

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Pentecost Sunday
May 20, 2018



*“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.”
(From the Gospel Acclamation, Pentecost Sunday)*

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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

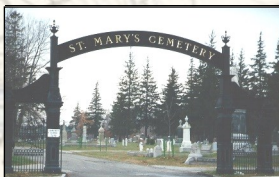
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Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/19)

4:00pm **IC** *Patricia Toomey, John Herlihy, Raymond Welch*

4:00pm **Nativity** *Julie Brousseau* (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)

Monday (5/21)

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

Tuesday (5/22)

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

Wednesday (5/23)

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

Thursday (5/24)

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

Friday (5/25)

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

Saturday (5/26)

4:00pm **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Daniel L. Brodie* (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (5/27)

7:15am **IC** *Stefan Javor, Sophia Butler* (Fr. Morin)

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

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

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

11:30am **IC**

In your prayers, please remember Burton Gilbert, Earl Quayle, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

IC Summer Mass Schedule

Beginning June 3

Please remember that the IC Sunday Mass schedule will be as follows: Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m., **11:00 a.m.**

The schedule will begin on **Sunday, June 3** and remain in effect through September 2.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



On this great feast of Pentecost, it is appropriate that we spend a few moments contemplating the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst. When we think of who we are as a Church and where we have been, we see ample evidence of the Spirit. From the earliest of days, there was conflict and opposition to the spreading of the Gospel. To begin with, the synagogues rejected the notion of Christ as the long-awaited Messiah. Then the pagan rulers began to scapegoat and actively persecute the Church. Many Christians were martyred. When, in the course of history, the Roman Empire eventually became Christianized, the “normalization” of Christianity presented its own challenges to the faith, making it in some ways too easy to follow Christ without significant sacrifice. The Dark Ages and Medieval times plunged the Church into a period of relative ignorance where learning and the study of faith was restricted to only a few. Without strong central governments, the Church took on many secular responsibilities, not all of which lent themselves well to the task of evangelization. The Renaissance and the Enlightenment that would follow presented their own unique challenges to the Church’s structure and the manner of sharing our faith. Spreading Christianity in the New World and across the seas also had its difficulties. World Wars, Nazism, Communism, and modern-day secularism all have brought many attacks on people of faith worldwide. In light of all of this, it would be a wonder that there is even a semblance of the Church Christ founded left! But maybe that is the point: without the enduring presence of the Holy Spirit, our Church would not—could not—still exist. It should have been destroyed many centuries ago by the ravages of human sin and hatred, by greed and corruption, ambition and lust. And yet, somehow, we are still here. Our Church is still a vibrant presence in the world, waxing and waning at various moments and in a kaleidoscope of places. In the Catholic Church alone, we are more than one billion strong. And yet we continue to profess one faith. How amazing is that?

This weekend we marvel at the many varied ways that God’s Spirit pulsates through us as believers. For your consideration, I would like to name three ways I have experienced the Holy Spirit in my life and invite you to consider the ways that you have perhaps been touched by the Advocate. For me, these have been found in Speech, “Coincidences,” and Stirrings.

First, Speech. One of the promises that Christ gave the disciples was that the Holy Spirit would give them the words they were to speak when it really mattered. This was critical, as many of them faced regular challenges by religious leaders and secular authorities that could be life-threatening. Having just the right words would make all the

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difference between furthering the cause of the Gospel or being crushed by those who opposed it. (See Luke 12:12 and 21:15). Words are powerful things, and when spoken at just the right time and place to just the right people or person, can alter the course of history. Imagine where we would be today without FDR's fireside chats during WWII, John F. Kennedy's choosing to go to the moon, or Martin Luther King's vision of "I Have a Dream"? It has been my experience that as disciples, the Holy Spirit will inspire us to say important and significant things at times and places where various individuals need to hear these words, and often in ways that we are unaware of their true impact. I can't tell you how many times people have approached me after mass with: "Father, what you said...", only to have no honest recollection of ever saying what had moved them so deeply. Either the words were so insignificant to me that I truly don't recall saying them, or people are hearing some other words from some One else. No matter how, it is humbling to see how the Holy Spirit will work through our words.

Next, "coincidences." I place this word in quotes, as I have to say that after more than 25 years of priestly ministry, I no longer believe there are real coincidences in this life. Too many times, against the most unlikely set of odds, I have had regular and significant encounters with people that have been life-altering and purposeful. It might mean stumbling upon someone who was walking around the corner of a building, or encountering an individual unexpectedly in the hospital or what might appear to be a chance encounter downtown. Yet in so many of these unplanned moments, just the right conversation happens that changes someone's life. My own life was altered in just this way by a simple conversation with a brother priest years ago that opened my heart to ponder a new assignment that I had not previously considered. My eventual "yes" to that assignment would involve 10 years of my life! How often do we write-off these "chance" moments and possibly miss what the Holy Spirit is trying to accomplish through us?

Finally, stirrings. Along with the often non-sensical "coincidences" of life, I believe the Holy Spirit works powerfully to stir our hearts to action and gently (mostly) prod us to be about God's business on a daily basis. My own vocation to the priesthood was born by a quiet stirring of my heart in the weeks following my Confirmation when I was still in High School. Later, as a priest, I recall one significant encounter with an inconsolable parishioner who was deeply upset about her grandson clinging to life in a distant hospital. In an experience that was without words, I heard the message in my heart: "go!" Without fully understanding everything that was going on, I got in my car and drove to that hospital to pray with his family and anoint him. Looking back years later, I think God worked richly through the events of that day. Do we make room for the Holy Spirit to nudge our souls and stir our attention towards what the Lord wants us to be about at different moments in our lives? Are we docile to these whispers and promptings?

Do we believe that God will speak to us through the Holy Spirit in this way?

Over the centuries, saints and sinners alike have encountered this Advocate that Jesus sent among us to further spread and build-up the Church and further the work of the Kingdom of God. Enough have said "yes" to these unplanned words, "coincidences" and stirrings that the Body of Christ thrives across our world today. Will we open ourselves to the new work the Holy Spirit presents to us today?

Happy Pentecost

Fr. Timothy Harrison,

Pastor

This Week in Our Collaborative

See our calendar at hricatholic.org for more activities.

Monday, May 21

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

Collaborative Altar Server Training (3) Youth 3:30pm,
IC Church

Collaborative Altar Server Training Adults 4:30pm,
IC Church

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

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

Tuesday, May 22

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, May 23

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

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, May 24

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

Friday, May 25

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Staff Meeting 12:00noon, IC Charity Dining Room

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

Saturday, May 26

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, May 27

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Save the Date

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

All are invited to celebrate with us.



Sunday, June 3, 2018, the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Liturgy 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/>

Boston Pops Gospel Choir

When the praises go up, the blessings come down!

Cantors Pat Forbes, Krista LaForte, Kate Prescott, and Jonathan Temple are singing once again with the Boston Pops Orchestra at Boston's Symphony Hall for the **Gospel Night at the Pops** concert on **June 2, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**

Members of the Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Collaborative are eligible for the "Friends and Family Discount" providing a 50% reduction in ticket prices. Use the following link to order your discounted tickets.

www.bostonpops.org/gospel50



Come and get your praise on at a joyful celebration of this uniquely American art form and music ministry.

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 training sessions for new **youth** and **adult** servers in our Collaborative of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception. The sessions are in the IC church:

Youth: 3:30–4:30pm

- Monday, May 21 Session 3 with Fr. Tim

Adults: 4:30–5:30pm

- Monday, May 21 Session 2 with Fr. Tim.

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

Cursillo

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).

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).

Questions of the Week



Adult: When are you aware of the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

Child: How do you know when the Holy Spirit is guiding you?

Catholic TV

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

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.

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: hriccatholic.org.

Please note that there will be no 9:00am Mass at St. Ann in West Newbury on May 28.

Bulletin Information

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

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.

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.

Scripture for the Week

- 20 Sun **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
- 21 Mon Jas 33:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
- 22 Tue Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
- 23 Wed Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40
- 24 Thu Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
- 25 Fri Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
- 26 Sat Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16



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.

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: hriccatholic.org/Youth-Ministry.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, May 12–13	\$10,716.00
Monthly, May 12–13	\$ 1,730.00
Ascension, May 10	\$ 704.00

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future 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



Collection	\$ 51.00
Poor Box	\$ 149.00
Total	\$ 200.00

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 Annual IC Celebration of Learning and Science Fair was held last week. All grades had displays of experiments and concepts learned that covered an array of science topics within biology, chemistry, and physics. Pre-K and Kindergarten depicted the life cycle of the caterpillar in 3D, grade 1 tested the effects of sunlight and water on the growth of sunflowers, grade 2 constructed taller than life marble slope mazes, grade 3 grew colorful crystals from concentrated solutions, and grade 4 reported on a wide range of animals, with dioramas and written reports. Fifth grade studied the human body and presented their knowledge with life-size drawings. The Junior High students each conducted an experiment of their choice and presented their findings. Parents and grandparents learned a great deal from the wonderful posters, displays, and exhibitions that the students were on-hand to share. Hovercrafts, bicycles that purify water, energy drinks that impact the adolescent brain, the best popping popcorn, and optical illusions were just a few of the impressive topics that students studied. The Celebration of Learning and Science Fair is always impressive and a beloved event that we share as a community.

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.

Please note: our **May** meeting is on Memorial Day, **May 28** and will be at Barbara's home, 64 Northern Blvd., Plum Island, Newbury, MA. Our June meeting will return to the IC Parish Center. Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at (617) 410-6309 or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

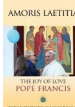
IC-Haiti

The second of four collections in 2018 for IC Haiti will take place the first weekend of June. Your ongoing generosity is a sign of your sincere commitment to the children and school community of Puit Chacha, Haiti. In this weekend's second reading (Paul's Letter to the Romans), we are offered a lesson on hope. We as a parish community have not met the community of Puit Chacha face to face, nor have they met us. Yet each community is bound to the other by the Holy Spirit in the hope of Christ. We have generously responded to the opportunity to love and serve the community of Puit Chacha, and they have responded to the opportunity to love and trust us as instruments of the Lord's generosity. Although we have not “seen” each other, we are united in a hope that endures.

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.

Being Sons and Daughters: In #188: First, let us think of our parents. Jesus told the Pharisees that abandoning one's parents is contrary to God's law (cf. Mk 7:8–13). We do well to remember that each of us is a son or daughter. "Even if one becomes an adult, or an elderly person, even if one becomes a parent, if one occupies a position of responsibility, underneath all of this is still the identity of a child. We are all sons and daughters. And this always brings us back to the fact that we did not give ourselves life but that we received it. The great gift of life is the first gift that we received."

Baptism

Baptism info.: www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism

Please pre-register for the class.

June 3 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

June 10 Group Baptism—IC Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

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

First Eucharist

Congratulations to all our First Communicants on your reception of the Holy Eucharist.

Landings

We will host another series of Landings in the Fall 2018. To find out more about Landings, please contact: Dr. Mag McKinnon mmckinnon@newburyporthcatholic.org 978-462-2724 ext. 7405.

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.

This Week's Greeters



This week's greeters are all members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Immaculate Conception Conference, an organization consisting of men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to local individuals in need, regardless of race, color, or religious affiliation.

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 Summer Mass Schedule

Please remember that the IC Sunday Mass schedule will be as follows: Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m., **11:00 a.m.**

The schedule will begin on Sunday, June 3 and remain in effect through September 2.

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.

Adoration

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



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HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, May 12-13 \$3,265.00
 Monthly, May 12-13 \$2,113.00
 Ascension, May 10 \$ 641.00

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future 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.



Catholic Appeal
 Goal \$22,862.00
 To Date \$16,335.00
 70 Donors



\$22,862
 \$15,000
 \$10,000
 \$5,000

The 2018 Catholic Appeal campaign is underway at Holy Redeemer. So far, we have raised \$16,335.00 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 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**.

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann** in W. Newbury on **June 2**.

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 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)

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, May 23**.

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

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.