

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

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All Are Welcome



A rejected stone on the summit of Mt. Tabor in Israel

*Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the scriptures:
'The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done,
and it is wonderful in our eyes?'" (Mt. 21:42)*



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/7)

2:00pm **Atria** (Fr. Broderick)
 4:00pm **IC Rita Snow, Connie Bucci, Patricia Toomey** (Fr. Harrison)
 4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (10/8)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Broderick)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 11:30am **IC Robert Filomia, Gordon P. Mitchell, Sr. and Catherine L. Mitchell, Peggy Huson** (Fr. Morin)

Monday (10/9)

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

Tuesday (10/10)

7:15am **IC Henry Reslewic, Magda Javor** (Fr. Broderick)

Wednesday (10/11)

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

Thursday (10/12)

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

Friday (10/13)

9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 9:00am **IC School Liturgy Mildred Beeler** (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (10/14)

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

Sunday (10/15)

7:15am **IC Regina M. Stronge** (Fr. Broderick)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. George)
 9:00am **IC Evelyn Mahoney** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 10:15am **St. Ann Carol Derro** (Fr. Morin)
 11:30am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Ellen J. Powers 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,

We have had a very busy week in our Collaborative! Immaculate Conception School students were involved in a "Fun Run" that raised more than \$20,000 for enrichment programs and activities for the school. Way to go kids! Holy Redeemer Parishioners successfully hosted a wine-tasting night in partnership with the West Newbury Food Mart. More than 100 people attended this fun (and tasty!) social event. Although it was officially "rained out," both of our local chapters of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society co-sponsored the annual "Walk for the Friends of the Poor" this past Saturday. All walkers were encouraged to do the walk in the coming days so as to complete their sponsorship obligations. Since I had already dressed in rain gear, I decided to walk anyway, downpours or not, and ended up picking up a number of other damp, like-minded individuals along the way. We had fun, though! And it was for a good cause. Although it took some convincing to forgo the usual route, Fr. Broderick decided to do laps in the rectory instead. Many thanks to all who generously sponsored our walkers!



Please keep our pilgrimage group in your prayers in the days ahead as we leave for Rome and Assisi this Sunday afternoon. This journey marks a third step in the exploration of how our Faith was spread throughout the world. Two years ago we began with a journey to the Holy Land, where it all began. Staying and praying in the very places where Jesus preached, died and rose from the dead was awe-inspiring and life-changing, to say the least! This past year, we retraced the footsteps of St. Paul, our greatest apostle, as he spread the Faith beyond Jerusalem and Israel into Asia Minor and out into the Roman Empire around the Aegean Sea. We saw many places where Paul preached and the remnants of the communities that he founded. This year, our travels take us to Rome, the heart of the empire and center of the Western world for many centuries. It was here that both St. Paul and St. Peter would be martyred in giving witness to the Faith. It is here where we still find the successor of the Apostles and the leaders of our Church. We also will go to Assisi, the home of St. Francis, who in the 13th century helped to rebuild the Church of Christ through his embrace of poverty and love for the poor. Here we look to spend a day of retreat praying for all of you whom we will carry in our hearts.

I look forward to sharing much more with you upon our return!

Alla prossima!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Collaborative Offices Closed

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus Day.

Offices will reopen on Tuesday morning at 8:00am.



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Join Us!

Pastoral Plan Information Night

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Looking forward to seeing you on November 6.

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

Volunteers Needed for Avita of Newburyport

Every Sunday, Avita of Newburyport Assisted Living brings residents to Mass at Holy Redeemer. They are in need of volunteers to escort residents from Avita to church and back on the Avita bus at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Please contact Debra Shapiro at deb@avitaofnewburyport.com or 978-225-7000.

Virtus Class

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

This Week in Our Collaborative

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

hricatholic.org

Monday, October 9, Collaborative Offices Closed

Tuesday, October 10

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

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

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Haiti Board Meeting 7:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Knights of Columbus 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Wednesday, October 11

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall

Holy Quilters 2:30pm, Nativity Hall

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

HR St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory

Thursday, October 12

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

Friday, October 13

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Principal's Meet & Greet 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

Saturday, October 14

HR Religious Ed., Grade 1 Activity Day 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

Sunday, October 15

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

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

IC Religious Ed., Grades K–8 10:05am, IC Parish Center

IC 1st Eucharist Orientation/Session 1:00pm, IC Church

Scripture Study 2:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

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

Scripture for the Week

8	Sun	Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
9	Mon	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
10	Tue	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
11	Wed	Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
12	Thu	Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
13	Fri	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
14	Sat	Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

Questions of the Week

Adult: After reading the parable, how would you describe God's justice?

Child: In the Gospel, why do you think the landowner gave his tenants a second chance?



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Youth Masses

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

Next Youth Mass: October 29

October 29 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

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

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

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

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

Cursillo

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

2017/2018 Ultreya/Cursillo Calendar

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

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

Collaborative Website

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

Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on October 15

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

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

Centering Prayer

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

Walk to Defeat ALS

ALS is a disease which recently struck very close to home in our Collaborative.

In 2016, Team Sandy finished the 3-mile course and raised significant funds in the hope of erasing ALS in our lifetime. In honor of Sandy and Larry Lambert's



grace and faith in dealing with this heartbreaking ailment, please join the HRIC team of walkers on **Saturday, October 14** at Beverly High School. You can sign up as a walker, a virtual walker, and/or donor. Of our \$10,000 goal, \$6,950 has already been raised and **we need your help to exceed our goal.**

Please join us in this effort by logging on to North Shore ALS walk at <http://www.alsa.org/fight-als/>, and sign up for Team Sandy. Hope to see you on October 14. Thank you for your support and God bless.

Walk Check-in: 9:00 a.m.

Walk Starts: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Beverly High School

Distance: 3 miles

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Sept. 30, Oct. 1 \$12,120.00

The second collection this weekend is the **Monthly**. The second collection next weekend is **Restoration/Renovation**.

2017 Grand Annual

Next weekend is our Grand Annual Collection

Last weekend we launched our 2017 Grand Annual Collection. A special Grand Annual letter has been mailed to all registered parishioners. Please return the enclosed pledge card indicating your gift. You may mail it back to the parish office or place it in the collection at Mass on **October 14 and 15**. Additional pledge cards are available at the entrance to the church.

Can we surpass last year's success?

Last year, we raised over \$75,000 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, we ask you to 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.

We truly appreciate any assistance you can give. We understand that some households face financial difficulties. We are counting on the many who are able to support our parish in the 2017 Grand Annual drive, at any level of giving. Thank you for your generous support.

Offertory Renewal Program

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

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 17.00
Poor Box	\$ 273.00
Total	\$ 290.00

Knights of Columbus

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus is **Tuesday, October 10** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.



Immaculate Conception School

Service Learning is a relatively new term in education, used to identify projects where students serve others as they learn, or learn as they serve. A faith-based school is a natural place for Service Learning to occur and is incorporated into student learning at the IC. Our 8th graders will embark on a sports journalism project that



will test their writing skills while informing the school community about weekly sporting events. Newburyport *Daily News* sports editor Connor Whooley visited the IC last week to set the tone for the project. Connor shared his expertise with our students about how to write a dynamic sports article that is

objective, accurate, and considerate of audience and a losing team. Copies of the *Daily News* sports section, where Connor's articles are featured, often with large color photographs, helped the students to see the



ICS Grade 8

potential for this project. They are excited and eager to start reporting! It's exciting to think that this experience may lead to a career in journalism for some of our students. Opportunities that enhance the educational experience, such as sports journalism, are benefits of an IC education.

The 8th grade students and I would like to thank Athletic Director, Mike Doyle, who brought this idea to fruition. Together, we make a great team.

Joan Fowler Sullivan, Principal

ICS Open House

Immaculate Conception School (IC) will hold an Open House on Wednesday, October 11, 9-10 a.m. (or call for a private tour).

Meet our new principal Mrs. Joan Sullivan, tour the school, and learn more about the benefits of an IC education.

RCIA

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

Consolers Circle Meal

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

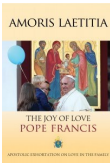
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IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

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

Love endures all things. In #122: We should not however confuse different levels: there is no need to lay upon two limited persons the tremendous burden of having to reproduce perfectly the union existing between Christ and his Church, for marriage as a sign entails "a dynamic process..., one which advances gradually with the progressive integration of the gifts of God."



School Year IC Religious Education Classes

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

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

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

No Classes this week: October 8 and 9.

Next Classes:

- Gr. K-8, Sunday, October 15 10:05-11:05am.
- Gr. 1-8, Monday, October 16 6:00-7:10pm.

Baptism

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

Please pre-register for the class.

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

Oct. 8 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

Confirmation Parent Orientation has been completed. If your family is new to Confirmation, please email or call Dr. Mag McKinnon for a review of the process.

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

For information and registration go online:

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

First Eucharist

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

Landings

Landings session for Returning Catholics: No session on October 9-holiday. Next session is Monday, October 16 from 7:15-9:00pm in the Charity Dining Room 114.

Youth Mass—Sunday, October 29

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

Adoration

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

IC Knitting Ministry



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

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

Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

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

WWII Presentation

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

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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Sept. 30, Oct 1 \$3,652.00

The second collection next weekend is the monthly.

“With One Voice” Capital Campaign

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

Would you please consider supporting this effort?

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

Please place your “Commitment Envelope” in the regular collection at Mass. If you forgot to bring your pledge envelope to Mass this weekend, please mail it to the parish office this week or bring it with you to Mass next weekend.

Campaign Pledge Reminders

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

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

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 **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, October 11**. See the Collaborative calendar at www.hricatholic.org for the schedule or contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

HR Religious Education

Tuesday, Oct. 10: Grade 7 class, Nativity Hall, 6–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14: Activity Day for our 1st Graders, Merrimac Hall, 1:00–3:30 p.m.

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

Grade 9 class, Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m. Jaymie Stuart Wolfe will be our speaker, parents are invited to attend.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community Service

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

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HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Thank You!

Many thanks go out to the following parishioners who helped to make last week's Wine Tasting Social such a smashing success: Jackie Willis, Ellen Colburn, Marie Greeley, Gretchen Handerson, Lindy Davis, Elaine Drolet, Carole and Tony Sokolowski, Cindy and Jim Quinn, Dorine Gorski, Alice Mulvaney, Roberta Homan, and Pauline Duhamel. More than 100 people came together to sample some very nice wines, enjoy some excellent appetizers and hors d'oeuvres and just plain have fun. Thank you for all of your help and support!

We are happy to say we raised over \$2,000.00 for the "With One Voice" Capital Campaign. The committee thanks Mary Ann Fowler from West Newbury Food Mart who donated all the wines for our tasting. Without her generosity the Social would not have happened. The committee also thanks 5 Daughters Catering from Merrimac who donated all the wonderful appetizers. 5 Daughters Catering is a new business in Merrimac and we would highly recommend them! The food was delicious and Donna was very easy to work with!



Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

Saturday, November 18

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nearly New Table

Downsizing? Fall cleaning? Regifting?

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

Merrimac Santa Parade

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

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

HR Prayer Shawl



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

Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, November 2.**