

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

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*"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine
and mine know me." (Jn 10:14)*

All Are Welcome

**ALL ARE WELCOME
HOLY REDEEMER
RAFFLE NIGHT SOCIAL**

Saturday, April 28, 2018

4 Green Street Merrimac

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00pm for SUPPER

Supper = \$8.00

BUFFET

"homemade comfort foods"



RAFFLE STARTS at 6:00pm

RAFFLE TICKETS are \$1.00 each

1 raffle ticket could win multiple items

desserts served at intermission

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (4/21)

4:00pm **IC** *Maryann Hughes, Dan Wecal*
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** *Marie Philpotts* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (4/23)

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

Tuesday (4/24)

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

Wednesday (4/25)

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

Thursday (4/26)

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

Friday (4/27)

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

Saturday (4/28)

4:00pm **IC** *Elizabeth J. Hanlon, Jedrey A. Connors,*
Charles M. Kelly, Lorri Hager (Fr. McLaughlin)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (4/29)

7:15am **IC**
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:30am **IC** *Robert Lynch* (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Nelson Chouinard, Valmond Chiasson, David Aloise and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

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.

Archdiocese Web Site

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Hot tubs in Heaven! That's what a little girl imagined eternal life being like. I received a great many, varied responses to my question during the homily last weekend: "What is Heaven like?" Some envisioned peace, justice, and a lack of conflict. Others were sure the weather would be warmer than the frigid spring weather we have been enduring, "but not too warm!" one parishioner was quick to interject. Not like the "other place!" Some were sure there would be ample buffets of food—pizza and ice cream for sure. While others were more content to look forward to a place of love, happiness, and joy. One woman thought we would all be immersed in the music of Johan Sebastian Bach. Another gentleman, an avid golfer, I might add, was convinced there would be fairways forever. I'm not so sure on that last one.... I usually think of golf as more befitting of Dante's *Purgatorio* than his *Paradiso*, but that's just me. A nice, consistent string of eagles and birdies might just change my mind.

What was interesting in all of the responses taken together was that they painted a picture of a paradise as seen through human eyes—improvements, pleasures, and promises-fulfilled. Heaven does indeed look to satisfy our every human longing and desire. However, moving away from the "all-inclusive, cruise-ship non-stop vacation" image, our Scriptures invite us into what I think is an even more compelling eternity—one that begins in the here and now and blossoms into its fullness in the hereafter. And that is found in our relationship with God. It is something that is begun in the waters of baptism and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and then spreads out into every human bond and sacred encounter along our journey of life.

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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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

See our calendar at hricatholic.org for more activities.

Monday, April 23

AA Meetings 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall
HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
Landings Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room
Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, April 24

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory

Wednesday, April 25

Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209
HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall
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 26

Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel
Pastoral Plan Welcoming Priority Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Friday, April 27

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
Ultreya 7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/Charity Dining Room

Saturday, April 28

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church
HR Raffle Night 5:00pm, Nativity Hall

Sunday, April 29

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
Palliative Care Seminar 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

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This past weekend, I enjoyed the opportunity to baptize 12 children and welcome them into God's family. Their journey of faith is just beginning, but their path of holiness is well-established because of their many family members and friends who will walk with them. The bonds we experience between one another are at the same time an expression of our friendship and love of God as well as a guide towards the good things that await us in the Kingdom of Heaven. On the best of days, they are a foretaste of the true fulfillment we long for in God. Just as Jesus treasured the earthly friendship He shared with the disciples, He longed to see that table-fellowship renewed in the resurrection. This is why He left us a command to remember Him in a shared meal, rather than simply some private prayers or reflections. We form Eucharistic communities in our parishes to experience the joy of sharing our common relationship with God together precisely so that we can encourage one another along this journey of life. All this, as a foretaste or an appetizer, if you will, of what is to come.

So, hot tubs in Heaven? Well, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, we sheep do have to rest our hooves somewhere, don't we? To the Lord who walked on water, multiplied the loaves, gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, made the lame walk, cured the sick, and raised the dead... well, I wouldn't put anything past His ability to care for those He loves and cherishes.

Continued Easter Blessings,
Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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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.hricatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices.

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. Fun for the whole family. All are invited.

EWTN: Catholic News

EWTN News: Your Online Catholic News Resource.
<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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).

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.



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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes



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 6:30 p.m.** 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.

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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What qualities of God does the image of the Good Shepherd call forth for you?

Child: What does it mean when Jesus tells us He is the Good Shepherd?

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Save the Date

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

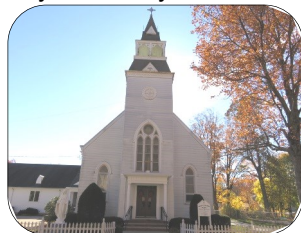
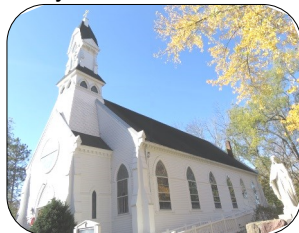
Sunday, June 3, 2018, the Feast of Corpus Christi

Mass at Immaculate Conception Church @ 11:00 a.m.

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

Our Collaborative

Holy Redeemer: St. Ann, W. Newbury & Nativity, Merrimac



Immaculate Conception, Newburyport



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.

Scripture for the Week

- 22 Sun Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
- 23 Mon Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
- 24 Tue Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
- 25 Wed 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
- 26 Thu Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
- 27 Fri Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
- 28 Sat Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
- 29 Sun Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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.

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>.

Local Free Meals for Those Seeking Assistance

Please call ahead for details and/or possible restrictions. Phone numbers and locations are at www.hriccatholic.org/local-food-pantries---markets.

Monday Meals

- 9 am** Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
- 11 am** Lunch, Greek Orthodox Church, Newburyport
- 5–6 pm** Dinner, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport

Tuesday Meals

- 9 am** Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
- 11 am–12:30 pm** Lunch, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport
- 5 pm** Dinner, Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

Wednesday Meals

- 9 am** Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
- 11 am** Lunch, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
- 4–6 pm**, Main Street Congregational Church, Amesbury

Thursday Meals

- 9 am** Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
- 5 pm** Dinner, The Salvation Army, Newburyport

Friday Meals

- 9 am** Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
- 11 am–12:30 pm** Lunch, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport

Saturday Meals

- 8–10 am** Breakfast, Central Congregational Church, Nbpt.
- Dinner Delivery for Pettengill Clients (once/month)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

April 14–15	\$ 9,688.00
Pastor's Charity	\$ 1,984.00
Grand Annual	\$75,740.00

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly.



Catholic Appeal

Goal \$52,231.00
To Date \$46,471.00
188 Donors



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

The Immaculate Conception 2018 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a wonderful start with \$46,471.00 already pledged! The 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	\$ 505.01
Poor Box	\$ 94.00
Total	\$ 599.01

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.

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



Enrollment for the 2018–19 school year looks very strong. Over 96% of our students will return in addition to new applicants in almost every grade. Many of our families make significant sacrifices for their children to attend the IC. Offering financial aid can make all the difference, especially for families whose circumstances change unexpectedly. All contributions to our financial aid efforts at the IC provide support and relief for families in need. Donations are accepted throughout the year and should be addressed to Immaculate Conception School.



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 5:00 p.m. The time commitment would be no more than 2 hours. Cooks and servers are doing well, but the very small group that keeps the kitchen sink area clean and organized needs 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.

Boy Scout Troop 21 Yard Sale

Boy Scout Troop 21 invites the Greater Newburyport community to shop their Boy Scout Yard Sale & Coffee Fundraiser from 8–11 a.m., April 28 at Bartlet Mall in Newburyport.

This event helps to fund the Troop's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. The Eagle Scout status is awarded to Scouts who have completed an Eagle Scout Project for their community.

The yard sale fundraiser represents Scout values of repurposing, reusing, and reselling to the Greater Newburyport area. Sale items will include furniture, sports equipment, tools, toys, home décor, lights, kitchenware, linens, books, shoes, plants, yard equipment, bikes, costumes, video games, and more.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

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:

hricatholic.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.

hricatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education

Baptism

Baptism info.: www.hricatholic.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 due to 1st Eucharist Mass.

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: hricatholic.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

Youth Mass and Beach Cleanup

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: hricatholic.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.

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. They will be sold after every mass at Immaculate Conception the weekend of **April 28–29**.

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.



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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Grand Annual \$16,755.00

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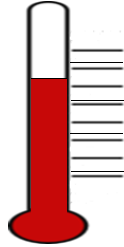


Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,862.00

To Date \$15,785.00

64 Donors



The 2018 Catholic Appeal campaign is underway at Holy Redeemer. So far, we have raised \$15,785.00 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.

Church Cleanups Planned

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

Contact: Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

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.

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 **today, Sunday, April 22.** Contact Cindy Quinn, cynwinnquinn@aol.com, 978-346-0072 with questions.

HR Religious Education

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.

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Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

Doreen O'Leary (Rel. Ed. email: reledhrp@gmail.com)

HR Sandwich Program

The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers soup/salad and sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The sandwiches go to the Good Shepherd Center on Park Street in Lawrence. 200 sandwiches are needed each day to feed the hungry.



We are always in need of more sandwich donations. To help, please make sandwiches by using 1 loaf of bread and sandwich meat (**No condiments added**), individually wrap the sandwiches and place them back into the bread bag. Deliver the bread bag to St. Ann Church, West Newbury, by **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, April 25.**

See the Collaborative calendar at www.hricatholic.org for the schedule. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

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.**

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.