort and could use a Blessed Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket? Please call Helen Kelley 978-771-4673 or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099 for a shawl or more information.

Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, May 3**.

Church Cleanups Planned

Spring Church Yards Clean up: Saturday, May 19, 9:00.

Contact: Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.