

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 20, 2019

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The Wedding at Cana in mosaic tile

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." (Jn 2:3-5)

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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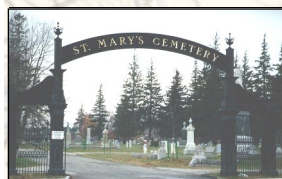
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (1/19)

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

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (1/20)

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

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

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

11:30am **IC** *Thomas "TC" Dieter, Stanley Baikewicz, Catherine & Stephen Bogue, For the intentions of Helen Elworthy & Paul & Jean Bogue* (Fr. O'Brien)

Monday (1/21)

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

Tuesday (1/22)

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

Wednesday (1/23)

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

Thursday (1/24)

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

Friday (1/25)

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

Saturday (1/26)

4:00pm **IC** *Mario & Nayla Rathle, Stanley Jancewicz* (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (1/27)

7:15am **IC** *Charlie & Larry Howard, Regina M. Stronge* (Fr. Harrison)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

9:00am **IC** *Patricia Casey, Lillian Casey, Mary Hefron* (Fr. McLaughlin)

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember John Borrelli, Sr. Ellen Julie, SND, and 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,

"They have no more wine!" This hardly sounds like a crisis from our perspective today. "No problem," we might think, "just go out to the store and get some more... better yet, text your friend and have him bring over a few bottles on his way..." Such are the modern amenities of package stores, state liquor stores, convenience stores, and supermarkets. Add gas stations in there, too, and the picture is complete. Amazon.com is even in on the business of satiating our every thirst and craving for the fruit of the vine. Watch out for the delivery drones....



But it wasn't always that way. In Jesus' time, wine was a very precious commodity. Common enough that everyone had experience of it, but rare in that it wasn't something that anyone took for granted. It was special and took many, many hours of labor and a season of patience to produce. It was something that the whole community had a part in. Not only were many laborers required to prepare and prune the vines, water and manure the soil, weed and protect the crop from thieves and wild animals, but when mature, the whole village might be called out to harvest the grapes when they became ripe all at once. They then must be crushed and the precious juice carefully stored in wine skins or jars until fermentation took place and the magic of winemaking brought about the treasured beverage. It was the "fruit of the vine and work of human hands," as our Preparation Rite proclaims. Wine was, for the ancient peoples, a sign of God's blessing on the whole community. If the vintage was good and the wine plentiful, God's favor rested upon everyone. If not, God was somehow displeased and the air was rife with sin and mistrust.

Such would have been the fate of this poor couple at the beginning of the marriage, had the Lord not intervened.

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The Mass As You've Never Known It

Because no spiritual moment in Catholicism impacts our relationship with Jesus more than the Mass, AFFT is repeating Bishop Barron's superb 6-part DVD series for those who prefer evening sessions of "The Mass." Powerful, transformative, and provocative! All are invited to this team-facilitated discussion, fellowship. Light refreshments served. Free to all, but priceless! Please come. You won't regret it. Watch for session specifics in future bulletins.

Place: Nativity Hall, Merrimac

Time: 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Dates: Thursdays, January 31–March 7

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday January 22 at 8:00 a.m.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, January 21, MLK Jr. Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Holy Hour for Life Adoration & Benediction 6:00pm, *Nativity Church*

Tuesday, January 22

Reunion Prayer Group 9:00am, *IC Conference Room 209*

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*

Holy Hour for Life Adoration & Benediction 6:00pm, *St. Ann Church*

HR Religious Ed., Grades 7 & 8 6:00pm, *Nativity Hall*

HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, *Nativity Rectory*

Wednesday, January 23

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

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

Pivotal Players Video Series 10:00am, *IC Charity Dining Room*

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, *Nativity Hall*

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, *IC Church*

Adoration 6:00pm, *IC St. James Chapel*

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, *IC Conference Room 209*

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, *IC Church*

Thursday, January 24

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

HR Activities Committee Meeting 6:45pm, *Nativity Hall*

Friday, January 25

Adoration 8:00am, *IC St. James Chapel*

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

Saturday, January 26

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, *Nativity Church*

Sunday, January 27

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*

IC Religious Ed., 10:00am, *IC Parish Center*

IC Confirmation Class 12:30pm, *IC Parish Center*

Next Week's Second Collection

Next week's second collection supports the **Church in Latin America (CLA)** which provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Visit www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latinamerica/index.cfm for more information.

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More valuable than silver or gold, honor was the prime currency exchanged in the ancient world. Act honorably, and you were rich indeed. Incur shame, even if it wasn't your fault, and it would stick with you for a very long time. Had Jesus not performed this first of his signs at Cana in Galilee, this nameless couple might have always been known as the ones who ran out of wine, who were not favored by God, a marriage cursed from the start.

But Jesus did turn the water into wine—a lot of it, in fact. Do the math and you get anywhere from 120 to 180 gallons of the good stuff! Now that's a party! And a powerful sign of the abundance of blessings in store for those who are loved by God. And like any of the miracle stories in the Scriptures, it is a call to belief. It is no surprise then that this Gospel passage is frequently used at wedding celebrations, recalling the good fortune of inviting the Lord (and his mother!) to be part of the festivities. Although I have not yet been able to perfect the alchemy of turning tap water into prime vintage, I regularly experience the plethora of blessings that God brings to my life when I stop and invite him to be a part of whatever is going on. In the spirit of the miracle at Cana in Galilee, I strongly urge you to go and do the same.

Fr. Tim Harrison

Pastor

Cursillo and Ultreya

The Cursillo weekend is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love into your daily life. Many of your HRIC brothers and sisters have experienced this "short course in Christianity" at St. Basil's Salvatorian Center in Methuen, MA and we invite you to include Cursillo as part of your faith journey.

Each month, we gather for an "Ultreya" (onward!) evening of Liturgy, sharing, food and fellowship at 7pm in St. James Chapel to continue the Cursillo spirit. All are welcome. Please join us! For more information, contact Jonathan Temple 978-809-9337 or Pat Forbes 617-899-0424.

Cursillo weekends 2019

February 7	Men
March 7	Women
April 4	Men
May 2	Women
June 6	Women
October 3	Men
November 7	Women

Ultreya Evenings

	February 1
March 1	March 29
April 26	May 31

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Scripture Readings: Jan. 20-Jan. 27, 2019

In praying with the Scriptures, we have the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord while discerning His ever-gracious invitation to love as He loves us. Please refer to the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to <http://www.hricatholic.org/blog/lectio-divina> or to www.HRICatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Jan 20: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11
- Monday, Jan 21: Hebrews 5:1-10; Psalm 110; Mark 2:18-22
- Tuesday, Jan 22: Hebrews 6:10-20; Psalm 111; Mark 2:23-28
- Wednesday, Jan 23: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Psalm 110; Mark 3:1-6
- Thursday, Jan 24: Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Psalm 40; Mark 3:7-12
- Friday, Jan 25: Acts 22:3-16; Psalm 117; Mark 16:15-18
- Saturday, Jan 26: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Psalm 96; Mark 3:20-21
- Sunday, Jan 27: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinth. 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Questions of the Week



Adult: What is one grace or gift given to you that you have shared with your family?

Child: What is one special gift that God has given to you to share with your friends or classmates?

Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if Immaculate Conception School, Pentucket Regional, or Newburyport Public Schools, are cancelled or delayed because of inclement weather. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com and we will make every effort to keep our own website and social media updated as well.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Again, please watch WBZ or consult the websites and/or social media for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.



Ireland Travel Night

Monday, February 11

6:30 p.m. Mass

Irish Dinner and Pilgrimage information to follow

Join us for a prayerful, tasty, and informative evening about our next Pilgrimage to Ireland that will leave Monday, May 13 for a memorable spiritual journey through the Emerald Isle. This will be a spectacular pilgrimage through various sites of unparalleled beauty, historic significance, and religious importance. Our tour will include visits to Dublin, Galway, the Dingle Peninsula, Kilarney, the Ring of Kerry, Clonmacnoise, Knock, and more.

For more information, visit: www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric or contact Paul Blanchette at (978) 500-5661.

Come on a Faith Journey with us!

The Saints Are B-A-A-CK!

It's a new year and while we hone our resolutions, let's hone in on saintly people who have impacted Catholicism. **Bishop Barron's "Pivotal Players" DVD series** is 50% travelogue, 50% hagiography, 100% engaging! Come to one, any, or all of the 60-minute presentations and stay for refreshments and 30 minutes of lively, facilitated discussion. All presentations will be shown in the IC Charity Dining Room (10:00-11:30 a.m.) on these Wednesdays:

January 23: *Francis of Assisi, the Reformer who made simplicity the bedrock of rebuilding the Church.*

January 30: *Benedict, the Monk who founded a religious community that revived the Church after Rome fell.*

February 6: *Thomas Aquinas, the Theologian who espouses Faith and Reason as ways to a vibrant life in Christ.*

February 13: *Augustine, the Teacher who shows that faith in Jesus changes a person and sometimes a whole world.*

February 20: *Michelangelo, the Artist who leads with Beauty so all have access to God.*

February 27: *G.K. Chesterton, the Evangelist who shows that JOY is the fundamental disposition of evangelization.*

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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 Conference Room 209. Join us as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of this prayer in our own spiritual journey. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

Youth SNOWCAMPS

SNOWCAMPS is a high-energy, activity-filled, spiritual growth experience weekend designed specifically for 7–8 graders and is held at Camp Brookwoods, Alton, NH. Get ready for lots of fun, friendships, music, games, and faith-sharing witness talks by teens and adults. Sign up soon for the best weekend of your life! Join the fun with the 100+ junior high kids from several different parishes throughout the Archdiocese. There are two SNOWCAMPS weekends: February 22–24 or March 1–3. To learn more or to download an application, visit www.snowcampsparty.com. Contact Fr. George with questions, 978-462-2724.

Ecumenical Candlelight Service

Ecumenical Candlelight Meditation Service at Groveland Congregational Church, Sunday, January 27

All are invited to attend a candlelight meditation service on Sunday, January 27 (snow date February 17) at 7:00pm at Groveland Congregational Church, 4 King St., Groveland. The theme for this month's service is: Behold! I make all things new!" The service lasts 30–40 minutes and consists of Scripture, prayers, petitions, short sung refrains, and a period of silence in the candlelit sanctuary.

For more information, call the church: 978-372-3463 or visit www.grovelanducc.org.

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.

All-Pilgrimage Reunion



Fr. Tim, Deacon Paul and many of the 114 different pilgrims who have participated over the past four years in the Pilgrimages to the Holy Land (2015), The 100th Anniversary of Fatima (2016), Following in the Footsteps of St. Paul (2016), Rome and Assisi (2017), and this past fall's trip to Northern Italy (2018) gathered for a reunion this past week. A joyful mass, exciting video presentation and delicious food completed the evening. It was great to see so many familiar faces and reconnect with old friends. As journeys of faith, these pilgrimages have bonded us together in our love for the Lord and deepened our understanding of God's enduring presence in the world. If the opportunity presents itself, join us on a future, life-changing excursion!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory January 12-13 **\$9,515.00**
Monthly **\$1,459.00**

The second collection **next** weekend is the Church in Latin America. See page 4 of this bulletin for details.

IC Grand Annual
Goal **\$100,000**
To Date **\$68,540.00**



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection **\$114.00**
Poor Box **\$241.00**
Total **\$355.00**

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protections for you or your family, or just connecting with other Catholic men, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

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

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, February 12** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.



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

Immaculate Conception School



Maximizing "student voice" in a learning environment can be effectively cultivated through the use of technology.

Teachers can conduct ongoing formative assessments by using an app designed for questions and answers to challenge students during a lesson.

Recently, 70 new Chromebooks were added to the Junior High. The 8th grade students are pictured here, answering questions during a Social Studies lesson on an app called Pear Deck. The teacher can instantly assess student understanding based on real-time responses while offering every student a voice in the class discussion.



Come and visit the IC on January 27, 2019 1-2 p.m. or call to schedule a tour. 978-465-7780

Offertory Envelopes

You can attend Mass at any worship site in our Collaborative and use your usual offertory envelope. Drop it in the collection and we will deliver it to your home Parish.

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal, provided by volunteers, is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Inform the funeral director that you request this service when making arrangements.

IC Knitting Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets Tuesdays at 1:00pm in Room 209 in the IC Parish Center. We knit/crochet prayer shawls, hats, mittens, scarves for charity.

Come join us; we meet every Tuesday at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call Julia O'Connor 978-465-3350 or Frances Ronan 978-462-4972.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Religious Ed. Office: 978-462-2724

School Year Programs

Classes for Grades K–8 are held Sunday mornings from 10:05–11:05. We are always happy to enroll new students. For more information contact the Religious Ed. Office.

Substitutes Please consider helping us in this capacity should one of our catechists not be available. Perhaps you and another parent could co-teach?

No Religious Ed. classes this weekend due to the holiday. We resume next Sunday, January 27.

Confirmation

Registrations are still being accepted for those students who wish to prepare for Confirmation. Please call the Religious Ed. Office for more information. **We will be having our next class Sunday, January 27 at 1:00 p.m.**

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Parish Office for information regarding what is needed to **pre-register** for the next Baptism class scheduled for **Sunday, February 3 at 1:00 p.m.**

Our group Baptism will be celebrated on February 10.

Please keep in mind that this will be the last class and sacrament date scheduled until after the celebration of Easter.

Reconciliation / First Eucharist

Should you have a child in need of these sacraments please contact the Religious Education Office.

Anyone preparing for First Eucharist who was not baptized here at IC, and has not as yet provided a copy of their child's baptismal certificate, please do so as soon as possible.

If unsure whether we have it, please, contact the Religious Ed. Office.

Approximately 50 children celebrated their First Reconciliation recently in our parish. A special "thank you" to Fr. Tim and Fr. George for making this a wonderful experience for them and their families.

A "Tour of the Church" was also held for these children. *Thank you* so very much to the volunteers who gave of their time to share what makes IC such a special place.

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. Visit our website at tcfnewburyport.org.

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. Our next meeting is **January 28**. Contact Barbara with questions: barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

IC Liturgical Ministers

We are still missing CORIs. Please complete and submit this form to the Parish Office as soon as possible as they are past due. Forms are available in the sacristy.

Also, be aware that the Archdiocese **will not** accept copies so please submit your form in person or by mail.

Remember when submitting your CORI form by mail, a **picture ID** must also be submitted for verification purposes.

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'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.

Florida Hurricane Relief

The family in Panama City whom we have been helping has finally been able to return to their home, although they still face many repairs and challenges going forward as they attempt to rebuild their lives. At this point, the best way to continue to help them is through the GoFundMe page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/qxv84-hurricane-michael-relief>

Thank you so much for your generosity! We will keep you updated as to their progress. Please continue to keep them and all those affected by Hurricane Michael in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

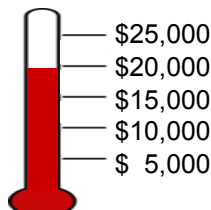
HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Solemnity of Mary, January 1	\$1,003.00
Offertory January 12-13	\$3,182.00
Monthly	\$1,916.00

The second collection **next** weekend is the Church in Latin America. See page 4 of this bulletin for details.

HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
To Date \$19,545.00



Our Holy Redeemer Parish Prays for Life

A *Holy Hour for Life* will be held on **Monday, January 21, 2019 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Nativity Church and Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at St. Ann Church** as part of the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion on demand. A Holy Hour will be held at parishes throughout the Archdiocese to pray for safe travel and a successful pilgrimage to Washington DC for all those attending the annual March for Life.

Led by Deacon Paul Dow, we will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life.

The *Holy Hour for Life* is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join us; all are welcome.

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, February 7.**

Nativity Hall Coffee Pots



One coffee percolator has been returned, but Nativity Hall is still missing 2 coffee percolators. If you have borrowed one, please return it as soon as possible. We need the coffee pots for several upcoming functions. Thank you!

HR Religious Education

Sun., 1/20	<i>No classes in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.</i>
Tues., 1/22	Grades 7 & 8 classes 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Nativity Hall.
Sun., 1/27	Grades 3-6 classes 9:00-10:00 a.m. at Nativity Hall
Tues., 1/29	Grades 7 & 8 classes 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Nativity Hall.

All families can find registration forms, class schedules, and calendar events online at: hriccatholic.org. Click on *Faith Formation*, then *Holy Redeemer* tab. Collaborative bulletins can be found on this site, too.

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

Activities Committee Meeting

The Activities Committee will meet at Nativity Hall on **Thursday, January 24** at 6:45pm. We will be planning and discussing the **Ham dinner and BINGO night** scheduled for Saturday, February 23. All are welcome.

Donate Your Christmas Cards

We will be collecting "Christmas card tops" to be used for next year's giving tree tags. Please leave your cards in the back of either church by **January 20.**

Coffee After Mass

Please join us for a coffee social on Sunday, **January 20** after the 8:00 Mass in the Nativity Church Hall. A great time to catch up with your parish family or maybe meet a new friend!



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, January 23.**

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