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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

**Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord**

April 21, 2019

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“On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.” Jn 20:1

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Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

- Saturday (4/20) Holy Saturday**
IC Gather at 7:45pm (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
- Sunday (4/21) Easter Sunday**
 7:30am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
 8:45am **St. Ann** (Bishop Hennessey)
 9:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:30am **IC Gym** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 9:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Bishop Hennessey)
 11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
- Monday (4/22)**
 9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)
- Tuesday (4/23)**
 7:15am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
- Wednesday (4/24)**
 7:15am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
- Thursday (4/25)**
 7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)
- Friday (4/26)**
 9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
- Saturday (4/27)**
 4:00pm **IC** *Stanley Jancewicz, Elizabeth J. Hanlon, Marion Laverty, James Lysik, Jedrey Connors, Charles Kelly* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)
 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
- Sunday (4/28)**
 7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC** *Sonny Marcoux, John Graham, John Grealish, Matthew Corbett, Joseph & Jeannette Donahue* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
 11:30am **IC** *Ann Hickey, Edna V. Eaton, Gail M. Watson, Nicola, Angelina & Francesco Maiello, Joel Eiserman, Sean Perkins* (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The empty tomb has been a source of confusion and head-scratching from the very beginning of our Church. When something (or someone) is NOT there, it presents more questions than answers. It would have been one thing to have a crowd of witnesses gathered around the sealed tomb, holding vigil, and praying, when, low and behold... an angel appears and rolls back the stone and the newly-resurrected Jesus walks out all glorious and such! *tah dah!*

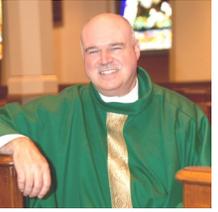
Woulda' been nice, wouldn't it?

But that is not the sign we were given. The tomb was empty. Jesus' body, dead or resurrected or whatever, was nowhere in sight. Nobody saw what had happened. It was almost anti-climactic. We had all of the drama of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the poignant profundity of the Last Supper, then the unforeseen turnaround of the betrayal, the trial before the Sanhedrin and Pontius Pilate, the scourging, the crucifixion itself, earthquakes, the tearing of the sanctuary curtain in the Temple, and finally Jesus' death on the cross, then a hasty burial before sundown on that fateful Good Friday. And then....And then....Just an empty tomb with nobody knowing nothing about what might have occurred.

Well, almost. Some Gospel accounts do tell of an angel almost chastising the grieving Mary of Magdala for not remembering what Jesus had said: that He told them He was to rise from the dead after three days. One might think that this kind of detail was something that someone would have remembered. But betrayal and grief and a struggle to believe all conspire to cloud a person's mind, don't they? Which one of us, after all, hasn't struggled with our own faith when we have lost a loved one? The fog of grief clouds the spirit as well as the mind.

But resurrection is a completely new concept and experience for the disciples in the early Church. It was not a mere resuscitation. It involved re-thinking, re-imagining and re-setting everything that the disciples knew about who Jesus is and what His true mission on Earth is all about. The resurrection of Jesus made clear a number of things that were perhaps a bit fuzzy in the minds of the disciples. First, Jesus wasn't the author of a political movement. Although all human enterprise involves interactions with one another—something we might call "politics"—Jesus wasn't trying to become king. He already is the King of Kings. He doesn't need any perishable, earthly crown to add to His trophy case. That vision falls grotesquely short of His true pedigree.

Jesus' mission was to save those who were lost, to restore what had fallen, to redeem all of creation, to heal that which is broken...to fulfill His Father's will that the harmony that once was present from the beginning be made whole again. One of the Christological titles that we often



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, April 22, Collaborative Offices Closed
Compassionate Friends Meet at Barbara's home

Tuesday, April 23

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

Wednesday, April 24

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, April 25

HR Religious Ed., Grade 10 Sandwich Making 6:00pm, St. Ann Hall
Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

Friday, April 26

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
Ultreya 7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/Charity Dining Room

Saturday, April 27

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, April 28

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
Discovering Christ Series 3:00pm, Nativity Hall

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celebrate at Christmastime is Jesus as the Prince of Peace. But peace, here, is not understood as merely a lack of conflict or a welcome interlude between war and division, but rather, as a right-relationship between God and one another. In it's truest sense, this kind of peace goes far beyond what politics and diplomacy could ever broker. It is a re-creation of Creation.

Looked at from this perspective, Jesus' Resurrection is not simply about a man coming back to life. It is about redefining in every way possible what real, true life is. And so, the signs of the Resurrection were cryptic and confusing to those who had not yet understood what Jesus meant when He said that He had to "rise from the dead." Only with the eyes of faith can the believer begin, what really will be a lifelong journey, to understand what it means to follow in Christ's footsteps.

Resurrection, then, moves the Lord beyond the limits of time and space. It places the Risen Christ squarely in the midst of the gathered disciples, whenever two or three are together in His name. It instills hope and courage even in the darkest of valleys. It enables joy to exist where it never should be. It calls-forth courage from even the weakest among us. And it shows beyond doubt that love always triumphs over evil, hatred, and death. To experience it, we cannot look to limited human categories of how or what we think God will do. To live it, we must open our hearts to receive the gift of faith from the One who earnestly desires us to have it. We must pine for it, long for it, beg for it. We must plead with God to fill us with His love.

And then, when the gift is given, the journey begins!

For the disciples, it began with an early morning trek to what would be found as an empty tomb. And then, things got really interesting!

What will our journey of faith lead us to discover in our time and place?

Happy Easter!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Welcome Home!

Happy Easter! We're glad you're here. Our Easter bulletin highlights many groups and events in the Collaborative. There is a variety of activities for all interests. What would you like to do? Come, share your gifts.



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.

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Disciples in Mission Survey

In the weeks ahead, parishioners will be invited to participate in a brief, online survey to gauge the effectiveness and understanding of the Archdiocesan initiative called, "Disciples in Mission." This is the overall guiding document that was introduced in 2012 and has produced the system of collaboratives (or pairing of parishes) that the entire Archdiocese is in the process of being reorganized into. The entire text of "Disciples in Mission" as well as the online survey may be found at: <http://www.disciplesinmission.com>.

Questions of the Week

 **Adult:** In what way have you risen from "deadness" in your life?
Child: What is good and new in your life?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Scripture Readings: April 21–28, Easter Week

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.hriccatholic.org/blog/lectio-divina> or to www.HRICatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, April 21: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9
- Monday, April 22: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16; Matthew 28:8-15
- Tuesday, April 23: Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33; John 20:11-18
- Wednesday, April 24: Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105; Luke 24:13-35
- Thursday, April 25: Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8; Luke 24:35-48
- Friday, April 26: Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118; John 21:1-14
- Saturday, April 27: Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118; Mark 16:9-15
- Sunday, April 28: Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 118; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 21:19-31

The Pelican Intervention Fund



The Pelican Intervention Fund is dedicated to supporting men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. The Pelican Intervention Fund offers hope for sustained recovery for adults who live in the communities of Amesbury, Byfield, Groveland, Merrimac, Newbury, West Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and Salisbury. If you have any questions please contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483 or visit our website, www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

Calling All Cooks

The ChristLife Hospitality Team is setting up a team of volunteers to provide meals for the weekly meetings of **Discovering Christ** on Sunday afternoons from April 28–June 16. We will provide volunteer cooks with: one 9x13 foil casserole pan, one easy to follow recipe card, and a reminder phone call or email. We're asking our volunteer cooks to provide: the time required to prepare one casserole dish, the cost of the ingredients, and delivery of the hot meal to church at 4:30 p.m. on their designated Sunday(s). There's no need to volunteer every week. One week will be deeply appreciated as will any more our volunteers choose to cook. Would you be able to help us?

Sign up to cook at the ChristLife volunteer link on hriccatholic.org or contact: Mary Bragg: 978-465-8779.

Celebrating the Sacraments

Contact the Collaborative offices for more information
Baptism

We offer monthly baptism classes for new parents as well as monthly baptisms.

Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm or by appointment.

HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass or by appointment.

First Eucharist

Our second graders celebrate First Communion every spring. Contact the HR or IC Religious Ed. director for more information.

Confirmation

Confirmation is celebrated in the fall. Contact the HR or IC Religious Ed. director for more information.

Marriage

Archdiocesan guidelines request that couples planning to marry in the Church contact your Parish office 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 your Parish office if someone is in the hospital, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.

Collaborative Office Hours

The Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, April 22. We will reopen Tuesday, April 23 at 8:00 a.m.

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturdays

4:00pm **Immaculate Conception, Newburyport**

4:00pm **Holy Redeemer** (This Mass alternates between Nativity & St. Ann every 6 weeks. See the website calendar, www.hriccatholic.org, for details.)

Sundays

7:15am **Immaculate Conception, Newburyport**

8:00am **Nativity, Merrimac**

9:00am **Immaculate Conception, Newburyport**

10:15am **St. Ann, West Newbury**

11:30am **Immaculate Conception, Newburyport**

Mondays

9:00am **St. Ann, West Newbury**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

7:15am **Immaculate Conception, Newburyport**

Fridays

9:00am **Nativity, Merrimac**



The Holy Jammers is an impromptu group of musicians that meet on Wednesdays in the IC Conference Room 209 at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome. Bring your instrument.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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. As God moves us closer to him, through our daily discipline of silent prayer, we find our focus turns from self to God and we are blessed with the fruits of Centering Prayer.

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 or visit our website at <http://www.hriccatholic.org/Get-Involved>.



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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/Ultreya Calendar 2019

Cursillo weekends	Ultreya evenings
May 2, Women	April 26
June 6, Women	May 31
October 3, Men	
November 7, Women	

Community Food Pantry

First Parish Church of Newbury Community Food Pantry, 20 High Road, Newbury, is open every Friday from 3:00pm –5:00pm for anyone in need in the Collaborative's towns as well as Georgetown, Rowley, and Salisbury. The volunteers are very welcoming and no one is made to feel uncomfortable when visiting. No registration or proof of residency required. Fresh fruit and vegetables, many types of frozen meats, pasta, and desserts, as well as an array of canned goods, toiletries, etc. are available.

If you would like to donate, nonperishable goods, personal hygiene products, and/or pet food may be dropped off on Sunday mornings from 9:30–11:30 a.m. Grocery store gift cards as well as cash/checks (made out to “First Parish” and write “food pantry” in the memo) are always welcome.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or youth that have not received the sacraments in the traditional years. Have you been considering it? Please contact Marin Fortune, 978-462-2724 if you would like to learn more about this program.

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.

Adult Faith Formation Team

The Adult Faith Formation Team (AFFT) is a Collaborative organization that informs, inspires, transforms, and conforms adults to deepen their personal response to know, love, and serve the Lord. Through solid catechesis, presented and facilitated by a team of lay and clergy, AFFT seeks—through witness talks, experiences, and sound teaching—to empower and impel Catholic adults to pray, study, and act as intentional disciples of the Lord Jesus. Opportunities are advertised in the bulletin.

Would you like to become a member of our team? Contact Mary Schmidt to find out more.

Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our calendar, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, or check out the photos section. We have so much happening in our Collaborative.

What is a Collaborative?

“A collaborative is a grouping of one, two, or three parishes that work together for the goal of evangelization.

“A collaborative has one pastor, one set of assigned priests and deacons, and one Pastoral Team (including Pastoral Associates, Religious Education and Faith Formation leaders, Finance and Operations specialists, and administrative and facilities personnel). All of these work together for all of the parishes of the collaborative. The collaborative has one Pastoral Council, and one Local Pastoral Plan for evangelization. The collaborative does not share money or bank accounts.” (*Learn more about Collaboratives at the DIM website, disciplesinmission.com.*)



Immaculate Conception School (IC)

Celebrating the Easter Season



Mrs. Connelly's kindergarten class made "stained glass" crosses for Easter. Our school

community is strengthened by celebrations of our faith throughout the seasons.



See if Immaculate Conception School is the right choice for your family, visit us!

OPEN HOUSE

9:00-11:00 am

APRIL: Thursday, April 25

MAY: Thursday, May 9 • Wednesday, May 22

Call Kelley Pappalardo at (978) 465 -7780 for a private tour

Immaculate Conception School is an affordable, private Catholic elementary school (pre-k – eighth grade), providing high-quality, faith-based education, preparing young people for life, spiritually, academically and socially.

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IN OUR COLLABORATIVE



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

Immaculate Conception Parish is located in Newburyport and serves the towns of Newbury and Newburyport and is part of the Immaculate Conception/Holy Redeemer Collaborative. Visit our website at www.hriccatholic.org for our Mass schedule as well as more information on how to get involved in our active community.

IC Offertory Collection

The **Easter Collection** supports the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit www.clergyfunds.org.

The second collection **next week** is the Monthly.

Catholic Appeal

Goal **\$55,614.00**
To Date **\$34,230.00**
62% of Goal



The Immaculate Conception 2019 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a wonderful start with \$34,230.00 already pledged! The early outpouring of support from so many helps sustain the important ministries that make IC a vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit bostoncatholicappeal.org.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 175.00
Poor Box	\$ 225.00
Total	\$ 400.00

Knights of Columbus

We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. 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. Our next meeting is May 14 in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205. Contact us at (978) 572-0231, membership@kofc231.org.



Local Knights are encouraged to ensure email addresses are on file to help us communicate volunteer opportunities. Please contact us at membership@kofc231.org

Immaculate Conception School



The Junior High students are preparing for the annual IC Science Fair! Students in Grade 5 study the digestive system and create life-size paper models of the body's interior organs and intestines. Students in Grades 6–8 conduct a science experiment of their choice. Each student creates a tri-fold display which details the process and their findings of the experiment. Parish and IC families are welcome to attend the Science Fair on May 7 from 6–7:30 p.m. in the school gym. This is an impressive, well-attended event which showcases the intellectual capacity of IC students.



Pictured: Aidan tested how the weight of a lacrosse stick impacts ball speed. Reese tested the impact of different liquids on plant growth.

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.

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.

Catholic TV

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Religious Ed. Office: 978-462-2724

School Year Programs

The School Year program for Grades K–8 has finished for this academic year.

Registration forms for the upcoming school year beginning September, 2019 will be available in June.

Watch the bulletin for updates.

Grades 1–8 Summer Program

Depending upon the availability of volunteers to teach and assist, we anticipate offering a week of Religious Education for those students **entering** Grades 1–8 in September of 2019. This will be held **the week of June 24–28** for this age group.

Registration forms are available. If you have not yet received one or you are able to volunteer, please contact the Religious Ed office.

Summer Volunteers

We are once again asking for assistance in making our Summer Program a reality. Registration forms are being submitted, but there is still a huge need for catechists/assistants. Many families depend on this week of Faith Formation as classes during the school year are not feasible for them.

Please consider offering your time the week of June 24.

Perhaps you could co-teach with a friend.

For more information as to what this would entail please contact the Religious Ed. Office.

Reconciliation / First Eucharist

Rehearsals for First Eucharist will begin promptly at 4:30pm in the church.

Upcoming rehearsals:

Monday, April 29 for those receiving on Saturday, May 4

Tuesday, April 30 for those receiving on Sunday, May 5

If you are not sure of your scheduled date for Eucharist, please check with the Religious Ed. Office.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Parish Office for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, May 5** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on May 12.

Confirmation

For those students who anticipate receiving the sacrament this Fall, please note that this will take place on **Sunday, September 22** here at IC.

Information regarding the retreat and rehearsal times will be made available as soon as possible. Any questions please contact the Religious Education Office.

Confirmation Summer Program

A summer session will be held the week of July 15 for those students **entering** Grade 9 in September.

For those students **entering** Grade 10 in September, classes will be held the week of July 22.

These classes will be held in the evenings from 5:30–8pm. Registration forms are available. If you have not yet received one, please contact the Religious Ed. office.

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, and 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.

Adoration & Rosary

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration in IC's St. James Chapel in the Parish Center on Wednesdays, at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 8:00 a.m. Join us for recitation of the Rosary on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

IC Haiti Update

With the civil unrest and political protests in Haiti this past quarter, our school was fortunate to not have been affected. A majority of the protests and violence occurred in Port-au-Prince and the school's rural catchment of Fond-des-Blancs was isolated from any issues. The supply chains were disrupted but since our school is mostly autonomous, classes were not interrupted. However, it is a reminder that Haiti is still a very unstable, developing country and the political landscape can impact our school at any time.

We thank you for your past support and hope that you will continue to bless our mission with your generosity as we serve the children and families of Fond des Blanc and the Father Marc Piche School.

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

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.

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 next monthly support meeting is April 22 and will be held this month at Barbara's home, 64 Northern Blvd., Plum Island, Newbury from 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara with questions: barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Welcome to Holy Redeemer

Holy Redeemer is comprised of two churches: Church of the Nativity in Merrimac and St. Ann Church in West Newbury. We are part of the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception Collaborative. Please visit our website at www.hricatholic.org for our Mass schedule as well as more information on how to get involved in our vibrant community.

HR Offertory Collection

The **Easter Collection** supports the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit www.clergyfunds.org.

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

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,183.00.00

To Date \$17,325.00

78% of Goal



The 2019 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at Holy Redeemer. So far, we have raised \$17,325.00 toward our parish goal of \$22,183.00. 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.

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** on **May 11**.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

Please return your mite boxes whenever convenient. You can leave them at the rear of either church.

Again, the Holy Redeemer conference thanks you for your generous almsgiving during Lent. Remember that the donations help those in need in Merrimac and West Newbury.

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

We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming part of a wonderful organization, contact Dave Olds.

HR Religious Education

Happy Easter Blessings to All

Thurs., 4/25 **Grade 10 Sandwich Making**, for Merrimack Valley Hope Mission, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Ann, West Newbury.

Sun., 4/28 **at the 10:15 Mass at St. Ann First Communion Mass** for our second graders. Please pray for the youngsters and their families!

Sun., May 5 **Youth Mass and Pot Luck** at Nativity Church for Grades 9 and 10 with their families. Mass begins at 5:00 p.m. with Fr. George presiding; pot luck will follow in the hall at 6:00 p.m. **If you haven't signed up yet as to what you are bringing, email Doreen asap and thank you!**

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, April 24**

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



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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, May 2**.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Holy Redeemer Activities Group

The **HR Activities Group** organizes events and socials for the parishioners of Holy Redeemer Parish. Contact Cindy Quinn at 978-346-0072 if you would like to be involved in this group or in any of our annual events.



Some of our events include *the Holiday Fair, Raffle Night, Coffee Hours, and BINGO Night & Ham Supper.*



Saturday Masses at Holy Redeemer

Our Saturday vigil Masses at Holy Redeemer alternate every six weeks between St. Ann and Nativity. Our website calendar at www.hriccatholic.org lists the Mass schedule. Please visit the website for the locations and dates.

The Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass will move to St. Ann in West Newbury on May 11.

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

The **Holiday Fair** has been a long-running tradition in Holy Redeemer Parish. It is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving in the Nativity Parish Hall, Merrimac.

The 2019 Fair is November 23 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Parishioners donate themed gift baskets to sell, homemade baked goods, silent auction items, nearly new items, and homemade soups for lunch. A grand raffle is held also. It is an annual event with the families of our parish. Planning starts in June. Visit the website photos page, www.hriccatholic.org to see photos of past events.



Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

Holy Redeemer's Scout Troop 41 will be preparing a **complimentary Pancake Breakfast** for the entire parish on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, after the 8:00 Mass at Nativity. The scouts are thankful for the continued support from the Parish of their scouting journey. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, and fruit. Please, plan on attending. All are welcome.



If anyone grade 6 or older is interested in learning more about the troop or joining, contact the scoutmaster, Mark Townsend by email: mgm.townsend@gmail.com. All faiths welcome.

Troop 41 Scouts

HR Easter Flowers

Donations made in memory/honor of the following:

Merleen Hickey • Dorothy & Donald Smith • Sally & Roy Dennis • Wilfred A. Vaillancourt • Joanne Crouse • Stephen Crouse • Bob Nevins • Joseph & Patricia Frank • Grace Dobson • The Pepin Family • The Hobitz Family • Charles & Winifred Whittaker • Mary & Fred Hayes • Bob Murdock • The Murphy Family • Jack Gorski • Gerard Routhier • The Gallant Family • The Gorski Family • Deceased Members of The Bouffard & French Families and The Brown & O'Leary Families • Helen & Arthur Clark • Thomas O'Callaghan • Malcolm Homan • Robert C. Miller • Francis J. Smith • Olga Tiska • The Leo Family • Louella LeBlanc • Barbara Gangi • David Sherburne • The Myers & Proposki Families • Alex Basque, Sr. • Peter & Margaret Carden • Jim & Mary Flynn • Joe & Rose Yelle • Joe Dollen • Jean Roy • Helen Noone • Robert & Edith deLyon • Charles & Katherine Friel • Winnie Quill • Carol Mullen • Dan Phelan • Stephen Wannamaker • Harry Lucier • Michael & Laura Cote • Deceased Family Members of The Heaton & Pontorno Families • Eugene Wood • Paul Wood • Peter Wood • Barbara Harrison • Stephen Boisselle & Craig Boisselle • Lue LeBlanc • Deceased Members of The LeBlanc, Saulnier, Boudreau, & Melanson Families • Mona Bosselait • Aldora Taylor • Wilfred Taylor • Phyllis Sokolowski • Anthony Sokolowski • Margaret Sullivan • Joseph Sullivan • Gert Bradley • Brad Sullivan • Thelma Donovan • John H. Thumser • Robert M. Thumser • In Memory of The Family of Peter McCarron • Rick Marshall • John Carpino • Virginia Theriault • Sandy Cipolla • Kent Smith • Rosalia Montalbano • Martin H. Cole • Marguerite Pendergast • Nancy P. Niday • The Murphy Family