

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2016

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*The Temple Area as it would have appeared in Jesus' time.
(Image taken from a scale model at the Israeli Museum in Jerusalem.)*

“Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector...the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (from Luke Chapter 18)

All Are Welcome

OUR COLLABORATIVE

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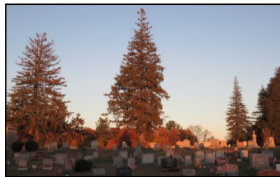
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Immaculate Conception Parish



Immaculate Conception

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/22)

4:00pm **IC** *Charlotte McLaughlin, Brian Sullivan*
(Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (10/23)

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

8:00am **Nativity** Fr. Morin)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

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

11:30am **IC** *Gordon McLachlan, James B. Harrington, Sean Harrington, Stanley & Joseph Baikewicz, Robert Bogue* (Fr. Harrison)

5:00pm **IC, Youth Mass** (Fr. Morin)

Monday (10/24)

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

Tuesday (10/25)

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

Wednesday (10/26)

7:15am **IC** *Michael & Kiki Armento* (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (10/27)

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

Friday (10/28)

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

Saturday (10/29)

4:00pm **IC** *Anna F. Robinson, Jeanne Twomey, Frank Lombardi, Cora Shoreman* (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (10/30)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *James Heaney* (Fr. Broderick)

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

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

In your prayers, please remember Lyla Stroman, Evelyn Mahoney, John J. Hallisey, Jr., Chester Sawicki and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Baby Bottles to Support the Pregnancy Care Center

We will host a "**Baby Bottle Campaign**" the weekend of November 5–6 through November 11–12 for the Pregnancy Care Center. The Pregnancy Care Center is a Christ-centered ministry offering life-affirming services designed to empower women and men in making informed decisions about unexpected pregnancy, abstinence education, and support from a past abortion. These services are free and confidential. We are pleased to support such a worthy cause in respect for the sanctity of all human life. Please pick up a bottle on November 5–6, fill it with coins, bills, or checks (payable to PCC) and return them by the weekend of November 11–12. Donate online at www.pccfriends.org/donate. For information about PCC, call 978-373-5700.

From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

It is a small detail, and most of us have probably glossed over it in our hearing of today's familiar Gospel story of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. But Luke adds in the seemingly little point that the Tax Collector "struck his breast" while he kept his distance and his eyes lowered in his prayer in the Temple area. Maybe we have heard of or seen this ritual gesture from time to time in movies or other dramas—a person taps his chest with a closed fist as a sign of humility or repentance. In Luke's Gospel, however, this gesture takes on a more intense meaning. In the time of Jesus, "striking one's breast" was a gesture particular to women. Men only did this very rarely and in a moment of extreme anguish. And thus the true key to this scene: genuine, heart-felt human sorrow for one's sins and offences before God.

The Pharisee, by definition, saw no need for sorrow or repentance. He had fulfilled the Law as it was understood, tithed on his income, gave to the poor and recited the requisite prayers. For what should he feel sorrow? He hadn't sinned, in his mind. He was, as a Pharisee (or "separated one" as the name means) a model and example to others on how to live out the Torah perfectly, and hence, never to incur sin. A perfect living out of the Law was the path of righteousness.

Justification meant that what was being asked for, would work. In this passage, the Tax Collector was in essence asking that the sacrifice being offered in the Temple would work for him—that his sins would be forgiven, that he could be made whole and clean. The Pharisee, instead, was simply proclaiming (boasting of?) his righteousness before God. He didn't ask God for anything, nor see his own need for any divine help. He walked away filled with self-congratulations, but received nothing from God. He was more separate than he realized. The Tax Collector, on the other hand, got what he dared not even raise his eyes towards Heaven to ask for. His separation from God due to sin was healed and he was once again in communion with the Creator. He was part of God's family once again.

The challenge for us these days is to see our true disposition before God in the light of day. We go to Church, we give to those in need, often quite generously. We say our prayers, even eloquently. We do our best to avoid sin, mortal and venial, the "near occasion of sin," etc.... We are basically good people. Others may even look up to us as pillars of the community and as positive role models for young and old alike.

Just like the Pharisee....

The trouble is, however, that we need to know our need for God in order to benefit from His offer of salvation in Christ. We've been offered forgiveness of our sins as a path to eternal life. But we have to accept that forgiveness in order for the gift to truly become a life-changing, eternity-changing event for us.

So, forgiveness for what?

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit our website for details on these and other events.

Monday, October 24

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
Cub Scouts Troop 41 Den Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Lower Hall
Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, October 25

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
IC St. Vincent de Paul 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
HR St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm, Nativity Lower Hall

Wednesday, October 26

Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall
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
IC Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, October 27

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

Friday, October 28

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

Saturday, October 29

HR Religious Ed., Grade 3 Activity Day 1:00pm, St. Ann Hall

Sunday, October 30

HR Religious Ed., Grades 3–6 9:00am, Nativity Hall
IC 1st Reconciliation & Eucharist Orientation, Parent Class,
and Workshop for Candidates starting @ 1:00pm, IC Church
IC Troop 21 Scout Meeting 1:00pm, IC School Cafeteria
IC Religious Ed., Grade 9 6:00pm Nativity Hall

Youth Masses

Our next Youth Mass is **Sunday, October 23 at 5:00pm** at Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green St., Newburyport. Please consider donations of scarves, hats, gloves, heavy socks, etc. for children and adults in need as we prepare for winter. Everyone is invited.

Questions of the Week

Adult: When do you allow your spouse, children and friends to see you as you really are?

Child: When did you show your family and classmates this past week that you loved them?

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I dunno...have we prayed enough these days. In case you haven't noticed there is an election coming up next month. Have we really prayed hard enough!? Have we let go of old grudges, slights and insults or do we continue to carry them with us? If we struggle from addictions of any kind, have we made honest and persistent efforts to seek the help of God and others that we might find a path of recovery and healing? If we know someone who struggles with addiction, have we been present to them, to encourage them and offer help? Do we care enough for the environment around us—are we doing our part to conserve water in a drought year, recycle the various materials and goods that we use, reduce our use of electricity and fuel? Have we nurtured the many relationships with others in our lives, or because we are so “busy,” have we allowed some of these to grow distant or stagnant? Do we care enough for those in need and work to see ourselves as having a deep and significant connection with all who suffer? When they hurt, do we hurt, or is it just a distant pity? What have we done to improve our place of work, our school system or our community this past year? What more could we do? What more needs to be done? Do we use our gift of speech to build up and affirm others, or do we engage in senseless gossip and fruitless banter? Do we care for our bodies as well as we can—eat right, exercise regularly, get proper rest, etc...? Do we truly reverence others around us and treat them with profound respect as brothers and sisters in the Lord? When faced with challenges and difficulties, do we really find ourselves trusting in God's help, or would we rather have the false security of our own protections and reserves?

And this is, of course, only a very partial list of the many possible ways we can go astray. Do we need God? Would we cry out to the Lord in extreme anguish over our failures? Will we find ourselves justified this day, or simply walk away with a sense of our own accomplishments? We may not need to go around striking ourselves on the breast, but we do need to turn to God and seek the forgiveness that will bring life and liberty to our deepest longings.

May God bless us all in the week ahead.

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

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.

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

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EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource.

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

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Collaborative One-Day Pilgrimage



Date: Saturday, November 12, 2016

Departure/Return: IC parking lot, Salter Bus departs 7:30am; returns 1:30pm

Price: \$10 cash per person or by check payable to Immaculate Conception via Mass Offertory collection. Mark envelope "Boston Pilgrimage" and include your name/contact information as well.

Priceless: spiritual benefits

- a community-building experience
- Mass in Boston with other pilgrims
- a guided tour of the Cathedral
- cross the threshold of the Pope-blessed Door of Mercy
- holy indulgences
- personal prayer immersion in Jesus' mercy, love, grace

Reservation Info: call Mary @ 978-465-8779 or email Mary Bragg: csbraggjr@comcast.net.

Payment/Reservation Deadline: November 7, 2016.

Jubilee information can be found at usccb.org.

Altar Server Training



Recently classes were held for students wishing to become altar servers in our Collaborative. Pictured above are the 2016 graduates. Congratulations to our new servers.

Anna Affolter, Molly Bernard, Jillian Coletti, Teddy Caron, Alex Herndon, Bella Higgins, Madeline Hopwood, Rima Lambert, Lucas Pires-Michals, Bridget Underwood, Owen Vetree, Brianna Welch, and Margaret Welch

Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on November 6

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on its regular first Sunday of the month, November 6 at 2:00pm in the IC Parish Center. We will read and discuss Chapters 57-61 in Part III in *The Book of Isaiah*. Part III, Return of the First Captives, contains oracles composed by disciples from a later period who continued the work of the great prophet.

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.

Disciples in Mission and the New Evangelization

Our Collaborative Town Hall

Our Collaborative of Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Parishes recently took center stage in the Disciples in Mission column by Susan Abbott. The column, which was published in the October 7 issue of *The Pilot*, captured the essence of our Town Hall evening and offered positive feedback and encouraging support for our Collaborative and our Pastoral Planning work. You can read Susan Abbott's column in our online bulletin for October 16 and through our online links to *The Pilot* on our Collaborative website at www.hriccatholic.org.

Our thanks go out to both Susan Abbott of the Archdiocese Pastoral Planning Office and Patrick Krisak of the Archdiocese Office of Training and Support for sharing their experiences and offering encouragement as they spoke of other parishes also working to create a place of willing discipleship. In short, how do we develop a community committed to joyfully living and sharing the Good News of Christ?

According to Susan Abbott, our success will depend on focusing on prayer: private, personal, and intentional; communication: involving regular information sharing, active listening to those of us in the pews, and reaching out to those who are not; and exhibiting a kindness in our work with one another as we create the blueprint for our future.

Patrick Krisak called our attention to the vast array of resources available to collaboratives and individuals throughout the Archdiocese. Look for Patrick's recommendations, highlighted in the "Resources of Interest" section in next weekend's bulletin.

The success of our Church depends on the people of the Church. The Pastoral Plan belongs to all of us and needs to be shaped by all of us. Your interest and participation are welcomed and necessary.

"Let Us Hear From You" is designed to encourage our ongoing dialogue and the "Contacts" box introduces several members of the Writing Team who are happy to respond to your comments and questions, your ideas and your involvement! This week, we look forward to your input on the four priorities we are exploring as the foundation of our pastoral planning.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this inaugural event and the national survey. Stay tuned for more information and opportunities to meet as our work and the Plan progresses.

Let us hear from you.

Scripture for the Week

23 Sun	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
24 Mon	Eph 4:32-5:8/Lk 13:10-17
25 Tue	Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Lk 13:18-21
26 Wed	Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30
27 Thu	Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35
28 Fri	Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
29 Sat	Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Adult Education and Faith Formation Program

Voice of the Faithful North Shore—Seacoast Affiliate Presents

The Catholic Voter in a Major Election Year
Reverend Kenneth R. Himes, O.F.M., Ph.D.

Professor, Boston College Department of Theology

Father Kenneth Himes will speak about *The Catholic Voter in a Major Election Year*, on **Sunday, October 23, 2:00–4:00pm** at Our Lady of Hope Church Hall, 1 Pineswamp Rd., Ipswich, MA.

Vatican II's "Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World" encouraged believers to read the "signs of the times" in order to discern where God is to be found in the world and how we are to respond. The electoral season can be read as revealing a number of significant social issues that ought to be considered as Catholic citizens go to the voting booths.

Father Himes is a well-known writer and speaker whose 2012 presentation before our group, "*Being a Responsible Catholic Voter*" was outstanding. He also served as a mentor to our planning committee for many years.

Directions to Our Lady of Hope Church Hall: From the North: Rt. 1 South from Newburyport and turn left at Linebrook Rd. traffic light (first light after Agawam Diner). Proceed 3.5 miles to Church, on the right. **Or,** Rt. I-95S to Exit 54. Follow Rt. 133 East to traffic lights in Rowley. Turn right onto Rt. 1S.(Agawam Diner will be on your right.) Take left at next traffic light onto Linebrook Rd. Follow Linebrook Rd. 3.5 miles to Church on the right.

Day Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross

November 12, 2016

"Pope Francis invites each of us to become 'merciful like the Father' as part of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. As we journey together with Catholics around the world, make a pilgrimage, pass through our Holy Door of Mercy and worship the Lord Jesus who tenderly loves each one of us." (Sean Cardinal O'Malley OFM Cap)

Be a partner in prayer and receive the Jubilee Indulgence from home

The Holy Door If you or a loved one is unable to join our Collaborative family for this pilgrimage to Boston, Pope Francis encourages the homebound, the infirm or the elderly to participate with us:

- by uniting your prayers with those of the Holy Father
- by making a profession of Faith
- by reflecting on the mercy of God
- by offering joyfully personal sufferings
- by receiving the Eucharist or sharing in a communal prayer (TV Mass)

For more information on the Jubilee Year of Mercy, visit usccb.org or visit our Collaborative website hricatholic.org and click on the Year of Mercy link on the home page.

Pelican Intervention Fund

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Mother Teresa

Thanks to your continued generosity, support, and prayers The Pelican Intervention Fund is thriving and able to fulfill its mission.

Our mission is to provide funding for residential Twelve Step-based programs for economically challenged adult men and women struggling with heroin and other addictive substances and living in Amesbury, Byfield, Groveland, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, Salisbury and West Newbury. Since its founding by Steve and Kim Keene and Elizabeth McCarthy in November 2015, The Pelican Intervention Fund has raised about \$45,000 and placed four clients in structured Twelve Step-based sober living residency for a six month stay. We function as a fund of Essex County Community Foundation.

In September, we were able to place two men in a sober living house after they completed a 28-day treatment program at Essex County Correctional Facility in Middleton, MA. Working with Sheriff Frank Cousins' department we were able to fund sober living residency that will continue to support these men's recovery from addiction, foster emotional sobriety, and prepare them with the skills and tools needed for reentry into the community. In our effort to spread our mission of hope and raise funds in the past few months we have reached out to local police departments, schools, city, county, and state officials, churches and synagogues, businesses, other community-based organizations, and individuals within our service area.

During the summer we also continued to seek out sound, effective, sober living communities that are local and others at a distance both within and outside Massachusetts. Before utilizing these houses we conduct a personal visit to review their facilities, discuss their philosophy and structure and we speak with the staff and residents. Recent summer fundraising activities included: Ruffling goods donated by local merchants at the Vintage Bazaar, receiving donations from meals at Not Your Average Joe's during August, running a 50-50 raffle at Pettingill Farms, and most recently the pancake breakfast at Nativity. Thank you! With the generous response of our communities we raised approximately \$6, 600 during the summer.

We also had a presence during Yankee Homecoming and shared our mission at the non-profit booth and by participating in the Bed Race. In Amesbury we shared our mission at the annual Chili Fest.

We ask for your continued support and prayers and encourage you to join us as we continue to fulfill our mission. Again many thanks.

For more information please visit our website www.pelicaninterventionfund.org or contact Elizabeth McCarthy (978) 462-7483 or Kim Keene (978) 430-1408

Bulletin Information

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



The Holy Door

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Let Us Hear From You



Disciples in Mission
Archdiocese of Boston

- How can we foster a welcoming community?
- How do we form disciples eager to share their love of Christ?
- How can we assist in the growth of vocations?
- How can we better serve our communities and our Collaborative?

Please Join the Conversation. Contact Our Pastoral Plan Writing Team. We welcome your ideas and participation. In next week's bulletin: look for Disciples in Mission "Resources of Interest" to learn more about Disciples in Mission.

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We look forward to your input.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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.

IC Haiti Thank You

IC Haiti would like to thank everyone who contributed to our hurricane relief efforts last week. Whether you bought a raffle ticket for the beautiful quilt donated by parishioner Carol Robertson or made a donation your contribution helps. Every penny collected will be sent to Haiti to alleviate the suffering of the families affected by Hurricane Matthew. If you have not yet had an opportunity to donate, it's not too late. You can always put an IC-Haiti envelope into the collection basket, leave a donation at the office, or donate via PayPal or credit card online at ICHaiti.org. We will be collecting for disaster relief efforts to help rebuild roads and infrastructure and supply food, clean water and medical supplies for our school community for a few more weeks. Thank you for your support. It's our privilege to do everything we can to contribute to the health and well being of the Fr. Marc Piché school community.

Walk to Defeat ALS

A sunny and crisp New England day greeted over 40 supporters of **Team Sandy** as they gathered to tackle the North Shore ALS' 5K walk on Saturday, October 15.



Over \$10,000 was raised by parishioners and friends on behalf of Sandy Lambert of Newburyport who was recently diagnosed with the disease. The group helped North Shore ALS to exceed

its fundraising goal bringing in over \$11,400.00 for the day's event.

The annual walk is ALS Association's biggest annual event, which raises funds that allow local chapters to sustain care services and support research for a good portion of the following fiscal year. For more information on **Team Sandy**, visit:

http://web.alsa.org/site/TR/Walks/Massachusetts?team_id=350990&pg=team&fr_id=12026

The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport supports families after a child dies—any age/cause. Our normal October support meeting will be held as usual on the 4th Monday, **October 24 at 7:30pm** in room 209 of the IC Parish Center. For more information, please contact Barbara Hopkinson at barhop@comcast.net or 978-697-1349. Barbara's grief resources can also be seen at <http://abutterflysjourney.org>.



TCF of Greater Newburyport is a non-profit organization, donations (to PO Box 872, Newburyport, MA 01950) are tax deductible. National website: www.compassionatefriends.org

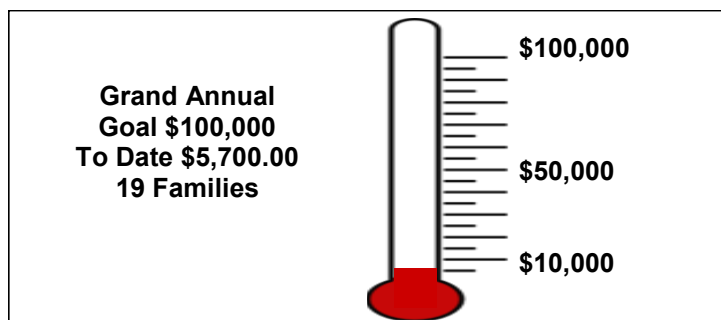
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Offertory Collection

Offertory October 15–16	\$9,781.00
IC-Haiti	\$4,668.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,553.00

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 for more information.

The second collection next weekend is Restoration/Renovation.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$ 91.00
Collection	\$ 34.50
Total	\$ 125.50

New England Tenors

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Immaculate Conception will sponsor an upcoming concert. The New England Tenors will be performing at IC church on Sunday, November 27. Don't miss these talented tenors. As in past years, they will be sharing the program with some of our IC choirs. Hopefully we will have some surprise guests joining the choirs.

Tickets will be on sale in early November. Make plans to begin the Advent/Christmas season with joyful harmony.

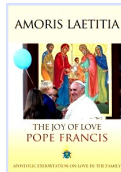
Cursillo

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. The next Cursillo weekend is October 6–9 (men's weekend).

All are welcome. Our next Ultreya is October 28, beginning with Mass in the St. James Chapel in the IC Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions feel free to contact either Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

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 #51—Drug use was also mentioned as one of the scourges of our time, causing immense suffering and even breakup for many families. The same is true of alcoholism, gambling and other addictions. The family could be the place where these are prevented and overcome, but society and politics fail to see that families are at risk “lose the ability to act to help their members....We see the serious effects of this breakdown in families torn apart, the young uprooted and the elderly abandoned, children who are orphans of living parents, adolescents and young adults confused and unsupported.

Religious Education Classes

School Year Registration is ongoing. Classes: Oct. 23 and 24. Grades K–6:

Next classes: 10/30 and 11/7. No Class: Monday, Oct. 31.

Grades 7–8: Next class: 11/6.

Baptism

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

Nov. 6 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

Nov. 13 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

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

Comfort the Afflicted



“Blessed be...the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God” (2 Cor 1: 4).

Everybody is going through something. Sometimes they need a hug. Sometimes they need a shoulder to cry on. Will you be that friend?

Curtis Martin...Triumphant Mercy

...comforting the afflicted is not just an aspect of the Christian life; in a certain way, it is the defining characteristic of Jesus Christ and (ought to be) of those who follow him. At the heart of the Catholic faith is a God who looks with love upon the children he has created. He sees in us the devastating afflictions sin has caused, and he enters into the drama of our lives to join us and to comfort us. His mercy meets us in the here and now and leads to everlasting life. (*Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others*, Dynamic Catholic, pp. 93, 100).

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

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 for more information.

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's Church, West Newbury, by **9:00am on Wednesday, October 26**. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions or delivery date schedule.

Holiday Fair Raffle Tickets



Raffle tickets will be available one half hour before and after all masses starting 10/29 and the day of the fair. Please be on the lookout for tickets being mailed to all registered parish family households. **All cash prizes total \$1000.** 1st Prize: \$500 cash, 2nd Prize: \$300 cash, and 3rd Prize: \$200 cash. Donations for these raffles are a book of 6 for \$5. If you need tickets, please call Helen Kelley, 978-771-4673 or email: HVKTax@aol.com.

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, November 3**.

Offertory Envelopes

Did you know that you can attend Mass at any worship site in our Collaborative and use your usual offertory envelopes? Just drop your envelope in the collection and we will make sure it gets delivered to your home Parish.

HR Religious Education

Tuesday, 10/25, **Grade 8** class, 6–7:30pm, Merrimac

Saturday, 10/29. **Grade 3** Activity Day, 1:00pm, West Newbury. Team Leaders are asked to arrive by 12:30pm. Water, juice, and snacks will be provided, but baked goodies are always appreciated! Parents are asked to come to the hall by 3:45pm to bring your child up to the 4:00pm Mass.

Sunday, 10/30, **Grade 9** class, 6–7:30pm, Merrimac

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

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



We will be holding our annual Holiday Fair in the Merrimac Parish Hall. 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 helpers. Please contact the committee leaders if you can lend a hand. See the website:

<http://www.hriccatholic.org/HR-Activities-Group> for details.

Committee Leaders:

Gift Baskets, Roberta Homan, rroman1980@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 Masses beginning 10–29)

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)

Preparing for the Christmas Season

Coming soon in the back of both churches will be a *Nativity Scene Wish List*. Both churches need updated **outside** Nativity figurines. There will be tags (with prices) for each figurine that needs to be purchased. Our hope is that families will purchase a figurine.

All you need to do is remove the desired tag, write a check for the specified amount of the figurine, and return the check in an envelope marked "Nativity Scene." Tags need to be returned by Sunday, November 6 to have delivery for the Advent season.