

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

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## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2019

*S*trive  
to enter  
through  
the  
narrow  
gate.

Luke 13:24



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*All Are Welcome*



# 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 (8/24)

4:00pm **IC** *Anita Mazzaglia, Chester Broderick, Ruth Robitaille* (Fr. Harrison)  
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (8/25)

7:15am **IC** *Harry Kalashian* (Fr. Morin)  
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
9:00am **IC** *Maria Ragosta* (Fr. McLaughlin)  
10:15am **St. Ann** *Frances Pontorno* (Fr. Harrison)  
11:00am **IC** *Ralph Filomia, Michele Bradley Stanley Baikewicz, Helen Elworthy, For the intentions of Debra LaCasse and Paul Bogue* (Fr. Morin)

### Monday (8/26)

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

### Tuesday (8/27)

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

### Wednesday (8/28)

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

### Thursday (8/29)

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

### Friday (8/30)

9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
1:30pm, **Avita** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Saturday (8/31)

4:00pm **IC** *Lillian M. Foley, Claire Curry* (Fr. McLaughlin)  
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (9/1)

7:15am **IC** *Derek Hines, Jamie Grabowski* (Fr. Ray Richard)  
8:00am **Nativity** *In honor of Dorine Gorski on the occasion of her 80th birthday* (Fr. Harrison)  
9:00am **IC** *Prisco "Joe" Rosa, Andrew "Drew" Donahue* (Fr. Morin)  
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
11:00am **IC** *Michael Filomia* (Fr. Morin)

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*

## 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.

## St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor



Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer's St. Vincent de Paul Societies' annual fundraiser, **The Walk for the Poor** will be held on **Saturday, September 28, 2019.**

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the Walk will start at 9:30 a.m. This year we will be starting and ending at Immaculate Conception's parking lot. This 3K walk is our organizations' major fundraiser.

We encourage all parishioners, families and friends *to join us as we walk through downtown Newburyport* to raise awareness and money so we can continue to serve the many needy in our communities.

Go to our SVdP Walk for the Poor website at <https://www.fopwalk.org/event/2388> and you can sign up to walk or donate to one of the walkers already registered. This link will take you directly to the walk page.

Beginning Aug. 24, at Immaculate Conception, we will have information at the doors of the church for you to use to sign up to be a "walker" and enlist sponsors to support your walk, or you can simply donate to this walk by using the envelopes we will hand out the weekend of Aug. 24–25.

## Mass Scripture Readings: August 25–September 1, 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](http://www.HRICcatholic.org) and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, August 25: Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 117; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30
- Monday, August 26: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Psalm 149; Matthew 23:13-22
- Tuesday, August 27: 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Psalm 139; Matthew 23:23-26
- Wednesday, August 28: 1 Thess. 2:9-13; Psalm 139; Matthew 23:27-32
- Thursday, August 29: 1 Thess. 3:7-13; Psalm 90; Mark 6:17-29
- Friday, August 30: 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Psalm 97; Matthew 25:1-13
- Saturday, August 31: 1 Thess. 4:9-11; Psalm 98; Matthew 25:14-30
- Sunday, Sept. 1: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Psalm 68; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:7-14

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

### Monday, August 26

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

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

Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

### Tuesday, August 27

IC School Professional Development 8:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Catechist Meeting 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

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

### Wednesday, August 28

IC School Professional Development 8:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

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 29

IC School Professional Development 8:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

Catechist Meeting 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

### Friday, August 30

Collaborative Offices Close at 12:00 noon

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

### Saturday, August 31

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

### Sunday, September 1

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 10:00am, St. Ann Church

## Labor Day Office Hours

Collaborative offices will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, August 30 and will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. The offices will reopen on Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.

## Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in July.

Olivia Judith Fuller-Biggs

Maria Victoria Jane Castro

## Bulletin Information

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

## Fall Mass Schedule Change

Beginning **September 8**, the Sunday Mass schedule at Immaculate Conception will change as follows:

Sunday: 7:15 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

**11:30 a.m.** (note time change)

## 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

## R.C.I.A.

Do You Know:

Someone who has expressed a wish to become Catholic?

Someone who has been baptized in another Christian faith but desires to become Catholic.

Maybe your child is making First Communion this year and you would like to be able to receive also. It could be the time to become a one-faith family.

To discover how to become Catholic, please email me at [fortune@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:fortune@newburyportcatholic.org) and I will be glad to start you on your journey in faith.

## Parish Membership

Welcome! We are pleased you joined us today and we invite you to become a member of our Parish communities. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) or you can call the Parish offices at 978-462-2724 to register.

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** When did you do a good deed for someone you do not know and who cannot repay you?

**Child:** When did you do something good for someone this week without being asked?

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## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### “Where Two or Three are Gathered in My Name”

Throughout the Gospels and the history of the Church, Jesus has encouraged his followers to come together in fellowship to grow in a loving relationship with God. He has promised to be truly present whenever two or three are gathered in his name. The “**Discovering Christ**” program is a marvelous opportunity for the kind of growth Jesus wants for all of us. Each session of the program 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 gift of the Holy Spirit, new life in the Spirit, and our need for the Church. There is no cost to attendees other than their time and willing participation.

Every Thursday evening from September 12–October 24 from 6:00 p.m.–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.–2:30 p.m. All are invited to participate in the program by registering at the Collaborative website [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) or by calling or emailing John Leary at 978-462-2053.

### 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

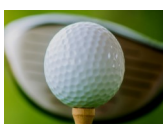
Thursday meal dates: Sept. 12, Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 24.

To sign up, please go to the [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.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

The Women of Grace Foundational Study, *Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life*, is a program for Catholic women, encouraging participants to come to a fuller understanding of their dignity and vocation as daughters of God. Morning and evening sessions offered on Wednesdays: 10:00am–12noon or 6:00pm–8:00pm. (10 weekly sessions begin on September 25) Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH. \$45.00 for materials (Financial assistance available if needed). Registration deadline: September 11, 2019. For more information, call Kathy Allen, 603-957-0048.

### 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

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## 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](http://newburyportchoralsociety.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.

## "Ask A Priest"

This was Tom's first time with "Ask A Priest" and he hung with us till 9:30 p.m.! With only 1 more night on Inn Street, experience as Tom (and Marin!) did that street ministry is an organic, spontaneous encounter with those who are familiar or those whom we meet casually for the first time. Inn Street is the location, from 6:15 p.m. until sunset (7:45 p.m.). You decide how long to linger. All are welcome!

*Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team*



# IC PARISH

## Immaculate Conception School

An education at Immaculate Conception School provides opportunities for students to "serve"—to better the lives of others who are less fortunate. Ongoing service projects are planned and organized by the students under the guidance and support of faculty and parents. These important opportunities inspire our students to think about the needs of others, often leading to remarkable contributions by individuals who want to do more.



Our school day starts with community-centered prayer, announcements and, often, a call for support from an individual student who has a passion for a cause. A recent example of this was the

Davis family's 2nd Annual IC-Haiti Lemonade Stand that was just a few days away from the Yankee Homecoming 5K/10 Mile finish line. Siblings Julia, Sophia, and Andrew Davis knew they could provide some much needed refreshment on a blistering hot day, while raising money for the parish IC-Haiti Fund. The children spent the day making



supportive signs and squeezing lemons in preparation for the early evening race. The Davis children have warmed hearts and cooled exhausted runners, while contributing hundreds of dollars to IC Haiti. We are so proud of their efforts and accomplishments and thank them for finding the time to squeeze "service" into their summer fun!

## 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 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.



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, August 17–18	\$9,680.00
Restoration/Renovation	\$1,474.00
Assumption	\$1,019.00

## Catholic Appeal

Goal \$55,614.00  
To Date \$49,873.00  
90% of goal  
Just a little bit more to go!



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

## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 27.50
Poor Box	\$497.00
Total	\$524.50

## Invitation to IC Haiti Supporters

The Board of Directors of IC Haiti invites you to attend a free screening of the award-winning documentary film *Bending the Arc* on Thursday evening, September 12, at the Newburyport Senior/Community Center, 331 High Street. We want to share this viewing opportunity with you in gratitude for your generous support of IC Haiti's mission to the community of Puit Chacha, Haiti. Come at 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments. The film will be shown at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to attend, please **RSVP** to Eileen Bergin at [c.bergin@comcast.net](mailto:c.bergin@comcast.net).

Here is a summary excerpted from the website.

*"Thirty years ago, three remarkable young people, barely out of their teens—Jim Yong Kim, Paul Farmer, Ophelia Dahl—came together in a squatter settlement in Haiti. Determined to provide the same world-class level of medical care they would expect for their own families to the Haitians that soon became their friends, they faced obstacles so enormous they weren't even considered surmountable by the rest of the world. The groundbreaking work they began in Haiti—creating a remarkable model of how to deliver the highest-quality care in the most unlikely places—would eventually grow to have massive global effects. Reaching far beyond the issue of health care, Bending the Arc shows how moral imagination, strategy, and sheer will together can change the trajectory of the world, bending the arc of the moral universe closer to justice." (Bending the Arc website: <http://bendingthearcfilm.com>)*

## 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](http://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 **August 26**. Contact Barbara with questions: [barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com).

## Faith Formation

### School Year Programs

Fall registration forms for those children entering grades K–8 in September as well as those students entering **Grades 9 & 10** are now available. Forms (including the class schedule) can be downloaded from our website [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) or by contacting the Lifelong Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420).

A **meeting for parents** of those entering **Grades K–8** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 3** at 6:30 in St. Louis Hall. A **meeting for parents of Grade 9 & 10** students will be scheduled prior to the start of Confirmation prep classes. Please watch for the date and time.

### Catechist Meetings

For anyone considering offering to share their faith with the children of our Collaborative, we have two meetings scheduled: **Tuesday, August 27** at 6:30 in the Nativity Church Hall and **Thursday, August 29** at 6:30 in St. Louis Hall at the IC Pastoral Center. Please join us at either meeting.

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

This will be a busy year for those children anticipating the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Parent meetings will be held prior to each sacrament. Please watch for further information regarding dates and times.

### 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

If you were not able to attend either of the Confirmation retreats held here at IC, you are welcome to join us on Saturday, September 7 at St. Ann. The retreat will run from 11:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m., concluding with attendance at 4:00 p.m. Mass. 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](mailto:agiard@newburyportcatholic.org).

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, August 17–18	\$2,744.00
Rostro de Cristo	\$ 381.00
Assumption	\$ 585.00

## Just a Note

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. 28**.

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

## Holiday Fair Lawn Signs

### W. Newbury Yards Needed for HR Holiday Fair 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.

## Coffee After Mass



You are invited to join us for **coffee** at our next **coffee hour** after the 8:00 Mass in the Nativity Church Hall on **September 8**. Come join us! Let us all hear about what we did on our summer vacation!

## Faith Formation

### School Year Programs

Fall registration forms for those children entering **Grades K–8** in September as well as those students entering **Grades 9 & 10** are now available. Forms (including the class schedule) can be downloaded from our website ([hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org)) or by contacting the Lifelong Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420).

A **meeting for parents** of those entering **Grades K–8** is scheduled for **Sunday, September 8** at 11:45 in the Nativity Church hall.

A **meeting for parents of Grade 9 & 10** students will be scheduled prior to the start of Confirmation prep classes. Please watch for the date and time.

### Catechist Meetings

For anyone considering offering to share their faith with the children of our Collaborative, we have two meetings scheduled: **Tuesday, August 27** at 6:30 in the Nativity Church Hall and **Thursday, August 29** at 6:30 in St. Louis Hall at the IC Pastoral Center. Please join us at either meeting.

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

This will be a busy year for those children anticipating the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Parent meetings will be held prior to each sacrament. Please watch for further information regarding dates and times.

### 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

A Confirmation retreat has been scheduled for **Saturday, September 7** at St. Ann for those who did not attend either of the retreats held at IC. This retreat will begin at 11:30 a.m. concluding with attending 4:00 p.m. Mass together.

If you have yet to attend a retreat, please contact the Faith Formation Office (978-462-2724 x7420) to register.

## 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](mailto:agiard@newburyportcatholic.org).



# HOLY REDEEMER 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.**

## Women's Evening of Prayer



The next Women's Evening of Prayer will be Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church, West Newbury. The theme will be “Changing our Hearts.”

All women of the Collaborative are welcome to this wonderful evening of reflection through prayer and music.

## HR Altar Server Training



Additional Altar Servers are needed for Nativity and St. Ann Masses. Training will be provided for Grades 4 and up. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Tracy Blais at [tblais@comcast.net](mailto:tblais@comcast.net).

## HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

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

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## 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](http://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](http://masscitizensforlife.org)*)

### What can you do?

- Visit [masscitizensforlife.org](http://masscitizensforlife.org).
- Contact your State lawmakers and let them know what you think about this bill.
- Pray a rosary for our legislators.
- Tell others.