

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

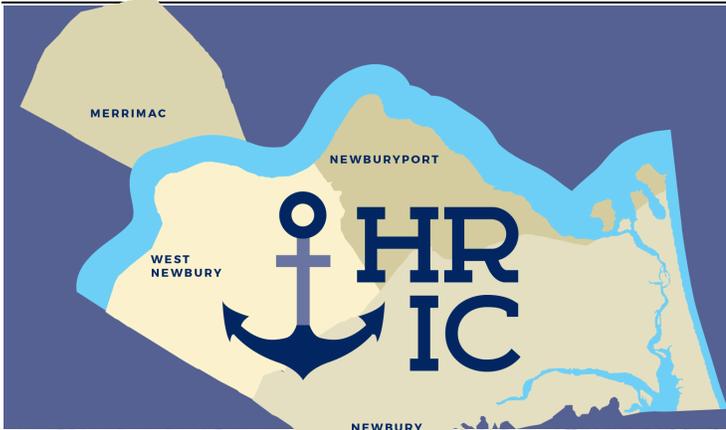
July 14, 2019

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“For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you....No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out.” (Dt 30:11, 14)

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

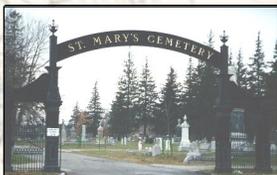
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/13)

4:00pm **IC** *Albert Vincent, Helen & Charles Marshall and Family, Fr. Augustine Ciuffo* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
4:00pm **Nativity** *Armand & Therese Cormier* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (7/14)

7:15am **IC** *Magda Javor* (Fr. McLaughlin)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
9:00am **IC** *David T. Doyle* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
10:15am **St. Ann** *Margaret Mary Knox* (Fr. Morin)
11:00am **IC** *For the intentions of those recently married* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

Monday (7/15)

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

Tuesday (7/16)

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

Wednesday (7/17)

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

Thursday (7/18)

7:15am **IC** *Tom & Peg Pendergast & Family* (Fr. Morin)

Friday (7/19)

9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
10:30am **Port Rehab** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (7/20)

4:00pm **IC** *Anita Mazzaglia* (Fr. McLaughlin)
4:00pm **Nativity** *Erwin Batchelder* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (7/21)

7:15am **IC** *Jan Javor* (Fr. Morin)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:00am **IC** *Russell & Dorothy Burton, David T. Doyle* (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Kathleen DiNisco, Robert J. Leak, Mary Jane Creegan, James S. Gaudette, Joseph Derro, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

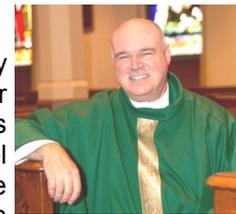
Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Sometimes when we are confronted by the enormity of the world's problems, or even when our own meager ones appear overwhelming...we can feel powerless and unable to act. It may be a bit like the small boy who offered his five loaves and two fish to the disciples and Jesus before the crowd of thousands. "What good will these do for so many," it was lamented?



On our recent pilgrimage to Ireland I had a moment when I encountered a homeless man on a side street near a church in Dublin. Having just celebrated mass there and having spoken to the priest and several lay ministers, I learned of their mission to help those who were wracked from drug addiction and alcoholism. It was very clear to me that this young man (in his early 20's?) was someone who likely was struggling with these exact demons when he asked me for some money. Normally, I try to offer those who ask for some help a little something, hoping that they would use it for food or clothing...a warm cup of coffee on a cold day, perhaps. But I am certain that this young man would have used it to feed his addiction, his eyes bloodshot from a lack of sleep and inner peace. So I had to refuse his request for money. With only a minute to go before our tour continued, I felt so useless to help him. I wanted to try and get him into a recovery program, find him safe shelter for the night, get him a decent meal...you know...really help him. But I did not have any of those options in front of me. I could only offer him my prayers and a short blessing under my breath before I had to move on.

Now, I believe very strongly in the power of prayer! I have devoted my whole life to it, so what I was offering him was not just wishful thinking. It was real, honest-to-goodness, prayer and a blessing. It was not the small handful of euros that he would have preferred. But it is what I could do at that moment, and by my conscience.

I think if we are to look honestly at the story of the Good Samaritan, what we see is the Lord asking us to simply do what we can to help those around us. And maybe, that might mean only a prayer in passing. Which one of us is a trained social worker with all of the right connections and resources to address addiction and homelessness in an urban environment? Thank God there are a few good and holy women and men out there who do exactly that! But most of us lack the resources, the skill, and the savvy to really and substantially change the plight of someone in the grips of multiple afflictions. But, back to Jesus: all He was asking of the Law Scholar was to offer mercy to the one who was in need before him. Who is my neighbor? The one right in front of you, whether you know the person's name or not. But an even better question is: "How am I to be neighbor to others?" Now that is really at the heart of a Gospel-response to life!

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Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Join Shirley and Jim Noonan on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Oct. 3–10, 2019. Our group will be staying with Marjana Soldo. Mirjana is one of the visionaries and she will interact with the group during the week at mealtime, and also give a private talk to our group. The total cost of the pilgrimage will be \$2,499, which covers plane fare, taxes, housing, and two full meals each day. Lunch and tips are not included. To sign up, go to medjugorje.org. For further information, please call 978- 465-8495.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, July 15

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

Summer Religious Ed., Confirmation Grade 9 5:30pm, IC Parish Center

HR Troop 41 Boy Scouts 7:00pm, Nativity Hal

Tuesday, July 16

Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Summer Religious Ed., Confirmation Grade 9 5:30pm, IC Parish Center

Wednesday, July 17

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

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Summer Religious Ed., Confirmation Grade 9 5:30pm, IC Parish Center

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Thursday, July 18

Summer Religious Ed., Confirmation Grade 9 5:30pm, IC Parish Center

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

Service & Ministry Priorities Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Friday, July 19

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Ask A Priest 6:00pm, Inn St., Newburyport

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

Saturday, July 20

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, July 21

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church

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Mother Theresa (now, St. Theresa of Calcutta) was once quoted as saying: "If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one." In other words, don't focus on what you cannot do in response to the great needs that you encounter in life—just do what you can do. It is the Christmas story of the Little Drummer Boy. Par rum pum pum pum...! God can and will use our most paltry of efforts for those in need to bless and multiply His grace and saving actions in our world. And we might be surprised at what we actually can do when we put our best efforts forward. One good example will often inspire many dozens and hundreds more to come forward to great effect. And sometimes, the one little thing we might do can have an enormous affect on another person. Have you ever benefitted from one small act of kindness at exactly the right moment when you needed it the most? I still remember the face of an elderly woman in a foreign city who went out her way to give me directions in broken English one late afternoon when I was hopelessly lost. Her act of kindness remains with me today, and has strengthened my own resolve to try and help others, to do what I can. Thank God for her mercy on me that one day when I had quite literally lost my way!

So, Samaritan or not...who will you be neighbor to today? Like the little child on the bulletin cover offering an apple to the homeless man on the bench, following God's Law is not so far out there that we need to go to great lengths to grasp or understand it. Rather, it is close to us... written in our hearts.

Summer blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

March in the Yankee Homecoming Parade

The Pelican Intervention Fund is inviting **you** to march in the Yankee Homecoming Parade. We're putting together marching squads from churches that have supported PIF and everyone from the HRIC Collaborative is invited to march with us. The Yankee Homecoming Parade is on Sunday, August 4, gets underway at Noon, and runs about 3 hours. You can choose to walk the entire 2-mile course, or just a portion. This is a great family event and is open to kids of all ages. For more information and logistics please sign up by contacting Jonathan Temple at 978 809 9337.

Questions of the Week

Adult: When did you welcome Jesus into your home through the presence of a neighbor or a stranger?

Child: Name a time when you shared what you had with a friend or classmate?



Save the Date

Strawberry/Blueberry Dessert Festival
Sunday, July 28 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
(or until we run out of berries)



Join us on the front lawn of Immaculate Conception at the corner of High and Green Streets, across from the Bartlett Mall.

Park in the IC Church lot and come enjoy some sweet homemade desserts.

(Proceeds to benefit all HRIC ministries.)

Like Us on Facebook

Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Scripture Readings: July 14–July 21, 2019

All of us are encouraged to start or end our day praying with the Scriptures. The Word of God can speak to our hearts as well as strengthen and support us to live by Jesus' great commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, July 14: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 69; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37
- Monday, July 15: Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Psalm 124; Matthew 10:34-11:1
- Tuesday, July 16: Exodus 2:1-15a; Psalm 69; Matthew 11:20-24
- Wednesday, July 17: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Psalm 103; Matthew 11:25-27
- Thursday, July 18: Exodus 3:13-20; Psalm 105; Matthew 11:28-30
- Friday, July 19: Exodus 11:10-12:14; Psalm 116; Matthew 12:1-8
- Saturday, July 20: Exodus 12:37-42; Psalm 136; Matthew 12:14-21
- Sunday, July 21: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

An Invitation to Enrich and Enliven your Faith

This fall the Collaborative's "Forming Intentional Discipleship" team will again offer the "Discovering Christ" faith formation program. Every Thursday evening from September 12 to October 24 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. a session of "Discovering Christ" will take place in the Immaculate Conception Parish Center. There will also be a Holy Spirit retreat day on Saturday, October 12, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. All are invited to participate in the program by registering at the Collaborative website www.hriccatholic.org or by calling or emailing John Leary at 978-462-2053.

"Discovering Christ" starts with a meal followed by prayer, a video lesson, and a table discussion. This is a wonderful experience of Christian fellowship, faith formation, and spiritual growth. Topics that are addressed include: what's the meaning of life, why does Jesus matter, what does Jesus want us to know, why do I need a Savior, why is Jesus' resurrection important, the Holy Spirit, new life in the Spirit, and our need for the Church.

Your schedule for the fall will begin to fill up soon, so save the dates and register now. Those who have already taken part in the "Discovering Christ" program look forward to welcoming you into our Collaborative's growing community of intentional disciples.

Say No to Roe

Many people may not be informed of this latest bill being proposed by Massachusetts lawmakers. This bill, The Roe Act S1902/H 3320 is due to be voted upon soon.

"The Roe Act" overhauls the abortion code contained in Massachusetts General Law thus creating a right to unrestricted abortion. (Dr. David Franks of masscitizensforlife.org)

What does this mean? Why should we be concerned?

- Eliminates parental consent requirements for minor girls seeking an abortion
- Expands taxpayer funding of abortion
- Refuses legal protection to infants who survive an abortion thereby allowing for passive infanticide
- Eliminates the requirements that abortions after the first trimester be performed in the hospital
- Allows for late-term and full-term abortions (from masscitizensforlife.org)

What can you do?

- Visit masscitizensforlife.org.
- Contact your State lawmakers and let them know what you think about this bill.
- Pray a rosary for our legislators.
- Tell others.

Lent in the Holy Land

We are in the early stages of organizing a return Pilgrimage to the Holy Land on February 28–March 9, 2021 for Lent. Often known as "The Fifth Gospel," the Holy Land is truly a place where we experience the love of God in Jesus Christ. Come walk where He walked. Come pray where He prayed. Come see what He saw. It is a life-changing experience like no other! For more information please contact Paul Blanchette at 978-500-5661 or visit <http://www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric/holyland/>.

Below: Our Pilgrimage Group from 2015 on the Via Dolorosa



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Olde-Fashioned Sunday Church Tour

Save the Date: Sunday, July 28

Join the Adult Faith Formation Team for a special, kid-friendly “Open House” inside IC Church.

- Want to learn about IC’s Gothic architecture? We have a tour for you!
- Want to learn about IC’s history as Newburyport’s Mother Church? We have a tour for you!
- Want to learn about Catholic traditions & Sacraments? We have a tour for you!
- Want to learn obscure facts? We have a scavenger hunt for you! (Teaser: find fossils in the sanctuary marble; guess how many stops the Tracker organ has; locate the stoup, the Paraclete, the thurible, the cloud of witnesses, the ambry, the sacristy and more—includes an answer key.)
- Prefer a self-directed tour at your own pace? We also have that option for you.

Everything is **free**: handouts, tour guides, and amazement at what the Catholic Church contains historically and sacramentally. It’s our heritage. Get personally acquainted with it. No sign-up necessary.

Date: Sunday, July 28

Time: 12:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. (specific tours will be posted on a sidewalk billboard)

If you’d like to serve as a presenter or greeter to hand out tour flyers to guests, please contact Mary at 978-462-6191.

Hosted by the Adult Formation Team

“Ask A Priest” Team Hangs at Inn Street Again

Despite hot & humid holiday weekend weather, lengthy and cool conversations with out-of-staters or with local couples passed the hours. Small children and dogs added entertainment. Join us any Friday (6:15 p.m.–8:15 p.m.) in our intentionally casual yet prayerful Catholic presence downtown.

Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team



C.A.M.P.S. 2019—36th Year

August 5–August 10, 2019 for high school youth grade 9 through recently graduated seniors at Lakeside Christian Camp and Retreat Center, Pittsfield, MA.

What is C.A.M.P.S.?

C.A.M.P.S. is a ministry to youth with a three-fold mission:

1. That all participants come to a saving, personal relationship with Jesus Christ
2. That Christian community be formed and lived
3. That continued spiritual growth and commitment be fostered

C.A.M.P.S. Leadership

Fr. George Morin, 978-346-8604: Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, W. Newbury. For more information and registration, visit: campsministry.com/application.

Cost: \$489. Registration includes bus.

Houseboat Vacation Raffle

Win an Amazing 3-Night Getaway on This Beautiful Houseboat



Stay Dates: Aug. 19, Aug. 20, Aug. 21

Tickets: \$10 ea. or 5/\$40.

Tickets can be purchased after all Masses at Immaculate Conception, Nativity, and St. Ann Church during the month of July

or call 978-992-6450

or the Parish Offices 978-462-2724

Winner will be selected at the Strawberry Blueberry Festival at Immaculate Conception Parish on July 28. Winner does not have to be present.

All proceeds to benefit the outreach projects of the Parishes.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

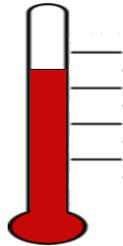
IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, June 29–30 \$9,919.00
 Restoration/Renovation \$1,258.00
 Offertory, July 6–7 \$10,151.00

The second collection **this** weekend is the Monthly.
 The second collection **next** weekend is Restoration/
 Renovation.

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$55,614.00
 To Date \$48,783.00
 88% of goal
We are getting close!



\$55,614
 \$40,000
 \$25,000
 \$10,000

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 0.00
Poor Box	\$790.00
Total	\$790.00

Centering Prayer

If you are searching for the peace the world cannot give please consider joining us at Centering Prayer. Silently resting in God we assent to the Holy Spirit's presence and action in our lives. This act of faith and surrender opens our hearts and minds to God. As we continue to pray, the Holy Spirit moves in the activities and interactions of our daily lives and within us and over time we are transformed.

Centering prayer is a practice and a discipline. Daily periods of silent prayer shift focus from self to God. As God becomes the center of our being the vicissitudes and storms of life affect us less. Living out of God as our Center we experience the peace the world cannot give.

Consider leaving the noise of world and the busyness of your day behind for an hour on Wednesday evenings, 6:00–7:00 p.m. in IC Conference Room 209. Following Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina enriches and instructs us as we listen to and reflect on the words of scripture.

Contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 for more info.

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 **July 22**. Contact Barbara with questions: barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

Immaculate Conception School

2019 Book Award Recipients

Bishop Fenwick High School in Peabody and St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover, NH visited Immaculate Conception School during Class Day to present three rising 8th grade students with Book Awards. The 8th grade class ceremoniously passes the academic and leadership torch to the 7th graders during Class Day.



This year's Bishop Fenwick Book Award recipient was Flynn Plowman. She is pictured at left with Steve Driscoll from Bishop Fenwick. Alex Herndon and Grace Belknap are pictured at center with Mrs. Sullivan and St. Thomas Aquinas's Emma Wilson, far right. The IC maintains a very strong relationship with both Bishop Fenwick and St. Thomas Aquinas. Both high schools offer automatic acceptance to IC students in good standing who wish to continue their Catholic education. Their commitment to our school and support of our 8th grade students is reflective of the academic achievement and talent of our students.

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.

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 Church Hours

During the summer, Immaculate Conception Church will remain open until 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Registration forms for the upcoming school year beginning September, 2019 are now available for both Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer Parishes.

Please complete a registration form indicating your interest in participating in a school-year program. Forms can be downloaded from our website hriccatholic.org or by contacting the Lifelong Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420). Please watch the bulletin for information regarding program times and dates.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, August 11** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on August 18.

Confirmation

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

Please watch the bulletin for further information regarding the Confirmation retreat and rehearsal.

Confirmation Retreat

In an attempt to accommodate the busy summer schedules of our families, we will be offering the Confirmation Retreat at the following times at the IC Pastoral Center:

Saturday, August 10 11:30–4:00 (attending 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Sunday, August 18 11:00 (attending 11:00 a.m. Mass) – 4:30. Please contact the Faith Formation Office (978 462-2724 x7420) with your preference.

Summer Religious Ed.

Below are a few more pictures from our wonderful summer Religious Ed. sessions on the week of June 24.

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.

Alzheimer's Quilt Winner Announced

The winner of the Alzheimer's quilt was Joyce Quagenti of NH. The quilt raised \$1,125 to help those living with the disease and to bring an end to Alzheimer's. Dale and Dale Bob Eckert would like to thank everyone for your continued supported of the Alzheimer's Association.



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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Offertory, June 29–30 \$2,362.00

Offertory, July 6–7 \$2,971.00

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

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,183.00
To Date \$22,051.00
99% of goal
We can do it!



\$22,183
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$ 5,000

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, graduations, 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.

Follow Us on Twitter

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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, August 1**.

HR Altar Server Training

Additional Altar Servers are needed for the Nativity and St. Ann Masses. Altar Server training for grades 4 and up will be provided by Ryan Hankins, current Altar Server, and recent St. John’s Prep graduate. Ryan will train and serve alongside new Altar Servers throughout the summer until he leaves for college in late August.



If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Elaine Hankins.

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Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, August 11** at 1:00 p.m. in the Charity Dining Room located in the IC Pastoral Center.

Confirmation

For those students who anticipate receiving the sacrament this fall, please note that this will take place on **Saturday, October 26** for the Holy Redeemer Parish at the Church of the Nativity.

Please watch the bulletin for further information regarding the Confirmation retreat and rehearsal.

Confirmation Retreat

In an attempt to accommodate the busy summer schedules of our families, we will be offering the Confirmation Retreat at the following times at the IC Pastoral Center:

Saturday, August 10 11:30–4:00 (attending 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Sunday, August 18 11:00 (attending 11:00 a.m. Mass) – 4:30. Please contact the Faith Formation Office (978 462-2724 x7420) with your preference.

HR Sandwich Program

June, July, and August Requests



The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers salad and sandwiches to the Good Shepherd Center (Lazarus House Ministry) on the **second** and **fourth** Wednesdays of the month.

For the **summer months** they would like some **peanut butter & jelly sandwiches**. We also bring large containers of **coffee** (about 30oz.) and **minced garlic** (32oz.). Packaged **snacks** are also helpful. Items should be dropped in the kitchen of St. Ann Church (door on the large parking lot side) between 7:00–9:00 a.m. on Wednesday. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, July 24**.

If you have any questions please call Dottie Carr (978-363-2909) or Marie Pierce (978-518-0898—call or text)