

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

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*“All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.”*

(Psalm 98:3)

*All Are Welcome*



# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

## St. Ann

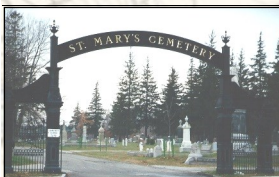
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (5/8)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** *Jean Basque* (Fr. Morin)  
4:00pm **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

### Sunday (5/9) *Mother's Day*

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
9:00am **IC** *Louis A. Hebbelinck, Sr., Marylynn Niemi, Dale Deveau, Jr., Anna & Jack Cronin, Andrew Vlack* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)  
9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
11:30am **IC** *Mary Razza, Lena Filomia, Teresa Arambula-Leyrer, Derek Michael Delgado, Luke Picillo* (Fr. Harrison)

### Monday (5/10)

9:00am **IC** *Mrs. Melissa Benca* (Fr. Harrison)

### Tuesday (5/11)

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

### Wednesday (5/12)

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

### Thursday (5/13) *Ascension of the Lord*

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)  
9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
7:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Stanley)

### Friday (5/14)

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

### Saturday (5/15)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** *Lue LeBlanc* (Fr. McLaughlin)  
4:00pm **IC** *Jim Bowers, David Kolman* (Fr. Stanley)

### Sunday (5/16)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley)  
9:00am **IC** *Nelson & Grace Tsai, Ron Pagliarulo* (Fr. Harrison)  
9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)  
11:30am **IC** *Robert Filomia, John Paul Kehoe, Maureen Lagasse* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember John Hirschfeld, Jr., Jeremiah Sheehan, Jr., Carol Delgado, Ralph West III, and all the faithful departed.

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

**Saturday Live-Stream Vigil Masses are broadcast online through [Facebook](#).**

 Find us on Facebook: [Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

We think too small, our dreams are too limited and our understanding is miserably lacking when it comes to the things of God. That is the honest truth.



I don't know about you, but this past year I have heard of a phenomena called, "COVID dreams." It is the experience had by many, including myself, of very vivid and crazy dreams that are extremely lifelike and detailed, more like expansive and brilliant motion pictures that go on in our brains while we sleep. It is not necessarily a side affect of having COVID, but rather a result of the unique stress and situation that we have been through as a result of the pandemic shutdowns. Bizarre and colorful at the same time, these dreams can be vast and imaginative. And yet even the best of them will pale in comparison to the reality of who God is and what the fullness of God's Kingdom will be like. Even with the stress of a pandemic to stir our imaginations, God is bigger than our wildest dreams.

Such has always been the case. Next to the incredulity of the Resurrection of Jesus, one of the most amazing mind-stretching over-the-top moments for the early Church was to realize that the Salvation won for us in Jesus was not to be limited to His Jewish disciples, but rather was open to people of all nations and places.

Their whole understanding of who Jesus was came from the Hebrew Scriptures. Everything from imagining Jesus as the new Law-giver like Moses to seeing Him through the eyes of Servant Songs of Isaiah, Jesus was a Jewish Messiah for the Jewish people. Peter was dumbfounded when the Holy Spirit was showered on Cornelius' household and on other gentiles that he would have previously thought were far from the things of God. But no, Jesus, as Peter and all the Apostles would learn, was the complete re-set for all that would follow. The Holy Spirit would go where it would, just like the wind blows from here

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## Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in April.

**Maeve Sullivan • Lola Michelle VanAmburg**

## Register to Attend Mass

To register to attend an in-person Mass celebrated in our Collaborative go to the "Attend a Mass" section on our website: [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) to link to the signup page. At this time **a reservation is required** to attend a live Mass for capacity limits and contact tracing purposes.

Call the offices at (978) 462-2724 for IC or (978) 346-8604 for HR if you have questions or need assistance making a reservation.



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## The Ascension of the Lord

### Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, May 13 is the Ascension of the Lord, which is the day on which Jesus ascended into heaven. The Holy Day is celebrated every year 40 days after Easter, on the sixth Thursday of Easter.

Please join us to commemorate this Holy Day of Obligation in person or online via our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>). If you would like to attend in person, registration begins at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, May 10. To register, go to the "Attend a Mass" section on our website: [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) to link to the signup page. **A reservation is required** to attend a Mass for capacity limits and contact tracing purposes. You can call the offices at (978) 462-2724 for IC or (978) 346-8604 for HR if you have questions or need assistance making a reservation.

#### Mass times for Ascension:

9:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception (live-streamed)  
9:00 a.m. St. Ann  
7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception  
7:00 p.m. Nativity

## Watch Mass on Facebook

### To watch our Saturday live-stream Masses:

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) at the appointed time. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet using the above link.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

## Rosary Marathon for May

Pope Francis invites Catholics around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.

It has been the longstanding tradition of the church to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We offer our petitions to the Blessed Mother who brings them to the foot of the cross on our behalf.

This May, thirty of the world's Marian shrines will take turns leading a daily live-streamed rosary at **12:00 noon** Eastern time. (go to the [Facebook "Vatican News" channel](#) [Vatican Media Live YouTube channel](#), or [www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va))

This world-wide prayer takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5). After more than a year, and with the world still in the grips of the pandemic, the Pope and the Church around the world are imploring God for an end to the suffering which so many people are forced to bear.

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to there without anyone fully understanding its ways. But the lesson from the early Church on was always clear: you may not know where or why the Spirit is doing what it is doing, but it is always worth going along for the ride! Being docile to the movements of the Spirit was a necessary quality for faithful discipleship. Even if it was doing what was once thought improbable, unlikely or impossible. Jesus is for everyone!

As we ready ourselves for the great feast of Pentecost in the weeks ahead and as we work through the many "re-sets" that the pandemic has brought about in our lives, let us make sure that we leave room for the Holy Spirit to lead us to embrace these uncertain and challenging times. With vivid dreams to inspire us and open hearts ready to love, may we look for and see the Glory of God throughout all the ends of the earth!

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there! Thank you for embracing your vocation of welcoming new life in our midst.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

## Collaborative Pastoral Council

### Invitation to Participate in the Collaborative Pastoral Council Meetings

In 2019 a Pastoral Council was formed in our Collaborative to assist the Pastor in his responsibilities as the leader of the Collaborative. They serve in a consultative role and there are members from both of our parishes. They have been meeting virtually on Zoom since mid-March of 2020 and are now meeting once a month, mostly on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings on Zoom, giving you a chance to listen to our discussions and to comment or ask questions at certain points in the meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m.** If you are interested in joining the meeting on Zoom, send an email to Jim Williamson at [jimwilliamson35@gmail.com](mailto:jimwilliamson35@gmail.com) and he will send you the Zoom link before the meeting. Included on the agenda for this meeting are the following topics: planning for a Welcome Back Weekend when pandemic restrictions are relaxed or lifted entirely, improving communications with our parishioners and the community, and other pertinent topics. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council or issues for our agenda please reach out to Jim or contact any Council member.

#### Members of the Pastoral Council

Father Tim Harrison, Chair	Amy Friend
Jim Williamson, Vice Chair	Aaron Giard
Mary Bragg, Secretary	Paula Higgins
	Deacon John Moranski
Kathy Betz	Lucia Parker
Sue Coppinger	Carol Robertson
Steve DiCamillo	Jonathan Temple
Deacon Paul Dow	Pat Temple
Chris Eagan	

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 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 continue by reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina.

For the next 30 minutes we listen to God's words, ponder and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now, and contemplate God's message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

## Confessions



We are offering face-to-face, individual Confessions by appointment only. These will take place outdoors. The weather must be amenable for the appointment; both priest and penitent **must wear a face mask** and practice proper social-distancing during the Confession.

For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, please contact our Collaborative Office at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

*Are you feeling isolated & alone during the pandemic?*

Neighbors Helping Neighbors volunteers would love to give you a call to chat or send you a note. We know that this is a difficult period for everyone, particularly to those who live alone. Let us help brighten your day! If you would be interested in receiving a call or note, please call the HRIC offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 (ext. 1000) and leave your name, address and phone number and we will reach out to you.

*How can we help you?*

Some in our Collaborative may have challenges getting everyday needs accomplished during the pandemic.

Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Collaborative *Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program* can help those in need within our communities of Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury. The focus of the program is to comfort and nurture our parish community and send its faith, love, and generosity outward by offering meaningful ways to love and serve our greater communities as this pandemic continues to pose a threat.

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and want assistance with fundamental needs such as grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, meal deliveries, etc., please call the Collaborative offices at **978-462-2724** or **978-346-8604 (ext. 1000)** and let us know how we can help.

## Prayers for the Sick

May the comfort and healing of Christ embrace all in our Collaborative who are suffering from illness, especially:

Dan Bedard  
Priscilla Brown  
Brett Burkinshaw  
Bridie Hubley  
Joe Messina

Vincent Oberhofer  
Mary Shachok  
Ruth Sullivan  
Ron Sylvester  
Michael Tucker

## ENGAGE & FORMED

We have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.

To access the resources of Word on Fire's **ENGAGE**, register at [flocknote.com/hriccollaborative](https://flocknote.com/hriccollaborative) or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

To access **FORMED**, visit ([formed.org](https://formed.org)), click "Sign up," then "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" to log in.

## Women at the Well Bible Study

Welcome to a community full of women just like you. Wherever you are in your faith journey, join us as we meet weekly for Blessed is She Bible study, community, and friendship as we grow together in Christ.

We are meeting virtually during the pandemic. We meet Monday nights, 6:30–8:00. All are welcome.

Please email [HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com](mailto:HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com) to join us.

## Knights of Columbus

**Consecration to St. Joseph**

Last Sunday, members of the Knights and guests joined in prayer before the statue of St. Joseph at IC Church at the closing Mass of their Consecration to St. Joseph program. This year has been declared the year of St. Joseph by Pope Francis.

Interested in becoming a Knight? Visit [kofc.org/joinus](https://kofc.org/joinus).



## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### Lazarus House Ministries Hike for Hope

2021 LIVE virtual 5K walk/run

May 22–23



Lazarus House Ministries is excited to invite you to participate in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hike for Hope taking place on Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23. Again this year, we will be hosting a virtual event featuring a three-part challenge which offers a variety of ways to participate.

1. Live, virtual 5K walk/run
2. Fundraising for food needs
3. Food drive

You will find Hike for Hope 2021 Challenge details for each of the above at [www.hikeforhope.org](http://www.hikeforhope.org). But please know, you can become involved in any and many ways! Proceeds from the weekend benefit Lazarus House Ministries food pantry and soup kitchen. Visit [lazarushouse.org](http://lazarushouse.org) to learn more about how we help those in need.

### Questions of the Week



**Adult:** “As the Father loves Me, so do I love you.” How can these words of Jesus transform our lives?  
**Child:** To love means to care for another as Jesus cares for us. When have you shown love for someone you don’t really like?

### Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found online at [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org), the site of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. There you will find the daily readings, be able to listen to them on podcast, and have the opportunity to watch a short reflection piece on the readings offered by a Catholic priest, deacon, religious, or lay person.

Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to [www.HRICcatholic.org](http://www.HRICcatholic.org); click on HRIC Pastoral Plan; and then click on Lectio Divina.



(The free App “*Laudate*” allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)

### Virtual Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook twice every week. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook. [www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/](http://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/)

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

### Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction During Easter

7:15–8:00 p.m. Thursdays, Immaculate Conception Church

Join us Thursdays during the Easter season for Adoration/Benediction. All are welcome. No reservations needed. Seating is limited. All attending must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Given the need for communal prayer and silence during these challenging times and the “Year of the Eucharist” that we are celebrating as an Archdiocese this year, we are opening Immaculate Conception Church for prayer liturgies. Come for silent time with the Lord in the Eucharist to let Him speak into your hurts and joys, and heal and recharge you. For more on what to expect and what to do during this time of Adoration, visit <https://bustedhalo.com/.../a-beginners-guide-to...>

No experience necessary; just “Come and Be.”



Thursday Evenings  
7:15-8:00

Year of the  
EUCHARIST

### Daily Masses

We are now offering Daily Masses Monday–Friday at 9:00 a.m. at IC, Newburyport. No advanced signup required.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with Daily Mass for St. Ann and Nativity on Mondays and Fridays respectively. If you are able to help with any of these HR Masses, contact Sue Noyes [susanjnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:susanjnoyes@gmail.com) to learn more.

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### St. Mary’s Cemetery


Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary’s 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.



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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, May 2	\$2,444.00
Ongoing Church Maintenance, May 2	\$ 652.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending April 30	\$3,881.00
Grand Annual	\$104,360.00

The second collection for May 9 is the Monthly.

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to  
**Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street,  
 Newburyport, MA 01950**

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: [hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving](http://hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving).

## 2021 Catholic Appeal Update

### Catholic Appeal

Goal \$53,820.00

To Date \$27,475.00

Visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org)  
 To learn more.



We are pleased to share that even during these difficult times, Immaculate Conception has raised **\$27,475.00** toward our 2021 Catholic Appeal goal of **\$53,820.00**. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. Whether you are attending Mass in person or watching from home, we invite you to join in supporting the Catholic Appeal. We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request, you can make donations online at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org).

Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. Your participation in our Appeal is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries.

**This is our Church and when you support the Appeal, you support Immaculate Conception!**

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**OUR CHURCH**

### IC Haiti

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950. Checks should be made out to "IC Haiti."**

We are grateful for your continued generosity during the pandemic. May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti.

We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Immaculate Conception School



The Immaculate Conception School Annual Spring Auction was a huge success! Held virtually last Friday night, school families celebrated a year of accomplishments at the Shining Brighter Together themed event. The school children were purposefully included in

this year's event with raffle baskets and auction prizes that were very kid-friendly. The children were able to buy raffle tickets for 7 different baskets as a way to include them in the frenzied fun on auction night. The lucky winners' names were pulled during the live auction event. Our school PTO President Kerry Davis was the emcee and kept the evening lively as categories of prizes were closed to bidding at various points throughout the night. One of the hottest items was the outdoor fire pit with Adirondack chairs and ingredients for s'mores! The ever-popular class art projects were especially competitive as families bid against each other online to garner the coveted one-of-a-kind memories. Families also made generous donations for an all-tolled fundraising amount of over \$31,000. We had a great night celebrating together with families hanging out online more than 45 minutes over the event's end time. The 2020–2021

school year at Immaculate Conception School has been a complete success thanks to our community's dedication to safety, support, and the Catholic spirit! Shining Brighter Together!



*Pictured: The Kindergarten quilt features self-portraits of each child, embellished with puff-paint and sewn into a colorful memento!*

## IC St. Vincent de Paul



We recently launched our new website: [www.svdpnewburyport.org](http://www.svdpnewburyport.org) where you can make an online donation.

If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are still ready to assist.

If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to **"SVdP of Newburyport."** You may drop it into the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

### Breaking Bread to-go Meal

Our weekly Immaculate Conception Breaking Bread meal has transitioned to a to-go only meal format. We continue to serve our weekly meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed from 4:30–5:30 p. m. at the entrance to the IC Parish Center. All are welcome!





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## IC PARISH

### IC Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at [www.hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://www.hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation).

#### School Year Programs

Program information for those students entering Grades K–8 can be found on our [parish website](#). Registration forms are also available. As always, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email [agiard@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:agiard@newburyportcatholic.org) should you have any questions.

#### Confirmation

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#### Baptism

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### 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. Parish registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) and click the “Links” tab, then click on “IC Parish 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, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

## HR PARISH

### HR Online Giving

Holy Redeemer now provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish community. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) and click the “Links” tab, then click on “HR Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

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### St. Ann Retaining Wall

Work will soon begin on a new parking lot retaining wall at St. Ann. You may recall that this is one of the projects that is a part of our Capital Campaign. We look forward to getting this much needed work done! Stay tuned for more details.

### The Bible in a Year

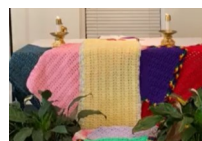


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### HR Prayer Shawl



We would like to drop off prayer shawls or lap blankets to anyone you know who needs comfort in our Holy Redeemer Parish family—there is no cost, it is free.

If you know of anyone, please give their name to Helen [hvktax@aol.com](mailto:hvktax@aol.com) or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, May 2	\$1,841.00
Mailed-in Offertory, week ending April 30	\$ 760.00
Grand Annual	\$25,580.00

The second collection for May 9 is the Monthly.

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to

**Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860**

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HR Grand Annual  
Goal \$25,000  
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\$25,000  
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\$15,000  
\$10,000  
\$ 5,000

*Congratulations! Holy Redeemer has surpassed its Grand Annual Goal. Thank you to all who contributed. Contributions are still being accepted.*

## 2021 Catholic Appeal Update

### Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,271.00  
To Date \$16,560.00

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The 2021 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at **Holy Redeemer**. Together, we have raised **\$16,560.00** toward our parish goal of **\$22,271.00**. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have participated, especially during this difficult year. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston, and at Holy Redeemer.

We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact.

If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request, you can make donations online at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org). Your participation in our parish Appeal is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries.

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## Catholic TV

Visit [www.catholicstv.com](http://www.catholicstv.com) for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul



The HR Conference has continued to help those in need during this difficult time. The majority of requests have been for assistance with rent and utilities; we have also distributed Market Basket gift cards.

Thank you for your generous contributions and willingness to meet the ever-changing needs of those in Merrimac and West Newbury.

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