

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

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**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 30, 2017**

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*All Are Welcome*



*“Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,  
but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.” (Lk 24:15)*

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (4/29)

- 11:00am **IC First Communion** (Fr. Harrison)  
 4:00pm **IC** *For the intentions of John O'Connor & William Moore* (Fr. Harrison)  
 4:00pm **St. Ann Mary Conway** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Sunday (4/30)

- 7:15am **IC** *Audrey Melican, Henry DiBurro* (Fr. Broderick)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 9:00am **IC** *Daniel Riley, Patricia Steiner* (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
 11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)  
 12:00 Noon **HR First Communion at St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

### Monday (5/1)

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

### Tuesday (5/2)

- 7:15am **IC** *Anna F. Robinson* (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Wednesday (5/3)

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

### Thursday (5/4)

- 7:15am **IC** *Cathy Williams, Robert Rochette* (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (5/5)

- 9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 1:30pm **Avita** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Saturday (5/6)

- 10:30am **IC Confirmation**  
 1:30pm **IC Confirmation**  
 4:00pm **IC** *Edward Blouin* (Fr. Harrison)  
 4:00pm **St. Ann Frederick T. & Helen Burke Jones** (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (5/7)

- 7:15am **IC** *Charlie Howard, Jr.* (Fr. Harrison)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 9:00am **IC** *Paul Hefron, Nelson & Grace Tsai, For the intentions of Peter D'Ambrosio* (Fr. Broderick)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
 11:30am **IC** *Mary Razza, Lena Filomia, Luke Picillo, James McInerney, Dorothy Cruise, Jamie Lynn Valente Richard* (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 5:00pm **IC Youth Mass** (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember all the faithful departed.

**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

## From the Pastor

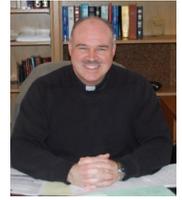
Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we encounter one of the most beloved Gospel stories about the Resurrection. Found only in Luke's Gospel, the story of the Road to Emmaus encompasses all the elements of an early Christian liturgy: the disciples are beaten-up by the challenges of the world, their hearts are lifted and burn-within as they gather together and share the stories of Jesus and the Sacred Scripture, they break bread and in doing so recognize the Risen One in their midst and then are sent back out into the darkness of the world to proclaim the Lord risen from the dead. If this sounds even a little familiar, then you have been paying attention at Mass!

It also underscores a few aspects of the Resurrection that the early Church came to realize as it encountered the Risen Jesus. To begin with, Jesus appeared differently in his glorified body than he did before the Resurrection. The Scriptures seem to indicate that this was the case every time He appeared, such that the disciples could not recognize Him by how He looked, but rather they trained themselves to focus on the words He said and the actions He performed. In the account from the Road to Emmaus, we see the Risen Lord breaking open the Scriptures and explaining the prophecies about Himself. Then we hear of how He sat down to break bread with them. Listening to His words prepares their hearts for recognizing His real presence in the act of breaking bread. More than any other thing that they did, this common action reinforced their profound sense of the Lord's continuing presence among them. This, in turn, strengthened them to go out and face anything that the world could throw at them with confidence and hope.

If you notice, too, in the story, the Lord walks among the disciples before they know what is happening. They were wracked with grief, blinded by despair, and quite possibly escaping with their lives as they had every reason to fear that what had happened to Jesus could happen to them. It is here, in their darkest of moments, that the Lord comes to them and walks with them. But their encounter with Him was so transforming that they would go running back out into darkness and return to the very place that they had just been fleeing from so that they could give witness to what they had seen and heard. It was that complete of a turnaround, a total 180!

We come to church each week with many different things in our hearts. Maybe the world has beaten us up a bit, too. We have struggles at home and at work. There are failures and disappointments, mistakes and missed opportunities. We are questioned and even criticized for our beliefs or commitment, for daring to put our faith into practice. We face increasing pressure to buy-into the way that society and the world do things, see things. It can be very hard to be a follower of Jesus Christ today as it was then.



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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

### Monday, May 1

AA 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

IC Confirmation Rehearsal 6:30pm, IC Church

HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

HR PFC Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory

### Tuesday, May 2

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

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

PPC Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

### Wednesday, May 3

Holy Quilters 2:30pm, Nativity Hall

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

### Thursday, May 4

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Confirmation Rehearsal 6:30pm, IC Church

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

### Friday, May 5

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

### Saturday, May 6

Holy Quilters 8:00am, Nativity Hall

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

Cookies for Haiti after IC 4:00 Mass, IC Church

### Sunday, May 7

Cookies for Haiti after all IC Masses, IC Church

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

HR Religious Ed., Grades 3–6 9:00am, Nativity Hall

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

Collaborative Baptism Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Youth Beach Clean-up Day 2:00pm, St. Louis Hall/Plum Island

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But here in our Eucharistic celebration, we encounter the same Scriptures that lifted the hearts of Cleopas and the other disciple. If we listen carefully, these same sacred stories can touch our hearts as well and set them afire with God's love. We break bread as the fulfillment of our offering –and in the same mysterious way, Christ the Risen Lord is truly present in our eating and drinking. Then, having come into communion with the Lord, we are sent and missioned back out into the world to “glorify the Lord by our lives.”

A few takeaways from this story include the fact that we don't have to go looking for the Lord when we are hurting or afraid. He is already there, among us. Maybe he appears at first as a stranger or in an unlikely form, but once we listen for His words and look for His actions, we can begin to see what Christ is accomplishing in our midst. When we can see and experience that for ourselves, we gain great strength. So much so that we can go confidently into whatever trial or challenge that awaits. And when we do, we will be empowered to give witness to His presence and enduring love. The world around us can seem very dark, but the light that is Christ which dwells within us has the power to push aside the blackest of nights and allow us to move forward as if it were the brightest of days. When we realize that Christ is truly among us today and always, we can do anything!

If two downcast and despairing disciples can discover all of this on a dusty road to Emmaus several millennia ago, we can too!

May the continuing blessings of Easter surround you and enrich your life today.

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

## Gospel Night at the Pops



Five members of the Immaculate Conception Adult Choir will be singing with the Boston Pops at Symphony Hall on **June 17** to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Gospel Night at the Pops.

Jonathan Temple, Pat Forbes, Krista LaForte, Kate Prescott and Emily Rosetti will be among 80 gospel singers from around the Commonwealth for a rousing night of praise and celebration.

Those interested in attending can take advantage of the “friends and family” discount offered by calling 617-266-1200 or visit [bostonpops.org/gospel50](http://bostonpops.org/gospel50) to get your tickets. You will be dancing in the aisles as you join this amazing choir in praising God through this singularly American art form. Come and *get your praise on!*

## Pelican Intervention Fund Fundraising Event

**This weekend: Sunday April 30 at 2:00**

Please join us for a fundraising event on Sunday, April 30, at the Senior Center in Newburyport, 2:00pm–4:30pm. Hear two men share powerful testimonies of recovery through their sober living experience funded by your contributions to the Pelican Intervention Fund and learn of resources for individuals and families struggling with the disease of addiction.

For more information contact:

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS



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## Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

**Scripture Study resumes on May 21**

Scripture Study will resume on the third Sunday of the month, May 21, at 2:00pm in the Parish Center. Watch future bulletins for scripture passage information.

## Centering Prayer

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. Join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm-7:00pm, in the **IC Nazareth Library**. 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 [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org).

## Scripture for the Week

- 30 **Sun** Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
- 1 **Mon** Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
- 2 **Tue** Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
- 3 **Wed** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
- 4 **Thu** Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
- 5 **Fri** Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
- 6 **Sat** Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
- 7 **Sun** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

## 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.

## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** At what recent meal did you experience the presence of the Lord?

**Child:** When do you feel closest to Jesus?

## RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or youth that have not received the sacraments in the traditional years. Have you been considering it? Please contact Marin Fortune, 978-462-2724 or [fortune@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:fortune@newburyportcatholic.org) if you would like to learn more about this program.

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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](http://www.hricatholic.org) or you can call the Parish offices.

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# CANADA

**AUGUST 21-26, 2017**

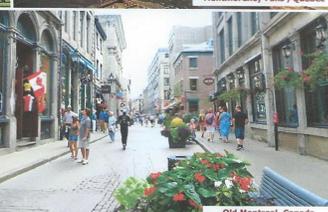
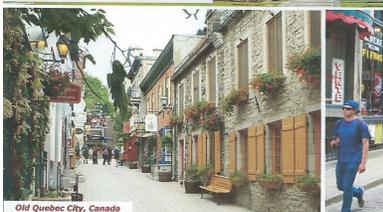
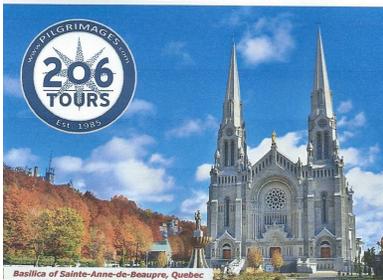
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## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### Newburyport Choral Society Spring Concert

Where: Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High Street

Dates: Saturday & Sunday, May 6 & 7

Times: Saturday: 8:00 p.m., Sunday: 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$22, Seniors/Students \$20

The 125-voice Newburyport Choral Society will perform James Whitbourn's powerful oratorio *Annelies*, based on Anne Frank's *Diary of a Young Girl*. Through its "hauntingly beautiful" score, *Annelies* commemorates Anne Frank's courage and spirit of hope under the horrors of oppression, and teaches the lesson of valuing and protecting our shared humanity. For tickets and information visit [newburyportchoralsociety.org](http://newburyportchoralsociety.org).

Tickets can also be purchased in Newburyport at the Chamber of Commerce, Jabberwocky Bookshop, The Book Rack, and The Natural Grocer, Conley's Drug Store (Ipswich), and Starbird Jewelers (Amesbury).

### 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.

### 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.

For each Youth Mass, a charity is chosen for donations. Please watch the bulletin for details about that month's charity. The May 7 Youth Mass will include a service project from 2:00–4:00pm at Plum Island for beach cleanup. Bring disposable gloves to the beach. All are welcome to help out.

#### Youth Mass Schedule

May 7 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

September 24 at Nativity, Merrimac

October 29 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

December 10 at immaculate Conception, Newburyport

January 21, 2018 at Nativity, Merrimac

March 4, 2018 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

May 20, 2018 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

### Lift up Your Voice and Sing!

All are invited to join host Mike Fay and The New England Tenors and members of IC Choir to "Lift up Your Voice and Sing" at an interfaith musical celebration and hymn sing. This event will be on Sunday, April 30 at 2:00pm at Methuen Music Hall, home of one of the oldest and largest pipe organs in the world. Choirs from St. Theresa's, Rye, NH, North Parish Church, North Andover, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Lawrence and Methuen, and Treble Corus of New England will all perform and lead selections in the hymn sing. All will be invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship after the concert.

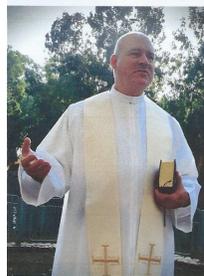
Some proceeds to benefit Merrimac Valley Hospice House. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at [www.thenewenglandtenors.weebly.com](http://www.thenewenglandtenors.weebly.com) or call Mike Fay at 978-476-6053 or [coachmikefay@gmail.com](mailto:coachmikefay@gmail.com).

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Celebrate God's love and mercy for each other by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are June 10–11 in Medway, MA and September 16–17 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at [www.wwmea.org](http://www.wwmea.org).

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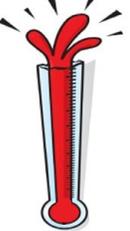
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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

Offertory, April 23–24	\$11,045.00
Home Missions/ Black & Native Americans	\$ 1,650.00
Grand Annual	\$73,825.00

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly. The second Collection next weekend is Restoration/Renovation.

	<b>Catholic Appeal</b>	<b>\$51,268</b>
	Goal \$51,268.00	<b>\$39,000</b>
	To Date \$55,407.00	<b>\$26,000</b>
	108% of Goal!	<b>\$13,000</b>
	Total Donors: 197	

## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$149.00
Collection	\$629.50
Total	\$778.50

## St. Vincent de Paul Thank You

As Fr. Tim Harrison celebrated 25 years in the service of the Lord, gifts given to him were shared with the needs of others, as he so wished. This exemplary leader is the faith-filled person and priest that Fr. Tim is for all of us. We are so blessed to have him as our Pastor.

The society of St. Vincent de Paul is one of the recipients Fr. Tim requested to receive donations in his honor.

We appreciate your generous gifts as we continue to help others as Vincentians in the Newburyport area.

## Breaking Bread

St. Vincent de Paul's Breaking Bread dinner program at Immaculate Conception is hoping you will share a little of your time and talents as we need a team of two volunteers to prepare and cook for our guests on a Tuesday of your choice. A seasoned volunteer chef will work with you as you gain experience in our kitchen. This is a truly wonderful experience that you will share with a great team of volunteers. Contact Bunny Chiasson, 978-465-5810 or [sandbunnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:sandbunnyc@yahoo.com).

## Knights of Columbus



The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, May 9** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at (978) 572-0231, [membership@kofc231.org](mailto:membership@kofc231.org).

## Immaculate Conception School

**135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**  
A fun-filled evening celebrating the past, present and future of the  
**Immaculate Conception School**

**Friday, May 19 • 7 - 10 pm**  
Immaculate Conception School  
One Washington Street, Newburyport, MA

Join the celebration! Families, present and past, alumni and the whole community are invited.

- Socialize and share stories with family, friends, classmates, teachers and staff
- Savor delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts
- Enjoy refreshments (cash bar)
- Tour the school and view artwork and memorabilia
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Cocktail attire • All guests must be at least 21 years of age.  
The Gala is a fundraiser for our school and our children!

To purchase tickets and for more information: [gala.icsnewburyport.com](http://gala.icsnewburyport.com)

### Upcoming Events

**135<sup>th</sup> Gala** ~ Friday, May 19, 7–10pm  
Visit [gala.icsnewburyport.com](http://gala.icsnewburyport.com) for tickets.

**Tuesday Tours** ~ IC school tours, including classroom visits, second Tuesday of each month, 9–11am.

For more information about the school events please call our office at (978) 465-7780.

## Adoration

Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in IC's St. James Chapel on Fridays from 8:00am–12:00noon.

## IC Knitting Ministry



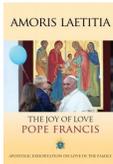
We meet Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the IC Parish Center, Room 209. We knit shawls, hats, mittens, and scarves and bring prayers and hope to people who are sick and to their caregivers and to celebrate happy occasions. We also distribute hats and scarves to homeless children. Our membership is open to all. 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.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## 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.

*Love in Marriage: Our Daily Love*—In #94 Throughout the text, it is clear that Paul wants to stress that love is more than a mere feeling. Rather, it should be understood along the lines of the Hebrew verb “to love,” it is “to do good”. As Saint Ignatius of Loyola said, “Love is shown more by deeds than by words”.<sup>106</sup> It thus shows its fruitfulness and allows us to experience the happiness of giving, the nobility and grandeur of spending ourselves unstintingly, without asking to be repaid, purely for the pleasure of giving and serving.

### Summer Religious Education Classes

Grades 1–8: Summer registration has begun. Forms can be downloaded from the website:

Gr 1–6: [www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education](http://www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education)

Gr 7–8: [www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education](http://www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education)

Please be sure to complete a *Catechetical Events Log Sheet* to be eligible to participate in the summer program. It needs to be submitted prior to the start of the program.

We are offering **2 programs** for Grades 1–8: June 26–30 and July 24–28. Monday–Thursday 9:00am–3:00pm and Friday 9:00am–1:00pm. Cost: \$175/student.

We are also introducing **new this summer**: a *Collaborative MS Mission Week* July 10–14 for grades 7–8 youth. Schedule is as follows: Monday 10am–4pm, Tuesday 9am–4pm, Wednesday 8am–4pm, Thursday 10am–4pm, and Friday 10:00am–6:00pm. We have limited enrollment. It will combine catechesis and service and for IC youth it can be done in place of regular Religious Education. Learning how to live our faith in service to those in need. Cost: \$200 includes transportation to agencies that serve the poor.

### Service Learning Project—Beach Clean up

Anyone from the parish is welcome to join our Grades K–6 with a parent and grades 7–HS youth in this service project:

- **Service Learning Project:** Sunday, May 7 2:00–4:00pm—Beach Clean up project—Plum Island. Return at 4:30pm St. Louis Hall to debrief experience. Bring disposable gloves. Trash bags will be provided.

### Baptism

Baptism info: [www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism)

May 7 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

May 14 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

## Archdiocese Web Site

Visit [www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org) for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

## IC Confirmation

Rehearsals:

Monday, May 1 at 6:30pm in the Church for the Saturday, May 6 Mass at 10:30am.

Thursday, May 4 at 6:30pm in the Church for the Saturday, May 6 Mass at 1:30pm.

Please be sure you have identified the time of Mass you prefer and the number of guests—not including sponsor and candidate—to the Religious Education Office ASAP.

**Summer Confirmation session** is July 17–20 from 5:30–8:00pm for Grades 9 and 10. More information and registration can be found online: [www.hriccatholic.org/Confirmation-Immaculate-Conception-Parish](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Confirmation-Immaculate-Conception-Parish)

**School Year Confirmation sessions** will begin in the fall once a month on Sunday 1:00–3:00pm. For information and registration go online: [www.hriccatholic.org/Confirmation-Immaculate-Conception-Parish](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Confirmation-Immaculate-Conception-Parish)

### First Eucharist

1st Eucharist Rehearsals and Mass times:

Monday, May 8 at 4:30pm for Saturday, May 13 Mass at 11:00am.

Tuesday, May 9 at 4:30pm for Saturday, May 13 Mass at 4:00pm.

Thursday, May 11 at 4:30pm for Saturday, May 14 Mass at 4:00pm.

### Youth Mass—May 7

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, May 7 at Immaculate Conception at 5:00pm.

## “Cookies for Haiti” Bake Sale

After Masses May 6 & 7

*Hello,*

*My name is Margot Anderson-Song and I am a 6th grader at Immaculate Conception School. For the past 4 years I have conducted a bake sale raising money for I.C. Haiti. This year my annual “Cookies for Haiti” bake sale will be after every single IC Mass on the weekend of May 6 and 7. All you need to do to contribute is buy cookies or simply make a donation if you would prefer! It is great raising money for Haiti once again!*



*Sincerely, Margot Anderson-Song*

## 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.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

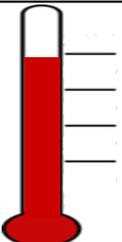
## Offertory Collection

Offertory, April 22-23	\$3,327.00
Roofing (additional)	\$ 25.00
Home Missions	\$ 55.00
Easter (additional)	\$ 540.00

The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.

### Catholic Appeal

	\$22,871
	\$17,400
Goal \$22,871.00	\$11,500
To Date \$21,167.00	\$ 5,800
93% of Goal	
Total Donors 90	



## VBS at Nativity



Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer, July 10-14 from 9:00-12:00. The theme is *Maker Fun Factory*. Children ages 5-11 can sign up to be participants. Teens and adults can sign up to volunteer.

Visit [vbspro.events/p/nativity2017](http://vbspro.events/p/nativity2017) to sign up.

For more information contact Jen Acorn, 978-697-1082.

## Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **Nativity** in Merrimac on **May 13**.

## Women's Evening of Prayer

Join us on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00pm at St. Ann Church for an evening of prayer. The theme is "Being in the presence of God." All are welcome.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



Thank you for taking mite boxes during Lent and giving mites so that our conference can assist others. You can return your mite box donations to either church when you are done.

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

## 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.

We would love for you to join us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac, at 1:00pm. Don't know how to crochet or knit, we will teach you and give you yarn. **Our next meeting is Thursday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m.**

## HR Religious Education

Sunday, April 30

Grades 3-6 last classes (w/ party), Merrimac, 9-10am

Grade 10 last class, Merrimac, 6-7:30pm

Sunday, April 30

**First Holy Communion**, St. Ann 12:00noon. Congratulations to our students receiving First Holy Communion at St. Ann's Church today. May God continue to bless them!

Sunday, May 21

Grade 9 last class, Merrimac, 6-7:30pm

### Confirmation

Bishop Hennessey is celebrating the Confirmation Mass(es) Saturday, October 28 at Merrimac at 1:00pm and 4:00pm (within the parish Mass).

### Youth Mass

Next Youth Mass is Sunday, May 7 at 5:00pm at IC Parish. Service opportunity at Plum Island for beach clean-up beginning at 2:00pm and ending at 4:00pm. Bring disposable gloves to the beach. Bring a friend! Mass is at 5:00pm at IC. All are welcome.

### New Email Address

The Office of Religious Education at Holy Redeemer has a new email address: [reledhrp@gmail.com](mailto:reledhrp@gmail.com).

## HR Boy Scouts

Scouting builds more than just campfires. Scouting builds character, values, community, and family. Holy Redeemer charters Boy Scout Troop 41. The troop meets Monday evenings in Nativity Hall, Merrimac from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in learning more about the troop or joining, contact the scoutmaster, Mark Friend at [msf4087@gmail.com](mailto:msf4087@gmail.com). All faiths welcome. Please see the Parish website calendar for meeting dates, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org).



## Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair



*The Holiday Fair* is a long-running tradition at Holy Redeemer. It is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving at the Nativity Hall. Gift baskets, homemade soups, silent auction items, and nearly new items are available. The 2017 Fair will be November 18 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now for this fun event.

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