

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2017

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*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me....”*

Psalm 23: 1-2

All Are Welcome



Immaculate Conception School

P R E S E N T S

The 17th Annual IC North Pole Express!

It's a magical journey to the North Pole



This truly unique adventure departs

Saturday, December 2nd

from the Newburyport Commuter Rail Station.

This experience includes:

- ❖ 70-minute journey to the North Pole
- ❖ Rendition of the children's book, *The Night Before Christmas*
- ❖ Hot cocoa and treats
- ❖ Letter writing to Santa
- ❖ Playing games led by the conductor
- ❖ Singing Christmas carols
- ❖ A sea of elves, Rudolph, Frosty, the Christmas Mouse and of course **Santa** himself will be visiting the train!

Don't forget to wear your pajamas!

**Tickets on Sale
Saturday, October 21 at 7am!**

- ❖ Tickets sell out in hours!
- ❖ Tickets \$38 each (All riders over the age of one year need a ticket)
- ❖ Purchased online using PayPal at www.icsnorthpoleexpress.com
- ❖ Tickets are non refundable but can be resold on our blog

Departure Times:

- 11:35 am Train
- 1:15 pm Train
- 3:15 pm Train
- 5:30 pm Train
- 7:30 pm Train

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Proceeds of this event benefit the Immaculate Conception School. We appreciate your support!

T H A N K Y O U T O O U R S P O N S O R S



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/14)

4:00pm **IC** *Louis Paul Dubuc, Thomas Lyons, Daniel P. Bradley, Katherine Doyle Kelley & John E. Kelley, John O'Connor & Family, Ellen Meade & Family* (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (10/15)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge, Florence R. Boschetti* (Fr. Broderick)

8:00am **Nativity** *Chester Sawicki* (Fr. Morin)

9:00am **IC** *Evelyn Mahoney, Faris Abu-Jawdeh* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:30am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (10/16)

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

Tuesday (10/17)

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

Wednesday (10/18)

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

Thursday (10/19)

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

Friday (10/20)

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

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

Saturday (10/21)

4:00pm **IC** *Robert Cynewski, Donaldine Hamill, George & Veronica Blaikie, Hank & Jean Marie Caron* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (10/22)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Eleanor Rose, Mass of Thanksgiving for Rochelle E. Rose* (Fr. Morin)

10:15am **St. Ann** *Paul & Helen Ringenbach, Fr. John Leonard* (Fr. McLaughlin)

11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Jacqueline Bashaw Tullercash, Dorothy Doyle, Ann Casellini, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury



Join Us!

Pastoral Plan Information Night

We are now moving into the Implementation Phase for our newly blessed Pastoral Plan!

All HRIC parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend a **Pastoral Plan Information Night** on **November 6, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at **St. Ann Church** in West Newbury. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following our discussion.

As we begin to explore ways to bring the Collaborative Purpose, Values, Vision, and Priorities to life, we will rely on your thoughts and active participation to bring these worthwhile goals to fruition—goals which will enrich our personal and Collaborative spiritual life. We can't do it without you!

Please let us know if you would like to attend the information night.

To register by phone, please call [Sheila Cruise at 978-462-2724](tel:978-462-2724) at the IC Parish Center, Weekdays, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

To register online, please visit the HRIC website at www.hricatholic.org and follow the dropdown link to "Registration—Pastoral Plan Information Night."

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our work together will bear a bountiful harvest!

Looking forward to seeing you on November 6.

"When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you." Psalm 128:2

Bishop Fenwick Open House

Fenwick—where opportunity and achievement meet. Bishop Fenwick High School would like to invite you to our Open House on October 18 from 6:30pm–8:30pm. Fenwick is a co-educational, 9–12 Catholic High School located in Peabody, MA. Find out more at Fenwick.org.

Speaker on "Conscience"

Professor Mary Jo Iozzio will speak on "Formation of Conscience" on Sunday, October 22 at Our Lady of Hope, Ipswich from 2:00–4:00pm. Everyone is invited. Free will offering is appreciated and refreshments will be served. The lecture is sponsored by VOTF North Shore Seacoast Affiliate. For more information, contact Barbara & John Gould, 978-535-2321.



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Greetings and Prayers from Rome!



Our pilgrims visiting the Coliseum

Scripture Study

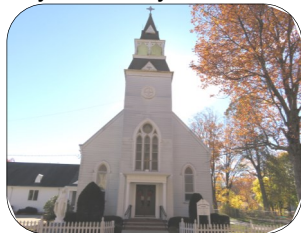
Scripture Study will meet on October 15

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on October 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Parish Center, its regular scheduled third Sunday of the month. Interested members of the Collaborative are invited to join the study group as we read and discuss *The Acts of the Apostles*, Chapters 18 through 20. In this second book, written between 80 and 90 A.D., Luke continues the story of Christianity in the first century. These chapters focus on St. Paul's leadership and expansion of the Church to the Gentiles.

Our beloved teacher, Father Broderick, not only explains the meaning of the Scripture passages, but also presents rich description of the period and places cited, as well as the culture and practices of the people involved. He connects the events in the New Testament to Old Testament prophecies and events, as well as to our own time. This is a worthwhile way to spend an hour and fifteen minutes on a Sunday afternoon. All are invited to attend these sessions and grow in knowledge and faith.

Our Collaborative

Holy Redeemer: St. Ann, W. Newbury & Nativity, Merrimac



Immaculate Conception, Newburyport



This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit our website for a full list of activities and Masses:

hricatholic.org

Monday, October 16

AA Meeting 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205
IC Religious Ed., Grades 1–8 6:00pm, IC Parish Center
HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
HR Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory
Landings 7:15pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, October 17

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
HR Religious Ed., Grade 8 6:00pm, Nativity Hall
Knights of Columbus Council #391 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Wednesday, October 18

Holy Quilters 2:30pm, Nativity Hall
IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church
Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel
Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205
VIRTUS Training 6:30pm, Nativity Hall
IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, October 19

Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel
HR Holiday Fair Planning Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Friday, October 20

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

Saturday, October 21

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

Sunday, October 22

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
HR Religious Ed., Grade 2 Parents & Student 9:00am, Nativity Church
HR Religious Ed., Grades 3–6 9:00am, Nativity Hall
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
IC Religious Ed., Grades K–8 10:05am, IC Parish Center
IC Religious Ed., Confirmation Yrs. 1 & 2 1:00pm, IC Church
HR Religious Ed., Grade 9 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer, resting silently in God, facilitates the process of inner transformation. Our prayer without words is one of intention to surrender to God's presence and action in our lives and desire for a closer relationship with God. Join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm, in the **IC Nazareth Library**. Join us as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of this prayer in our own spiritual journey. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Scripture for the Week

- 15 Sun** Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
16 Mon Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
17 Tue Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
18 Wed 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
19 Thu Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
20 Fri Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
21 Sat Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12

Youth Masses

Youth Masses are celebrated as a collaborative. Students take part in the ministries during the Mass. Folk music, with guitar, is featured. Youth Masses begin at 5:00pm. All ages are welcome to this lively celebration.

Next Youth Mass: October 29

October 29 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

We will be collecting for Pettengill House: Items include cereal, juice and juice boxes, jelly, canned fruits, canned ravioli and Spaghetti-o's, rice, pasta sides, baking goods.

Healthy snacks for children: granola bars, Nutri-Grain bars, peanut butter and cheese crackers, pretzels with sea salt, Cliff bars, graham crackers, raisins, yogurt raisins, fruit snacks, trail mix, pistachios, dried fruit snacks, cheese sticks, Smartfood popcorn, Goldfish.

Personal Care Products: shampoo, conditioner, bathroom tissue, deodorant, soap, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes, paper towels, tissues, dish detergent, laundry detergent, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6 and Pull-Ups, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, razors.

Nutrition drinks, shakes for clients with special health needs: Boost, Ensure, Glucerna.

Cursillo

A new season of Cursillo is upon us and we are looking forward to another year of community. Cursillo is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love and joy into your daily life.

2017/2018 Ultreya/Cursillo Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
October 27	Nov. 2-5 (Women)
December 1	December 7-10 (Men)
December 29	January 4-7 (Women)
February 2	February 8-11 (Men)
February 23	March 1-4 (Women)
April 6	April 5-8 (Men)
April 27	May 3-6 (Women)
June 1	June 7-10 (Women)

All are welcome! Ultreya is held in the IC St. James Chapel in the IC Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, please feel free to contact either Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

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Virtus Class

Virtus training will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac beginning at 6:30pm. Contact Doreen O'Leary to register: reledhrp@gmail.com.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What does the phrase "many are invited but few are chosen" mean for us today?

Child: How and when do you thank God for all that He has given you?

Pajama Program Thank You

Thank you to all who donated to the Pajama Program at the September 24 Youth Mass. We made a big delivery of pajamas, flip flops, and story books to Emmaus House in Haverhill. They were grateful for the donations.

IC Rel. Ed. Animal Blessing

*IC Religious Ed.
Blessing of the
Animals on
October 1 & 2*

October 4 is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan Order of priests and patron saint of animals.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

October 7-8 **\$8,626.00**
Monthly **\$1,711.00**

The second collection this weekend is **Restoration/Renovation**. Next 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 for more information.

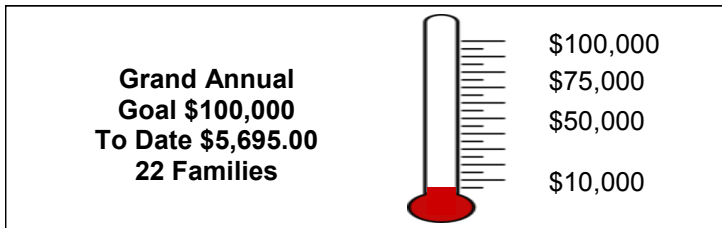
2017 Grand Annual

This weekend is our Grand Annual Collection

Today is our Grand Annual Collection. All parishioners have been asked to return their pledge card to church this weekend. If you did not receive a Grand Annual pledge card in the mail there are extras available at the entrance to the church.

If you did not bring your pledge card to Mass with you this weekend please bring it next weekend or mail it to the parish office this week. Your participation in the Grand Annual Collection is sincerely appreciated.

Thank you.



Offertory Renewal Program

Thank you to all those participating in our recent Increased Offertory Renewal Appeal. The results are extremely positive with many families participating by returning a Commitment Card. It is not too late to participate. There are additional materials in the church. Please return your "Commitment Card" as soon as possible by mail or place it in the collection at Mass next weekend. Your participation in this effort helps our parish meet our growing financial obligations. Please consider a new giving level that is best suited to your circumstances. This will allow our parish to plan accurately for the future.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 0.00
Poor Box	\$160.00
Total	\$160.00

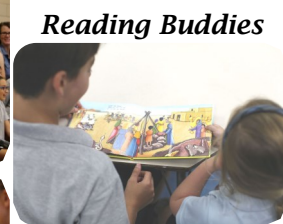
Immaculate Conception School



Student engagement in the classroom can be optimized through the use of technology. Teachers and staff at the IC recently attended a professional development session focused on integrating the use of digital tools for instruction and student learning. Work sessions on Google's G Suite for Education and Pear Deck got teachers excited about utilizing these apps to enhance student interaction and foster student voice. Developing skills and confidence in our students in using technology is essential for success in the 21st century. It's an exciting time at the IC!



Pep Rally Fun



Reading Buddies



RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or youth that have not received the sacraments in the traditional years. Have you been considering it? Please contact Marin Fortune, 978-462-2724 or fortune@newburyportcatholic.org if you would like to learn more about this program.

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.

The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause.

Our monthly support meetings are held in Room 209 of the IC Parish Center at 7:30 to 9:00pm on the fourth Monday of the month. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Our next meeting is October 23.

Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at (617) 410-6309 or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

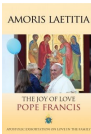
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IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

Pope Francis released the Exhortation on the Family. We continue to review the various statements from the Holy Father.

Lifelong sharing: In #125: Marriage is likewise a friendship marked by passion, but a passion always directed to an ever more stable and intense union. This is because "marriage was not instituted solely for the procreation of children" but also that mutual love "might be properly expressed, that it should grow and mature". This unique friendship between a man and a woman acquires an all-encompassing character only within the conjugal union. Precisely as all-encompassing, this union is also exclusive, faithful and open to new life. It shares everything in constant mutual respect. The Second Vatican Council echoed this by stating that "such a love, bringing together the human and the divine, leads the partners to a free and mutual self-giving, experienced in tenderness and action, and permeating their entire lives."



School Year IC Religious Education Classes

Registration for the School Year Religious Education Class is ongoing. Registration form:

<http://www.hricatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education>

Make up materials can be provided by the catechists for missed lessons.

Next Classes:

- Gr. K-8 Sunday, October 22, 10:05-11:05am.
- Gr. 1-Monday, October 23, 6:00-7:10pm.

Baptism

Baptism info: <http://www.hricatholic.org/Baptism>

Please pre-register for the class.

Nov. 5 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

Nov. 12 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

Confirmation monthly sessions begin Sunday, October 22 at 1:00-3:00pm in the church. Reminder: candidate and adult (sponsor, parent, or another adult) to attend each session. For information and registration go online:

<http://www.hricatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>.

First Eucharist

Information/registration for 2017-2018 First Reconciliation and Eucharist is posted on our website: <http://www.hricatholic.org/First-Eucharist--First-Reconciliation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>. Please register as soon as possible.

Note: Change of time: Our first session is today for Parents and candidates at **4:00pm** in the Church.

Our next session is Sunday, October 29 at 4:00pm in the Church.

Landings

Landings session for Returning Catholics: Next session is on the Holy Spirit and the Church on Monday, October 16 from 7:15-9:00pm in the Charity Dining Room, Room 114.

Youth Mass—Sunday, October 29

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, October 29 at Immaculate Conception at 5:00pm. Charity: Pettengill House. See bulletin page 5 for a list of suggested donations.

IC Knitting Ministry



We meet Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the IC Parish Center, Room 209. We knit shawls, hats, mittens, and scarves and bring prayers and hope to people who are sick and to their caregivers and to celebrate happy occasions. We also distribute hats and scarves to homeless children. Our membership is open to all. Please join us for knitting, fellowship, and tea (and goodies).

If you know anyone who needs a prayer shawl or for more information please call Frances Ronan 978-462-4972 or Julia O'Connor at 978-465-3350.

Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary 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.

WWII Presentation

In her latest documentary, local historian Jean Doyle explores WWII history through the lens of Newburyport. Doyle's film centers around a collection of interviews with local veterans, including their accounts of Pearl Harbor, the Philippines, D-Day, the battle of the Bulge, and Iwo Jima. Many of those who served were members of Immaculate Conception Church. Come see Jean's presentation on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Newburyport Senior Center, 331 High Street (doors open at 6:15). Seating is limited. A reception will follow.

St. Vincent de Paul's "Walk for the Poor"

We thank all who came to participate in the St. Vincent de Paul's "Walk for the Poor" on Saturday, September 30. Even though it was raining very hard, many walkers still showed up. For safety reasons, the walk had to be cancelled, yet some brave souls did walk that day and we thank them. Our total online donations for the HR/IC Collaborative was in excess of \$5,300. In addition, IC donations made in church and directly to our walkers totaled another \$7,000+. We solicited area businesses to support our cause and we thank the following businesses for their donations: Twomey, LeBlanc & Conte Funeral Home, Dolores Person Group, Faith E. Delaney, Attorney at Law, Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank. Thank you to everyone who was so generous. It is because of **you** that we are able to help others in our community.

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Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

"With One Voice" Capital Campaign

Thank you for your pledge of support! Our capital campaign is off to a great start with many families pledging their support. **To date, we have raised over \$235,000** from 65 parishioners. While the support has been tremendous, we will not reach our goal without your support.

Would you please consider supporting this effort?

As you are aware, our hope is to raise \$350,000 to complete needed updates to our parish facilities. Both St. Ann Church and The Church of the Nativity have several deferred maintenance issues that need our immediate attention.

Please place your "Commitment Envelope" in the regular collection at Mass. If you forgot to bring your pledge envelope to Mass this weekend, please mail it to the parish office this week or bring it with you to Mass next weekend. Additional brochures and pledge envelopes are available at the entrances to the churches.

Campaign Pledge Reminders

Beginning this month, pledge reminders will be mailed to parishioners who pledged to the capital campaign. Monthly reminders will be mailed by the middle of each month. Quarterly reminders will be sent each January, April, July and October. Semi-Annual will be sent January and July. Annual reminders will be mailed each December (allowing for year-end gifts). You may also make payments at your convenience or on the anniversary of your pledge.

Please be sure to include your payment coupon along with your check to ensure proper credit to the capital campaign. If there is an error with your statement, please make a note of it and your account will be updated.

Volunteer for the Fair Mailing

The HR Holiday Fair Committee is looking for volunteers to help prepare the Fair mailing on Thursday, October 26 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Many hands make light work! It's also a great opportunity for Confirmation candidates to earn service hours. Come join the fun. Any questions call Barbara Boucher [978-346-7116](tel:978-346-7116).

HR Religious Education

Sunday, Oct. 15: **Grades 3–6 class** Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Grade 10 class w/ parent, Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m. Jaymie Stuart Wolfe will be our speaker, parents are invited to attend.

Wednesday, Oct. 18: **VIRTUS training** for all new volunteers working with our children, Nativity Hall, 6:30 p.m. Email Doreen: reledhrp@gmail.com if you plan to attend this session.

Sunday, Oct. 22: **Grades 3–6 class** at Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Grade 2 (First Penance students) at Nativity Church 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Grade 9 class at Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m. with Fr. George

Tuesday, Oct. 24: **Grade 7 class** at Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 25, Confirmation Rehearsal at Nativity Church, Merrimac at 7:00 p.m. for all candidates and their sponsors (if possible), or a parent. The candidates will pick up their rental robe that evening. **All must attend this rehearsal.**

Thursday Oct. 26, Grade 7 Sandwich Making Evening for Merrimack Valley Hope Mission. We'll begin at 6:30 p.m. in the hall/kitchen in Merrimac.

Saturday, Oct. 28: Confirmation at 1:00 p.m. (dedicated Mass) and also at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at Church of the Nativity, Merrimac. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Robert Hennessey.

Sunday, Oct. 29: Grades 3–6 class at Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Youth Mass at 5:00 p.m. at IC. Your regular monetary gift and also offertory collection for Pettengill House: Most needed: Personal care products, such as shampoo, conditioner, bathroom tissue, deodorant, soap, body wash, paper towels, Kleenex, dish detergent, larger size diapers (sizes 4,5,6, and Pull-Ups), baby-wipes, feminine hygiene products, razors. Also needed nutrition drinks/shakes for clients with special health needs: Boost, Ensure, and Glucerna.

Community Service

Volunteer opportunities for Parish/community service are often available as sign up sheets in Nativity's Hall. Please check out the need and give of your time and talents!

Contact info: Office of Religious Education

Doreen O'Leary (Rel. Ed. email: reledhrp@gmail.com)

EWTN: Catholic News

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

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **Nativity** in Merrimac on **October 28**.

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 2**.



Prayer Shawl members creating. Join us. Everyone is welcome.



Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., Mass times, and current events. See our new, expanded calendar; view our current and archived bulletins; link to other Catholic websites; or check out the updated photos section. We have so much happening.

IC Online Giving

Please note that Online Giving via our website is available to only Immaculate Conception parishioners at this time.

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

Saturday, November 18

The Fair Committee is underway organizing for this year's Fair. The committee needs your help in many ways. Please contact the coordinators if you can help out the Parish:

Roberta Homan (rhoman1980@aol.com) **Themed Gift Baskets:** new donated items grouped together in decorative baskets

Pauline Duhamel (pduhamel2@yahoo.com) **Bake Table:** homemade goodies of all types

Carole Sokolowski (carole.sokolowski@merrimack.edu) **Silent Auction Items:** anything of value that would interest bidders

Barbara Boucher (babsnboo1@verizon.net) **Raffle Tickets:** selling tickets for our \$ raffles

Maryellen LaPointe (LaPointeMel7@gmail.com) **Nearly New:** any item that is clean and in working order

Marie Greeley (regr3@outlook.com) **Soups:** homemade soups, delivered hot the morning of the fair in a crock pot, to serve for lunch

Cindy Quinn (978-346-0072) "coordinator"

We will be having a **Fair Meeting** on **Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Nativity Hall**. All are invited to join in the fun!

Don't forget to volunteer for the **Fair Mailing** on **Thursday, October 26 from 3:00–5:00 p.m.** Call Barbara at 978-346-7116 with questions.

Nearly New Table

Downsizing? Fall cleaning? Regifting?

Consider donating items to the Nearly New Table. We are looking for donations of housewares, home and holiday decor, toys, etc. Please no books, furniture, clothes, or broken items. Donation boxes will be located at both Nativity & St. Ann churches.



Merrimac Santa Parade

Holy Redeemer will be represented this year in Merrimac's Santa Parade on Sunday, December 3. The Activities Committee is organizing a float. Our float will feature the Nativity Scene. Anyone, young or old, interested in riding on the float may sign up and choose their "character." Costumes will be provided. Sign up sheet will be in Nativity Hall. Contact person: Cindy Quinn, 978-346-0072.

Deadline to commit to the parade is **Sunday, November 19**.

HR Boy Scouts

Holy Redeemer charts Boy Scout Troop 41. We meet Monday evenings in Nativity Hall, Merrimac from 7:00–8:30 p.m. Interested in joining? Contact scoutmaster, Mark Friend, msf4087@gmail.com. See the website calendar for dates, www.hriccatholic.org. All faiths welcome.