

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2019



*“Faith is the realization of what is hoped for
and evidence of things not seen.” (Heb 11:1)*

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

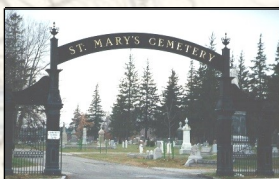
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/10)

4:00pm **IC** *Stephen & Loretta Furlong, For the deceased friends & family of Elizabeth Ring* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St. Ann** *David & Janice Sherburne* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (8/11)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge* (Fr. Harrison)

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

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

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

11:00am **IC** *Nick & Helen Ebacher, Al Paciulan* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (8/12)

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

Tuesday (8/13)

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

Wednesday (8/14)

7:15am **IC**

7:00pm **Nativity Vigil Mass** (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (8/15) Assumption Holy Day of Obligation

7:15am **IC**

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

7:00pm **IC** (Fr. George)

Friday (8/16)

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

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

Saturday (8/17)

4:00pm **IC** *JoEllen Cox-Mulica* (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (8/18)

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

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. O'Brien)

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

11:00am **IC** *For the intentions of those recently married* (Fr. O'Brien)

In your prayers, please remember Drew Donahue and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

ALS Walk

In Memory of Sandy Lambert

On October 6, at Endicott College in Beverly, please join Team Sandy walking in memory of the love and hope of Sandy Lambert, who lost her battle with this horrible disease on July 7, 2017. The ALS walk is an effort to raise money for equipment and research which will help many of our friends and neighbors who are stricken by ALS. The three mile walk begins at 11:00am and meanders through the campus of the college. Please contact Larry Lambert for more information (978) 462-4842.



Solemnity of the Assumption

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven will take place this week.

Our schedule of Masses for our Collaborative will be as follows:

- **Wednesday August 14—Vigil Mass at 7:00pm, Nativity Church, Merrimac**

Thursday August 15—Masses at:

- **7:15am—IC, Newburyport**
- **9:00am—St. Ann Church, West Newbury**
- **7:00pm—IC, Newburyport**

Please note that this a Holy Day of Obligation.

Come join us in prayer and worship!

Mass Scripture Readings: August 11–August 18, 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, August 11: Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 33; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48
- Monday, August 12: Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Psalm 147; Matthew 17:22-27
- Tuesday, August 13: Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Deut. 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday, August 14: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 66; Matthew 18:15-20
- Thursday, August 15: Rev. 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Psalm 45; 1 Corinth. 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56
- Friday, August 16: Joshua 24:1-13; Psalm 136; Matthew 19:3-12
- Saturday, August 17: Joshua 24:14-29; Psalm 16; Matthew 19:13-15
- Sunday, August 18: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 40; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

Questions of the Week



Adult: When and where have you said **yes** to live your life centered in God?

Child: Name a time when you said **yes** to love God by how you acted.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, August 12

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

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

Tuesday, August 13

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 Meeting 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library

Wednesday, August 14

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

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

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Thursday, August 15, Assumption of Mary

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

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

Friday, August 16

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

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

Saturday, August 17

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

Sunday, August 18

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

Confirmation Retreat 11:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church

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/>.



Our Pilgrimage Group from 2015 on the Via Dolorosa

Young Adult Service Day

Loving & Learning Community Service Day: August 17

Boston Common, 139 Tremont Street, Boston, MA
11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.



Partnering with: Apple Valley Catholic Young Adults, Catholic Charities, and UniteBoston

Every month at JESUS aCROSS the Border we've allowed God to feed *us* through the Eucharist, now it's our turn to go out and feed *others*! We begin our new bi-monthly service events with our kick-off “Loving & Learning” event. Each service event's goal is to live out a work of mercy. This month is “feeding the hungry” and “giving drink to the thirsty.”

Meet us, in Boston Common, as we collect donations of hygiene products and children's books for the Catholic Charities of Boston and use our gifts and abilities to make loving connections through street ministry of delivering food and water to those suffering from homelessness in the area. For more information and to register please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/JATBGivesBack>.

Our events are geared towards young adults, 18–35 years of age, but are open to anyone who would like to find out more about our mission. This is always a fantastic opportunity for the over 20, local, Catholic young adult groups to network with one another and for *you* to get to know the many groups out there that are ready to support you in your faith journey. Facebook event link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/412223845942088/>

Parking: Boston Common Public Garage or street parking

Please email us at Info@JESUSaCROSStheBorder.org or visit our Facebook Page for more information.

“Ask A Priest”

“Ask A Priest” Welcomes Daniel and Bids A Grateful Adieu to Drew Donahue

It's been a series of hot Friday evenings for our clerically garbed priests. But folks take notice who, like Daniel, pose with Fr. Ray, Fr. George, and Pope Francis. Missing in person but present with our Team in spirit is Drew Donahue, a faithful, energetic, and joyful street evangelist who took many of the AAP photographs posted in the bulletin for two summers. Drew drew easy smiles and captured them on camera for you to enjoy. He captured conversations with his contagious fervor. Be like Drew. Come, make a difference! Step into Drew's place and support us on Friday night (6:15 p.m.–8:00 p.m.) on Inn Street for “Ask A Priest.” A heart on fire for the Lord is a powerful legacy. Thank you, Drew, for modeling this for the Team of “Ask A Priest.” RIP, Drew.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

An Invitation to Enrich and Enliven your Faith

Join Us for Discovering Christ Series

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.hricatholic.org or by calling 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.

Centering Prayer & Recovery Through the 12-Step Program

Centering Prayer is a prayer of silence; a resting in God beyond thoughts, words and images. The daily practice of this silent prayer purifies and transforms hearts and brings us closer to God.

There is a powerful synergy between Centering Prayer and the 12-Step Program. Both are spiritual paths to freedom from self to freedom in God. Many in recovery practice Centering Prayer in response to the 12-Step Program's 11th Step: "Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood him." All who seek a deeper relationship with God can benefit from the wisdom of this step.

We welcome all in recovery from any form of addiction to join us for Centering Prayer followed by Lectio Divina which enriches and instructs us as we listen to and reflect on the words of scripture. We keep in confidence all that is shared and support each other through our weekly gathering.

Please consider leaving the noise of world and the busyness of your day behind for an hour on Wednesday evening from 6:00–7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 209 of the IC Parish Center. Contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483, if you are interested in learning more or joining us. All are welcome.

Cooks Needed This Fall

Do you have a gift for meal preparation? We're recruiting volunteers to cook a Thursday evening meal for the HRIC Collaborative during our "Discovering Christ" 7-week program. There's no need to volunteer every week. One week will be greatly appreciated. An important and delightful part of each week's session is dinner and conversation at small group tables. Dinner Team volunteers are an important part of this ministry effort, as they serve Christ, fellow parishioners, and guests through meal preparation.

Necessary Qualifications:

You enjoy cooking and would like to provide one meal or more to support the program.

What the Church provides:

- One 9x13 foil casserole pan
- One easy-to-follow recipe card
- A reminder phone call or email

What you provide:

- Your time—the time required to prepare one casserole dish
- The cost of the ingredients
- Delivery of the hot meal to Immaculate Conception Parish Center by 5:30 p.m. on your designated Thursday evening

Thursday meal dates: Sept. 12, Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 24.

To sign up, please go to the hricatholic.org website to access the link to our Dinner Team SignUp form. **For more information, contact** Lynne at 978-363-2369.

Women of Grace Program

Become the woman of grace God created you to be.

The Women of Grace Foundational Study, *Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life* is a dynamic program for Catholic women, encouraging study participants to come to a fuller understanding of their dignity and vocation as daughters of God. They'll dig deep into Catholic teaching to examine their gift of authentic femininity using the study text *Full of Grace*, Sacred Scripture, the *Catechism*, citations from Vatican II and other Magisterial Documents, as well as the biographies of 16 Catholic women saints. As they learn the great gift of authentic femininity and how to live it out in the world today, hearts are healed, lives are changed, and souls are saved!

Morning and evening sessions offered:

Wednesdays: 10:00a.m.–12:00noon or 6:00p.m.–8:00p.m.

(10 weekly sessions begin on September 25, 2019) at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH

Cost is \$45.00 for materials (financial assistance available if needed). Registration deadline: September 11, 2019. For more information, call Kathy Allen, 603-957-0048.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

July Activities in the Collaborative.



Collaborative Strawberry/Blueberry Festival



Above, Left: IC Church tours



Above: Houseboat raffle drawing. Congrats to Betty Knox, our winner!

Above: Visitors enjoying dessert on a lovely day.

Right: Our wonderful behind-the-scenes festival kitchen helpers



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)

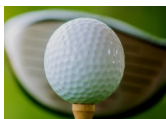
What does this mean? Why should we be concerned?

- 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.

Save the Date



**Immaculate Conception School
1st Annual Golf Outing
Monday, September 30, 2019 at
The Renaissance Country Club, Haverhill**

**Registration: 11:30am, Shotgun start: 1:00pm;
\$660/foursome; \$50 dinner-only guest**

Immaculate Conception School, 1 Washington St., Newburyport, Pre K – Grade 8

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.

Newburyport Choral Society

**Newburyport Choral Society's Free Community
“Summer Sing” —Haydn’s Lord Nelson Mass**

Join your voice with the Newburyport Choral Society on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church on 7 Harris Street, Newburyport, as we feature excerpts from Haydn’s *Lord Nelson Mass*. NCS Music Director Dr. George Case will conduct and several professional vocal soloists will perform the arias contained in the *Mass*.

All musical talent levels welcome to sing along, or just come and listen. Admission is free and open to all, and a reception will follow. Copies of the vocal score will be available. Please bring your own score if you have one. For information, visit newburyportchoralsociety.org.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, August 3–4 **\$9,550.00**
IC Haiti **\$5,608.00**

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

Catholic Appeal

Goal **\$55,614.00**
To Date **\$49,783.00**
90% of goal
Almost there!



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

Call for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

We are seeking additional Lay Ministers to assist at Mass. Please let us know of your interest by this coming Friday, August 16. Training will be provided.

What is an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**? Often referred to as simply a “Eucharistic Minister,” an EM is a lay person who assists the priest in distributing Holy Communion at Mass. While the priest or deacon is viewed by the Church as the “ordinary minister of Holy Communion,” because of the large number of people attending Mass, it would be impractical or impossible for the clergy alone to offer Communion to so many. EMs are trained to help for this reason. At most Masses at IC, we usually need 4–5 trained EMs to allow our Communion procession to go smoothly. It is an important role! EMs may also volunteer to take the Blessed Sacrament to those who are ill or otherwise unable to attend Mass (those in nursing homes, hospitals, in home, etc.).

What is a **Lector**? A Lector is a lay person who assists at Mass by reading passages from the Old and New Testament and leading the Universal Prayer or “Prayers of the Faithful” at Sunday Mass when the Deacon is not present.

Both Lectors and EMs are baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church, and living a life of prayer and service within our community.

If you or someone you know might be interested in serving in either of these two ministries or have any questions about what it means to serve, please contact Mary Zerigian or Mary Ann Lawler. We’d like to have a full compliment of EMs and Lectors by the end of summer.

Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, August 13** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

Immaculate Conception School

Students in our Pre-Kindergarten program are an important part of the Immaculate Conception School family. They are part of daily morning meetings and school activities, community service projects, monthly church services, assemblies, celebrations of learning, and many other annual events. They build relationships with the older students who serve as role models throughout the school year. We welcome our youngest students as part of the community and build long-lasting and supportive relationships amongst students, faculty, and families.



The IC offers flexibility for families looking for a Pre-K program for 2, 3, 4, and 5 days a week, half-day and full-day hours. Before Care is available at 7:30 a.m. and After Care until 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Kelley Pappalardo at 978-465-7780 or kpappalardo@newburyportcatholic.org.



IC Annual Back-to-School New Socks and Underwear Drive

Our annual sock and underwear drive is in August. Bins for your donations are at the doors of the IC Church during the month of August. Please donate socks and underwear for school children ages 5–18 years old. Packages collected will go to the Community Service Center and will be distributed to those in need. Thanks so much for your generosity.



Adoration & Rosary

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration in IC’s St. James Chapel in the Parish Center.

- **Wednesdays** from 6:00–6:30 p.m.
 - **Thursdays** from 6:30–7:00 p.m., including recitation of the Rosary for Life
 - **Fridays** drop in any time from 8:00 a.m.–noon. During the last hour we pray the Divine Mercy chaplet and conclude with Benediction.
- No prior experience necessary. Come and learn how powerful it is to pray before the Real Presence of our Lord.

IC PARISH

Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Fall registration forms for those children entering grades K–8 in September are now available. Forms (including the class schedule) can be downloaded from our website hricatholic.org or by contacting the Lifelong Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420).

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, September 8** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on September 15.

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. If you have not received a letter with more details, and you have a child who is eligible to be confirmed at this time, please contact the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible (978-462-2724 x7420).

Confirmation Retreat

One more Confirmation Retreat is scheduled to take place here at IC at the following time:

- **Sunday, August 18**, 11:00 (attending 11:00 a.m. Mass)—4:30.

If you plan on attending, please contact the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible.

An Exciting Time to be a Catechist

Are you looking for a new way to engage with and grow in your faith? Do you love children and desire to help form them in the Catholic faith? Come, be a part of our Collaborative's exciting new approach to handing on the faith through the generations! If you are interested in being a catechist for the upcoming fall-spring year, and/or want to know more about the program, please contact the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Aaron Giard, at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org.

Free Hair Cuts



Donna Koen, a parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.



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HR PARISH

“Make and Take Sign Party”

Save the Date: Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 p.m., at Nativity Hall, the Activities Committee will be having a Parish Social Fundraiser—a “Pre-Holiday Make and Take Sign Party.” Signs could be created for Holiday gift giving!

Everything needed to create your own 4" x 24" sign will be provided. **You** make it and take it home:

1. Pick your favorite vinyl expression. There will be plenty of sayings to choose.
2. Pick your paint colors.
3. Paint board and apply lettering.

Pre-register by Sunday, September 15 for a discounted price of \$25.00 per sign. Otherwise, \$30.00 per sign can be paid that night.

Go online to <https://Sue-Anne.regfox.com/church-fundraiser> to see what vinyl sayings are available. If preregistering **and paying by check**, please leave your check, made out to **Sue-Anne Evans**, in the white, parish mailbox to the left of the glass doors going into Nativity Hall by September 15. **Remember to write your vinyl saying code / White or black in the memo space.**

Homemade “Finger Foods” will be served with recipes available. Perhaps you will come across a **new** recipe to serve for the upcoming holidays.

All are invited, bring your friends!

Activities Committee Meeting

We will be having an **Activities meeting** on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Merrimac Hall. We will be planning upcoming activities and organizing for our Parish Fair on Saturday, November 23. All are welcome to join our committee of dedicated parishioners!

HR Holiday Fair Volunteers

Holy Redeemer Fair has many opportunities for service to our parish. Please consider volunteering. There will be a need for help setting up displays during the day (starting Monday, November 11), friendly greeters, lunch waitstaff, outdoor sign holders (great job for a bunch of kids), basket carriers, **bakers, soup makers**, clean up help. And of course, **donated gift baskets** that are a crowd favorite. And possibly a unique **silent auction** item. Summer is a great time to think ahead....

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, September 5.**

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, August 3–4 \$2,607.00

The second collection **this** weekend is the **Monthly**. The second Collection **next** weekend is **Rostro de Cristo**.

Rostro de Cristo (meaning “Face of Christ” in Spanish) is a Catholic program founded in 1989 by Fr. James Ronan, a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston. Its mission is to provide opportunities for people of faith to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the people of Ecuador. Young adults and youth encounter “the face of Christ” in Ecuador by participating in our one-year volunteer program or our week-long mission immersion experiences. At all HR masses, August 17–18, former Rostro de Cristo volunteer, Eileen Connor Bernau, will share her experiences of living and serving in Ecuador and invite you to support Rostro de Cristo as you are able—through your prayers as well as a second collection. Please visit the website (www.rostrodecristo.org) for more information.



All are invited to write a note to Doreen O’Leary expressing their gratitude for her many years of service to our parish teaching our children. Or, write a favorite memory of yours about the activities she directed, possibly remembering a story your child shared with you. We are sure reading these notes will bring such **joy** to Doreen. There will be a designated basket in the back of both churches. We will be collecting the notes until Sunday, September 8.

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, Aug. 14**.

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

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 at hankins44@comcast.net.

Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Fall registration forms for those children entering grades K–8 in September are now available. Forms (including the class schedule) can be downloaded from our website (hricatholic.org) or by contacting the Lifelong Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420).

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, September 8** 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 more information.

Confirmation Retreat

One more Confirmation retreat is scheduled to be held at the IC Pastoral Center on **Sunday, August 18** 11:00 a.m. (attending 11:00 a.m. Mass)—4:30 p.m.

For those unable to attend a retreat at IC, an additional retreat has been scheduled to take place at St. Ann on **Saturday, September 7 from 11:30–4:00 p.m. (attending 4:00 p.m. Mass)**.

Please contact the Faith Formation Office (978-462-2724 x7420) to register for this retreat.

An Exciting Time to be a Catechist

Are you looking for a new way to engage with and grow in your faith? Do you love children and desire to help form them in the Catholic faith? Come, be a part of our Collaborative’s exciting new approach to handing on the faith through the generations! If you are interested in being a catechist for the upcoming fall-spring year, and/or want to know more about the program, please contact the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Aaron Giard, at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org.

Holiday Fair Lawn Signs

West Newbury Yards needed for Holy Redeemer Fair’s Neighborhood Lawn Signs

The new town law, about putting signs on public property, has become a time-consuming endeavor for the volunteers of the Activities Committee. We are searching for any parishioners/friends who would volunteer their yard to allow a “Fair Sign” be placed advertising our yearly fair.

Signs would go outside on Saturday, November 2 and taken in on November 24. If you have a yard that has great visibility to many passersby please consider signing up your yard on the clipboard in the back of the church by Sunday, September 8.

(If needed, we would like to order new signs in September.) Any questions call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.