

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2019



*Lying at his door was
a poor man named
Lazarus, covered with
sores, who would
gladly have eaten his
fill of the scraps that
fell from the rich
man's table.*

Luke 16:20-21

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

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

St. Ann

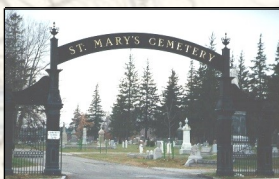
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/28)

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

Monday (9/30)

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

Tuesday (10/1)

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

Wednesday (10/2)

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

Thursday (10/3)

No daily Mass

Friday (10/4)

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

Saturday (10/5)

4:00pm **IC** *Rita Snow* (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (10/6)

7:15am **IC** *Sean Perkins* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
8:00am **Nativity** *John R. Minihan* (Fr. McLaughlin)
9:00am **IC** *Nora Waystack, James Carew* (Fr. Harrison)
10:15am **St. Ann** *Helen & Paul Ringenbach & Fr. John Leonard* (Fr. McLaughlin)
11:30am **IC** *Gordon P. Mitchell, Sr. & Catherine L. Mitchell, Robert Filomia, Rockey Carnevale* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Andrew Casey, Carmella Herlihy, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Thursday Daily Mass

There is no daily Mass scheduled at Immaculate Conception on Thursday, October 3. Please see page 9 of the bulletin for Mass times at other local churches.

Bulletin Information

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

San Marcos Coffee Sale

October 5–6 after all Masses

Hopefully many of you were able to greet Fr. Ray Richard while he was here at IC for 5 weeks visiting his home town of Newburyport as he does every year. He has now returned to his missionary work—serving the poor people of Honduras.

As Catholics, we are called to help the poor to rise out of poverty. *Padre Ramon* started "The Coffee Project" back in 2003 to help the farmers in his parish to receive a fair price for coffee beans grown on their small family-owned farms. On Oct 5–6 you can buy this specialty Honduran dark-



roasted coffee for \$10 per pound (whole bean or ground) after all collaborative Masses. The farmers of San Marcos say "*Muchas Gracias*" and "*Paz de Cristo!*"

Call Karen Finnegan with any questions. 978-465-4173

Fr. Ray enjoying a belated birthday celebration at the IC rectory.

Cursillo and Ultreya

The Cursillo weekend is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love into your daily life. Many of your HRIC brothers and sisters have experienced this "short course in Christianity" at St. Basil's Salvatorian Center in Methuen, MA and we invite you to include Cursillo as part of your faith journey.

Each month, we gather for an "Ultreya" (onward!) evening of Liturgy, sharing, food and fellowship at 6:30pm in St. James Chapel and IC Charity Dining Room to continue the Cursillo spirit. All are welcome. For more information, contact Dave & Kelly Colby.

Cursillo weekends 2019–2020

October 3	Men
November 7	Women
December 5	Men
January 9	Women
February 6	Men
March 5	Women
April 2	Men
April 30	Women
June 4	Women

Ultreya Evenings

November 1	February 28
December 6	March 27
January 3	April 24
January 31	May 29

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, September 30

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

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

HR Finance Council Meeting 7:00pm, St. Ann Hall

Tuesday, October 1

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

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

IC Faith Formation, Confirmation 2 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR "Make & Take" Sign Party 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

Wednesday, October 2

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

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Christmas Fair Meeting 2:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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, October 3

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

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

Welcoming & Ministry Teams 7:00pm IC Charity Dining Room

Friday, October 4

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

Saturday, October 5

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

Holy Quilters 8:00am, Nativity Hall

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, October 6

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

Welcoming Coffee Hour 8:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Faith Formation 10:00am, IC Parish Center

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

Baptism Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

IC Faith Formation Confirmation 1 1:00pm, St. Louis 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 LPL11@comcast.net or (978) 462-4842.

Mass Scripture Readings: Sept. 29–Oct. 6, 2019

All of us are encouraged to start or end our day praying with the Scriptures. 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. 29: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31
- Monday, Sept. 30: Zechariah 8:1-8; Psalm 102; Luke 9:46-50
- Tuesday, Oct. 1: Zechariah 8:20-23; Psalm 87; Luke 9:51-56
- Wednesday, Oct. 2: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Psalm 137; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
- Thursday, Oct. 3: Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Psalm 19; Luke 10:1-12
- Friday, Oct. 4: Baruch 1:15-22; Psalm 79; Luke 10:13-16
- Saturday, Oct. 5: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Psalm 69; Luke 10:17-24
- Sunday, Oct. 6: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Psalm 95; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

N.B. There is a free App named "**Laudate**" which allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone. Whether traveling on the bus or train to work, setting aside a regular time in your home or workplace, or finding an unexpected quiet time in your day, easy access to the daily Scripture readings is only a click away with the "**Laudate**" App. This Latin word translates to "Give praise." Choosing to interact with the Lord by praying the Scriptures is a wonderful way of giving praise to God.



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.

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.

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 Candlelight 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.

Celebrating the Sacraments

Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm or by appointment.
HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass or by appointment.

Baptism

Call the Parish offices for information and to register.

Marriage

Archdiocesan guidelines request that couples planning to marry in the Church contact the church at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick

This Sacrament should not be seen as only administered when there is danger of death. Please call us if someone is in the hospital, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.

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.



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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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Name a time this past week when you thanked and gave praise to God for your life.

Child: Name a time last week when you stopped to thank God for all that you have been given.

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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, Sept. 21–22 \$2,440.00

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

“Make and Take Sign Party”

This Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 p.m.

Join us at Nativity Hall on Tuesday when the Activities Committee will be sponsoring 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 Holiday Fair is Saturday, November 23
Always the Saturday Before Thanksgiving.**

The Fair Committee is looking for help. We are looking for someone *or* a group of volunteers 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. We have many decorating items available to be used. Perhaps an opportunity for **service hours** for Confirmation or school. Please call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072 if you are interested.



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.

We are also looking for silent auction donations. If you have any questions about our silent auction please call Carole Sokolowski 978-346-9031.

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.

HR Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Registration forms for those 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 (hriccatholic.org) or by contacting the Lifelong Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420).

Please submit your family’s registration form as soon as possible.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Sacramental Prep classes are forming for those children anticipating the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Parent meetings will be held prior to each sacrament. Please note the meeting for both parents and children regarding Reconciliation is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 28** at 6:30 p.m. The sacrament will be celebrated at the Church of the Nativity on **Saturday, February 1**. More information will be distributed as the date gets closer but please mark your calendars now.

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.

Confirmation Prep Classes

Classes for **Year 1** (Grade 9) have begun. It is not too late to register! Please submit your registration form. Class takes place at the Church of the Nativity. Also remember that an **adult** needs to accompany the candidate.

Year 2 (Grade 10) classes will start on Sunday, **October 20** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. also in the Nativity Church Hall. An **adult** must also be present for these sessions as well.

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

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**.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, Sept. 21–22	\$11,174.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 4,032.00

The second collection **this** 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) for more information.

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

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 18.00
Poor Box	\$276.00
Total	\$294.00

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.

Christmas Fair

November 16, IC School Gym

All are invited to attend the IC Christmas fair on Saturday, November 16. Crafts, fun, and food (Coffee & donuts and lunch will be available).

Interested **crafters** can contact Melinda for information or to sign up.

We are also looking for **bakers**. Interested bakers can contact Betty.

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Immaculate Conception School

For the third year in a row, the IC Cross Country Team is the largest in school history. With 58% of the students in grades 6–8 running on the team, the sense of community is powerful. Our dedicated coaches Meagan King, Maggie Furneaux and Ted Jones return again this year to lead the group to individual growth and team success.



Principal Sullivan mentions “personal bests” at morning meeting to foster encouragement and congratulations from the whole school community. Immaculate Conception School understands the importance of being a member of an athletic team in middle school. Learning to be a supportive team member and commitment to practice and competition schedules builds character, perseverance, mental and physical strength. Similar to classroom learning, success for all on the cross country course is achieved one run at a time. Go Pelicans!!

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>.

IC Back-to-School Socks and Underwear Drive Thank You

Our Annual Sock and Underwear drive was a huge success! We were able to donate a total of **1,046 items** to Community Service of Newburyport for distribution to children in need. Items collected included socks and undergarments for boys and girls. A big thank you to all for your generous response.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Haiti Fundraiser



Hello,

My name is Alyson Rose and I am a former student of the Immaculate Conception School in Newburyport and a current student at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School, Dover, NH. Out of the many things I like to do, one of my favorites is to draw and paint. I recently finished a painting of the Immaculate Conception Church and donated this painting as a gift

to the IC school as a “thank you” to my principal and teachers for the past nine years.

I decided to have this painting printed on to 3x5 and 5x7 blank notecards and will be selling them after masses on **October 12–13** to raise money for the Fr. Marc Piché Immaculate Conception School in Haiti. The small notecards can be purchased for a suggested donation of \$1 each and the large cards for \$3 each. I will accept cash and/or checks made payable to IC Haiti. **100% of all proceeds will go to the Fr. Marc Piché Immaculate Conception School in Haiti.**

“For it is in giving that we receive” ~ St. Francis of Assisi

Thank you, Alyson Rose

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus

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, October 8** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

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 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.

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

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.

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. The first meeting for parents and children to attend prior to Reconciliation is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 11** at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars now. Our group Reconciliation service here at IC is planned for **Saturday, December 14** at 11:00 a.m. More information will be made available in the weeks ahead.

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. If you have not registered your child yet please do so.

Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed

One hundred and fifteen young men and women received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as they were confirmed this past weekend in our Parish.

We wish to give thanks to Most Reverend Robert Hennessey for making this celebration such a special one for those who were confirmed as well as for their families and friends. May these newly confirmed be assured of our continued prayers as they take their “second step.”

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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.

“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.

My Life, My Health workshop, the Stanford University Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, is for anyone living with an ongoing medical condition like arthritis, cancer, chronic back pain, diabetes, high blood pressure, Parkinson's Disease, asthma COPD, chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, heart disease, stroke, etc. Chronic disease pain and discomfort may limit activities you enjoy. Join the My Life, My Health workshop and start to live again. Learn how to eat well, control your pain, start an exercise program, handle stress and relax, and increase your energy level.

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.

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 or contact our registration team at 508-271-7155. You can also e-mail questions at retrouvaille@gmail.com.

Daily Masses in the Area

Monday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
8:00am St. Mary, Rowley
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury

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Friday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
9:00am St. Mary, Georgetown

Saturday

8:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
9:00am St. Mary, Georgetown

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Hampton, NH has a daily Mass at 6:45am & 9:00am Mon.–Fri.

St. Mary has a Holy Hour at 7:00pm on Tuesdays in Rowley and at 7:00pm on Thursdays in Georgetown.

EWTN: Catholic News

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

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

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 or e-mail faithcommunitynurse@livingwatercatholic.org. Please leave your name and contact information.