

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

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## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2019



No servant can  
serve two masters.  
He will either hate one  
and love the other,  
or be devoted to one  
and despise the other.  
You cannot serve  
God and mammon.

Luke 16:13

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*All Are Welcome*



# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

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

## St. Ann

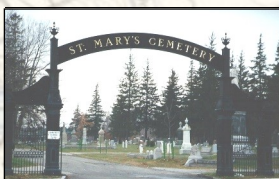
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### 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,*  
*Bart Welch* (Fr. Harrison)

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

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

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

### Monday (9/23)

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

### Tuesday (9/24)

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

### Wednesday (9/25)

7:15am **IC** *Peter & Florence Boschetti* (Fr. Morin)

### Thursday (9/26)

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

### Friday (9/27)

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

### Saturday (9/28)

4:00pm **IC** *Stephen M. Boy, Marie Macdonald,*  
*Mary McInerney* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

### Sunday (9/29)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Mark Walter Benson* (Fr. Harrison)

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

11:30am **IC** *Steve Malenfant, Stanley Baikewicz,*  
*John Bogue, Millie Bogue* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember James Carew, Bertha "Betty" Michel, Luanne Buckley 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,

This past week, along with more than 50 brother priests, I attended a refresher course on child safety and protection policies in our parishes. This was a required training course for priests and is part of the Archdiocese's commitment to protecting children and the vulnerable in our worship spaces and parish life. It was time well-spent. I had attended a similar course many years ago, and was glad to have the update and reminder of all that we need to be doing to keep our parish communities as safe as possible for our young people.



One of the fundamental requirements that we have from the Church's child-protection policies is that all volunteers who function in any capacity within the Church or parish life that may put them in contact with minors must be CORI-ed by the state every calendar year. This includes Priests, Deacons, Bishops, all lay church or school employees, Lector's, Eucharistic Ministers, Adult Altar Servers, Choir Members, Musicians, Greeters, and Ushers among others. Even if the chance of interaction with minors or the vulnerable is remote, the Archdiocese still requires this background check **annually**. It is good common sense that we embrace and cooperate with this basic level of safety and protection.

I know that it can seem like "we are always doing this," that it can feel like it was only a few months ago that we may have filled-out a form. It may also feel intrusive to be sending out such personal information in a an age when privacy concerns are rampant. It is important to remember that we give out our personal information regularly to conduct all sorts of business and financial transactions and that our social media regularly broadcast even more personal data than what is asked for by the Church—such as location data and even who our friends are. I think we have to acknowledge that this is part of the landscape of the world we live in and that if we want to be a minister in the Church in 21st-Century America, this is what we must do.

To help us fulfill this requirement from the Church, Deacon Paul Dow and his wife, Maureen, have offered to help us fill out these forms and submit them to the Archdiocese in a timely manner. In the weeks ahead, they will be offering several opportunities in all three of our churches to fill these out after Mass and have them verified by a driver's license or other government-issued ID.

If you have very recently (in the last few weeks) filled out a CORI form and submitted it, then you are all-set until next year. If not, then this is an excellent opportunity to get it done conveniently as you leave church. Deacon Paul and Maureen will be working with all of the existing ministries within our Collaborative to compile an accurate list of all volunteers who work in our many various committees to

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## Grief Support Group

Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a loved one and would like help coping with that loss? The Living Water Catholic Bereavement Ministry Team will be offering a 6-week Grief Support Group to be held at Holy Family Parish, Side Hall, Amesbury, Sunday evenings, 6:30 –8:00 p.m. September 29–October 27 and November 10. The group is led by trained Bereavement Team members who will provide the support of others in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment. If you would like to take part in one of these groups, or have questions regarding these groups, please contact Rose McBride at the parish offices (978) 388-0330 ext. 111. Please leave your name and contact information.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) to view our entire calendar.

### Monday, September 23

**AA Meeting** 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall  
**HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting** 7:00pm, Nativity Hall  
**Compassionate Friends** 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

### Tuesday, September 24

**IC Knitting Ministry** 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209  
**Breaking Bread Meal** 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
**IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting** 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
**HR Faith Formation, Confirmation 1** 6:30pm, Nativity Hall  
**HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting** 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory

### Wednesday, September 25

**HR Sandwich Program** 9:00am, St. Ann Hall  
**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  
**Women's Evening of Prayer** 7:00pm, St. Ann Church

### Thursday, September 26

**Reunion Prayer Group** 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209  
**Discovering Christ Series** 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
**Rosary for Life** 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

### Friday, September 27

**Adoration** 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel  
**Ultreya** 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room  
**AA Meeting** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Saturday, September 28

**St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor** 9:00am, IC Parking Lot  
**Nativity Choir Rehearsal** 3:30pm, Nativity Church

### Sunday, September 29

**Nativity Choir Rehearsal** 7:45am, Nativity Church  
**HR Faith Formation** 9:00am, Nativity Hall  
**St. Ann Choir Rehearsal** 10:00am, St. Ann Church  
**HR Faith Formation** 11:15am, St. Ann Hall

## 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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make sure we have enabled everyone to comply with this requirement. I would ask for your cooperation in helping us to complete this effort as efficiently as possible.

While there is no foolproof way to absolutely ensure everyone's safety in every circumstance, working together, we can accomplish much that advances the safety of all, particularly for those whom we owe the greatest protection and care.

I thank you in advance for your patience, understanding, and cooperation.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.*



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## Ecumenical Candelight Taize

"God's Loving Care through all the Seasons of our Lives" is the theme for this month's ecumenical, candlelight meditation service which will be held on Sunday evening, September 29 at Groveland Congregational Church, 4 King St., Groveland. The service lasts about a half hour and includes scripture, song, prayers, petitions, and an extended period of silent meditation in the candlelight. All are welcome. For further information, contact the church at 978-372-3463 or [www.grovelanducc.org](http://www.grovelanducc.org).

## Meet the Ministry

### St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Societies of HR and IC

What is the St. Vincent de Paul society? Most of us are familiar with a mention of St. Vincent de Paul society within our parishes. Donations are requested at Mass throughout the year along with solicitations to support its mission through the Annual Walk for the Poor.



But, are we really aware of the good works done by our volunteers to provide practical help to our neighbors throughout Merrimack, Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury?

- A husband and wife with disabilities and long-term illness have insufficient income to pay the bills. A car repair bill leaves the family unable to pay such necessities as rent, food, and utilities. SVdP provides interim support to keep this family afloat.
- A single woman, with serious illnesses, has many medically-related expenses which are not covered by insurance, as well as co-pays for a growing list of medications. Gas and parking expenses mount for her frequent trips to hospitals. SVdP provided gift cards for food, gas, and pharmacy over several months.
- A senior gentleman had two recent back surgeries and then needed a new mattress and sitting chair to help in recovery. Living on a minimal fixed income, he couldn't afford them. SVdP was able to help him with these unforeseen medically related expenses.
- At the weekly Breaking Bread Meal, SVdP prepares and serves a home-cooked, three-course meal every Tuesday to anyone wanting a good, hot meal and fellowship. SVdP volunteers serve an average of 30–40 guests each week.

These few examples merely scratch the surface in conveying both the countless hours of service by these selfless volunteers, as well as their practical, life-changing impact on the lives of the clients they serve. Through individual acts of service, each SVdP volunteer shows the face of Jesus to those in need in our communities. They welcome you to do the same. Whether manning the help line, assessing client needs, organizing events, or being a sympathetic ear—is the ministry of St. Vincent de Paul calling you? If so, call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) to see how you can serve our neighbors in need.

The SVdP **Annual Walk for the Poor** is **Saturday, September 28, 2019**. Please find it in your hearts to support this primary SVdP fundraiser for both Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception. (See details on page 4 of this bulletin.) As a walker, virtual walker, or donor, what better way to **Meet the Ministry?**

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### Mass Scripture Readings: September 22–29, 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, Sept. 22: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13
- Monday, Sept. 23: Ezra 1:1-6; Psalm 126; Luke 8:16-18
- Tuesday, Sept. 24: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Psalm 122; Luke 8:19-21
- Wednesday, Sept. 25: Ezra 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befgn, 7-8; Luke 9:1-6
- Thursday, Sept. 26: Haggai 1:1-8; Psalm 149; Luke 9:7-9
- Friday, Sept. 27: Haggai 2:1-9; Psalm 43; Luke 9:18-22
- Saturday, Sept. 28: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Luke 9:43b-45
- Sunday, Sept. 29: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

### 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:** How is your life lived in relation to those who are homeless, poor and in need of assistance?

**Child:** Name a time when you shared your belongings with someone who did not have all that you have.

### 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](http://www.votf.org).

### "My Life, My Health" Workshop

Sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.

Fridays, October 4–November 8, 2019 from 12:30pm–3:00pm, Newburyport Senior/Community Center, 331 High Street, Newburyport.

For more information or to register for this free six-week workshop, please call Maria Arias 978-946-1211 or visit our website: [www.healthyliving4me.org](http://www.healthyliving4me.org).

### 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.

### Retrouvaille

Marriage is about beautiful weddings, romance, love and candlelight anniversary dinners, but marriage is also about dirty laundry, confrontations, balancing budgets, and hanging in there with teens and aging parents.

**Retrouvaille** (Retro-vi) is a Christian ministry designed to provide help and support to married couples who are undergoing difficulties in their relationship, for those who are hurting in brokenness and loneliness. It has also proven helpful to couples who are separated or divorced. Although Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin, couples from all or no faith traditions are welcome to attend. The next program begins with the weekend of November 8–10, in Tewksbury, and continues with 6 follow-up 4 hour sessions over the following six weeks. For further information visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or contact our registration team at 508-271-7155. You can also e-mail questions at [retrouvaille@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvaille@gmail.com).

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, Sept. 14–15	\$7,997.00
Clergy Benefit Trust	\$2,632.00

This week's second collection is Ongoing Maintenance and Repair.

The second collection **next** weekend is **Rostro de Cristo**. Rostro de Cristo (meaning "Face of Christ" in Spanish) is a Catholic program founded in 1989 by Fr. James Ronan, a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston. Its mission is to provide opportunities for people of faith to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the people of Ecuador. Young adults and youth encounter "the face of Christ" in Ecuador by participating in our one-year volunteer program or our weeklong mission immersion experiences. At all masses, September 28–29, former Rostro de Cristo volunteer, Eileen Connor Bernau, will share her experiences of living and serving in Ecuador and invite you to support Rostro de Cristo as you are able—through your prayers as well as a second collection. Please visit the website ([www.rostrodecristo.org](http://www.rostrodecristo.org)) for more information.

## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 0.00
Poor Box	\$140.00
Total	\$140.00

## 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.

## EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has you covered. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource. <http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

## 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.

## Immaculate Conception School

The IC community does an amazing job at presenting students with opportunities. Last May a few parents organized an evening volleyball experience for our 7th and 8th grade students, not knowing how many kids would be interested. It turned out that a lot of students wanted to give it a try, and the opportunity led to success far beyond the experience that we set out to provide. For one of our 8th grade students, it was her first time on an IC athletic team. We were so proud to present her with her "varsity letter" just days before her graduation. The 8th grade girls asked the parent volunteer coaches to continue practices over the summer to prepare them for tryouts for the Newburyport High School volleyball team. Their hard work and determination paid off and all three made the team! The parents, administration and staff at Immaculate Conception School work together beautifully to provide layers of opportunities for the students that are meaningful, skill building, and sometimes life changing. Together we make a great team!



Don't forget to sign up for the ICS golf outing.

For information visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ics-1st-annual-golf-outing-tickets-65416232713>.

**Immaculate Conception School**  
**1st Annual Golf Outing**  
**Monday, September 30th 2019**

**The Renaissance Country Club**  
**377 Kenzo St. Haverhill, MA**  
**Haverhill, MA**

Registration Starts at 11:30 am  
 Golf Start Time 1:00 pm

## 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.

## 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 Faith Formation

#### School Year Programs

Registration forms for children who entered **grades K–8** this fall as well as those students who entered **Grades 9 & 10** are now available. Forms (including the class schedule) can be downloaded from our website [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.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.

Classes for Grades K–8 have begun. If you have not already submitted your registration form please do so as soon as possible.

#### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Sacramental Prep classes have started for those children anticipating the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Parent meetings will be held prior to each sacrament.

#### 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

Confirmation Prep classes will be starting soon here at IC on October 6 for Year 1 (Grade 9) and on October 1 for Year 2 (Grade 10).

The class schedule with dates and times can be found on our website or by calling the Faith Formation Office for information.



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### 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 **September 23**.

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

## HR PARISH

### “Make and Take Sign Party”

Save the Date: Tuesday, October 1, **next Tuesday**, 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 for \$30.00:

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.

Go online to <https://Sue-Anne.regfox.com/church-fundraiser> to see what vinyl sayings are available.

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 Updates

**The Fair Committee is looking for help.**

We are looking for someone to **decorate the outdoor entrance, door, and ramp** of Nativity Hall to greet and inspire our fair goers. Decorating could be started the week before the fair and done anytime.

Please call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

We are asking parishioners to help support the fair with a donated themed gift basket filled with treasures. Our experience shows that \$20.00 baskets sell best. No need to overstuff your donation.

### HR St. Vincent de Paul Bake Sale



There will be a SVdP bake sale after all Masses this weekend, **September 21–22**. All of the monies raised will benefit local families.

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### HR Boy Scouts

Scouting builds more than just campfires. Scouting builds character, values, community, and family. Holy Redeemer charters Boy Scout Troop 41. The troop meets Monday evenings in Nativity Hall, Merrimac from 7:00–8:30 p.m. Anyone grade 6 or older who is interested in joining the troop can contact the scoutmaster, Mark Townsend by email: [mgm.townsend@gmail.com](mailto:mgm.townsend@gmail.com). All faiths welcome. Please see the Parish website calendar for meeting dates, [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org).



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, Sept. 7–8	\$2,987.00
Monthly, Sept. 7–8	\$1,660.00
Offertory, Sept. 14–15	\$2,812.00
Clergy Trust, Sept. 14–15	\$1,428.00

## HR Sandwich Program

The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers soup/salad and sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The sandwiches go to the Good Shepherd Center on Park Street in Lawrence. 200 sandwiches are needed each day to feed the hungry.



We are always in need of more sandwich donations. To help, please make sandwiches by using 1 loaf of bread and sandwich meat (**No condiments added**), individually wrap the sandwiches and place them back into the bread bag. Deliver the bread bag to St. Ann Church, West Newbury, by **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, September 25.**

See the Collaborative calendar at [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org) for the schedule. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

## 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.**

## HR St. Vincent de Paul Society 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.

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### 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.

### Confirmation Prep Classes

Classes for **Year 1 (Grade 9)** will begin on **Tuesday, September 24** at the Nativity Church Hall. Class runs from 6:30–8:00pm. Please remember that an **adult** needs to accompany the candidate.

An **overview of the program** will take place beginning at 6:15. Please make every effort to attend at that time so all of your questions can be answered.

**Year 2 (Grade 10)** classes will start on Sunday, October 20 from 6–7:30pm also in the Nativity Church Hall.

The complete schedule for both years can be found on our website or by calling the Faith Formation Office for information.

## 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.

## 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.