

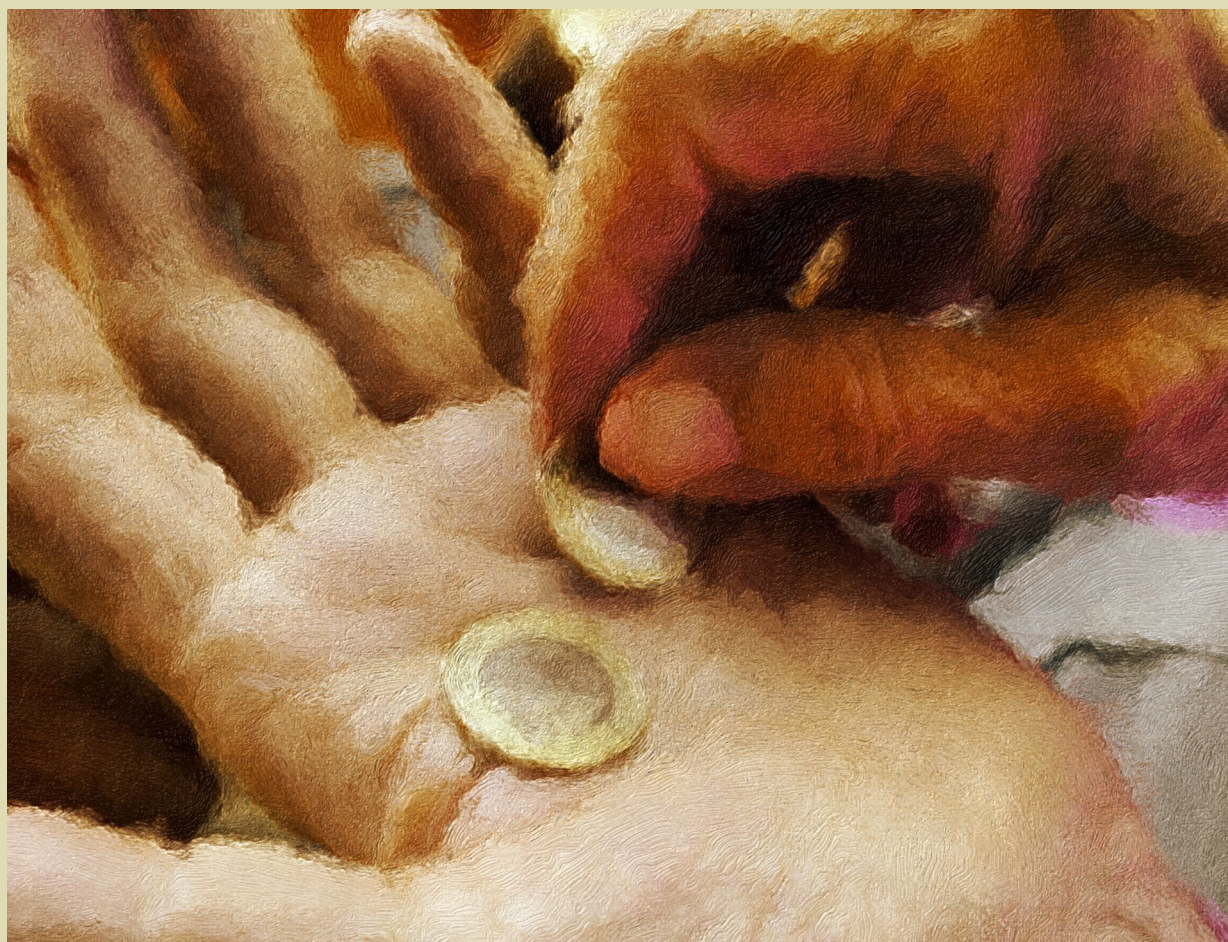
HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11, 2018

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*“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more
than all the other contributors to the treasury.
For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth,
but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had,
her whole livelihood.” (Mk 12:43-44)*

All Are Welcome

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

Saturday, November 17
9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Nativity Church Hall
4 Green Street, Merrimac



Get a jump on your Christmas shopping. We have over 100 themed gift baskets at great prices.

Visit our “Nearly New” section to find that item you have just been looking everywhere for.

Check out the great silent auction items.

Come for lunch. We serve a variety of homemade soups. Then, visit the bake sale table for dessert.

Take a chance on one of our cash raffle prizes.
Winner need not be present to win.

Everyone is welcome.
Admission is free.

Invite your friends and neighbors.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (11/10)

4:00pm **IC** *Helen "Dolly" Barewich, Bartley Welch, Patricia Cody, Jacquetta Johnson, J. Franklin Marsh, Jr.* (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Joan V. Jarman* (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (11/11)

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

8:00am **Nativity** *Henry Duhamel* (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** *Sean Perkins, Betsy Lane, William Griffin* (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am **IC** *Andrew Filomia* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (11/12)

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

Tuesday (11/13)

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

Wednesday (11/14)

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

Thursday (11/15)

7:15am **IC** *Paul F. Doyle* (Fr. Morin)

Friday (11/16)

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

10:30am **Port Rehab** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (11/17)

4:00pm **IC Mass of Remembrance**
(Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (11/18)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge, Adolf Benca*
(Fr. McLaughlin)

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

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

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

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

In your prayers, please remember Jean Sanford, Robert Umanita, Paula Ann Doyle, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Veterans Day

The Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, November 12, in observance of Veterans Day.

Bulletin Information

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This past week myself and our pilgrims returned from an amazing journey through Northern Italy, having experienced the faith and impact of numerous saints in the life of the Church. What struck me most from their collective witness to Jesus Christ was how the Holy Spirit stirred their hearts and emboldened their spirits at critical moments in our history, times when we needed a new approach or even a steadfast "holy stubbornness" to strengthen the Church as it struggled to share the Gospel message in excruciatingly difficult circumstances. Whether it was a collapsing Roman Empire, the ravages of the plague, the moral dilemma of the crusades or the challenge of engaging mind and heart during the Renaissance, Saints like Ambrose, Augustine, Monica, Catherine of Siena, Anthony of Padua as well as Francis and Clare of Assisi found a deep trust in God that would strengthen them for the mission ahead. In fact, it seems that precisely at moments when the official, institutional Church was at a low ebb, God called forward these men and women to lead lives of holiness and prayer that would reshape how the Gospel was shared and call many millions to a greater holiness. Our sinfulness, even when it is institutionalized and entrenched, will not stand against God's grace and constant efforts to renew the face of the earth. The joy of experiencing the lives of the saints is that God will always find a new path, a new way of sharing His love for us. Saint Clare of Assisi is said to have faced-down and turned away a marauding army intent on murder and mayhem with nothing more than the Blessed Sacrament in her hands, kneeling in prayer. There is no greater power in the universe than the love of God lived out in faithful service to the Truth of the Gospel.

This ought to give us extreme confidence today as we face our own challenges and struggles. Where the saints found ways by the grace of God to confront Pope and Doge — religious and secular powers alike; they did so first from their own interior life of prayer. None of them started out wanting to change this or that, to reform or defend the faith. They all began by devoting themselves to prayer, personal conversion, and doing their very best to live out their faith within the concrete circumstances of their present lives. Faithfulness here, would lead to new opportunities to serve according to God's plan, which in time would allow them to minister to the whole Church through their continued response to God's promptings.

For us today, I think this pattern of holiness and reform calls us to an even greater devotion to prayer and good works within our own set of circumstances, always mindful of where and when the Lord will call us to move in new ways and enable us to share the Gospel in an ever more effective way for the salvation of all. And it all starts with prayer.

With prayer, we learn to better see the world from God's perspective. This weekend's Gospel passage, sometimes referred to as "The Widow's Mite," is a good example of the

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, November 12, Collaborative Offices Closed

Tuesday, November 13

Reunion Prayer Group 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209
Pivotal Players Saints Series 10:00am, IC St Louis Hall
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
Knights of Columbus 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Wednesday, November 14

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall
Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209
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, November 15

Pastoral Plan Discipleship Priority ChristLife Meeting 6:15pm,
 IC Charity Dining Room
Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel
Pastoral Plan Service Priority Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth
 Library Room 205

Friday, November 16

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

Saturday, November 17

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair 9:00–2:00, Nativity Hall
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

Sunday, November 18

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
IC Religious Ed. Assembly 8:30am, IC St. Louis Hall
HR Religious Ed., Grades 3–6 9:00am, Nativity Hall
HR Religious Ed., Grade 2 w/ Parent 9:00am, Nativity Church
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
IC Religious Ed. 10:00am, IC Parish Center
IC Religious Ed., Confirmation 1:00pm, IC Parish Center
HR Religious Ed., Grade 10 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

The Mass DVD series

Food for Thought and Food for Fellowship!

Thanks to the 44 parishioners who viewed, participated in group discussions, and offered feedback on Bishop Barron's articulate lectures. This series will be facilitator-led again in evenings at IC and mornings at Holy Redeemer starting in January. As one participant wrote: *"This helped me to enter more intimately with all parts of the Mass. Everyone would benefit from this series."* And another: *"The refreshments were delicious & allowed for socialization & comfort."* See what they mean! Come for the repeat of *The Mass DVD series*. Watch the bulletin for dates/times.

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ever-discerning eye of Jesus Christ. What appears to be insignificant and unimportant is actually something great and transformative, if only we would have the insight to recognize it as such. The wealthy giving great sums from the excess of their wealth was a blessing, but may have caused little inner conversion or risk. The poorest of the poor, giving every last penny they have, meant a radical trust that God would somehow provide for their next meal, the shelter they needed from the elements and place to rest their head at night; none of which was guaranteed or probable. "The Widow's Mite" reminds us that nothing goes unnoticed by God who sees all, loves all. This ought to give us courage as well, knowing that even our smallest acts of faithfulness and service will not go undetected by the Lord. In fact, as was certainly the case in the lives of the saints, God often uses precisely those small acts of holiness to bring about new movements of grace in our troubled world.

As Saint Augustine once wrote: "Holy Scripture says concisely and with truth: *Happy is the people whose God is the Lord*. We are meant to belong to that people, and to be able to see God and live with him forever, and so *the object of this command is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience and a sincere faith*." As a people of faith, let us look expectingly for what is doing in our midst. May the Lord bless us all in the weeks ahead.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Advent Adventure with Icons

Eight parishioners look forward to others enrolling in the road trip to the Clinton, MA Russian Icon Museum! If you liked the Boston trip to the MFA Botticelli exhibit, Eastern iconography will enthrall you with spiritual and mystical presence. Open to parishioners and non-parishioners.

Date: Wednesday, December 5

- transportation from IC parking lot, departure 9:00am and return at 2:30pm
- one hour as a private docent-directed group explanation of the icons on exhibit
- free time to shop in downtown Clinton, visit the tea room, ponder the icons, or eat your bag lunch

Tentative fee: \$20 per person

Tentative departure/return: 9:00am–2:30pm

Registration required. RSVP Mary Schmidt: 978-462-6191 or maryschmidthomepro@hotmail.com.

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

3rd Annual Advent Vespers

For two Wednesday evenings this Advent, come for a rare opportunity to pray with Russian icons as a complement to our traditional Western antiphonal Evening Prayer. This reflective and beautiful way to add prayer to Advent is sure to inspire with word, song, silence, and images.

Wednesday, December 12, featuring Russian Madonna icons presented by Mary Schmidt

Wednesday, December 19, featuring icons of St. George presented by Fr. George Morin

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Cursillo and Ultreya

Cursillo is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level. Many of your HRIC brothers and sisters have experienced this "short course in Christianity" at St. Basil's Salvatorian Center, Methuen 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 7:00pm in IC St. James Chapel to continue the Cursillo spirit. All are welcome. For more information, contact Jonathan Temple 978-809-9337 or Pat Forbes 617-899-0424.

Upcoming Cursillo weekends

January 3	Women
February 7	Men
March 7	Women
June 6	Women

Upcoming Ultreya Evenings

December 7	January 4
February 1	March 1
March 29	April 26
May 31	

Pounds for Pelican Fundraiser

Pelican Intervention Fund Fundraiser

This event is spearheaded with gratitude by a recipient of Pelican funding who is using his skills to give others the same opportunity to reclaim their lives as he received.

Mitch Cohen, Pelican Intervention Fund recipient and Competitive Power Lifter, will compete at the 2018 RPS Powerlifting Championships on December 1-2 at KDR Fitness, 75 Bank St., Lebanon, NH. He is raising money for the Pelican Intervention Fund. If you would like to sponsor Mitch, make checks payable to: *"The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF," add Mitch's Event in the memo line and mail to:*

Essex County Community Foundation
175 Andover Street
Danvers, MA 01923

Credit card donations online @
www.pelicaninterventionfund.org Add Mitch's Event
(Tax ID # 04-3407816)

The Pelican Intervention Fund exists to provide the opportunity for recovery through long-term, 12-step-based residential treatment. Please help us support the journey from addiction to recovery. If you are interested in joining us or have any questions please contact:

Elizabeth McCarthy 978 462-7483
Kim Keene 978 430- 1408

Questions of the Week



Adult: Do you give out of the extra that you have or do you give even in your need?

Child: If you get an allowance, how do you spend your money? When was the last time that you used some of it for someone else?

Mass Scripture Readings: Nov. 11-Nov. 18, 2018

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, Nov 11: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
- Monday, Nov 12: Titus 1:1-9; Psalm 24, Luke 17:1-6
- Tuesday, Nov 13: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 37; Luke 17:7-10
- Wednesday, Nov 14: Titus 3:1-7; Psalm 23; Luke 17:11-19
- Thursday, Nov 15: Philemon 7-20; Psalm 146; Luke 17:20-25
- Friday, Nov 16: 2 John 4-9; Psalm 119; Luke 17:26-37
- Saturday, Nov 17: 3 John 5-8; Psalm 112; Luke 18:1-8
- Sunday, Nov 18: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

Pivotal Players: Saints Who Inspire

A New Series for November

Engage in the lives of 4 saints who uniquely shaped the life of the Catholic Church and influenced the course of Western civilization. This DVD series by Bishop Robert Barron gives spiritual weight to November as the month of holy souls while encouraging our own call to personal holiness. Each facilitated DVD runs an hour with time for an overview and fellowship.

Place: IC St. Louis Hall, Newburyport

Time: 10:00am-11:30am

Dates: Tuesdays in November (specific schedule below)

Nov. 13: Blessed John Henry Newman, the Convert

Nov. 20: Francis of Assisi, the Reformer

Nov. 27: Catherine of Siena, the Mystic

Dec. 4: Thomas Aquinas, the Theologian

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

"Open House"

Feast of the Holy Family

Give to the grandparent or child in your life the gift of a lively celebration in which your loved one will delight in seeing manger scenes from countries around the world, displayed by parishioners loaning their personal mangers during this "Open House" and indulge in treats, activities, and family lore. Please come—invite friends—and honor the Holy Family with images that inspire reverence and spotlight a Catholic tradition that secular culture overlooks.

Place: Nativity Hall, Merrimac

Date: Sunday, December 30

Time: 1pm-4pm

Registration Required. This is solely to assure display space. Contact Mary Schmidt @978-462-6191 or email maryschmidthomepro@hotmail.com for more details.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, November 3–4 **\$11,468.00**
All Saints Day **\$ 317.00**

The second collection **this** weekend is the Monthly.

Next weekend the Archdiocese will take up the collection for Retired Sisters. Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service. For more information, please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637 or Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org.

**IC Grand Annual
Goal \$100,000
To Date \$32,845.00**



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.

November: A Time to Remember the Faithful Departed

As has been our custom at Immaculate Conception Parish for many years, we continue this year inviting parishioners to bring a small picture of their deceased loved one and place it on the side altar near our Baptismal Font as a way to remember those who have gone before us into the mystery of death and our great hope of being with them again in the resurrection. There is also a place to write their name in the Book of the Names of the Dead. We will keep these in place throughout the weekends in November. Parishioners are asked to retrieve their pictures after Thanksgiving weekend.

The Mass of Remembrance will be on Saturday, November 17 at 4:00pm.

Merrimac Heights Academy

There will be a benefit fundraiser concert on Saturday, December 1 at the Belleville Congregational Church. *Broadway Heights for Hope* promises to be a fun-filled event with singing performances by local young talented performers followed by a string quartet concert by musicians from the Longwood Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are \$50.00. All proceeds will benefit Merrimac Heights Academy and the continued success of a school serving students with special needs. You may purchase tickets on line at www.mktix.com/mha or contact the school at 978-0384-8290. Thank you for your support.

Immaculate Conception School



Our goal as parents, teachers, and clergy is to help children connect with their faith. All Saints Day is the perfect celebration in that every child seems to have a favorite saint! Whether through a namesake, personality trait, or life circumstance, there is a sense of personal connection and pride that radiates from children when they talk about their favorite saint. The children often want to teach each other about the saints that they know, and how they relate to our lives today. The 6th grade lead our All Saints Day school Mass, creating beautiful posters of saints to put on display in the church. The 4th grade created saints out of pumpkins, which were displayed in the cafeteria for all to enjoy. What a great way to help our children connect to their faith.



Storage Space Needed

IC North Pole Express is in need of storage space (10ft x 12ft x 8ft) for our large Polar Village wooden items from 12/1/18–12/7/19.

Please contact Tara McQuaid (tmmcquaid@comcast.net) if you are able to help. Thank You!

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.

New England Tenors

Save the Date: November 25, 2:00 p.m.

The New England Tenors will be performing a Christmas Concert at Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport.



Date: Sunday, November 25, at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: adults: \$20 per person. Under 12 years: \$12 per person.

Tickets are available from any IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul member and will be sold after all IC Masses on the weekends of November 11 and 18 or at the door the day of the show.

Complimentary refreshments will be available in the IC School cafeteria at the show's intermission.

{Sponsored by the IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul}

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Fall Programs

Classes for Grades K–8 are held Sunday mornings from 10:05–11:05. Registrations still being accepted. For more information contact the Religious Ed Office.

We would love to have a list of **substitutes** to call upon should one of our catechists not be available. Please consider helping us in this capacity.

The students are now busy gathering non perishable items to be distributed to local needy families in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. If you would like to help them with this endeavor, please leave items at the Parish Office labeled for Religious Ed. Deadline is November 18. Thank you!

Confirmation

The next meeting for **Confirmation 1 and 2** will take place **Sunday, November 18** at 1:00pm. Grade 9 (Conf. 1) will meet in the Charity Dining Room. Conf. 2 (Grade 10) will meet in St. Louis Hall. Please remember your candidate **must be accompanied by an adult**.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Baptism information: www.hricatholic.org/Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for information regarding what is needed to **pre-register** for the next Baptism class scheduled for Sunday, December 2 at 1:00pm. The next group Baptism will take place Sunday, December 9.

Reconciliation / First Eucharist

We are beginning the process of preparing students for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Please contact the Religious Ed. office at 978-462-2724 to register your child or for more information. Forms to register are available on the website at <http://www.hricatholic.org/First-Eucharist--First-Reconciliation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>.

Liturgical Ministers

Please remember when submitting your CORI form by mail, a **picture ID** must also be submitted for verification purposes. Complete and submit this form to the Parish Office as soon as possible as they are now 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.

Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, November 13** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205. We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at membership@kofc231.org, (978) 572-0231.

Adoration

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

IC Parish Boosters

Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 1, 2018 9am–2pm., IC School Gym. (Setup Friday, November 30, 2018 5:30–8:30pm.)

Contacts:

Melinda Burrell, burrell@newburyportcatholic.org 978-462-2724;

Jan Kolman, jmknana@verizon.net, 978 270-5128; and

MaryAnn Lawler, maryannlawler@verizon.net.

Bake Table Contact: **Betty Harrington** hbees@comcast.net

Call for crafters: Cost: \$25 for space and table. (Those selling personal items are to take with them what does not sell.)

The parish will host a 50/50 raffle and a **Grammy's Attic** table for **any items that people would like to donate to the Fair**. We are asking for the following:

- Donated candies, homemade baked goods, fudge
- Items for children to go shopping for their parents
- Craft items
- Books
- DVDs
- Be creative!



Children's Area

Children's area to shop for Christmas

Food

Chili and cornbread, coffee, pastries, hot dogs, chips, soda, bottled water, desserts

Silent Auction

We are looking for donated items to support the Silent Auction. Crafters will also donate items for the raffle table.

Florida Hurricane Relief

Dear Parishioners,

We have been made aware of an individual family's need in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. This family (a relative of a parishioner) lives in Panama City and lost everything in the storm. They are asking for our help both through a request for donated items as well as through a GoFundMe page. A list of needed items can be found on our website and Facebook pages, but they include basic items for a husband, wife, grandmother, and 3 boys, ages 10, 15, & 17. Maria Hale, a parishioner, will be collecting the donated items in baskets in the foyer of Immaculate Conception Church. Thank you for your generosity in helping our brothers and sisters in need. www.gofundme.com/gxv84-hurricane-michael-relief.

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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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Offertory, October 27–28	\$2,926.00
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All Saints	\$ 399.00

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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, December 6.**

Coffee & Donuts After Mass

Please come join us on Sunday, November 25 after the 8:00am Mass in the Nativity Church Hall. This is a great time to catch up with your parish family or maybe meet a new friend.



HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



There is a wonderful way to honor someone who has requested "No gifts, please." You can send a check to Holy Redeemer Saint Vincent de Paul at 4 Green Street in Merrimac. Your donation will honor someone's celebration and will also help those in need. A note will be sent to let that someone know about the donor's meaningful gift. Donations can be made to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant occasions.

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

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** on **November 17.**

HR Religious Education

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

Sun., 11/11 No Classes (holiday weekend)
No weekday classes (Fair setup)

Sun., 11/18 **Grades 3–6** at Merrimac Hall, 9–10 a.m.
Grade 2 at Nativity Church, 9–10 a.m.
Grade 10 class (Student & Adult) at Merrimac Hall, 6–7:30 p.m.

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, November 14.**

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

Veterans Gift Bags

50 gift bags, for male and female veterans, will be put together on Sunday, November 11 for Veteran's NE Outreach Center—Haverhill. We are asking for donations: travel size personal hygiene items, perfume, cosmetics, playing cards, socks, mints, notepads, pens, Dunkin' Donuts gift cards, candy, gum, hat, gloves, etc. Please label your bag "Veterans Donations" and leave in the back of either church.



Troop 41 Boy Scouts starting the setup for our annual Fair

HOLY REDEEMER HOLIDAY FAIR

Holiday Fair Donations

Hidden Treasures Donations Needed

Nearly new items are needed for the fair. Do you have any hidden treasures tucked away? Contact Stefania Zak at 978-363-2472.

Bake Sale Donations Are Needed

There are very few people volunteering to bake. We are putting out a call for help. We need bakers! Please contact Pauline with questions (pduhamel2@yahoo.com).

Gift Baskets Needed

Themed gift baskets at our annual fair are always a huge success thanks to the baskets filled and donated by individual parishioners. If you or your family has never donated a gift basket, give it a try this year.

Simply pick a theme, find a nice basket, (baskets are at the back of both churches to use) and fill it creatively! If you form a group, filling a basket is easy if each member contributes an item or two.

Suggested basket themes: sports, baby, movies, candles, chocolate, bedtime, dinner, toys, candy, pets, books, gardening, travel, wine, Thanksgiving, date night, cooking, music, Christmas, games, and more.

Silent Auction

We are looking for Silent Auction items. Do you have something to donate? Questions? Call Carole 978-346-9031.

The Silent Auction ends at 2:00pm the day of the fair. The highest bid wins! We have received gift certificates from local restaurants. We also have three framed Edna Hibel prints, 1 matted Camille Pappas print, ceramics from Purple Sage Studio, one month free membership for CrossFit training, and more. Come check us out!

Fair Donation Drop Off Times

The Activities Committee has posted a calendar on the glass door of Nativity Hall updating when workers will be in the hall and when the hall will be open for dropping off donations.

On Friday, November 16, fair workers will be in the hall from 12:00noon–8:00pm for the convenience of everyone dropping off their gift baskets and baked goods.

Please consider helping with the hall setup. Many hours go into preparing the hall for our fair.

Fair Raffle Tickets for Sale

Raffle tickets will be available one half hour before and after all masses starting November 3 and through the day of the fair. Please be on the lookout for tickets being mailed to all registered parish family households. All cash prizes total \$1,000. **1st Prize: \$500, 2nd Prize : \$300 and 3rd Prize \$200.** Donations for these raffles are a book of 6 for \$5. If you need tickets, please call Barbara Boucher 978-346-7116 or email: Babsnboo1@verizon.net.

Holiday Fair: Saturday, Nov. 17

For many, many years our **Holiday Fair** has been an important fundraiser for our parish. It has been an opportunity for us to build our church family and welcome the larger community to our parish. Each volunteer does his or her part through baking, basket donations, volunteering at the fair, selling raffle tickets, making soup, set up, etc. Each contributes according to ability and, as a result, our parish community benefits from the work—whether great or small—of all.

Please consider helping out this year. Contact our group leaders to help out. Also, volunteer signup and soup volunteer clipboards are in the backs of both churches.

- **Themed Gift Baskets:** Roberta Homan (Rhoman1980@aol.com)
- **Bake Table:** Pauline Duhamel (Pduhamel2@yahoo.com)
- **Silent Auction Items:** Carole Sokolowski (Carole.sokolowski@merrimack.edu)
- **Raffle Tickets:** Barbara Boucher (babsnboo1@verizon.net)
- **Nearly New Items:** Stefania Zak (stefZ0717@verizon.net)
- **Homemade Soups:** Marie Greeley (regr3@outlook.com)
- **Fair Coordinator:** Cindy Quinn (cynwinquinn@aol.com, 978-346-0072)



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