

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

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**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 9, 2016

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**The murky waters of the Jordan River today**

*“Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times  
at the word of Elisha, the man of God.” (2Kings 5:14)*



# Immaculate Conception School

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## The 16th Annual IC North Pole Express!

*It's a magical journey to the North Pole*



This truly unique adventure departs

**Saturday, December 3rd**

from the Newburyport Commuter Rail Station.

**This experience includes:**

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

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- ✧ Tickets sell out in days, if not hours
- ✧ Tickets \$35 each (All riders over the age of one year need a ticket)
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- ✧ Tickets are non refundable but can be resold on our blog

**Departure Times:**

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

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (10/8)

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

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

### Sunday (10/9)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *For the intentions of Samuel McLachlan and Family* (Fr. Harrison)

10:15am **St. Ann Paul & Helen Ringenbach**  
(Fr. Morin)

11:30am **IC** *Gordon Sr. & Catherine L. Mitchell, Robert Filomia, Peggy Huson* (Fr. McLaughlin)

12:00noon **St. Ann** Confirmation  
(Bishop Hennessey)

2:30pm **St. Ann** Confirmation (Bishop Hennessey)

### Monday (10/10)

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

### Tuesday (10/11)

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

### Wednesday (10/12)

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

### Thursday (10/13)

7:15am **IC** *William & Patricia Twomey* (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (10/14)

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

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

### Saturday (10/15)

4:00pm **IC** *George & Veronica Blaikie, Hank & Jean Marie Caron, Florence Boschetti, John E. & Katherine Doyle Kelley, Louis Paul Dubuc, Michael Harrington Sr., Michael Harrington Jr.*  
(Fr. Broderick)

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

### Sunday (10/16)

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

8:00am **Nativity** *John R. Minihan, Norman W. Armstrong* (Fr. Harrison)

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

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

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

In your prayers, please remember all the faithful departed.

**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

**IC**—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

**Nativity**—Merrimack

**St. Ann**—West Newbury

## Collaborative Offices Closed

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, October 10 in observance of Columbus Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday morning at 8:00.

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I don't blame Naaman the Syrian army general for not wanting to bath in the Jordan River. If you take a good look at the bulletin cover, you will see it is green with algae and hardly inviting, even for a swim on a hot day. One might want to take a bath *after* bathing in the Jordan! The story from our first reading runs, of course, deeper than that.

Naaman, filled with his own importance and wrapped in the trappings of power and prestige, thought that, surely, to be cured of such an insidious disease as leprosy, something truly extraordinary was required. Magical incantations, lengthy, potent prayers...the personal attention of the prophet Elisha, at least?! Elisha didn't even have the good manners to come out of his tent and talk to Naaman! He simply sent a message through a servant that told him to wash in the Jordan seven times.

While he was tempted to walk away in anger, one of his servants pleaded with him to do as he was told. So, humbling himself, he washed seven times... and was cured. The lesson is subtle if not persistent: do what God tells you, even if it seems too easy or simple, or too humiliating or undignified. God's blessings work through those who obey his Word.

In the Gospel, we have a similar scene where this time, ten lepers were healed at Jesus' word. But always using the lens of the wider community in any healing miracle, the bigger picture includes restoring these now-healed lepers to their communities which would have been shunning them due to the nature of their disease and the strictness of their purity laws. Only a priest could lift the quarantine that the Law imposed on lepers by proclaiming them officially healed. Presumably, nine of them went off and did what they were told to do. But therein lies the problem: one of the lepers was a Samaritan, and would not have been allowed to present himself to the Jewish priests in the Temple in Jerusalem. Samaritans were not welcome there.

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## 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.

Youth Masses (5:00pm) for the year are:

October 23 Immaculate Conception  
December 11 Immaculate Conception (Service learning experience after Mass until 7:30pm in St. Louis Hall for grades 7-12.)

January 22 Holy Redeemer, Church of the Nativity  
March 12 Immaculate Conception  
April 2 Holy Redeemer, Church of the Nativity  
May 7 Immaculate Conception



## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit our website for details on these and other events.

#### Monday, October 10, Columbus Day

Collaborative offices closed

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

Cub Scouts Troop 41 Den Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Lower Hall

#### Tuesday, October 11

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 Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Lower Hall

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

#### Wednesday, October 12

HR Sandwich Program 9:00pm, 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 13

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

#### Friday, October 14

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

AA 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

#### Sunday, October 16

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

IC Religious Ed., Grades K–6 10:05am, IC Parish Center

IC Religious Ed., Grades 7–8 1:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

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

## RCIA

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

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

## Collaborative Website

Visit the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception website at [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org).

You can find information about many Collaborative organizations, Religious Ed., Mass times, our calendar events, and much, much more.

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So, he did the only thing he could think of under the circumstances. He returned to Jesus to give thanks to God. Symbolically, Jesus is the new Temple and High Priest. So, Luke's Gospel story prefigures the fulfillment and Salvation that was to take place in Christ, which would be offered to all nations, Samaria included.

Naaman the foreigner did what he was told to do and was healed by the Lord. The lepers in the Gospel did what Christ told them to do and were healed. Even the hated Samaritan found a path of healing and salvation by following Christ's words.

Though we may not be suffering from a dreaded skin disease that separates us from God, from our families and the community in which we live, we nonetheless suffer from the ravages of sin which can take away all of these things and lead to eternal death. Christ's words to us to accept his healing and forgiveness remain the same today as they were centuries ago. The big question is will we listen to his voice and do what he tells us?

May God give each of us strength this week to hear the Lord's voice and follow his will in our lives.

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

## Collaborative Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston



Please consider making a pilgrimage to the beautiful and venerable mother church of our diocese during the Year of Mercy. Embrace the tender compassion of God as we and Father George Morin pass through the Holy Doors, attend Mass there as a collaborative, followed by prayer and reflection and a guided tour of the cathedral.

This event is planned for Saturday, November 12. We will travel by Salter Bus, leave for Boston at 7:45am and return to Newburyport by 1:30pm.

Cost is \$10 per person. Watch for more detailed information in the bulletin and at [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org) next week. Sign-up by email or phone: Mary Bragg, [csbraggjr@comcast.net](mailto:csbraggjr@comcast.net), 978-465-8779.

## Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Training Sessions

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

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

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

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run

Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception St. Vincent de Paul Societies held their annual Walk on September 24 in Newburyport. This is a national event coordinated by the Development Team at the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul. What a great turnout!



*Fr. George and Fr. Broderick are ready for the walk.*



*Fr. Tim at the finish line after his walk.*



*On the sidewalks of Newburyport (above). Busy registration tables for HR and IC (right).*



## Celebrating the Sacraments

### Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm or by appointment.  
 HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass or by appointment.

### Baptism

Call the Parish Office for information and to register.

### Marriage

Archdiocesan guidelines request that couples planning to marry in the Church contact the church at least six months prior to the wedding date.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Call the Parish Office if someone in your family is ill and you feel the grace and power of the Sacrament would be helpful. This Sacrament should not be seen as only administered when there is danger of death. Please call us if someone is in the hospital, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.

## Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

### Scripture Study Will Meet on October 16

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on its regular third Sunday of the month on October 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Parish Center. We will be reading and discussing Chapters 52 through 56 in *The Book of Isaiah*, completing the section known as The Book of Consolation. The Book of Consolation is generally attributed to an anonymous poet who prophesied toward the end of the Babylonian exile and contains the great messianic oracles known as the Suffering Servant songs. Chapter 56 begins Part III, Return of the First Captives, which contains oracles from a later period, composed by disciples 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.

## Cursillo

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

### 2016-2017 Ultreya / Cursillo Calendar

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

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

## hricatholic.org News Feed

Visit [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) for the latest Catholic news feeds including catholic.org, the Vatican, the Archdiocese of Boston, The Pilot, and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Just click on the News tab on our homepage.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Offertory Collection

Offertory October 1–2	\$ 3,556.00
Monthly	\$ 1,757.00
Roofing Expenses as of 10–2	\$25,421.00

## Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

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

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

## 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.

## HR Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers who received the Sacrament of Baptism in September at Holy Redeemer:

Thomas Soucy and Daryl Nicholas Whitty Jr.

## 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 12**. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions or delivery date schedule.

## Fair Meeting

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



## HR Religious Education

Bishop Hennessey will be celebrating the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at noon and 2:30pm, on Sunday at St. Ann Church. Please continue to pray for these young adults as they continue on their journey of faith.

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

Sunday, 10/16 **Grades 3–6** classes, Merrimac 9–10am  
**Grade 9** class, Merrimac, 6–7:30pm

Monday, 10/17, **VIRTUS training** for adults volunteering with children in any capacity, at Holy Redeemer, Immaculate Conception Church, and Immaculate Conception School. The session begins promptly at **7:00pm** in the St. Ann Church Hall, 300 Main Street, West Newbury. Adults need only to attend **one** training session, and you keep your certification by completing online training bulletins regularly.

Sunday, 10/23, **Youth Mass**, 5:00pm, Immaculate Conception, Newburyport. All of our collaborative parish children and families are invited. Our offertory collection will be our weekly envelopes and also winter items: hats, gloves, scarves and heavy socks for our area homeless population.

## Fair Mailing Help Needed

The Fair committee is looking for volunteers to prepare the Fair mailing on Thursday, October 20 at 3:00pm in the parish hall in Merrimac. This could take 1–2 hours depending on number of volunteers. It is also a great opportunity for Confirmation candidates to earn hours. Hope to see you there! Any questions call Helen Kelley, 968-771-4673 or email [HVKTax@aol.com](mailto:HVKTax@aol.com).

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

Last week our Conference received \$297.84 from the poor box. This money will help our clients. Thank you for your generosity.

Thus far, our Conference has raised \$4,601 from the Walk for the Poor. The members appreciate your generosity and are pleased that your pledges and donations will help keep our Conference going throughout the winter months. Thank you very much.

## 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**.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

**Offertory October 1–2**                    **\$10058.00**  
**Missionary Co-Operative**           **\$5364.00**

This week's second collection is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend is the Restoration/Renovation.



*Parishioners join with Fr. Tim and Sr. Lisa following the 11:30 a.m. Mass last week at Immaculate Conception. Sr. Lisa Valentini, MSC, spoke at all of the Masses on behalf of the Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith.*

## Breaking Bread

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

## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$ 212.00
Collection	\$ 10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 222.00</b>

## Community Service of Newburyport Thank You

September 26, 2016

Dear Church Members,

Please accept our sincere thanks for your annual collection of back-to-school socks and underwear for the children of our clients. We are grateful for the time and effort you put into this very generous donation.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated by our clients and their children and by all of us at Community Service.

Sincerely,  
Martha Arias  
General Secretary

## IC Knitting Ministry

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

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



## Consolers Circle Meal

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

## Music Ministry Notes

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

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

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

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

## 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 Charity Dining Room. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or see our website.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Walk to Defeat ALS

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



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

## Online Giving

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

## Knights of Columbus



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

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

Contact us at [\(978\) 572-0231](tel:9785720231), [membership@kofc231.org](mailto:membership@kofc231.org), or [membership@kofcnewburyport.org](mailto:membership@kofcnewburyport.org)

If you are already a member, please update your contact information with your email via [membership@kofc231.org](mailto:membership@kofc231.org).

## IC Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in September:

Penelope Joan Bradley, James Edward Burnham, Jr.,  
Mary Elizabeth Colby, Claire Jane Gillespie,  
Pasquale Maceo Guardino, Raelicia Hadara Kombana,  
Jacob David Leonard, Ethan Daniel Palenscar,  
and Anthony Daniel Picucci.

## 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 #49—...Families in dire poverty and great limitations. The problems faced by poor households are often all the more trying. For example, if a single mother has to raise a child by herself and needs to leave the child alone at home while she goes to work, the child can grow up exposed to all kinds of risks and obstacles to personal growth. In such difficult situations of need, the Church must be particularly concerned to offer understanding, comfort and acceptance, rather than imposing straightaway a set of rules that only lead people to feel judged and abandoned by the very Mother called to show them God's mercy. Rather than offering the healing power of grace and the light of the Gospel message, turning it into 'dead stones to be hurled at others.

### Religious Education Classes

School Year Registration is ongoing. **No classes:** Oct. 9 and 10.

Grades K–6: Next classes: 10/16 and 10/17.

Grades 7–8: Next class: 10/16.

### Baptism

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

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

Oct. 9 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

### Confirmation

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

### Ransom the Captive



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed" (Lk 4: 18).

Would you want to be defined by the worst thing you have ever done? God doesn't want that for you either. The only sin that can't be forgiven is the one you never ask forgiveness for. Redemption is for everyone.

*(Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others, Dynamic Catholic, p. 66).*

## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** When have you prayed? How have you been persistent in your prayer life each day?

**Child:** Name a time when Jesus heard your prayer.



# AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

## Catholic High School Open Houses

### Bishop Fenwick

Please join the students and faculty at our Open House on Sunday, October 23, from 11:30–1:00 and Wednesday, November 16, from 6:30–8:30.

Fenwick: where opportunity and achievement meet. Visit our website at [www.Fenwick.org](http://www.Fenwick.org).

### Central Catholic

Prospective students and families have the opportunity to explore Central Catholic High School, Lawrence at an open house on Sunday, October 30, from 12:30–4:00. Visit or call [www.centralcatholic.net](http://www.centralcatholic.net), 978-682-0260 ext. 612.

## Merrimac CoA Class: Powerful Tools for Caregivers

The Merrimac Council on Aging is offering a six-week educational program designed to help take care of you while you are caring for a relative, friend, or loved one. This educational program will meet at the Merrimac Senior Center, 100 East Main Street, Merrimac, on Tuesdays from 10:00am–12:00noon starting on Tuesday, October 4, 2016.

This course is provided at **no cost** by the Merrimac Council on Aging. Respite care may be available during the class times. It must be requested in advance.

This workshop is not intended for professional caregivers.

For more information, or to register for classes, please call Laura Dillingham-Mailman, Director, Merrimac COA, 978-346-9549 or email: [ldmailman@townofmerrimac.com](mailto:ldmailman@townofmerrimac.com).

## Theology on Tap

All young adults are cordially invited to the next Theology on Tap, *"I Have Called You By Name" Discerning God's Will*, with Fr. Carlos Suarez, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Boston.

We will meet on Tuesday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. at Casa Blanca Mexican Restaurant, 2 Essex St., Haverhill, MA. For more information, contact Gabriela Peixoto (978)590-0415.

## Scripture for the Week

9 Sun	2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
10 Mon	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32
11 Tue	Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
12 Wed	Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
13 Thu	Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
14 Fri	Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
15 Sat	Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12

## Preparing for Mass

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

## Daily Masses in the Area

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

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

### Friday

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

### Saturday

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

## LIFT Ministries

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00pm for an inspiring night of worship at St. John Church in East Bridgewater with speaker Dave VanVickle. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is **free** to attend and open to all ages. More information about LIFT, can be found on their website at [www.liftedhigher.com](http://www.liftedhigher.com). Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area.

## WINGS

WINGS (Women In God's Spirit) is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in their relationship with God and one another. We meet monthly, September through May, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Holy Family Parish Center, Amesbury. Our Fall theme is "On the road to Emmaus", and our schedule is as follows: Sunday, October 16, Lynn Kenn, World Apostolate of Fatima Sunday; November 20, Sister Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ "Word of God Everyday" Ministry; and December 11: Pot Luck Social. Contact Jeanine Fowler, 978-388-5176, for more information.