

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017

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*“Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters,
you have no need for anything to be written to you.
For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord
will come like a thief at night.” (1Thes. 5:1-2)*

All Are Welcome

The New England Tenors in Concert



When: Sunday, November 26
2:00 p.m.

Where: Immaculate Conception
Church, Newburyport

Cost: \$20 adults
\$12 children under 12

Tickets are available:

- After IC Masses this weekend
- At the door
- By calling 978-465-5810
- From any IC SVdP member

Enjoy an afternoon of wonderful music to begin the Advent and Christmas season.

Sponsored by The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Immaculate Conception

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Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (11/18)

4:00pm **IC Mass of Remembrance** (Fr. Broderick)

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

Sunday (11/19)

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

8:00am **Nativity Anne Yurkovich Sivik**
(Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC Carol F. Brennan, Sandy Lambert**
(Fr. Morin)

10:15am **St. Ann Anthony & Dorothea Gesamondo**
(Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC Neil Woodworth, For the intentions of
Denise Altenburger** (Fr. Morin)

Monday (11/20)

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

Tuesday (11/21)

7:15am **IC Raymond & Hilda Hartnett, Lenny
Currier** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (11/22)

7:15am **IC William & Ann DePippo, Regina M.
Stronge** (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Thursday (11/23) Thanksgiving Day

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

Friday (11/24)

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

Saturday (11/25)

10:30am **Country Manor** (Fr. Broderick)

4:00pm **IC Robert Cynewski, Virginia DeAngelis,
Josephine "Jo" Bridges** (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **Nativity Helen Noone** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (11/26)

7:15am **IC JoEllen Cox-Mulica** (Fr. Harrison)

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

9:00am **IC Alan Chu** (Fr. Broderick)

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

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

In your prayers, please remember Raymond Brooks, Jr., Josephine "Jo" Bridges, Morris Wilson, Ann LaSelva 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,



A few years ago, a close friend's wife died from cancer. She had been diagnosed only a year before, and her passing was filled with all of the sadness and emotion that you might imagine would accompany such a painful journey. She was a woman of deep faith and of great love for her family and friends. I have all the confidence in the world that she is now peacefully enjoying the fullness of God's Kingdom. I hope to see her again, when it is my turn to enter into that mystery.

My friend was devastated over the loss. Although they never had children of their own, they regularly gathered extended family and friends around their dining room table for meals that often went on for many hours, filled with good food, choice wines, and lots of laughter. Several weeks after her passing, my friend invited a number of us to his home for Easter dinner. It was a somber gathering compared to previous meals, yet we all knew how important it was to come together nonetheless. At the start of the meal, however, my friend did something that broke my heart. He pulled out a very rare bottle of wine, a very expensive one that he and his wife had been saving, religiously, for a special occasion. It had been a wedding gift to them both from some years before. Sadly, his wife never got to savor its delicate flavors. What a bittersweet experience it was to share a glass of fine wine with a close friend, knowing that it was meant for so much more...a blessing that was to have been shared with at least one other. That is a regret that is unquenchable.

I think of that painful experience when I ponder this weekend's Gospel and the parable of the talents. Realizing that it is first and foremost not a lesson on economics, ancient or present-day, one thing I think we can take away from it is a potent challenge to take the blessings of the present and utilize them in some way for the purposes of furthering the Kingdom. And there is risk in doing that! You never know what lament might lie right around the corner if something is spent too quickly, something exhausted before its time, something not appropriately rationed. But the Gospel warns us of a different kind of lament, one that we will not be able to overcome with future joy. It is the regret of not rejoicing enough when there was plenty to rejoice over. It is the sadness that will come if we do not find some way to bask in the present joy of being part of God's Kingdom in the here and now. It is not only meant for some later-on event, at some undetermined future point in time. Although we will only experience it's completeness later on, we are called to be part of it now. And that means wringing every drop of life and joy, laughter and love out of every moment that we have.

The servant with one talent in the Gospel wasn't criticized because he didn't find some way to double his money or wasn't as resourceful as the others. He wasn't even

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Collaborative Parishes

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit our website for a full list of activities and Masses

www.hriccatholic.org

Monday, November 20

AA Meeting 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC Religious Ed., Grades 1–8 6:00pm, IC Parish Center
HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
Landings 7:15pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, November 21

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

Wednesday, November 22

Collaborative Offices Close at Noon
IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church
IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Friday, November 24

Collaborative Offices Closed

Saturday, November 25

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

Sunday, November 26

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
New England Tenors Concert 2:00pm, IC Church

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at **8:00 a.m.** at Immaculate Conception Church.

The offertory at this Mass will benefit St. Vincent de Paul. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul.



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

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chastised because he tried and failed to make more money. He was lambasted because he didn't try at all. He buried something immensely valuable and refused to even attempt to do anything with it. He was paralyzed with fear and crippled with the ever self-defeating thought of "what if." What if he lost money and his master would become angry? What if he somehow screwed it up and everyone made fun of him? What if he tried and didn't measure up? His master only gave him a little of what he gave to the other servants because he already had seen him as less capable. What if he lived up to those expectations and confirmed their low opinion of him? What if? What he forgot, was that it wasn't all about him. It was about his master's joy, and his duty to do everything he could to participate in it.

When they began their marriage journey together, I'm sure my friends never dreamed of how it would end and under what heartbreaking circumstances they would part. Maybe having that one special bottle of wine on their shelf over the years was a symbol for them of something better and more joyful yet to come. Maybe it gave them hope that the best life had to offer was still in front of them....

On the other hand, I am certain that in hindsight, if given a "do-over," my friend would gladly have cracked that precious bottle on the most ordinary, boring, and mundane of days he and his wife had shared together and toasted with her the trivialities and inconsequential nonsense of daily life. Looking back, in the simplest of the simple is the richest of the rich. It doesn't get any more special than that.

So, a few questions for the present: What blessings has God given me today? How am I using them presently to celebrate and make real God's Kingdom in some way? If God were to ask for an account of how I am living my life right now, how would I answer? What regrets would I have? In light of my own answers to the above, what might I consider doing differently? Remember, ultimately it isn't all about us. It is about participating in something bigger, more joyful, and permanent than what we presently see and experience. What could we do to engage that in the here and now?

November blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer will not meet this week, November 22. We will return to our regular schedule on Wednesday, November 29 from 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.

Bulletin Information

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

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Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on November 19

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on November 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the **IC Charity Dining Room**, on the 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 21–24.6. In this second book, written between 80 and 90 A.D., Luke continues the story of Christianity in the first century.

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!

Women's Evening of Prayer



The next Women's Evening of Prayer will be Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church, West Newbury. The theme this month will be Mary—Mother of God.

All women of the Collaborative are welcome to this wonderful evening of reflection through prayer and music.

Cursillo

Cursillo is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love and joy into your daily life.

2017/2018 Ultreya/Cursillo Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
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)

Ultreya is held in the 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).

Festival of Wreaths to Benefit Pelican Intervention Fund

On November 24–25, Old South Presbyterian Church, 29 Federal St., Newburyport, will hold its *Festival of Wreaths*. The festival includes wreaths, trees, raffles, food, children's activities, decorating tips, and more. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Pelican Intervention Fund. Admission is \$5, children under 12 are free. For more information, visit oldsouthnbpt.org/festivalofwreaths. Contact Elizabeth McCarthy at 978-462-7483 with questions.

Scripture for the Week

19 Sun	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
20 Mon	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
21 Tue	2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
22 Wed	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
23 Thu	1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
24 Fri	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
25 Sat	1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
26 Sun	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

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.hricatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices.

Questions of the Week

Adult: In what ways have you used the gifts God has given you for the building of the Kingdom?

Child: How do you use the gifts that God gives you?

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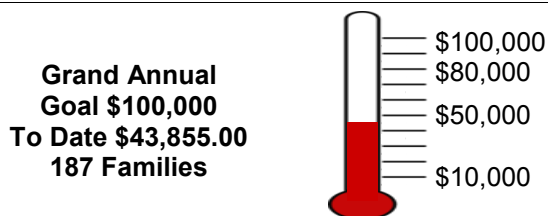
Offertory Collection

November 11–12 **\$10,005.00**
Monthly **\$ 1,720.00**

Today's second collection is used to assist religious communities to provide for the retirement and health care needs of Sisters who have served in the Archdiocese. Please take this opportunity to say thank you to the Sisters who have served the Church of Boston so generously for so many years. Your contribution does make a difference. For more information, please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious, at 617-746-5637 or [Sr Marian Batho@rcab.org](mailto:Sr.Marian.Batho@rcab.org).

The Thanksgiving collection is for St. Vincent de Paul. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

Next weekend's second collection is Restoration/Renovation.



2017 Grand Annual

If you did not bring your pledge card with you to Mass this weekend, please mail it back to the parish office or place it in the collection next weekend.

Thank you for your support.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 8.00
Poor Box	\$104.00
Total	\$112.00

Memorials

Since it is the custom in the Church to remember the dead during the month of November, any parishioner who wishes to include a picture of a loved one on our memorial altar is invited to place it next to our baptismal font any time after Mass through the end of the month. Each picture should be no larger than 2" X 3". All pictures should be removed after the Thanksgiving weekend.

The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause.

Our next monthly support meeting is November 27 in Room 209 of the IC Parish Center at 7:30 to 9:00pm.

Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at (617) 410-6309 or info@butterflysjourney.org.

Immaculate Conception School



The IC school community honored our Veterans with a beautiful ceremony, lead by 8th grade members of the Leadership Team. The ceremony included presentation of the colors, the playing of taps, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, learning about the significance and meaning of Veteran's Day, and a speech by a grandfather who served in World War II.

IC alumnus Mr. Jeremiah Doyle, grandfather of Caroline Doyle, pictured right, spoke to students about the importance for each of them to continue to work to preserve our freedom. It was a beautiful ceremony and a wonderful opportunity for our Leadership Team to serve our school community.



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.

Community Service of NBPT

During the holidays, Immaculate Conception Church is collecting food for Community Service of Newburyport. Any non-perishable food and personal care products will be greatly appreciated. They especially need pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, Hamburger Helper, boxed potatoes, crackers, canned fruit, coffee, sugar, tuna, soup, etc. and personal care products such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Please, no expired non-perishable food. Please leave items in the IC church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

Adoration

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

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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.

Marrying for Love: In #132: To opt for marriage in this way expresses a genuine and firm decision to join paths, come what may. Given its seriousness, this public commitment of love cannot be the fruit of a hasty decision, but neither can it be postponed indefinitely. Committing oneself exclusively and definitively to another person always involves a risk and a bold gamble. Unwillingness to make such a commitment is selfish, calculating and petty. It fails to recognize the rights of another person and to present him or her to society as someone worthy of unconditional love. If two persons are truly in love, they naturally show this to others. When love is expressed before others in the marriage contract, with all its public commitments, it clearly indicates and protects the "yes" which those persons speak freely and unreservedly to each other. This "yes" tells them that they can always trust one another, and that they will never be abandoned when difficulties arise or new attractions or selfish interests present themselves.

School Year IC Religious Education Classes

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

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

Classes on: Sun Nov 19—10:05—11:05am and 20—6:00—7:10pm.

Next Classes:

- Gr. K–8 Sunday, December 3 10:05–11:05am.
- Gr. 1–8 Monday, November 27 6:00–7:10pm.

Baptism

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

Please pre-register for the class.

Dec. 3 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

Dec. 10 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

Confirmation monthly session is Sunday, November 19 at 1:00–3:00pm in the IC church. Reminder: candidate and adult (sponsor, parent, or another adult) to attend each session. **Catholic School candidates and adults**—next session Sunday, December 17 at 1:00pm in the Charity Dining Room, Room 114. For information and registration go online:

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

First Eucharist

Information/registration for 2017–2018 First Reconciliation and Eucharist is posted on our website: <http://www.hricatholic.org/First-Eucharist--First-Reconciliation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>. Make up for Parents session for Oct. 29 on the Rite Explained is on

Sunday, Nov 19 at 10:05am followed by our monthly rel. ed. assembly on St. Kateri Tekakwitha at 10:50am in the hall.

Make up for Parents session for Nov. 5 on **The Mass** will happen **Sunday, Dec. 3 at 10:05am** in the hall.

Make up class for candidates on **The Mass** is on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 10:15am and Monday, Dec 11 at 6:15pm.

Our next gathering is for **First Reconciliation Celebration** on **Saturday, December 9 at 11:0am** in the church.

Landings

Landings session for Returning Catholics: Next session is on Suffering, Death and Resurrection on Monday, November 20 from 7:15–9:00pm in the Charity Dining Room 114.

Youth Mass—Sunday, December 10: See p. 9 for Details

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, December 10 at IC at 5:00pm. Collection: donations to Pregnancy Care Center. Service activity after Mass: 6:00–7:30pm, Pizza and then creating fleece items for Pregnancy Care Center new moms and infants in the hall.

IC Religious Ed. Assembly



Religious Education will host prayer celebrations of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, first Native American saint, Lily of the Mohawks, and Patron of ecology and the environment, in the IC Parish Hall on Sunday, November 19 10:50am and Monday, November 20 at 6:50pm.

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.

Christmas Flower Envelopes

We are taking monetary donations and memorials for the purchase of flowers for the church for Christmas. You can find the flower envelope in your envelope packet or in the back of the church. It is helpful if you do not have flowers delivered to the church but allow us to purchase them. The deadline for donations is December 11 at noon.

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.

This past weekend we were privileged to welcome Kai David Joseph Bolduc into our Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the 11:30 Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. Congratulations to Kai and his family!



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Offertory Collection

October 28–29	\$3,309.00
All Saints Day	\$ 519.00
November 4–5	\$3,643.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 832.00
November 11–12	\$3,213.00
Monthly	\$1,655.00

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"With One Voice"

Capital Campaign

Goal \$350,000

To Date \$254,231.00

71 Families

All pledges and one-time donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated.



"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 \$250,000. 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. Additional brochures and pledge envelopes are available at the entrances to the churches.

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, December 7.**

HR Religious Education

Sunday, Nov. 19: **Grades 3–6 classes** at Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Grade 2 class Student + Parent at Nativity Church, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 21: **Grade 7 class** at Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 2: **First Penance Rehearsal and Activity Day** for all students preparing for the sacrament at Nativity Hall, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 3: **Grades 3–6 classes** at Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Grade 10 class at Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 **Grade 8 class** at Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 9 **Grades 4 and 5 Activity Day** at Nativity Church/Hall, 1:00–3:30 p.m.

Youth Mass: See p. 9 for Details

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Contact info: Office of Religious Education

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

Holy Quilters



Do you like to sew? Join the Holy Quilters! We make quilts, pillowcases, hats, blankets, and so much more. We create and donate to many charitable organizations such as The

Salem Pantry Backpack Program, Boys and Girls Club, Merrimack Valley Hope Mission, and many others. We meet in the Nativity Church Hall every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. and also one Saturday a month at 8:00 a.m. Our next Saturday meeting is December 2. Bring your sewing machine and join us. All are welcome.

Please note: Holy Quilters will not be meeting the week of Thanksgiving.

Campaign Pledge Reminders

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.

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HR Sandwich Program

Sandwich Program Delivering on Tuesday this week



The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers soup/salad and sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry twice a 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 Church, West Newbury, by **9:00 a.m.** The next sandwich delivery date is **Tuesday, November 21.** Please note the Tuesday delivery date this week.

See the Collaborative calendar at www.hriccatholic.org for the schedule or contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.



On October 26, Holy Redeemer grade 7 Religious Ed. students participated in

a sandwich making project to benefit Merrimac Valley Hope Mission.



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.

For each Youth Mass, a charity is chosen for donations. Please watch the bulletin for details about that month's charity.

Our next Youth Mass is December 10 at IC, Newburyport

December's Charity: Pregnancy Care Center

For a full list of suggestions, visit our website www.hriccatholic.org/Youth-Ministry.

Some items needed include:

Baby Gifts (New):

onesies (sizes small, medium, & large) • blanket sleepers: sizes NB to 24 months • new outfits: sizes 0 to 24 months • children's socks: infant to 24 months • stretch sleeper/PJs: sizes NB to 24 months • diapers/Pampers: sizes 1, 3, 4, 5 (no size 2 please) • hooded bath towels & washcloths • crib sheets • baby blankets & receiving blankets • baby wipes & Desitin ointment • baby bath/shampoo • lotion • formula: Similac, powdered • baby food, juices • baby bottles • infant toys and books • XL baby gift bags

Toiletries:

toothpaste • toothbrushes • adult shampoo, conditioner • bar soap, regular sizes

Office Supplies:

Staples/Walmart gift cards • copy paper, 8½ x 11, white & asst'd. colors • white address labels (size ½" x 2⅝") • cover/card stock • postage stamps (forever and postcard)

Bathroom/Kitchen Needs:

liquid hand soap • paper towels/toilet paper/tissues • lg. garbage bags • Ziploc bags, gallon & quart sizes • kitchen-size trash bags • cans of coffee—regular • bottled water • animal crackers—large containers or snack size • snack crackers: Cheez-Its & Wheat Thins—snack size pkgs. • light bulbs, 75 & 100 watt & 3 way • Wal-Mart gift cards

Gift Cards & Cash Donations Always Welcome!

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, helps men and women to grow spiritually through providing person-to-person charitable services to those in need. Our Conference members visit and assist clients in Merrimac and West Newbury.

We are looking for new members and encourage all of you to ponder how you might become better Christians by practicing the virtue of charity. No special expertise is needed to join, although social service, medical, and legal knowledge can be put to good use. We meet twice a month on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Merrimac at the Rectory.

For additional information, please contact Linda Friel at 978-500-9245.

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.

We have 2 kings signed up, we need 1 more! Plus, we need Mary and Joseph. A few shepherds and angels too!

The sign-up sheet is available after all Religious Ed. classes and can be found in the Merrimac Hall for any parishioners or other family members who want to be on the float. Please discuss at home to volunteer. (3 hours of community service) We do not want to cancel! Questions? Contact Cindy Quinn, 978-346-0072. **Deadline to commit to the parade is Sunday, November 19.**