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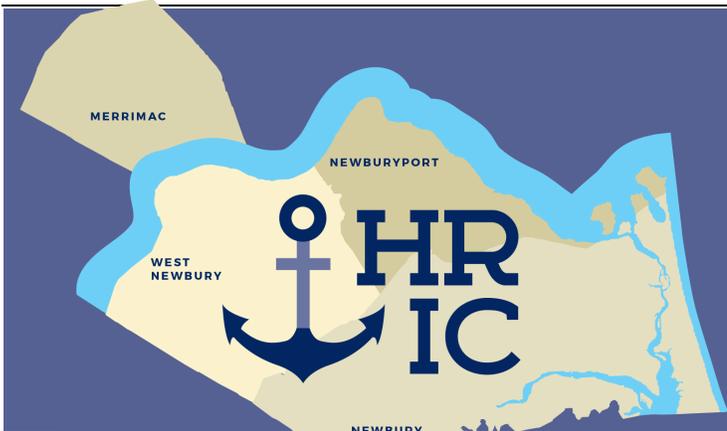
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2019



This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" But God said to him, "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?" (Lk 12:18-20)

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

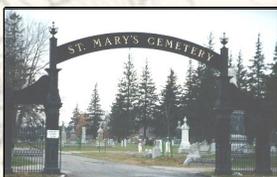
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/3)

4:00pm **IC** *Marie Flore Dubuc, Mary Lou Gannon, Sheila Kay Russo, Special Intention for the Class of 1957— IC High School* (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (8/4)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *The Bruno, Capone, & Gautreau Families* (Fr. Morin)

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

11:00am **IC** *Richard Ring* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (8/5)

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

Tuesday (8/6)

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

Wednesday (8/7)

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

Thursday (8/8)

7:15am **IC** *Dorothy Porter Burton*

Friday (8/9)

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

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)

In your prayers, please remember John J. O'Brien 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,

As with so many of the Gospel stories that we encounter in our weekend readings, there are a few key details that are often unexplained, but presumed. Today's reading about the rich land-owner having such an abundant harvest that he is considering tearing down his barns and building new ones... "eat, drink and be merry!" is certainly one of them. Luke's audience would have had the following in sharp focus as they listened to this story:



The land really belongs to God. While there were always the wealthy who owned large parcels of acreage and who allowed peasant farmers to work the land for a small share of the produce and profits, under it all, everyone understood that the Earth was God's and that God was the One who caused everything to grow, who gave life and was the One who brought about an abundance of anything. Thus if there was a large harvest—it was God's blessing for everyone, not simply one person.

Most people lived at a sustenance-level of existence. Peasant farmers worked each day to earn just enough to buy a little food so that their family might eat that night. Nobody had a surplus of food. If that ever did occur—it was meant to be shared by all, not hoarded by a single individual.

The rich land-owner in the Gospel was in dialogue only with himself. He never once entertains seeing himself in relationship with the tenant farmers that worked his land, the wider community that he lived in, nor the God of all creation. In a vacuum of his own making, he speaks only to himself.

When looked at with these things in focus, we understand the re-set that God causes by interrupting the self-serving inner dialogue of this rich man with the inconvenient news that his death is imminent and all of his wealth-building was for naught. The moral of the story is clear: work to grow wealthy in what matters to God. And what matters to God? Here are a few passages from the Scriptures to help put this in a clearer light:

"You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

"This poor one cried out and the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he saves them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the stalwart one who takes refuge in him. Fear the LORD, you his holy ones; nothing is lacking to those who fear him." (Ps 34:7-10)

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a

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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/>.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, August 5

AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall
Discipleship Priority Meeting 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room
HR Troop 41 Boy Scouts 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 7

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 8

Reunion Prayer Group 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209
Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

Friday, August 9

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 10

Collaborative Confirmation Retreat 11:00am, IC St. Louis Hall
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

Sunday, August 11

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
Baptism Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Name a time when you made a difficult decision and acted in faith not in fear.

Child: How do you know if you are ready to do what is asked of you?

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stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" (Mt 25:34–40)

"There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, 'Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'" Jesus said to him, 'What is written in the law? How do you read it?' He said in reply, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.' He replied to him, 'You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.'" (Lk 10:25-28)

So, what really matters to God? Justice, mercy, love, compassion, kindness, care for those in need... attentiveness to those who surround you. What could the rich man in today's Gospel passage have done differently? Well, I suppose many things, but he could have started by first seeing himself in relationship with God and those around him by including their voices—divine and human in whatever calculations he found himself making because of the abundant harvest. Were there any in need among his workers? What about in the nearby village? Could any who were sick have benefitted from an extra meal? What about the children—were they getting enough to eat? Were those in the local prison being properly cared for, remembering it was their families who were responsible for feeding and clothing them. Even just asking God in his prayers what might be done with this abundance might have yielded multiple compelling solutions beyond simply building bigger barns and warehousing things for a future that would never come.

Although God may not require our lives this very day, we nonetheless are called to be attentive to the many details that surround us in our own present story, ultimately seeking after that which matters most to the One who gave us life and will call us one day to everlasting life through Christ.

Continued Summer blessings, Fr. Timothy Harrison

“Ask A Priest”

Ask A Priest Welcomes Fr. Ray Richard



Fr. George and a lay Team of 12 had the pleasure of Fr. Ray socializing among us and the Yankee Homecoming pop-up vendor tents on Inn Street. Come! Make a difference (you can make a

difference). Passersby accept smiles, a handshake or conversation about their dog, their faith or their preference in cuisine. “Ask A Priest” street evangelization is from the heart, not from a handout. Hang out with us! We meet at Inn Street 6:15–8:00 p.m. for the 5 Friday nights in August.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Scripture Readings: August 4–August 11, 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 4: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalm 90; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21
- Monday, August 5: Numbers 11:4b-15; Psalm 81; Matthew 14:13-21
- Tuesday, August 6: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36
- Wednesday, August 7: Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Psalm 106; Matthew 15:21-28
- Thursday, August 8: Numbers 20:1-13; Psalm 95; Matthew 16:13-23
- Friday, August 9: Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Psalm 77; Matthew 16:24-28
- Saturday, August 10: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Psalm 112; John 12:24-26
- Sunday, August 11: Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 33; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48

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.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.

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.

Irish Sunset Cruise

A. O. H. Division #1/Bracken Irish Dance School

Proudly present **Annual Irish Sunset Cruise**



In connection with www.captainsfishing.com

Featuring: Songs of Ireland by **Joe Leary**

Thursday, August 8, 2019

Cruise time: 6:30–9:30pm (Boarding at 6:00pm)

Boat: Captain's Lady II, from Plum Island Point, Nbpt.

Cost of admission: \$35.00 with cash bar

21 years of age or older only

Tickets available by contacting:

Dan Cleary 978-360-9603

Michael Volpone 978-479-2550

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

IC Church Tours

Tours Extend Hospitality and Information to a Steady Flow of Visitors

The Adult Faith Formation Team compacted months of preparation into four hours of welcoming Collaborative parishioners, local visitors, out-of-state guests, and some non-Catholics who attentively indulged in free tours led by Fr. George Morin and Mary Schmidt. Thanks go to our volunteer greeters: Susan Hammond, Loretta Haley, Chris Eagan, Vicki Splaine, Donna Sylvester, and Lynne Follansbee (who also served as an editor). Thanks to Dennis Gonzales and Karen Leff whose photography augmented the texts of the six brochures that greeters handed to guests. Thanks also to Sheila Cruise for her printing expertise and to Bud Kent for his indefatigable willingness to get the team access into IC's obscure nooks to gather info. or pictures. Our layout designer asked to remain anonymous; deep gratitude is due for the quality of the texts which could not



have come to life except for their creative input and extensive editing. The result of all this effort was worth it to hear the two most common comments: "I didn't know that!" and "Thank you!"

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 website to access the link to our Dinner Team SignUp form. **For more information, contact Lynne at 978-363-2369.**

Yankee Homecoming Parade

Need a Good Place to Watch the Parade?

Immaculate Conception will be hosting a "watch party" on the Parish Center's lawn facing High St. Tents and chairs will be supplied.

The "entrance fee" for this prime watch area is a nonperishable food item per person. The food items will be put into the "Pennies for Poverty" grocery cart brigade as they pass our site (See penniesforpoverty.org for a full donation list.)

Food bank donations are historically down in the summer and "Pennies for Poverty" will be distributing all donations to our local food banks.

Please come on August 4 and help stock our local food banks and maybe make some new friends at our gathering. Viewing site will open at 12:00 noon on August 4.

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.

Centering Prayer

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, July 27–28 **\$9,718.00**
Electrical & Cooling **\$1,830.00**

The second collection **this** weekend is IC-Haiti. **Please make checks payable to IC-Haiti.**

The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.

Catholic Appeal

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



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

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 0.00
Poor Box	\$238.00
Total	\$238.00

Knights of Columbus

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.

We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at (978) 572-0231, membership@kofc231.org.

Local Knights are encouraged to ensure email addresses are on file so that volunteer opportunities can be communicated. Please contact us to update your information at membership@kofc231.org.

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, August 9** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.



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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.

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.



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.

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

Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Please complete a registration form **indicating your interest** in participating in a school-year program. Forms can be downloaded from our website hricatholic.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. 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

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 if you have not already done so.

Summer Programs Completed

It has been a busy June and July for Faith Formation here at IC. We had over 200 students take part in the sessions that were offered this summer.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this possible for our families!

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, agiard@newburyportcatholic.org.

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes



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.



Call for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

We are seeking additional Lay Ministers to assist at Mass

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 so please let us know of your interest by August 16. Training will be provided.

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



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, July 27–28 \$2,681.00

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

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,183.00

To Date \$22,186.00

100% of goal

We did it!



\$22,183

\$15,000

\$10,000

\$ 5,000

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**.



Senior Center Bake Sale

The Friends of the Merrimac Senior Center invite you to stop by at their "Gateway to Merrimac" bake sale during Merrimac Old Home Days on Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Goodies for all and **free** coffee and tea!

100 East Main Street (Rte. 110), Merrimac, MA



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.

Activities 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!



Troop 41 has just returned from Summer Camp! Come to Monday, August 5th's meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Nativity Hall to hear all about it. Maybe consider joining! Any questions contact Scoutmaster Mark Townsend 978-761-9920.

Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Please complete a registration form **indicating your interest** in participating in a school-year program. Forms can be downloaded from our website (hricatholic.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** 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

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 as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

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, agiard@newburyportcatholic.org.

Chair Affair Silent Auction

Stop by Merrimac Public Library until August 8 to view chairs and to place your bid. Funds benefit Merrimac Public Library.

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.