

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2019

*“What man among
you having a
hundred sheep
and losing one
of them would
not leave the
ninety-nine in the
desert and go
after the lost one
until he finds it?”
(Lk 15:4)*



Papillon

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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Nativity

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Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/14)

4:00pm **IC** Rose Rowe, Laurie Freeman (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (9/15)

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

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

9:00am **IC** Richard Parnell (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:30am **IC** Fred & Raymond Mitchell, James Edward Doyle, Steve Malenfant, For the intentions of those recently married (Fr. Morin)

Monday (9/16)

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

Tuesday (9/17)

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

Wednesday (9/18)

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

Thursday (9/19)

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

Friday (9/20)

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

9:00am **IC School Liturgy** (Fr. Harrison)

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

Saturday (9/21)

4:00pm **IC** Daniel P. Bradley, Frank Aldrich (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** Rich Tolosko (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (9/22)

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

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

9:00am **IC** Alan Chu, Lawrence B. Larsen (Fr. Harrison)

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

11:30am **IC, Confirmation** (Bishop Hennessey)

2:30pm **IC, Confirmation** (Bishop Hennessey)

In your prayers, please remember Doreen O'Leary, Irene McGrath, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Parish Safety Training

Holy Family Parish, 11 Sparhawk St., Amesbury is offering a 4-hour parish safety training program on September 30 from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., that includes designing and implementing a preparedness plan for a parish community and hands-on active shooter response training. Those from other parishes are invited. Lunch is provided. The program is free of charge, but you must register by September 23. To register, go to: www.ratorisk.com/amesbury/ or call Doreen at 617-913-2017.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Some years ago, Elie Wiesel began his book, *Gates of the Forest*, with this story:

When the great Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov saw misfortune threatening the Jews it was his custom to go into a certain part of the forest to meditate. There he would light a fire, say a special prayer, and the miracle would be accomplished and the misfortune averted.

Later, when his disciple, the celebrated Magid of Mezritch, had occasion, for the same reason, to intercede with heaven, he would go to the same place in the forest and say: "Master of the Universe, listen! I do not know how to light the fire, but I am still able to say the prayer." And again the miracle would be accomplished.

Still later, Rabbi Moshe-Leib of Sasov, in order to save his people once more, would go into the forest and say: "I do not know how to light the fire, I do not know the prayer, but I know the place and this must be sufficient." It was sufficient and the miracle was accomplished.

Then it fell to Rabbi Israel of Rizhyn to overcome misfortune. Sitting in his armchair, his head in his hands, he spoke to God: "I am unable to light the fire and I do not know the prayer; I cannot even find the place in the forest. All I can do is to tell the story, and this must be sufficient." And it was sufficient.

God made man because He loves stories.

It is amazing to think of the God of the Universe, with billions and billions of star systems and galaxies, black holes and brilliant nebulae to captivate Him, would be even mildly interested in the subtleties of mere human drama. And yet, God's loving gaze peers deeply into the human heart, probing the mind and delighting whenever even one of us might reconsider our waywardness and return our thoughts to Him.

Whether it be a tale of sheep, coins, or a prodigal son, God loves a good story! The angst and tears, the sober moment of conversion, the palpable shred of hope, the joy of the returned, the bigger task of reconciliation...God loves it all. How boring it would all be if we never had free will, were never able to seek after and pine for God from our own

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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.hricatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices at 978-462-2724 to register.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hricatholic.org to view our entire calendar.

Monday, September 16

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

IC Confirmation Rehearsal for 11:30 group 6:00pm, IC Church

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

Tuesday, September 17

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

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

IC Confirmation Rehearsal for 2:30 group 6:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, September 18

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

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, September 19

Discovering Christ Series 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

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

Friday, September 20

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

Saturday, September 21

Cursillo Group Reunion 8:00am, St. Ann Church

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, September 22

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

IC Faith Formation, 10:00am, IC Parish Center

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

Bulletin Information

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

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.

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sense of abandonment in the wilderness of our own making. Though surely no sin is better than even one sin... to be able to love God by our own choice is better than a thousand forced moments of obedience.

God created us, fully knowing that we would fail and fall away and make an utter mess of His beautiful Creation. But He also knew the breathtaking magnificence of a repentant, contrite heart calling out for mercy. To be present for that show, God would stop time itself! This weekend, as we ponder some of the most moving parables ever written, let us join in the drama ourselves by offering our own rendered hearts to the God who has first loved us.

Remember, God loves a good story and will accomplish many miracles through us when we humble ourselves before Him!

Fall Blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

SVdP Walk for the Poor



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

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.

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.

At Holy Redeemer, please consider donating online to support a walker, registering to become a walker yourself, or donating in the pre-addressed envelopes you can find in the church pews. These envelopes can be mailed or put into the collection basket. Please make checks payable to Holy Redeemer SVdP.

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Permanent Diaconate Information and Inquiry Sessions

If you are discerning God's call to serve the Church as a minister of charity, word, and sacrament as an ordained deacon in the Archdiocese of Boston, you and your wife (for those who are married) are invited to take part in the upcoming inquirer sessions.

The first session for the Merrimack Region, "Who is the Deacon and am I one who is called?" will take place on Saturday, October 5, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Hearts Church, 165 South Main Street, Haverhill, MA. Please email the Permanent Diaconate Office at deacon_vocations@rcab.org to register.

To receive information in advance, please contact Deacon Eric Peabody at 781-249-0842.

The Diaconate Formation Program is four years in length and is open to single and married men who will be between the ages of 35–65 at the time of ordination.

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 and I will be glad to start you on your journey in faith.

Fundraising Event for the Pelican Intervention Fund



The Pelican Intervention Fund Event at Newburyport's Steeple Hall at Mission Oak Grill.

On November 7, 2019 from 7:00–10:00 p.m. join us for an evening of cocktails, appetizers, and raffle prizes with a guest presentation and music by "Ball in the House" the Boston acapella group.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses in the Collaborative on Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29. Please help support the Pelican Intervention Fund by purchasing tickets and attending the event.

Tickets are \$75 per person (cash or check made out to "PIF at ECCF").

100% of the ticket price goes to supporting local young men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery.

Since our founding in 2015, Pelican Intervention Fund has supported 55 clients into long term 12 step residential sober living programs. We are grateful for all the support from our Parish Collaborative. For more information, contact Steve and Kim Keene: 978-430-1408.



The "Ask A Priest" team gathered for the last evening of another successful summer of evangelization on Inn Street.

Voice of the Faithful

2019 Conference

Join us in pursuing justice in the Church for all the faithful.

Former National Review Board Interim Director of the Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke will talk about the effectiveness of the Church's response to clergy abuse. Boston College theologian Fr. Richard Lennan will present a recent study on priestly formation, including the seminary's contribution to clericalism. Also, parishioners from the Mid-Atlantic, Northeast, and Midwest will discuss how they are creating a just Church.

Date: Saturday, October 19, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. at the Boston Marriott Newton, \$125/person, lunch included.

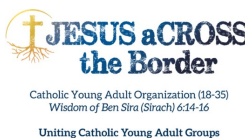
Register at www.votf.org.



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Jesus aCROSS the Border Fall Forum



Join Jesus aCROSS the Border for the Fall Forum on Friday, September 20, at St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, 37 Lee St., Lowell. All young adults (age 18–35) are invited.

7:30 p.m. Adoration and Praise & Worship with Angelique Bolduc

9:00 p.m. Young adult Mass

9:45 p.m. Fall Forum social and pizza (Featuring local Catholic young adult organizations who will share about their missions)

Contact for questions: info@jesusacrosstheborder.org.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Scripture Readings: September 15–22, 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, Sept. 15: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 51; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32
- Monday, Sept. 16: 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Psalm 28; Luke 7:1-10
- Tuesday, Sept. 17: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Psalm 101; Luke 7:11-17
- Wednesday, Sept. 18: 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Psalm 111; Luke 7:31-35
- Thursday, Sept. 19: 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Psalm 111; Luke 7:36-50
- Friday, Sept. 20: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Psalm 49; Luke 8:1-3
- Saturday, Sept. 21: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19; Matthew 9:9-13
- Sunday, Sept. 22: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

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. 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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: To whom do you find it difficult to show mercy and forgiveness?

Child: How do you show people that you forgive them?

IC PARISH

IC Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Fall registration forms for 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 or by contacting the Lifelong Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420).

In an effort to accommodate busy families, we have made changes to Confirmation Year 1 (Grade 9) and Year 2 (Grade 10) at Immaculate Conception Parish. Year 1 classes will be held once a month on Sundays 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.; Year 2 classes will be held once a month on Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. If your son/daughter has a conflict with these times, please consider Holy Redeemer Parish's Confirmation Prep for a second option for dates and times.

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.

Classes for Grades K–8 are scheduled to begin here at IC next week (Sept. 22).

To properly prepare for the upcoming classes we ask that you submit your family's registration form as soon as possible. Thank you!

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, October 6** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on October 13.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 22** at 11:30 a.m. and again at 2:30 p.m. here at Immaculate Conception Parish.

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website at tcfnewburyport.org.

Our monthly support meetings are held in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting is **September 23**.

Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, Sept. 7–8 **\$9,952.00**
 Monthly **\$1,652.00**

This week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information visit www.clergytrust.org.

Next week's second collection is Ongoing Maintenance and Repairs.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 0.00
Poor Box	\$243.00
Total	\$243.00

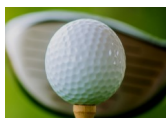
Fall Mass Schedule Change

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)

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*

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.

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal, provided by volunteers, is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Inform the funeral director that you request this service when making arrangements.

Immaculate Conception School

The Immaculate Conception School welcomes Mr. Dennis LaMalfa as Business Manager for Immaculate Conception School. Mr. LaMalfa comes to the IC with over 20 years of experience in the financial management, human resources, and business operation fields. His career has included corporate roles in finance and administration throughout New England and California. Dennis will oversee the operational and budgetary components of ICS, which was previously under Donald Alunni, current Business Manager of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Parishes.



Dennis reports to the school principal, Mrs. Joan Sullivan. The addition of the school's Business Manager position has been a long-term plan since the expansion of the Collaborative. Although we are only days into the school year and Mr. LaMalfa's new appointment, he is already

impressed by the poise and politeness of our students. We look forward to all that Mr. LaMalfa will bring to our school community and for the opportunity to improve our operations as a result of his service.

IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. (At this time, Online Giving is available for only IC members.) Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "Online Giving" to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to. If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made. Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

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.

IC PARISH

IC Knitting Ministry



The Knitting Ministry meets Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in Room 209 in the IC Parish Center. We knit/crochet prayer shawls, hats, mittens, and scarves for charity. Come join this friendly group. New people, ideas, and patterns are always welcome.

For more information call Julia O'Connor 978-465-3350 or Frances Ronan 978-462-4972.

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.

Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.



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Our Neighbors' Table

Our Neighbors' Table would like to announce that we've opened a new market in Newburyport—so come and shop with us for free.

The ONT Newburyport Market is open Thursdays from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. We are located at Community Service of Newburyport, 35 Summer Street, in the lower level of St. Paul's Church. For your convenience we have several saved on-street parking spots in front of the market.

Each ONT location offers a beautiful, modern market where fresh, healthy food is made available to anyone in need—at no charge! There are no income requirements, just bring an ID with you.

We look forward to showing you around our Newburyport Market. If you have any further questions call Our Neighbors' Table at 978-388-1907.

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!

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 wait staff, 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. We are always looking for unique **silent auction** items also.

EWTN: Catholic News

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HR Prayer Shawl



Do you know of any woman, man, or child who needs comfort and could use a Blessed Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket? Please call Helen Kelley 978-771-4673 or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099 for a shawl or more information.

Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, October 3.**

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HR Offertory Collection

This week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information visit www.clergytrust.org.

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.

Online Resources

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hricatholic.org for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our **calendar**, **Twitter**, **Instagram**, and **Facebook** pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, see our Get Involved tab to see how your talents can be utilized, or check out the photos section. We have so much happening in our Collaborative.

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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.

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

HR Boy Scouts

Holy Redeemer charts Boy Scout Troop 41. We meet Monday evenings in Nativity Hall, Merrimac from 7:00–8:30 p.m. Interested in joining? Contact scoutmaster, Mark Townsend. See the website calendar for dates, hricatholic.org. All faiths welcome.

HR 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 (hricatholic.org) or by contacting the Lifelong Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420).

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.

Classes for Grades K–8 are beginning! Please submit your family's registration form as soon as possible. Thank you!

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, October 6** 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** at 11:00 a.m. for the Holy Redeemer Parish at the Church of the Nativity. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

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 is "Changing our Hearts." All women are welcome to this wonderful evening of reflection through prayer and music.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society Bake Sale & Walk for the Poor

The upcoming SVdP Walk for the Poor on Saturday, September 28 is our primary source of funding. The Walk will begin at the IC parking lot on Green Street at 9:00 a. m.

Please consider donating online to support a walker, registering to become a walker yourself, or donating in the pre-addressed envelopes you can find in the church pews. These envelopes can be mailed or put into the collection basket. Please make checks payable to Holy Redeemer SVdP. Thank you for your support.

There will be a SVdP bake sale after all Masses during the weekend of September 21–22. The monies raised will benefit local families.