

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

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All Are Welcome



St. Matthias by Peter Paul Rubens. Oil on panel. c. 1611

“For it is written in the Book of Psalms: May another take his office. Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us. . . become with us a witness to his resurrection. Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.” (From Acts, chapter 1)



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

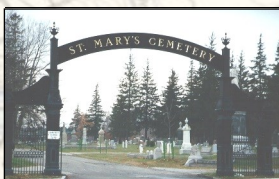
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/12)

- 11:00am **IC First Communion** (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **IC Rita M. Snow, For the intentions of Mary D'Ambrosio** (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (5/13)

- 7:15am **IC Regina M. Stronge, Rita Decaire, For the intentions of Lubica Benca**
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC Nelson & Grace Tsai, Gloria Keefe, Ava Bartfay-Szabo** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 10:15am **St. Ann Marion Landry** (Fr. Harrison)
 11:30am **IC Burt Baptiste, Maryanne Coleman, Lillian Pecht** (Fr. Morin)

Monday (5/14)

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

Tuesday (5/15)

- 7:15am **IC Mary Lou Payton** (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (5/16)

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

Thursday (5/17)

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

Friday (5/18)

- 9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
 10:30am **Port Rehab** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (5/19)

- 4:00pm **IC Patricia Toomey, John Herlihy**
 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (5/20)

- 7:15am **IC Regina M. Stronge, Mabel Kalashian, For the intentions of Adolf Benca, Jr.** (Fr. Harrison)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
 9:00am **IC Jamie Lyn Valente Richard, Patricia Theriault** (Fr. Harrison)
 10:15am **St. Ann Murielle Matthias** (Fr. Morin)
 11:30am **IC Sheila Kay Russo** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 5:00pm **IC Youth Mass** (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Patricia Theriault, Sophia Butler, Ronald Jean and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury



The Sistine Chapel Choir (The Pope's Choir) is making a rare tour of the United States in 2018, including a concert in Boston on Tuesday, July 17. Holy Family Parish in Amesbury and Star of the Sea Parish in Salisbury are working with Immaculate Conception Parish in Newburyport, Holy Redeemer Parish in Merrimac/West Newbury, and Sacred Hearts Parish in Bradford to offer a trip to the concert. Travel by coach bus to the Boch Center in Boston for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear the Pope's Choir. \$99 covers the coach bus and concert ticket. Please contact Sue Greaney (978-388-0330 or 978-465-3334, ext. 104 at either number) in the Holy Family Parish office to reserve your spot or get additional information.

Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, a parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is: (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army and the Sisters of Notre Dame. She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.



Lectio Divina: An Invitation to Scripture-based Prayer

As part of the Collaborative Pastoral Plan, we have committed ourselves to becoming ever more intentional disciples of Christ. As a first step toward making this goal a reality, we are inviting you to join your fellow parishioners in making Scripture-based prayer a more integral part of our Collaborative's faith life and journey. To this purpose, we have chosen a method of prayer known as Lectio Divina to introduce to all parishioners throughout the Collaborative. Please accept this invitation to participate in a Lectio Divina prayer experience at one of the following times and places. We can assure you that your faith life and that of the parishes will be enriched and enlivened by this Scripture-based prayer.

| | St. Ann |
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| Mornings: | Mon. May 14 at 9:35 in Church |
| Evenings: | Wed. May 16 at 7:00 in Church |

Happy Mother's Day

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

See our calendar at hriccatholic.org for more activities.

Monday, May 14

Lectio Divina Service 9:30am, St. Ann Church
AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall
Collaborative Altar Server Training (2) Adults 6:30pm, IC Church
HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
Landings Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, May 15

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
Pastoral Plan Discipleship Priority Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Wednesday, May 16

Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209
Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall
Collaborative Altar Server Training (2) Youth 3:30pm, IC Church
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
Lectio Divina Service 7:00pm, St. Ann Church

Thursday, May 17

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

Friday, May 18

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, May 19

Nativity Church Yard Cleanup 9:00am, Nativity Church
St. Ann Church Yard Cleanup 9:00am, St. Ann Church
Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, May 20, Pentecost Sunday

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
Beach Cleanup Service Project 2:00pm, Plum Island Beach

Collaborative Altar Server Training for Students Grades 4 through Adults

We are all aware of the shortage of priest vocations. Something that may not have achieved the same level of awareness is the shortage of altar servers. That is especially true at Masses like 7:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.



at Immaculate Conception Church. While we continue to strive to engage our youth in Liturgical Service, we are exploring alternatives to fulfill the need. As a pilot program, we are seeking adults interested in exploring being trained to be an Altar Server at the 7:15 Mass and 11:30 Mass at IC. **We thank those who have already signed up.** If you would like to learn more about this initiative please email John Friedrich at johnfriedrichjr@gmail.com. Set the example, feel the joy of service, email John today.

We are hosting 3 training sessions for new **youth** altar servers and 2 sessions for **adults** in our Collaborative of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception. All sessions need to be attended. The sessions are in the IC church:

Youth: 3:30-4:30pm

- Wednesday, May 16 Session 2
- Monday, May 21 Session 3 with Fr. Tim

Adults: 6:30-7:30pm

- Monday, May 14 Session 2 with Fr. Tim 6:30-7:30pm

or

- Monday, May 21 Session 2 for youth and adults with Fr. Tim 4:30-5:30pm.

Please RSVP if you are interested in becoming an Altar Server. Dr. Mag McKinnon 978-462-2724 ext. 7405 or mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org.

Italy 2 Pilgrimage



Assisi at night

Join Fr. Tim for **Italy 2**, a Pilgrimage to Northern Italy. Enjoy 12 amazing days in Italy touring Lake Como, Milan, Padua (St. Anthony), Venice, Florence, Siena, and Assisi (St. Francis).

The dates are October 21–November 1. Cost is \$4,799 from Boston. Visit www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric to learn more.

Online Resources

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hriccatholic.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, see our Get Involved tab to see how your talents can be utilized, or check out the photos section. We have so much happening in our Collaborative.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What signs accompany you as you profess your faith to the Lord?

Child: What important message did Jesus give us before He went back to the Father?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Save the Date

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

All are invited.



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

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

Reception at IC St. Louis Hall (Parish Center) immediately following Liturgy.

Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us for thirty minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives.

This ancient prayer practice opens our minds and hearts to hear God's words as we read Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina.

For the next thirty minutes we listen to God's words, ponder and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now and contemplate for the following week God's message to us and let it guide our choices and actions.

We find both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God.

Please join us Wednesday 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. at IC Conference Room 209. For more information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483.

EWTN: Catholic News

EWTN News: Your Online Catholic News Resource.

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

Spiritual Adoption Program

Watch here each month for the Baby's Development!

Thank you for participating in this Spiritual Adoption program.

Fourth Month

The baby's brain has begun maturing—a process that will continue until s/he is about 14 years old. The eyelids are now sealed shut and will re-open at seven months. The taste buds are working. Nutrients consumed by his/her mother are passed on to the baby within an hour or two. Three hundred quarts of fluid a day are sent to the baby via the umbilical cord. Fine hair begins to grow on the head, eyebrows, and eyelashes. Facial expressions similar to the baby's parents can be seen at this time. This month REMs (rapid eye movements) have been recorded—a sign of dreaming!



Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism:

Carter James Adams • Lucas Michael Sardinha Braga • Sophia Marie Bruff • Luke Eoin Burnham • Anthony Richard Cribben • Hailey Marie Cribben • Anna Pauline Crowley • Nieve Rose Farrell • Graham Russell Fishbein • Sutton Russell Fishbein • Emily Reese Gavin • Aryana Lyn Noel • Ethan Richard Schneider • Brooklyn Kate Smith

Jesus aCROSS the Border Young Adult Gathering

Join Jesus aCROSS the Border, the umbrella organization which unites over 20 different young adult Catholic groups. The event is geared towards young adults, 18–35 years of age, but is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the Jesus aCROSS the Border mission. The next monthly gathering is **Friday, May 18** at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 325 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, 7:30pm–12:00midnight and includes Eucharistic Adoration, acoustic Praise & Worship, young adult Mass, pizza social, and a Shalom Boston Party. This is a fantastic opportunity for over 20 Catholic young adult groups to network with one another and for you to get to know the many groups out there that are ready to support you in your faith journey. Email Billy Beauchesne at JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page for more information.



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. The next Cursillo weekend is June 7–10 (women).

2017–2018 Calendar

Ultreya
June 1

Cursillo Weekend
June 7–10 (Women)

Ultreya is held in the St. James Chapel in the IC Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. Our next *Ultreya* is June 1. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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 offices 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.

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.

Online Bulletin

Visit our **Collaborative website**, www.hricatholic.org and click on the bulletin picture on the home page to view the bulletin online.

This is an easy way to navigate to all of the online resources, websites, and email addresses. Simply click on the blue links on the online bulletin and you will be redirected to the link.

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.

Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 28



Mass will be offered on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 28** at St. Mary's Cemetery, 36 Storey Avenue (Rte. 113), Newburyport. The Mass will begin at 9:00am.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather and pray for all those who have given their lives in service to our country as well as remember all who have been interred here at our local Catholic Cemetery. Please bring a chair, sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat if you need them. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be moved to Immaculate Conception Church. Please check our website for any updates: hricatholic.org.

Please note that there will be no 9:00am Mass at St. Ann in West Newbury that day.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



IC First Communion
Saturday, May 5

Adoration

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

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

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| May 5–6 | \$10,717.00 |
| Restoration/Renovation | \$ 1,437.00 |

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly.

Next week's second collection supports the formation and training of **seminarians** in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



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| Collection | \$ 83.00 |
| Poor Box | \$ 258.00 |
| Total | \$ 341.00 |

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.

Newburyport VIP Card

Help Support Immaculate Conception Church

We encourage folks to spend a few minutes to familiarize themselves with the 180 local businesses in Newburyport and surrounding towns that offer discounts through the Newburyport App/VIP Card Program. This is a great way to save money **every time** you visit participating businesses and it is a simplistic fundraising opportunity for our church. If you decide to make a purchase we ask that you please support Immaculate Conception. View discounts at <https://www.newburyport.com/newburyport-vip/> or you can download the Newburyport App, and select “VIP Discounts.” You can purchase one Card for \$25 or two for \$40, and \$10 of your purchase is donated to **Immaculate Conception Church**. Use the following link to make your purchase: <https://www.newburyport.com/immaculate-conception-church/>.

Immaculate Conception School



The 7th grade hosted a Cinco de Mayo event for the IC community—showcasing displays about Spanish speaking countries. Each student researched a country and then created a poster that described the culture, government, industries, flag, and currency. Many had artifacts, collectibles, paper money, clothing and tapestries on display for visitors to see. Every student created a slideshow that enhanced the sharing of information. Many of the 7th graders had handouts for the younger students, including coloring pages to learn the differences in the countries' flags. This lively school event was the culmination of a two-month-long project. The 7th grade did a beautiful job, enlightening us all about the countries of South America.



National Peace Officers Memorial Day

May 15, 2018



You and your family are invited to join in a brief Memorial Service to honor all Law Enforcement Personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice, especially those from Newburyport who have died in the line of duty.

When: Tuesday May 15, 2018, 8:30 a.m.

Where: Brown's Square, Newburyport

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.

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.

Life in the Wider Family: In #187: The nuclear family needs to interact with the wider family made up of parents, aunts and uncles, cousins, and even neighbors. This greater family may have members who require assistance, or at least companionship and affection, or consolation amid suffering. The individualism so prevalent today can lead to creating small nests of security, where others are perceived as bothersome or a threat. Such isolation, however, cannot offer greater peace or happiness; rather, it straitens the heart of a family and makes its life all the more narrow.

Baptism

Baptism info.: www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism

Please pre-register for the class.

June 3 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.

First Eucharist

We are celebrating the last of our 1st Communion this weekend:

- Saturday May 12, 11:00am Mass.
- Saturday May 12, 4:00pm Mass.
- Sunday May 13, 11:30am Mass.

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

Landings

Our next session of Landings meets on Monday, May 14 from 7:00–8:30 in the IC Charity Dining Room 114. We will have another series in the Fall 2018. To find out more about Landings, please contact: Dr. Mag McKinnon 978-462-2724 ext. 7405, mmckinnon@newburyporthcatholic.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: hriccatholic.org/Youth-Ministry.

Boston Pops Gospel Choir

When the praises go up, the blessings come down!

Once again, cantors Jonathan Temple, Pat Forbes, Kate Prescott, and Krista LaForte will be praising God in song as part of the Boston Pops Gospel Choir performing at Gospel Night at the Pops at Boston's Symphony Hall on June 2, 2018. A "friends and family discount" is available by ordering tickets online at the following link www.bostonpops.org/gospel50

Come support our cantors, enjoy an evening of joyful praise and exceptional entertainment and get your praise on!

IC Summer Religious Ed

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 and service learning experience for IC youth. Cost: \$200/include transportation to and from agencies. hriccatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education

Confirmation

Summer Confirmation Sessions for Years 1 and 2 are scheduled for July 9–12 from 5:30–8:00pm. Registration information is found on online:

hriccatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish.

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.

Scripture for the Week

- 13 Sun Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
- 14 Mon Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
- 15 Tue Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
- 16 Wed Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
- 17 Thu Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
- 18 Fri Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
- 19 Sat Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory May 5–6 \$ 2,884.00

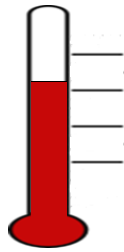
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Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,862.00
To Date \$16,235.00
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\$22,862
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$5,000

The 2018 Catholic Appeal campaign is underway at Holy Redeemer. So far, we have raised \$16,235.00 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.

Catholic TV

Visit www.catholicstv.com for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

HR Scholarship for High School Seniors

The Holy Redeemer Activities Committee is happy to announce that they will be supporting a \$1,000 scholarship to one graduating senior of Holy Redeemer. Any senior who plans on furthering their education after high school, in any higher education program, may apply. The applicant must have been confirmed through the Holy Redeemer Religious Ed. program. Applicants must submit an essay. The essay, "How I live a Catholic life as a member of Holy Redeemer," must be received at 4 Green Street, Merrimac no later than Sunday, June 10 to be considered.

Activities Committee Updates

The Activities Committee, with all that we do, are able to fund the coffee hours after Mass, buy the new refrigerator for the Parish Hall, buy a new wireless PA system, donate \$10,000.00 to our Capital Campaign Fund, sponsor the Holy Redeemer scholarship, represent our Parish in the Santa Parade, and so much more! **Thank you all** for supporting our activities.

HR Religious Education

Religious Ed. News

Online registrations for the fall will be available in June. Watch the bulletin for details.

A reminder for students who worked at home with their books to turn them in as soon as possible. Drop off for books is the white "mailbox" by the hall doors at Merrimac.

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.

Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

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

Church Cleanups on Saturday

Spring Church Yards Clean-up



Saturday, May 19, 9:00 at both HR sites. This is a great opportunity for community service. Anyone willing to supply refreshments for our hard-working volunteers please call Cindy.

Help Needed

We are looking for someone to coordinate the clean-up efforts for the St. Ann property. Please contact Cindy. Contact: Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



The Conference has been helping families who are facing utility cutoffs because of winter heating bills that they cannot pay. Once a minimum amount is paid, the families can arrange a payment plan to prevent a recurrence. Thank you for supporting us in this important work.

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.

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, June 7**.