

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2016

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OUR COLLABORATIVE

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Immaculate Conception Parish



Immaculate Conception

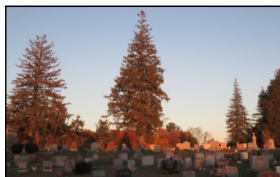
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/1)

4:00pm **IC** *Mary McInerney, Stephen M. Boy, Rita Snow* (Fr. McLaughlin)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (10/2)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC** *Russell & Rita Osborn* (Fr. Broderick)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)
11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (10/3)

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

Tuesday (10/4)

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

Wednesday (10/5)

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

Thursday (10/6)

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

Friday (10/7)

9:00am **Nativity** *Regina M. Stronge, For the special intentions of Dorothy & Ralph Franzese* (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (10/8)

4:00pm **IC** *Daniel P. Bradley, Mary Pivero* (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (10/9)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Broderick)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
9:00am **IC** *For the intentions of Samuel McLachlan and Family* (Fr. Harrison)
10:15am **St. Ann** *Paul & Helen Ringenbach* (Fr. Morin)
11:30am **IC** *Gordon Sr. & Catherine L. Mitchell, Robert Filomia* (Fr. McLaughlin)
12:00Noon **St. Ann** Confirmation (Bishop Hennessey)
2:30pm **St. Ann** Confirmation (Bishop Hennessey)

In your prayers, please remember Mildred Flynn, Audrey P. Waters, Roberta A. Ananian, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend's first Reading resonates with me more than usual. The prophet Habakkuk, whom we rarely hear from, was rip-roaring mad at God as he looked at the world around him and God's apparent indifference to his prayers for relief. "How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord." (Hab 1:2-3)

Perhaps we need look no further than the constant news reports about the war and crisis in Syria to encounter the same words in our own hearts these days. Or if that were not enough to stir our frustration, the seemingly endless accounts of yet another (Another?!) shooting on the city streets of our own nation. And then there are the stories about all kinds of acts of terrorism that seem to strike at random, just when we are lulled into a sense of security. Too many to mention here... Ughh.

Habakkuk was beside himself as he attempted to do what any of us disciples have ever tried to do: reconcile our belief in an all-loving, all-caring, all-powerful God with the painfully imperfect world around us. If God is so great, why would God allow "x," "y," or "z" to occur. Surely God heard my prayer, right? Didn't I send the memo out to prevent this violence over here, or heal that person over there, or protect us all from the hurricane or tornado that just flattened our city?! Haven't we been praying for rain in the midst of this drought? Is God deaf, or does God just not care? We can be tempted to go off in lots of different directions if we let our well-justified emotions get the better of us.

But Habakkuk, in a moment of contemplative prayer, is gently reminded by the Lord that our sense of time and urgency and fulfillment are not God's. While we may think of seconds and minutes and hours, God thinks in terms of days and years and decades... even centuries. We live "in the moment," while God is the one who sustains every moment, every time, every era in being. There is not a single thing that we can tell God which God doesn't already know. But there is much we can learn from listening to God! Lesson one: faithfulness that is often seen in our call to patience with God's plan of salvation. God really will do what God has said will be done. If we truly believe that, then we should be willing to wait a lifetime and beyond for its fulfillment, for when it comes into its fullness, it will be magnificent beyond our wildest imaginations. That's a tough order when we see loved ones and innocent strangers suffering all around us. But we must remember that none who fall victim to any of the cataclysms of this world are not intimately known by God, who co-created them in their mother's womb, making them in God's image as a unique expression of God's love in this world. That never happens by accident. Nor ought we think that God isn't passionately aware of any deficit, any violation of justice, any moment of neglect, abuse, suffering or pain

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RCIA

RCIA is a program for those over the age of 7 who wish to become Catholic. RCIA meets weekly at 10:15 in the Youth Ministry Room at the IC Parish Center. We will not meet on October 9 (Columbus Day weekend).

If you are interested in learning more about this program, contact Marin at 978-462-2724 ext. 7411 or email fortune@newburyportcatholic.org.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit our website for details on these and other events.

Monday, October 3

AA 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

IC Religious Ed., Grades 1–6 6:00pm, IC Parish Center

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

Tuesday, October 4

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

Altar Server Training Session #3 3:30pm, IC Church

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

HR Religious Ed., Grade 7 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

Wednesday, October 5

Holy Quilters 3:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

HR Confirmation Rehearsal & Confessions 7:00pm,
St. Ann Church

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, October 6

HR Prayer Shawl, 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

Friday, October 7

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Pilgrimage Mass, Dinner, & Meeting, 6:30pm, IC St. James
Chapel, St. Louis Hall

AA 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Sunday, October 9

HR Confirmation, 12:00noon & 2:30pm, St. Ann Church

Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church

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that any of us go through. In fact, if anything, through Christ God has shown that when we weep, God weeps.

So what does that mean for us? Lesson two from Habakkuk is one of fervent and confident trust. When we trust in the Lord, we pray for and about all of those things that make our hearts ache, not to somehow magically change God's mind, as if, for a moment, God was "out of his mind" to allow something to happen the way it did.... No, we pray to better understand God's will and how we might best serve God in the midst of these present circumstances. Our prayer becomes that of the apostles in this weekend's Gospel story: "Increase our faith." (Lk 17:5) And since faith is a gift from God, we receive it and find it deepened through our continual asking for it. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us, "*Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.*" (Hb 11:1)

If you find yourself more on the "things not seen" side of this equation these days, just know that you are in good company. The prophets, the apostles, the disciples, and many, if not all, of the saints felt that way from time to time. After all of Habakkuk's protestations before the Lord were heard and answered, he was left with these closing words:

"I await the day of distress that will come upon the people who attack us. For though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit appears on the vine, Though the yield of the olive fails and the terraces produce no nourishment, Though the flocks disappear from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, Yet I will rejoice in the LORD and exult in my saving God. GOD, my Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet swift as those of deer and enables me to tread upon the heights." (Hab 3:16–19)

May they bring us hope and comfort as well in our present day.

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

Disciples in Mission

Several weeks ago, members of our Collaborative Pastoral Plan Writing Team met with Sr. Ellen Doyle to continue working on producing a first draft of our Collaborative's local plan that will eventually be submitted to the Archdiocese for approval. This is an exciting and challenging process that has generated a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm among all involved. Stay tuned for more information in the weeks ahead!

Bulletin Information

Please supply bulletin information by Monday noon to the collaborative bulletin email: hricbulletin@gmail.com.



Sr. Ellen from the CLI Training Team and Fr. Tim



Members of the Collaborative Pastoral Plan Writing Team at work

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on October 2

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on its regular first Sunday of the month on October 2 at 2:00pm in the IC Nazareth Library Room 205. We will be reading and discussing Chapters 50 through 54 in *The Book of Isaiah* in the section known as The Book of Consolation. The selected chapters are included in Part 2 of this section, which is entitled *The Expiation of Sin, Spiritual Liberation of Israel*. The Book of Consolation is generally attributed to an anonymous poet who prophesied toward the end of the Babylonian exile and contains the great messianic oracles known as the Suffering Servant songs.

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.

Youth Masses

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, October 23 at 5:00pm at Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green St., Newburyport. Everyone is invited.

Youth Masses for the year are:

October 23	Immaculate Conception
December 11	Immaculate Conception (Service learning experience after Mass until 7:30pm in St. Louis Hall for grades 7-12.)
January 22	Holy Redeemer, Church of the Nativity
March 12	Immaculate Conception
April 2	Holy Redeemer, Church of the Nativity
May 7	Immaculate Conception

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 Office 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

Call the Parish Office if someone in your family is ill and you feel the grace and power of the Sacrament would be helpful. 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.

Cursillo



A new season of Cursillo is upon us and we look 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.

2016-2017 Ultreya / Cursillo Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
	October 6-9 (Men)
October 28	Nov. 3-6 (Women)
December 2	December 1-4 (Men)
December 30	January 5-8 (Women)
February 3	February 9-12 (Men)
February 24	March 4-6 (Women)
March 3	April 6-9 (Men)
April 28	May 4-6 (Women)
June 2	June 1-4 (Women)

All are welcome. If you have questions, feel free to contact either Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

Centering Prayer

Welcome All Members of Our Collaborative Family

Please join us on Wednesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the IC Parish Center Charity Dining Room to learn more about this simple yet powerful prayer practice.

The daily practice of 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. As God moves us closer to him, through our daily discipline of silent prayer, we find our focus turns from self to God and we are blessed with the fruits of Centering Prayer.

Please consider joining 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 or visit our website at <http://www.hricatholic.org/Get-Involved>

Online Bulletin

Visit our **Collaborative Web site**, www.hricatholic.org and click on the bulletin picture on the home page to view the bulletin online.

Also, you can visit www.TheBostonPilot.com/bcd to view the bulletin online and to sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox every week. Just find your parish in the alphabetical list of parishes on the site. There you can download the bulletin and sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory September 24–25 \$9,523.00
Restoration/Renovation \$1,648.00

This week's second collection is Missionary Cooperative Appeal. The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.

Missionary Cooperative Appeal

As part of the annual Missionary Cooperative Program, Sister Lisa Valentini, MSC, a representative of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, will speak at all IC Masses about the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies represented here in the Archdiocese of Boston. She will share her experience in the missions as a way to raise awareness about the need to spread the Good News to the more than one billion people in the world who have yet to hear it proclaimed.

The Society of the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Church dedicated to helping missionaries bring the Gospel to people in need around the world. They thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our web site, hriccatholic.org and click the Online Giving picture at the bottom of our home page to get to the site. If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant, 978-462-2724 x7404.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$ 198.00
Collection	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 208.00

Breaking Bread

St. Vincent de Paul's Breaking Bread dinner program invites you to share a little of your time and talents by volunteering to prepare and cook for our guests. For more information, contact Bunny Chiasson, 978-465-5810 or sandbunnyc@yahoo.com.

EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has got you covered. Check this link daily for news about the Catholic Church, and the latest issues in Catholicism. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource.

<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

IC Knitting Ministry

We meet every Tuesday from 1:00–3:00pm at the IC Parish Center, Room 209 to knit prayer shawls, hats, mittens, and scarves. We bring prayers and hope to people who are sick and their caregivers and to celebrate happy occasions. We have made and distributed hats and scarves to the hundreds of homeless children in our area. Please come and help us to keep these boys and girls warm this winter and to send joy to our friends who are experiencing illness at this time. We are happy to help you brush up on your knitting or we can teach you to knit or crochet. 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.



Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community is pleased to offer a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and 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 if you wish to do that. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

Music Ministry Notes

Choir rehearsals are getting back into full swing. New members are always welcome and encouraged to join one of our choirs. Check out our schedules and see if we can fit into your schedule. I promise you good music, good times, new friendships, and a multitude of God's blessings in return. Hope to see you at practice.

Adult Choir (High School–Adults): Rehearsals have started for this choir and are held in the church on Wednesday evenings from 7:15–8:45pm, with members gathering at 7:00pm in the choir loft. This rehearsal is for choir members who will sing at the 11:30am Sunday Masses.

Youth Choir (Kindergarten–Grade 5): Rehearsals are in the IC church from 4:30–5:30pm. I will pass out a schedule for all the 9:00am Sunday Family Liturgies, which will begin in October. The Children's Choir will sing at these liturgies about twice a month. Bring a friend with you to choir practice. We love new members.

If you have any questions or would like to receive additional information, contact Donna Postle, IC Music Director, at 978-317-8903 (cell) or donnapostle233@gmail.com (email). Thank you.

Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our Parish communities and hope you take an active part in parish life. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at hriccatholic.org.

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Walk to Defeat ALS

The North Shore Walk to Defeat ALS, Massachusetts Chapter, takes place on **Saturday, October 15** at Beverly High School, Beverly, MA. Check-in begins at 9:00am and the 3-mile walk begins at 11:00am. Sign up to walk or donate to IC Parishioner Sandy Lambert's "Team Sandy." This is an opportunity to raise money for a cure and to bring hope to Sandy Lambert and all those living with ALS. Register on-line at North Shore Walk ALS Beverly MA October 15, 2016:



(http://web.alsa.org/site/TR/Rides/Blueprint?fr_id=12026&pg=entry#.V8RCLvkrJD8) or contact Theresa.Maurer@gmail.com or call Sandy Lambert at 978-462-4842. Thank you.

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Training Sessions

Our monthly Sunday 5:00pm Youth Masses have returned. We are seeking excellent readers (grade 5 and older) to become Lectors and confirmed teens and adults to be Extraordinary Ministers of Communion from Holy Redeemer and IC parishes.

Training provided: First 45 minutes: Lectors. Last 45 minutes: EMCs. Please contact: Dr. Mag if interested.

- October 23 1:00–2:30pm Church of the Nativity, Merrimac

Knights of Columbus



The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, October 11** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897? We are looking to welcome new members to this long standing group of Catholic men. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protections for you or your family, or just connecting with other Catholic men then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

Contact us at (978) 572-0231, membership@kofc231.org, or membership@kofcnewburyport.org

If you are already a member, please update your contact information with your email via membership@kofc231.org.

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.

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

Pope Francis released the Exhortation on the Family. In the weeks to come, you will be introduced to various statements from the Holy Father.



In #48—The elderly who are vulnerable and dependent are at times unfairly exploited simply for economic advantage. Many families show us that it is possible to approach the last stages of life by emphasizing the importance of a person's sense of fulfillment and participation in the Lord's paschal mystery. A great number of elderly people are cared for in Church institutions, where, materially and spiritually, they can live in a peaceful, family atmosphere. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are serious threats to families worldwide; in many countries, they have been legalized. The Church, while firmly opposing these practices, feels the need to assist families who take care of their elderly and infirm members.

Religious Education Classes

School Year Registration is ongoing. Classes have begun—see our website:

Grades K–1: Next classes: 10/2 and 10/3.

Grades 7–8: Next class: 10/2.

Baptism

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

Oct. 2 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

Oct. 9 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

The Confirmation process begins Sunday, October 23, from 3:00–5:00pm in the Church for Years 1 and 2. The candidate and his/her sponsor, parent, or another adult are to attend the session.

Visit the Sick

"I was sick, and you visited me." (Mt 25: 36)

Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC...Divine Mercy

Pope Francis has laid out our task; it is up to us to share this same love we have received from God with others. In fact, this is the very definition of mercy! Mercy is a particular mode of love, such that when love encounters suffering, it takes action to do something about it. It is making someone else's pain our own. Mercy is love in action. And there is no better way to put love into action than to visit the sick and share with them our love received from God. (*Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others*, Dynamic Catholic, pp. 64–65).



Altar Server Training Session

Our last server training is Tuesday, October 4 3:30–4:30pm with Fr. Tim in the church.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory September 24–25	\$ 3,707.00
Clergy Benefit Trust:	\$ 1,651.00
Youth Mass	\$ 421.00
Roofing Expenses as of 9–11	\$24,413.00

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly.

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

Saturday, November 19, 2016, 9:00am–2:00pm

Please mark your calendars. We will be holding our annual Holiday Fair in the Parish Hall in Merrimac. As always, it is the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Please plan on attending. Invite your friends and neighbors. You can get a jump on Christmas shopping or come enjoy lunch: a selection of homemade soups.

The committee is always looking for new ideas and new helpers. Please contact the committee leaders if you can lend a hand.

Gift Baskets, Roberta Homan, rhoman1980@aol.com, 978-346-9448 (We need large or small; 3, 4, or 5 like items grouped together)

Soups, Susan MacLeod, smac01860@aol.com, 978-346-4586 (15 homemade soups are needed for lunch)

Baked Goods, Leona Preble, 978-363-2218 and MaryAnn Mikson, Mmikson@comcast.net, 978-994-021 (Individually wrapped goodies sell best)

Raffle Tickets, Helen Kelley, HVKTax@aol.com, 978-771-4673, (Available after each Mass)

Nearly New, Stefania Zak, harvey.ing@verizon.net, 978-363-2472 and MaryEllen LaPointe, LaPointeMel7@gmail.com, 978-363-5359, (Do you have hidden treasures tucked away?)

Silent Auction, Carole and Tony Sokolowski, carole.sokolowski@merrimack.edu, 978-346-9031, (Large or small items, services, tickets, gift certificates)



The Holiday Fair Committee

Fair Mailing Help Needed

The Fair committee is looking for volunteers to prepare the Fair mailing on Thursday, October 20 at 3:00pm in the parish hall in Merrimac. This could take 1–2 hours depending on number of volunteers. It is also a great opportunity for Confirmation candidates to earn hours. Hope to see you there! Any questions call Helen Kelley, 978-771-4673 or email HVKTax@aol.com.

HR Religious Education

Sunday, 10/2, **Grades 3–6** classes, Merrimac, 9:00am
Grade 10 Student/Sponsor Meeting, Merrimac Hall, 6:00pm (a parent must attend if sponsor is not available)

Tuesday, 10/4, **Grade 7** class, Merrimac, 6–7:30pm

Wednesday, 10/5, **Confirmation Rehearsal & Confessions**, 7:00pm We will begin the evening in the hall at St. Ann Church. Candidates and Sponsors (or a parent), from the hall, we will proceed into the church to practice procession and celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.

Sunday, 10/9, **Confirmation Masses**, Noon & 2:30pm at St. Ann Church, W. Newbury. All Students and their Sponsors must arrive 1/2 hour earlier than Mass time so the Bishop can address the group.

Tuesday, 10/11, **Grade 8** class at Merrimac, 6–7:30pm

Special thanks to everyone that participated and helped behind the scenes for our Confirmation Retreat, Sunday, September 25. All Candidates were present! Thanks to all of our parishioners who continue to keep these young Catholics in prayer.

Fair Meeting

Please join us for the next fair planning meeting on Tuesday, October 18 at Saint Ann Hall, West Newbury. The meeting starts at 7:00pm. All are welcome.



HR St. Vincent de Paul

The HR Saint Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your continuous generosity. Without your help, we would be unable to assist our many clients. Please be aware that the Society is always interested in learning about used automobiles that you are getting rid of and might wish to donate; several of our clients are looking for used automobiles, as their autos have reached the end of their useful lives. Thank you for your consideration.

If you are writing a check for us, please write the check to HR Saint Vincent de Paul. That will 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, Connie Cormier 978-363-2020, 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 6**.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Scouting Update



The two Boy Scout Troops that Holy Redeemer Parish charters, Troops 41 and 26, have merged into a single troop. The leadership of the two troops met and decided that a single troop could better serve the boys as well as both of the communities of Merrimac and West Newbury. Members of Troop 41 wish to extend a warm welcome to all scouts and leaders of Troop 26 who have joined with us.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the troop or joining, meetings are held every Monday 7:00–8:30pm in the Nativity Church hall, Merrimac. All faiths welcome. Contact the scoutmaster, Mark Friend at msf4087@gmail.com.



Troop 41 Boy Scouts celebrate with Eagle Scout Chris Burak after his Court of Honor on September 18 at Nativity Church.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Merrimac CoA Offers Class: Powerful Tools for Caregivers

The Merrimac Council on Aging is offering a six-week educational program designed to help take care of you while you are caring for a relative, friend, or loved one. This educational program will meet at the Merrimac Senior Center, 100 East Main Street, Merrimac, on Tuesdays from 10:00am–12:00noon starting on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. This course is provided at **no cost** by the Merrimac Council on Aging. Respite care may be available during the class times. It must be requested in advance.

This workshop is not intended for professional caregivers. For more information, or to register for classes, please call Laura Dillingham-Mailman, Director, Merrimac COA, 978-346-9549 or email: ldmailman@townofmerrimac.com.

Scripture for the Week

2 Sun	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
3 Mon	Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
4 Tue	Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
5 Wed	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
6 Thu	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
7 Fri	Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
8 Sat	Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28

Preparing for Mass

Are you looking for a helpful way to prepare for Sunday Mass? Follow the link below to find the weekend's Scripture Readings, historical and theological commentaries, and prayerful reflections. It is a great way to get ready to hear and respond to God's Word. <http://liturgy.slu.edu>

Archdiocese Web Site

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

Daily Masses in the Area

Monday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley
9:00am St. Ann, West Newbury
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury

Tuesday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley
9:00am Holy Family, Amesbury

Wednesday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury

Thursday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
9:00am Holy Family, Amesbury

Friday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
9:00am Nativity, Merrimac
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury
9:00am St. Mary's, Georgetown

Saturday

8:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
9:00am St. Mary's, Georgetown
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Hampton, NH has a daily Mass at 6:45am & 9:00am Mon.–Fri.

LIFT Ministries

All are invited to attend LIFT worship nights. Visit www.liftedhigher.com for more information. Worship nights include worship, message, adoration and are free to attend and are open to all ages. The next Lift worship night is on **Tuesday, October 25** at St. John Church, 210 Central St., East Bridgewater, MA from 7:00–9:00 p.m.