HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

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"Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." (Ex 3:5-6)

All Are Welcome



A LIFESTYLE CHANGE

2019 Collaborative Mission

MARCH 25TH - 27TH

STARTING AT 7 PM EACH EVENING



Holy Redeemer & Immaculate Conception Collaborative

PRESENTED BY FR. MICHAEL J. ALELLO

TOPICS INCLUDE:

⇒ REHYDRATE YOUR LIFE: Beginning the journey towards holiness

⇒WRESTLING WITH GOD: Overcoming injury & experiencing healing

⇒MARATHON TRAINING: Practical ways to get into the race

Immaculate Conception Church 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950



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Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (3/23)

4:00pm IC Stanley Jancewicz (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm Nativity (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (3/24)

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

8:00am Nativity (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

9:00am IC Kevin Sullivan, David Michael

Czarnecki, Deacon Richard Siebert, Fred &

Lorraine Cameron (Fr. McLaughlin)

10:15am St. Ann Luella E. LeBlanc (Fr. Morin)

11:30am IC Janet Lamay, Catherine L. Mitchell,

Gordon P. Mitchell, Sr., Lorraine Slish, Sheila Kay Russo (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (3/25)

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

Tuesday (3/26)

7:15am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (3/27)

7:15am IC Garry F. Doyle (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (3/28)

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

Friday (3/29)

9:00am Nativity (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (3/30)

4:00pm **IC** James Murphy, Laurel Wightman Ryti, Valentina Perry, Ida Cartledge, Carol Boguszewski (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm Nativity Gerard & Jean Roy

(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (3/31)

7:15am IC (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

8:00am Nativity (Fr. Morin)

9:00am IC Patty Orlow, Hugh Underhill

(Fr. Harrison)

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

11:30am IC Lorraine Slish (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Raymond Hughes and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Have you signed up for

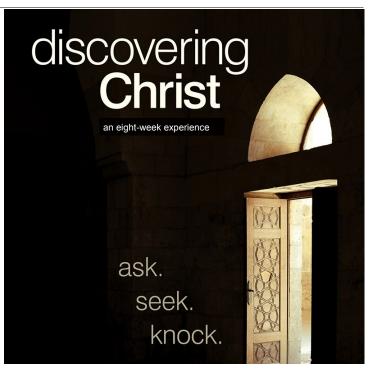
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Join the Discovering Christ Series

Come join fellow parishioners from Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception on an eight-week journey to discover how Our Lord Jesus Christ is inviting us to a deeper relationship with Him. Enjoy a free meal; listen to dynamic teaching; and discuss our call to discipleship with others who want to make this journey with you. The program will run every Sunday evening 5:30–8:00 p.m. at Nativity Hall in Merrimac from April 28–June 16. There is no cost, but only 60 seats are available so register as soon as possible online at the Collaborative website hriccatholic.org.

This is a unique opportunity to grow in your faith relationship to the Lord and to your fellow parishioners. Please take advantage of this graceful experience.

Altar Server Training

Altar Servers are needed for all Masses

Collaborative Altar Server training for Grades 4 and up will be held at Immaculate Conception Church on the following Mondays:

Mon., March 253:30–4:30pm Session 1 w/Jim NoonanMon., April 13:30–4:30pm Session 2 w/Jim NoonanMon., April 83:30–4:30pm Session 3 w/Father Tim

To sign up, call the office at (978) 462-2724.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, March 25

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

Altar Server Training 3:30pm, IC Church

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

Collaborative Mission 7:00pm, IC Church

Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, March 26

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

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

Collaborative Mission 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, March 27

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

Collaborative Mission 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, March 28

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

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, March 29

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Stations of the Cross 3:30pm, IC Church

Lenten Simple Supper 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm, Nativity Church

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

Ultreya 7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/Charity Dining Room

Saturday, March 30

HR Religious Ed., Grade 2 Activity Day 1:00pm, St. Ann Church

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, March 31

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church

IC Religious Ed. 10:00am, IC Parish Center

IC Religious Ed., 1st Eucharist Mini-Retreat 1:00pm, IC Church

HR Religious Ed., Grade 10 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

Ouestions of the Week

Adult: What can you do this week to really spend some time alone with God listening with your heart?

Child: What is one way that God helped you this

past week?

San Marcos Coffee Sale

Our next batch of San Marcos specialty coffee will be freshly roasted and available for \$10/pound after most Masses in our Collaborative on March 30–31 (Please note date change from last week's bulletin). Your purchase will help the poor coffee farmers in Honduras to earn a fair wage for their labor. Call Karen Finnegan at 978-465-4173 with any questions about this project.

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 7pm in St. James Chapel to continue the Cursillo spirit. All are welcome. Please join us! For more information, contact Jonathan Temple 978-809-9337 or Pat Forbes 617-899-0424.

Cursillo weekends 2019

April 4	Men
May 2	Women
June 6	Women
October 3	Men
November 7	Women

Ultreya Evenings

	March 29
April 26	May 31

Calling All Cooks



The ChristLife Hospitality Team is setting up a team of volunteers to provide meals for the weekly meetings of **Discovering Christ** on Sunday afternoons from April 28–June 16. We will provide volunteer cooks with: one 9x13 foil casserole pan, one easy to

follow recipe card, and a reminder phone call or email. We're asking our volunteer cooks to provide: the time required to prepare one casserole dish, the cost of the ingredients, and delivery of the hot meal to church at 4:30 p.m. on their designated Sunday(s). There's no need to volunteer every week. One week will be deeply appreciated as will any more our volunteers choose to cook. Would you be able to help us?

Sign up at the ChristLife volunteer link on hriccatholic.org or contact: Mary Bragg: 978-465-8779.

Mass Scripture Readings: March 24-31, 2019

In praying with the Scriptures, we have the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord while discerning His ever-gracious invitation to love as He loves us. Please refer to the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to http://www.hriccatholic.org/ blog/lectio-diving or to www.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, March 24: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9
- Monday, March 25: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
- Tuesday, March 26: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25; Matthew 18:21-35
- Wednesday, March 27: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147; Matthew 5:17-19
- Thursday, March 28: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95; Luke 11:14-23
- Friday, March 29: Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81; Mark 12:28-34
- Saturday, March 30: Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51; Luke 18:9
- Sunday, March 31: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; Psalm 34; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Bulletin Information

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

Free Hair Cuts



Donna Koen, a parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, III CUT 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.

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Lenten Activities in the Collaborative

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent

IC Church 3:30-4:30pm 7:00-8:00pm Nativity Church

Join us for a Lenten "Simple Supper" 6:00-6:45pm before Stations at Nativity Church Hall

Lenten Mission

Our annual Lenten Mission is March 25, 26, & 27 (Monday-Wednesday). We welcome back Fr. Michael Alello for three uplifting evenings. This year's theme is "Holiness: A Lifestyle Change." All evenings begin at 7:00pm at IC Church. All ages welcome. See p. 2 for details.

Almsgiving

- Canned goods will be collected at St. Ann and Nativity during Lent. Collections go to local senior centers.
- Helping our Homeless personal care items care packs will be collected in all churches. See p. 6 for details.
- HR St. Vincent de Paul mite boxes are available, with proceeds helping those in need in our communities.

Daily Mass

Attending Daily Mass is a wonderful Lenten offering.

Monday 9:00am at St. Ann, W. Newbury Tues., Wed., Thurs. 7:15am at IC, Newburyport Friday

9:00am at Nativity, Merrimac

Lenten Soup & Spirit Lectures

Join us for a simple meal and lecture series on the 7 Deadly Sins and the 7 Virtues. See p. 6 for details.

Thursdays at Nativity Hall from 7:00–8:30pm (April 4, 11) Fridays at IC St. Louis Hall from Noon–1:30pm (April 5, 12)

Prayer Time

Centering Prayer:

Wednesday evenings 6:00–7:00pm, IC Conf. Room 209

Adoration:

Wednesday evenings 6:00-7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel Friday mornings 8:00am-12:00noon, IC St James Chapel

Rosary for Life:

Thursday evenings: 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

Our Neighbors' Table

The ONT Newburyport Market is open Thursdays from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Come and shop with us for free.

We are located at Community Service of Newburyport, 35 Summer Street, in the lower level of St. Paul's Church. For your convenience we have several saved on-street parking spots in front of the market.

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

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

Centering Prayer for Lent

Our Lenten reflection on Jesus' words and works reveals Jesus' intimate relationship with his Father. We see the depth of Jesus' faith, trust, and love for God. This relationship developed through prayer. Often we see Jesus withdraw from the crowds and even his apostles to pray alone in silence. Jesus tells us "When you pray, go into your private room, shut yourself in, and pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you" (Matt 6:6). In Centering Prayer you enter your private room.

Lent is a time to follow Jesus more closely and learn from the fully human Jesus how to pray by entering your secret room, spending time that places God at the center of your life, opening yourself to a loving Father, surrendering your will and in trust allowing God to transform you. This is how we pray as we Center in silence.

Through prayer, Jesus, strengthened and moved by his Father's love for him could willingly surrender his human life for love and reveal our God to us. Through the Paschal Mystery, Jesus of Nazareth was transformed to become Jesus the Christ. We too can be transformed through prayer that unites us to God. Lent is the time to pray as Jesus taught us and enter into the Paschal Mystery, receiving new life in God through death to self.

Centering Prayer is an ancient Christian practice available to all who seek transformation through a more intimate relationship with God. This daily practice deepens our faith as we come to better know our God as one who loves us unconditionally just as we are and trust God has plans to give us a future of hope.

Centering Prayer helps us say to the Father, "Not my will but yours be done" (Lk. 22: 42). Please consider joining us for weekly group Centering Prayer and let God move you closer to him. We gather Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Conference Room 209 for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer and 30 minutes of Lectio Divina. All are welcome. Please contact me if you are interested in learning more about this simple prayer of resting in God.

Contact Elizabeth McCarthy with questions: 978-462-7483.

Lenten Guidelines

All **Fridays** during Lent are days of abstinence. **Good Friday** is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should take these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

4th Annual Lenten Soup & Spirit Lecture Series

Join the Adult Faith Formation Team for a DVD/live lecture series on traditional Catholic moral teaching that refutes modern moral confusion. Ponder presentations on the 7 Deadly Sins and their contrasting 7 Virtues. Enjoy simple food, fellowship, and food for thought.

Each of the presentations will be offered twice: Thursday evenings at Nativity Hall, Merrimac (7:00–8:30pm) and repeated Fridays at IC's St. Louis Hall, Newburyport (noon–1:30pm).

April 4 & 5: Sloth/Zeal and Greed/Generosity
April 11 & 12: Gluttony/Asceticism and Lust/Chastity

Together let's make this HRIC's best Lent ever: clear teaching + practical advice + honest dialogue = conversion of heart and mind!

Helping Our Homeless

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

In an effort to ease the suffering of our homeless and as a Collaborative-wide Lenten observance, we again will be collecting "Homeless Care Packs" in all three churches. A Homeless Care Pack is a one-gallon Ziploc bag filled with personal care items for men and women. They will be distributed to local agencies serving our homeless, including our own Pelican Intervention Fund, St. Vincent de Paul, Pettengill House, Salvation Army, YWCA, and Community Service, as well as distributed by our youth attending the annual 30-hour famine. Travel-size personal care items are the best size and can be found in most pharmacies in the area. There will be a collection box at the entrance of each church. For more information or to help, please contact Jonathan Temple, 978-809-9337. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

Items needed:

Shampoo Toothbrush Toothpaste Deodorant Razor Socks Gloves Shaving Cream Cough drops
Protein bars
Soap
Life Savers candy
Disposable face
cloths
Kleenex packs

Hand sanitizer

Feminine hygiene products (Women) Umbrellas Antiseptic Wipes

No mouthwash or loose items please

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, March 16-17 \$ 8,609.00
Restoration/Renovation \$ 1,365.00
IC Grand Annual \$76,880.00

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

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$55,614.00 To Date \$15,190.00 27% of goal



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection \$ 25.50 Poor Box \$245.00 Total \$270.50

IC Haiti Quarterly Appeal

Just like here, the school year is entering its fourth quarter for the students, faculty, and staff at the Fr. Marc Piché Elementary School in Puit Chacha, Haiti. The joys, growth, and hope that ongoing education has provided for the 200 plus students are immeasurable to our eyes from afar, but the community of Puit Chacha and especially the parents of these children could not be more grateful to parishioners here at IC for the gift of education for their children. They have seen with their own eyes how your continued generosity through IC Haiti has made previously unimagined possibilities within reach for their children.

We are called by Jesus to love one another as ourselves. The gift of an education is a gift of love to our own children, and so too it is a gift of love for those who are sorely in need. To paraphrase the words of Matthew's Gospel (chapter 25); "Lord, when did we see you lacking the means to access an education and provide You with one? And Jesus answered: Whenever you provided an education to those in need, you did so for me." Thank you, parishioners of IC and supporters of IC Haiti, for continuing to provide the needy of Puit Chacha, Haiti, with an education.

Consolers Circle Meal

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

Immaculate Conception School



Last Saturday the IC Varsity Girls Basketball Team won the Eastern Massachusetts CYO Championship, for only the third time in the school's history. Malden Catholic High School was the setting for the championship game against Blessed Sacrament of Walpole. The IC

dominated play defensively from the start, consistently stealing the ball mid-dribble, intercepting passes, and forcing turnovers. Although the score was tight, the girls played smart and made adjustments when needed. The 150 plus IC fans, most of whom were clad in t-shirts emblazoned with "GO PELICANS!" held a collective breath until there were 2 minutes left in the game, when we went up by 6, then 9 and then 11 points to seal the championship. We are so proud of our girls, for their accomplishments and for the great example that they set for our school. They go to the New England Championships on Friday, March 29 at 7:15 p.m. in Manchester, NH. Go Pelicans!!



Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Fund. Email your request for an application to maryakscholarship@gmail.com.

Scholarship eligibility:

- Young man or woman parishioner of IC Parish
- High school graduate in pursuit of a scientific education

Completed applications must be postmarked and returned to the Trustees no later than Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

The Compassionate Friends

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

Our monthly support meetings are held in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting is **March 25**.

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IC Religious Education

Religious Ed. Office: 978-462-2724

School Year Programs

Classes for Grades K–8 are held Sunday mornings from 10:05–11:05.

There are only a few weeks left and a lot of material yet to cover so please help us to have great attendance in every class!

Grades 1–8 Summer Program

At this time, we anticipate offering a week of Religious Education for those students **entering** Grades 1–8 in September of 2019 **dependent on the availability of volunteers to teach and assist.**

There will only be (1) session this summer on the week of **June 24–28** for this age group.

Registration forms are now available. If you have not yet received one or you are able to volunteer, please contact the Religious Ed. office.

Summer Volunteers

We are once again asking for assistance in making our Summer Program a reality.

Many families depend on this week of Faith Formation as classes during the school year are not feasible for them. Please consider offering your time the week of June 24. For more information as to what this would entail please contact the Religious Ed. office.

Reconciliation / First Eucharist

Mini-retreat for those preparing for First Eucharist is scheduled for Sunday, March 31 at 1:00pm. Please mark this date on all of your calendars.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please keep in mind that there are no Baptism classes scheduled until after the celebration of Easter which is April 21 this year. Please call the Parish office for information regarding the next **Baptism class** scheduled for **Sunday**, **May 5** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on May 12.

Confirmation

Today is the last Confirmation class for Grades 9 & 10. Please make every effort to attend.

For those students who anticipate receiving the sacrament this fall, please note that Confirmation will take place on **Sunday, September 22** here at IC. More information will be provided as details become available.

Confirmation Summer Program

A summer session will be held the week of July 15 for those students **entering** Grade 9 in September.

For those students **entering** Grade 10 in September, classes will be held the week of July 22.

These classes will be held in the evenings from 5:30–8pm. Registration forms are available. If you have not yet received one, please contact the Religious Ed. office.

IC Knitting Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets Tuesdays at 1:00pm in Room 209 in the IC Parish Center. We knit/crochet prayer shawls,

hats, mittens, and scarves for charity.

Come join us; we meet every Tuesday at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call Julia O'Connor 978-465-3350 or Frances Ronan 978-462-4972.

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 Online Giving

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

IC Liturgical Ministers

All liturgical ministers must fill out a CORI every year for us to submit to the Archdiocese. We are still missing some minister's CORIs. If you have not yet filled out your CORI, please complete and submit the form to the Parish Office as soon as possible as they are past due. Forms are available in the church sacristy.

Also, be aware that the Archdiocese **will not** accept copies so please submit your form in person or by mail.

Remember when submitting your CORI form by mail, a picture ID must also be submitted for verification purposes.

Adoration

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in IC's St. James Chapel on Fridays from 8:00am–12:00noon.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,183.00.00 To Date \$5,685.00 26% of goal



HR Religious Education

Sun., 3/24 Grade 2 class at Nativity Church, 9–10 a.m. We will do chapter 5 in the book.

Grades 3–6 classes at Nativity Hall, 9–10

a.m. Last class (with party).

Sat., 3/23 Grade 5 Activity Day at St. Ann. 1–3:30 p.m. Please bring a snack to share and

cold drinks will be provided.

Sun., 3/31 Grade 10 class at Nativity Hall, 6–7:30

p.m. with Fr. George.

Coffee After Mass



You are invited to join us for **coffee**, **muffins**, and **coffee cake** at our next **coffee hour** after the 8:00 Mass in the Nativity Church Hall on March 31. It's a great time to catch up with your parish family or maybe meet a new friend!

Stations of the Cross & Simple Supper

Join us at Nativity Hall on Fridays during Lent for a simple meal (6:00–6:45 p.m.) followed by Stations of the Cross in Nativity Church at 7:00 p.m. All ages are welcome.



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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes





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**, **March 27**.

See the Collaborative calendar at www.hriccatholic.org for the schedule. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

Online Resources

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

During Lent, we pray, fast, and give alms. Please consider using our SVdP mite boxes for your Lenten donations. All of the money received goes to help our Merrimac and West Newbury neighbors. There are mite boxes for the taking at the backs of both churches. Thank you for your consideration.

If you are writing a check for us, please write the check to HR Saint Vincent de Paul to help expedite our banking.

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**, **April 4**.

Lenten Food Drive

We will be having a food drive during Lent to benefit the senior centers. We will start collecting donations from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday. We will be collecting nonperishable dry goods, canned goods (Please check expiration dates.), and gift certificates to local markets. Donations may be left in the backs of both churches.