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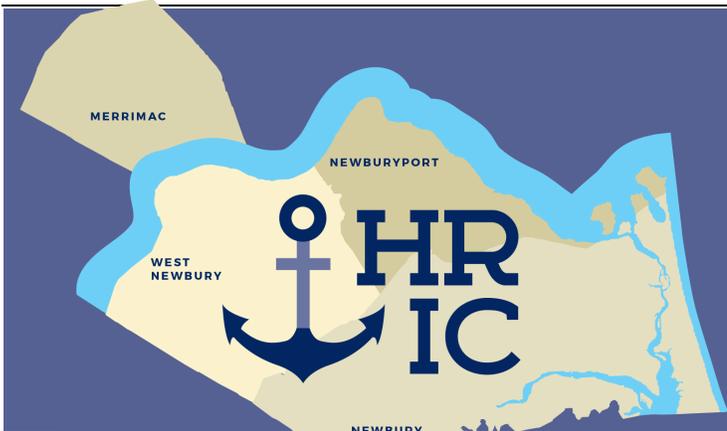
**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**October 20, 2019**

*My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.*

Ps 121:2

*All Are Welcome*



# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (10/19)

4:00pm **IC** Robert W. Cynewski, Carmella Herlihy, Lorraine Batcheller (Fr. Morin)

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

### Sunday (10/20)

7:15am **IC** John E. & Katherine Doyle Kelley (Fr. Morin)

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

9:00am **IC** Mass of Thanksgiving for Rochelle Rose, Eleanor Rose, Gordon McLachlan (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

10:15am **St. Ann** Carol Derro (Fr. McLaughlin)

11:30am **IC** Deceased Members of the Sylvester Family, Sean Harrington, James Harrington, For the intentions of those recently married (Fr. O'Brien)

### Monday (10/21)

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

### Tuesday (10/22)

7:15am **IC** Mass of Thanksgiving (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Wednesday (10/23)

7:15am **IC** David Taylor, Louise DeRosa (Fr. Morin)

### Thursday (10/24)

7:15am **IC** Doreen O'Leary (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (10/25)

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

### Saturday (10/26)

11:00am **Nativity Confirmation** (Bishop Hennessey)

4:00pm **IC** Michael & Kiki Armento, Jeanne Twomey, Frank Lombardi, The Twomey Family, The Grenier Family (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St. Ann** Leo Jean (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Sunday (10/27)

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

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

9:00am **IC** James Carew, Andrew Casey (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am **IC** Earle H. Baughn, Aileen Neve (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Margaret Marsh, George McLeod, and all the faithful departed.

**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

## New England Tenors

**Save the Date: December 1, 2:00 p.m.**

The New England Tenors will be performing an Advent/Christmas Concert at Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport. Tickets are adults: \$20/person. Under 12: \$12/person. Tickets are available from any IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul member or at the door the day of the show.

## Mass Scripture Readings

October 20–27, 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](http://www.HRICcatholic.org) and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Oct. 20: Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8
- Monday, Oct. 21: Romans 4:20-25; Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-74; Luke 12:13-21
- Tuesday, Oct. 22: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Psalm 40; Luke 12:35-38
- Wednesday, Oct. 23: Romans 6:12-18; Psalm 124; Luke 12:39-48
- Thursday, Oct. 24: Romans 6:19-23; Psalm 1; Luke 12:49-53
- Friday, Oct. 25: Romans 7:18-25a; Psalm 119; Luke 12:54-59
- Saturday, Oct. 26: Romans 8:1-11; Psalm 24; Luke 13:1-9
- Sunday, Oct. 27: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; Psalm 34; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

## Faustina Film

**One Night Only—October 28, 7:00 p.m., at Cinemagic**

The incredible true story of St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy will be told one night only in more than 700 movie theaters nationwide in a new film, **Love and Mercy: Faustina**. The docudrama follows the incredible call of St. Faustina to religious life and the healing effects of this message on countless people around the world.

**It will be shown locally at 7:00 p.m., October 28 at Cinemagic in Salisbury.**

Spread the good word and invite others to come.

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- Click "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" (or type in code JRNDGP) and tap "next"
- Add your name and email and click "sign up"
- You will receive an email that links you to the site

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

#### Monday, October 21

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

**Pro Life, Pro Mary Lecture** 1:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

**Pro Life, Pro Mary Lecture** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

#### Tuesday, October 22

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

#### Wednesday, October 23

**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

**HR Confirmation Rehearsal** 7:00pm, Nativity Church

#### Thursday, October 24

**Reunion Prayer Group** 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209

**HR Fair Bulk Mailing** 3:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

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

#### Friday, October 25

**Adoration** 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

#### Saturday, October 26

**HR Confirmation** 11:00am, Nativity Church

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

#### Sunday, October 27

**Nativity Choir Rehearsal** 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

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

**Pro Life Seminar** 2:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Questions of the Week

**Adult:** Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers. Think about appropriate ways to make needs and desires known to one another and to God in prayer. Recall that God wants to answer our prayers.

**Child:** What are some activities that you have stuck with? Is there something you have asked for repeatedly? Jesus wants us to be persistent in prayer. When we present our needs to God in prayer, it is called prayer of petition.

### Holy Hour for Life

Join Deacon Paul Dow in unity with the *National Day of Prayer & Penance*. A Holy Hour for Life is an Archdiocesan response to the US Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion on demand. Deacon Dow will lead us in prayer for those wounded by abortion and for the dignity of life from conception to natural death within a service of Scripture, silence, and Benediction.

**Date:** Sunday, November 3

**Place:** St. James Chapel, IC Parish Center

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

*Presented in Cooperation with the Adult Faith Formation Team*

### Pro-Life Seminar

The Adult Faith Formation Team invites you to a Human Rights seminar on an issue that impacts all of us and demands that we educate ourselves on the Law our Commonwealth is about to enact to expand abortion rights. An adult informed conscience leads to wise laws that protect everyone. Learn more so you may speak more effectively with state legislators and neighbors on behalf of the unborn.

Guest speakers are Attorney Fran Hogan from the Mass. Catholic Conference and Marianne Luthin, Director of the Boston Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office/Project Rachel.

**Date:** Sunday, October 27

**Time:** 2:00–3:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Louis Hall, IC Parish Center

*Hosted by the Adult Faith Formation Team*

### Pro-Life, Pro-Mary Lecture/Discussion

Come to a presentation based on Carrie Gress' book *The Anti-Mary Exposed*. It took 12 women and 2 generations to wean millions from a media blitz that effectively numbed our culture into accepting abortion. The liberating Catholic answer to 60,000 USA abortions since then is to realign our culture to Mary, the Mother of God—the unparalleled model for real feminist freedom! Prior reading of Gress' book is recommended but not required. Mary Schmidt will lead the lecture and facilitate an optional group discussion, a 5-point call to action, and a concluding group prayer service. Mature subject material, but appropriate for young adults. *(Note that this event is offered twice.)*

**Date:** Monday, October 21

**Place:** St. Louis Hall, IC Parish Center

**Times:** 1:00–2:15 p.m. and 7:00–8:15 p.m.

*Presented by the Adult Faith Formation Team*

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Immaculate Conception School

## OPEN HOUSE



### DISCOVER WHAT'S NEW at the IC!

Immaculate Conception School is an affordable, private, Catholic elementary school (pre-k to eighth grade) achieving academic excellence in a faith-based environment, preparing young people for success in the 21st century.

#### OPEN HOUSE (9 - 11 am)

October 23 • November 19 • December 12 • January 7 & 16  
Sunday, January 26 (1-2 pm Catholic Schools Week)

#### EARLY EDUCATION FAIR (6:00 - 7:30 pm)

Meet our pre-k and kindergarten teachers!

Thursday, November 14, Newburyport City Hall

#### PRIVATE TOUR

Call Kelley Pappalardo (978) 465-7780 for a private tour

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## Collaborative Pastoral Council

We are in the process of re-establishing the Collaborative Pastoral Council and are seeking the names of people you think might be good candidates for this Council. At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve the parish in this capacity. Please list your own name if you are interested and/or list the names of others. No need to ask them at this point—this will be done as the process unfolds. No one will be chosen for this Council until they fully understand what they are being asked to do and the time involved. This is just the initial surfacing of names.

The purpose of the Collaborative Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, faith formation, and service activities within the Collaborative.

If you are interested in serving on the Council, consider nominating yourself. All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parish who are 16 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated. Please record the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate on the form in last week's bulletin or on a piece of paper and return this in the weekend collection; mail to, or drop off at the Collaborative offices in Newburyport; or email it to Jim Williams **by Monday, October 28, 2019**. Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council.

**Once we have compiled the list of people interested, we will announce the next steps in the process of forming our Council.**

## At Home Retreat

*Exploring your relationship with God through daily prayer, reading, and spiritual direction.*

Are you desiring some time alone with God, yet don't have the time or money to go away to a retreat center? Then consider this. You can experience a directed retreat centered at home. It begins with a group meeting on Friday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. followed by four individual 30-40 minute sessions scheduled at your convenience. We will end with a group gathering on Friday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. The only requirements are a commitment to read/pray for 30 minutes a day and an openness to talk about your prayer with your director four times during the two-week period. Elizabeth McCarthy and Nancijo Wolter, both certified spiritual directors, will be leading the retreat.

Suggested donation for the retreat is \$80.00. We will use the book *An Invitation to Love* by Fr. William Barry, SJ that we ask you to purchase prior to our first meeting.

Contact Elizabeth at 978-518-9798 (phone or text) to register or for additional information.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, October 12–13      **\$8,835.00**  
Holy Father & Missionary Efforts      **\$1,575.00**

This week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit [www.propfaithboston.org](http://www.propfaithboston.org) for more information.

Next week's second collection is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 0.00
Poor Box	\$178.00
Total	\$178.00

## IC Haiti Fundraiser Thank You

I would like to express a **huge "thank you!"** to all who bought note cards from me at mass last weekend. Your generosity helped to raise \$3,185.00, all of which will go directly to benefit IC Haiti. ~Alyson Rose

*"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."* ~Desmond Tutu

## 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.

## EWTN: Catholic News

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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 **October 28**. Contact Barbara with questions: [barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com).

## Immaculate Conception School

Music fills the air every Wednesday at Immaculate Conception School. We start the day by incorporating the singing of church hymns as part of Morning Meeting. Steve Swochak, Music Minister for the Parish, leads the students in song with the help of the 8th grade choir, pictured. Later in the morning, students from K–8 receive instrumental music instruction. Lessons are given by Paul Effman Music, offering violin, ukulele, and band. The addition of the ukulele program for students in grades 1–4 is very popular! Small group lessons combine students of similar musical experience, which provides an opportunity for the children to get to know students from other grades. The student experience at the IC is rooted in faith and community. Music is a joyful way to share our talents and strengthen our sense of belonging.



## 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.

## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who supported me with my fundraising efforts to build four picnic tables (including one wheel chair accessible) for Nourishing the North Shore in West Newbury. The picnic tables have now been built and are located at the charity's community garden. This was for my Eagle Scout Project.



With deep gratitude for our community's support,

~ Alec McDougall

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Haiti

### Board of Directors President's Report

I am pleased to report on the recent communications we've received concerning the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school in Puit Chacha, Haiti. Our representative from Heath Equity International (formerly St. Boniface Haiti Foundation), Michelle Rosenberg, visited the school in September. She and Dr. Miliane Clermont, Deputy Director General of the hospital in Fond des Blancs, sent photos of students and teachers (*coming soon to the display case at the back of the church*); shared enrollment figures (*163 in Chacha and 41 in Fond des Blancs*); and advised me that the school building in Chacha is in good condition for the current academic year. Subsequently, Dr. Miliane forwarded me the following update:

*Even with the trouble in our country, the schools continue to operate in Chacha and Fond des Blancs. We had time to repaint the school in Chacha. Unfortunately, 2 teachers from the community left, but this allowed us the opportunity to hire 2 other teachers who are more prepared to work with kids. It was difficult to find these new teachers. Although they are not from the community, we hope to keep them for some time. We need to do more advocacy to show people how education is important for the new generation.*

*As you know the distance from Chacha to Fond des Blancs is quite long and the trip is always a challenge for the kids who have moved on to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I want to share with you that someone in the Fond des Blancs community has a bus to make transportation available for kids around the village. It will cost \$170/month for the round trip to Chacha every morning and afternoon. I choose to inform you to see if it is a new activity that we can implement through your support. Please express our gratitude to all.*

In response to Dr. Miliane's request, the IC Haiti Board of Directors has approved payment for the transportation needs of students traveling to attend 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes in Fond des Blancs for the 2019–2020 school year.

In regards to our September 11 "Bending the Arc" event at the Newburyport Senior Center, the attendees were deeply impressed by the courageous efforts of the doctors who brought their talents to bear in Haiti with its broken health care system. Attendees were also truly appreciative to hear more about the school and enjoyed having a forum to ask questions. The Board will arrange to schedule additional showings of this powerful documentary for a variety of parish groups throughout the coming months. If your parish organization, ministry, or group would like to schedule a showing of "Bending the Arc," please contact me.

Finally, I want to thank you all for your support of the IC Haiti mission. If you have any questions or want to further discuss ways to support our organization, please email me.

Peace,

Stuart Meurer, President, IC Haiti Board of Directors

## 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 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).

Classes for **Grades K–8** have begun. It's never too late to join us. If you have not already submitted your registration forms please do so as soon as possible.

### Confirmation

**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.**

The next Confirmation Prep class for Year 1 (Grade 9) will be held on Sunday, November 17 from 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Class for Year 2 (Grade 10) is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5 from 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Please remember an adult does need to accompany the candidate to class. Registrations still accepted.

### Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, November 3** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on November 10.

### 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.

## Christmas Fair

### November 16, 9:00–2:00, 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).

Do you sew? Or knit? Or maybe you have another talent? Perhaps you could share a table with a friend to display your items. All interested **crafters/ sewers/ knitters/ etc.**, please contact Melinda for information or to sign up at [mjrb7@hotmail.com](mailto:mjrb7@hotmail.com).

We are also looking for **bakers**. Interested bakers can contact Betty at [hbees@comcast.net](mailto:hbees@comcast.net).

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, October 12–13      \$2,568.00  
Holy Father & Missionary Efforts    \$ 853.00

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## Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** on **October 26**.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul



During the past weeks the Conference supplied over \$1,900 to our needy clients. We provided food and gas cards and also helped pay rent, gas, propane, electric, and auto insurance past due bills. These actions would not have taken place without your generosity. The Conference thanks you, as do our clients.

## 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 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, October 23**.

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 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 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).

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, November 3** at 1:00 p.m. in the Charity Dining Room located in the IC Pastoral Center.

### Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Saturday, October 26** at 11:00 a.m. for the Holy Redeemer Parish at the Church of the Nativity. Rehearsal is planned for Wednesday, October 23 (6:00 p.m.) Please keep the Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

### Confirmation Prep Classes

Classes for **Year 1** (Grade 9) have begun. It is not too late to register. Class takes place at the Nativity Church Hall. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

**Year 2** (Grade 10) class is scheduled to begin **this Sunday, October 20, from 6–7:30 p.m.** also in the Nativity Church Hall. Registration forms can be brought to class if you have not yet registered. Please remember an adult does need to accompany the candidate.

## 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, November 7**.

## HR PARISH

### Veterans Gift Bags

Holy Redeemer will be collecting personal care and hygiene products, puzzle books, snacks, and more for men and women veterans. These gift bags will be given out at Christmas to the men Veterans living at Northeast Outreach Center, Haverhill and women Veterans at Edith Nourse Rogers Medical Center, Bedford, MA. Items donated for these gift bags will be collected on Sunday, November 3 (the weekend **before** Veterans Day).

 **The Holiday Fair Is Saturday, November 23, Always the Saturday Before Thanksgiving.** 

### Fair Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets

Signup sheets for helping at this year's fair will be available in the backs of both churches and classroom areas for students, parents, and parishioners who are looking for service hours, information, or time availability for helping out our parish. Any questions, please call Cindy Quinn: 978-346-0072. Many hands are needed for the success of this parish fundraiser.

We are looking for **door greeters, raffle ticket sales, basket carriers, lunchtime wait staff, and more.**

If you are interested in helping out in one of these positions during the fair and have any questions, please contact Cindy: 978-346-0072. This is a great service hours idea.

### Fair Committee Meeting

Our next fair committee meeting is Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Nativity Hall, Merrimac. All are invited. Please call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072 if you are interested in helping.

### Fair Raffle Ticket Mailing

Help is needed for the Parish Mailing. We will meet on Thursday, October 24 from 3–5 p.m. at Nativity Hall to organize and coordinate the parish mailing for the fair raffle tickets. Many hands make light work! Please consider coming to help stuff, label, and sort envelopes. A wonderful opportunity for students to earn **service hours**.

### Gift Basket Donations Wanted



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.

### Silent Auction Donations

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

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### 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. 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

November 7 Women

December 5 Men

#### Ultreya Evenings 2019

November 1 December 6

### Retrouvaille

**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. The next program begins the weekend of November 8–10, in Tewksbury, and continues with 6 follow-up 4 hour sessions for 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).

### Catholic Charities

Join Catholic Charities Merrimack Valley as we reflect and recognize our history during our Centennial Celebration, Wednesday, October 23 at the Tewksbury Country Club. For more information visit [www.ccab.org](http://www.ccab.org) or email [CCMV\\_2019Event@ccab.org](mailto:CCMV_2019Event@ccab.org) or call 978-452-1421.

### Voice of the Faithful

#### Kinship Across Borders: A Christian Ethic of Immigration in Troubled Times

Kristin E. Heyer, Ph.D., Professor of Theological Ethics at Boston College will present a lecture and discussion on Sunday, October 27 from 2–4 pm at St. John the Baptist Church Hall, 19 Chestnut Street, Peabody. The fear-based approaches that currently shape the immigration debate in our country can distort the realities that migrants face. In this lecture Dr. Heyer will explore the contributions that Scripture and the Catholic social tradition offer, envisioning a future of civic kinship with moral, spiritual and policy implications.

This program is sponsored by Voice of the Faithful North Shore-Seacoast Affiliate. All are invited. Free will offerings are appreciated. For further information call John and Barbara Gould, 978-535-2321.