

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 28, 2018

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Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. (Mk 10:52)

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

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Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

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Nativity

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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Office Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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Newburyport 01950

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/27)

4:00pm **IC** *For the intentions of John O' Connor & Ellen Meade, Stanley Jancewicz, Mary Finneran, John E. Kelley & Katherine Doyle Kelley, Bartley "Bart" Welch* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (10/28)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge, Charlotte McLaughlin* (Fr. Morin)

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

9:00am **IC** *Luella LeBlanc, James B. Harrington, Sean Harrington* (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am **IC** *The Chisholm Family, The Collins Family and The Mosey Family* (Fr. Morin)

Monday (10/29)

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

Tuesday (10/30)

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

Wednesday (10/31)

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

Thursday (11/1) All Saints Day

7:15am **IC** *Graciela Lamas, Graciela Labanca* (Fr. Morin)

9:00am **IC School Liturgy** (Fr. Morin)

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

7:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

Friday (11/2)

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

1:30pm **Avita** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (11/3)

4:00pm **IC** *Bartley "Bart" Welch, Mary, Lawrence, Michael, Patricia, William, Daniel & Jeanne Twomey, The Grenier Family, Frank Lombardi* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Dorothy R. Batchelder* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (11/4)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge, Mary Reilly, Sean Perkins* (Fr. Harrison)

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

9:00am **IC** *Sandra Siemasko* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

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

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

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury



All Saints Day

All Saints Day is Thursday, November 1 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times in the Collaborative are as follows:

7:15 am IC, Newburyport

9:00am St. Ann, W. Newbury

9:00am IC, Nbpt, School Liturgy

7:00pm Nativity, Merrimac

Bulletin Information

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

Mass Scripture Readings: Oct. 28–Nov. 4, 2018

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

- Sunday, Oct 28: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52
- Monday, Oct 29: Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Psalm 1, Luke 13:10-17
- Tuesday, Oct 30: Ephesians 5:21-33; Psalm 128; Luke 13:18-21
- Wednesday, Oct 31: Ephesians 6:1-9; Psalm 145; Luke 13:22-30
- Thursday, Nov 1: Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a
- Friday, Nov 2: Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 23; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40
- Saturday, Nov 3: Philippians 1:18b-26; Psalm 42; Luke 14:1, 7-11
- Sunday, Nov 4: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Psalm 18; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34



Pictured: Members from the Collaborative Discipleship Priority team before a ChristLife program meal.

Keep the team in your prayers during their Discovering Christ retreat, which will be held on November 3.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, October 29

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

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

Tuesday, October 30

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

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

Wednesday, October 31

Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209

"The Mass" Video Series 1:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, November 1, All Saints Day

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Pastoral Plan Discipleship Priority ChristLife Meeting 6:15pm,
IC Charity Dining Room

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

Friday, November 2, All Souls Day

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

Saturday, November 3

Holy Quilters 8:00am, Nativity Hall

Pastoral Plan Discipleship Priority ChristLife Retreat 9:00am,
St. Ann Hall

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, November 4, Daylight Saving Time Ends

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

Coffee & Baked Goods Sunday 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Religious Ed., Grades 3-6 9:00am, Nativity Hall

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

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

Baptism Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

HR Religious Ed., Grade 9 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

Daylight Saving Time



Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend (November 4). Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

Catholic TV

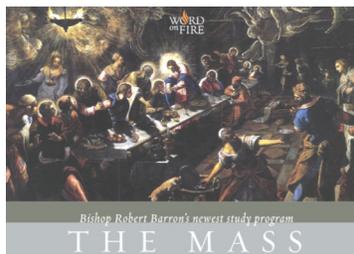
Visit www.catholicstv.com for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

High School Open Houses

St. Thomas Aquinas HS Open House

197 Dover Point Road, Dover, NH, Sunday, November 4 at 1:00pm and Monday, November 5 at 6:00pm.

The Mass Video Series



Only one lesson remains. Seeing even one 23-minute video is well worthwhile, so please drop in for this informal lecture series hosted on DVD by Bishop Robert Barron. And stay for the yummy refreshments

All are welcome. Each lesson stands alone, so come for one, several, or all! This series will change how you experience Liturgy. If you missed a lesson, repeat viewings can be made available. Call Mary Schmidt (978-462-6191) to secure a time slot at the Parish Center.

October 31: **The Real Presence Creates Communion**
{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

Free Hair Cuts



Donna Koen, a parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is: (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

R.C.I.A

RCIA classes meet at 10:15, IC Parish Center, G19

The R.C.I.A. program is for people interested in joining the Catholic Church and/or learning about the Catholic faith. Anyone over the age of seven who wishes to become baptized, or has been baptized in another Christian Church, and/or is interested in the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation is welcome. If you have a friend or family member who might be interested, please have them contact Marin Fortune: fortune@newburyportcatholic.org.

Breaking Bread

The Breaking Bread dinner program is in need of a dedicated volunteer to help in the kitchen once or twice per month. We serve every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. The time commitment would be no more than 2 hours. Cooks and servers are doing well, but the very small group that keeps the kitchen sink area clean and organized needs help.

We are a "family" of happy and caring volunteers. **You** would be blessed to be a part of our group. We always leave the Parish Center happy to be a part of such a wonderful group of "kitchen angels." Please join us!

Contact: "Bunny" Chiasson, Co-coordinator for the St. Vincent de Paul Breaking Bread dinner. 978-465-5810 or sandbunnyc@yahoo.com.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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 Conference Room 209. 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.

New England Tenors

Save the Date: November 25, 2:00 p.m.

The New England Tenors will be performing a Christmas Concert at Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport.



Date: Sunday, November 25, at 2:00 p.m.

Watch the bulletin for additional information coming soon.

Film Series Announced

The Anti-Racism Affinity Group of Greater Newburyport, in partnership with the Newburyport Human Rights Commission and the YWCA of Greater Newburyport, is sponsoring a film series at the Newburyport Senior Center on Tuesdays from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

3 films from <https://world-trust.org/films/>

- *Cracking the Codes, The System of Racial Inequality* (Oct. 30)
- *Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible* (Nov. 20)
- *The Way Home: Women Talk about Race in America* (Nov. 27)



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Mass of Remembrance

Remembrance for children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, or in early childhood.

Date: November 3, 2018 (Saturday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Where: St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover

Celebrants: Peter G. Gori, O.S.A., *Pastor, St. Augustine*

Paul Ring, *Pastor, St. John the Evangelist, East Bridgewater*

If you have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or in early childhood, you may feel a very deep loss which few others seem to understand. The St. Augustine community prays for you and invites you to our annual Mass of Remembrance. Those attending the Mass will have the opportunity to remember and honor their child by presenting remembrance cards. You are also invited after Mass to deliver the remembrance cards to the Monastery of Saint Clare in Andover. The Nuns there will keep the basket in their chapel, remembering the children and their families in their prayer during the month of November. Visit www.StAugustineParish.org/miscarried-and-stillborn.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What does it mean for you to “see”? Is there blindness in your life?

Child: For what would you like to ask Jesus?

Voice of the Faithful Speaker

Anne Barrett Doyle, of Bishop Accountability, www.bishopaccountability.org will speak on “*Documenting the Abuse in the Roman Catholic Church*” on **Sunday, Oct. 28** from 2–4pm at St. Rose of Lima Church, 12 Park Street, Topsfield. Refreshments will be served. Free will offering. For more information, contact: John & Barbara Gould, by phone: 978-535-2321 or by email: jagbag30@verizon.net.

Pilgrimage to Ireland

Join us for an enriching journey through the Emerald Isle in 2019! We depart May 13, 2019 for a memorable pilgrimage through various sites of unparalleled beauty, historic significance, and religious importance. Our tour will include visits to Dublin, Galway, the Dingle Peninsula, Kilarney, the Ring of Kerry, Clonmacnoise, Knock, and more. For more information, please visit: www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric or contact Paul Blanchette at (978) 500-5661. An **early-bird discount** is available for those who sign-up by **October 31**. Come on a Faith Journey with us!

Photo: Rock of Cashel



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, October 20–21 \$9,375.00
Restoration/Renovation \$1,230.00

IC Grand Annual

Grand Annual continues

The initial results of our 2018 Grand Annual Appeal are extremely encouraging! Many parishioners have already pledged their support. If you did not bring your pledge card with you to Mass this weekend, please mail back to the parish office or place it in the collection next weekend.

Can we surpass last year's success?

Last year we raised over \$80,000 through the Grand Annual. Our hope is that we can surpass this success and raise a minimum of \$100,000 to keep our parish financially sound. If possible, please consider a pledge of \$350 or more. This could be done with 2 monthly payments of \$175 each. Some have the ability to do much more and some less. We ask only that you give to the best of your ability.

Thank you for your generous support.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 21.00
Poor Box	\$500.00
Total	\$521.00

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 www.hriccatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices.

IC Knitting Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets Tuesdays at 1:00pm in room 209 in the IC Parish Center. We knit/crochet prayer shawls, hats, mittens, scarves for charity.

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

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.



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Immaculate Conception School



Parent involvement at the IC has a significantly positive impact on our students and our school community. There are countless places where parents become involved in the extracurricular experience of IC students to make a difference. From cross country to basketball coaches, Journey teachers, school dance chaperones, mystery readers who visit the classrooms, lunch and recess monitors, FunRun helpers, book fair organizers, haunted hallway Halloween planners, and all parent volunteers, add to our school community. I am very thankful for our dedicated parents at Immaculate Conception School. Together we make a great team!

IC Online Giving

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

Coffee & Baked Goods Sunday



The Pastoral Plan Welcoming Priority will sponsor a Coffee and Baked Goods Sunday at IC St. Louis Hall on **Sunday, November 4**, at 10:00 a.m. (between the 9:00 and 11:30 Masses). All are invited.

Adoration

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

Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Fall Programs

If you have not as yet registered your child for Religious Education classes, please don't hesitate! It is never too late to register. Classes are held Sunday mornings from 10:05–11:05. Forms can be found on our Collaborative website at www.hricatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education or by contacting the Religious Ed. office.

We would love to have a list of **substitutes** to call upon should one of our catechists not be available. Please consider helping us in this capacity.

The Pregnancy Care Center is very grateful for all of the baby items that were delivered to them on behalf of the Religious Ed students. Thanks to everyone for making our "Baby Shower" a success.



Some of the items collected for the "Baby Shower" for the Pregnancy Care Center

The students' next project is gathering non-perishable items to be distributed to local needy families in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Confirmation

Confirmation 1 and 2 will meet **this afternoon, Sunday, October 28** at 1:00 p.m. in the Church. Please remember: your **candidate must be accompanied by an adult.**

Baptism Dates to Remember

Baptism information: www.hricatholic.org/Baptism

The next scheduled Baptism class is **Sunday, November 4 at 1:00pm**. Please call the Parish office at 978-462-2724 to pre-register.

November 11 is the date for the next group Baptism.

Reconciliation / First Eucharist

We are beginning the process of preparing students for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Please contact the Religious Ed. office at 978-462-2724 to register your child or for more information. Forms to register are available on the website at <http://www.hricatholic.org/First-Eucharist-First-Reconciliation-Immaculate-Conception-Parish>.

Liturgical Ministers

Please remember when submitting your CORI form by mail, a **picture ID** must also be submitted for verification purposes. Complete and submit this form to the Parish Office as soon as possible as they are now past due. Forms are available in the sacristy.

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

IC Parish Boosters

Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 1, 2018 9am–2pm., IC School Gym. (Setup Friday, November 30, 2018 5:30–8:30pm.)

Contact: Melinda Burrell, 978-462-2724 or email burrell@newburyportcatholic.org

Call for vendors and crafters: Cost: \$25 for space and table. (Those selling personal items are to take with them what does not sell.)

The parish will host a 50/50 raffle and a **Grammy's Attic** table for **any items that people would like to donate to the Fair**. We are asking for the following:

- Donated candies, homemade baked goods, penny candy for children
- Items for children to go shopping for their parents
- Craft items
- Books
- DVDs
- Be creative!



Children's Area

(Teen volunteers to assist with children's area and gift wrapping.)

Food

Chili and cornbread, coffee, pastries, hot dogs, chips, soda, bottled water, desserts

Silent Auction

We are looking for donated items to support the Silent Auction. Vendors and crafters will also donate items for the raffle table.

Visit "North Shore Vendor Events" on Facebook to see our Christmas Fair ad.

Florida Hurricane Relief

Dear Parishioners,

We have been made aware of an individual family's need in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. This family (a relative of a parishioner) lives in Panama City and lost everything in the storm. They are asking for our help both through a request for donated items as well as through a GoFundMe page. A list of needed items can be found on our website and Facebook pages, but they include basic items for a husband, wife, grandmother, and 3 boys, ages 10, 15, & 17. Maria Hale, a parishioner, will be collecting the donated items in baskets in the foyer of Immaculate Conception Church. Thank you for your generosity in helping our brothers and sisters in need. www.gofundme.com/gxv84-hurricane-michael-relief.

Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, November 13** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205. We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at membership@kofc231.org, (978) 572-0231.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, October 20–21 **\$3,015.00**

HR Grand Annual

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Thank you for your generous support.

Veterans Gift Bags

50 gift bags, for male and female veterans, will be put together on Sunday, November 11 for Veteran's NE Outreach Center—Haverhill. We are asking for donations: travel size personal hygiene items, perfume, cosmetics, playing cards, socks, mints, notepads, pens, Dunkin' Donuts gift cards, candy, gum, hat, gloves, etc. Please label your bag "Veterans Donations" and leave in the back of either church.

HR Prayer Shawl



Do you know of any woman, man, or child who needs comfort and could use a Blessed Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket? Please call Helen Kelley 978-771-4673 or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099 for a shawl or more information.

Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, November 7.**

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

There is a wonderful way to honor someone who has requested "No gifts, please." You can send a check to Holy Redeemer Saint Vincent de Paul at 4 Green Street in Merrimac. Your donation will honor someone's celebration and will also help those in need. A note will be sent to let that someone know about the donor's meaningful gift. Donations can be made to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant occasions.

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

HR Religious Education

All families can find registration forms, class schedules, and calendar events online at: hricatholic.org. Click on *Faith Formation*, then *Holy Redeemer* tab. Collaborative bulletins can be found on this site, too.

Sun., 11/4 **Grades 3–6** at Merrimac Hall, 9–10 a.m.
Grade 9 class at Merrimac Hall, 6–7:30 p.m.

Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

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

Champagne Breakfast for Spiritual Adoption Program

We are hosting a champagne breakfast this weekend, **October 28**, after the 8:00am Mass at Nativity to celebrate the Spiritual Adoption Program that our Collaborative started 9 months ago. **Our champagne breakfast is complementary.** We ask that you make a donation to the pregnancy care center, so we are incorporating the baby bottle campaign for the Pregnancy Care Center of The Merrimack Valley & Southern New Hampshire (PCC). Parishioner Mary McCarthy will speak at the breakfast about services the Center is able to provide as a result of our donations.



Baby Bottles Due Back Today

Thanks to all of you who participated in Pregnancy Care Center's Baby Bottle Campaign in honor of the Sanctity of Human Life.

Please return all filled bottles today. These donations will be used to help women in crisis pregnancies. It's not too late to give a donation. The PCC is also in need of volunteers to fill many openings. To receive more information about PCC, call 978-373-5700.

PCC is a crisis pregnancy center offering loving alternatives to abortion, and confidential counsel to women who are facing unplanned pregnancies.

In addition, they provide sexual integrity education, post abortion counseling and material assistance (baby items/food). The services are free, thanks to support from individuals and local churches.

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. www.ewtnnews.com/

Preparing for Mass

Visit <http://liturgy.slu.edu> to read this weekend's Scripture, historical and theological commentaries, and prayerful reflections. It is a great way to get ready to hear and respond to God's Word.

HOLY REDEEMER HOLIDAY FAIR

Fair Raffle Tickets for Sale

Raffle tickets will be available one half hour before and after all masses starting November 3 and through the day of the fair. Please be on the lookout for tickets being mailed to all registered parish family households. All cash prizes total \$1,000. **1st Prize: \$500, 2nd Prize : \$300 and 3rd Prize \$200.** Donations for these raffles are a book of 6 for \$5. If you need tickets, please call Barbara Boucher 978-346-7116 or email: Babsnboo1@verizon.net.



Holiday Fair Donations

Donations Needed

Nearly new items are needed for the fair. Do you have any hidden treasures tucked away? Contact Stefania Zak at 978-363-2472.

Gift Baskets Needed

Themed gift baskets at our annual fair are always a huge success thanks to the baskets filled and donated by individual parishioners. If you or your family has never donated a gift basket, give it a try this year.

Simply pick a theme, find a nice basket, (baskets are at the back of both churches to use) and fill it creatively! If you form a group, filling a basket is easy if each member contributes an item or two.

Suggested basket themes: sports, baby, movies, candles, chocolate, bedtime, dinner, toys, candy, pets, books, gardening, travel, wine, Thanksgiving, date night, cooking, music, Christmas, games, and more.

Silent Auction Items Requested

We are looking for Silent Auction items. Do you have something to donate? Questions? Call Carole 978-346-9031.

Less Than 1 Month until Our Fair: Saturday, Nov. 17

For many, many years our **Holiday Fair** has been an important fundraiser for our parish. It has been an opportunity for us to build our church family and welcome the larger community to our parish. Each volunteer does his or her part through baking, basket donations, volunteering at the fair, selling raffle tickets, making soup, set up, etc. Each contributes according to ability and, as a result, our parish community benefits from the work—whether great or small—of all.

Please consider helping out this year. Contact our group leaders to help out.

- **Themed Gift Baskets:** Roberta Homan (Rhoman1980@aol.com)
- **Bake Table:** Pauline Duhamel (Pduhamel2@yahoo.com)
- **Silent Auction Items:** Carole Sokolowski (Carole.sokolowski@merrimack.edu)
- **Raffle Tickets:** Barbara Boucher (babsnboo1@verizon.net)
- **Nearly New Items:** Stefania Zak (stefZ0717@verizon.net)
- **Homemade Soups:** Marie Greeley (regr3@outlook.com)
- **Fair Coordinator:** Cindy Quinn (cynwinnquinn@aol.com), 978-346-0072



Fair Donation Drop Off Times

The Activities Committee has posted a calendar on the glass door of Nativity Hall updating when workers will be in the hall and when the hall will be open for dropping off donations.

Please consider helping with the hall setup. Many hours go into preparing the hall for our fair.

DECEMBER IN THE COLLABORATIVE

Holy Family “Open House”

Save the Date

A free, festive Open House for Collaborative parishioners of all ages. To celebrate the Christmas season and the Holy Family, a reception of treats and nativity scenes will be on display. Any HRIC family or individual is invited to share their personal crèche scene at the Open House.

Date: Sunday, December 30

Time: 1:00pm–4:00pm

Place: Nativity Hall, Merrimac

Participants are invited to set-up their own manger scene. Be creative. But if you need assistance, that is available. All mangers on loan must be registered in advance to assure adequate floor space and set-up time.

These events are sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team. For more information, contact Mary Schmidt, 978-462-6191, maryschmidt@homepro@hotmail.com.

Advent Vespers Series

For 2 Wednesdays this Advent, come for a rare opportunity to pray with Russian icons as a complement to our traditional Western antiphonal Evening Prayer. This reflective and beautiful way to add prayer to Advent will inspire with word, song, silence, and images.

Dates: December 12 and December 19, 7:00pm–8:00pm at St James Chapel, IC Parish Center

Advent Adventure with Icons

Reserve your seat on the bus for a road trip and private tour to the Clinton, MA Museum of Russian Icons! It is tentatively scheduled for December 5. **Registration required.** RSVP to Mary Schmidt.