

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

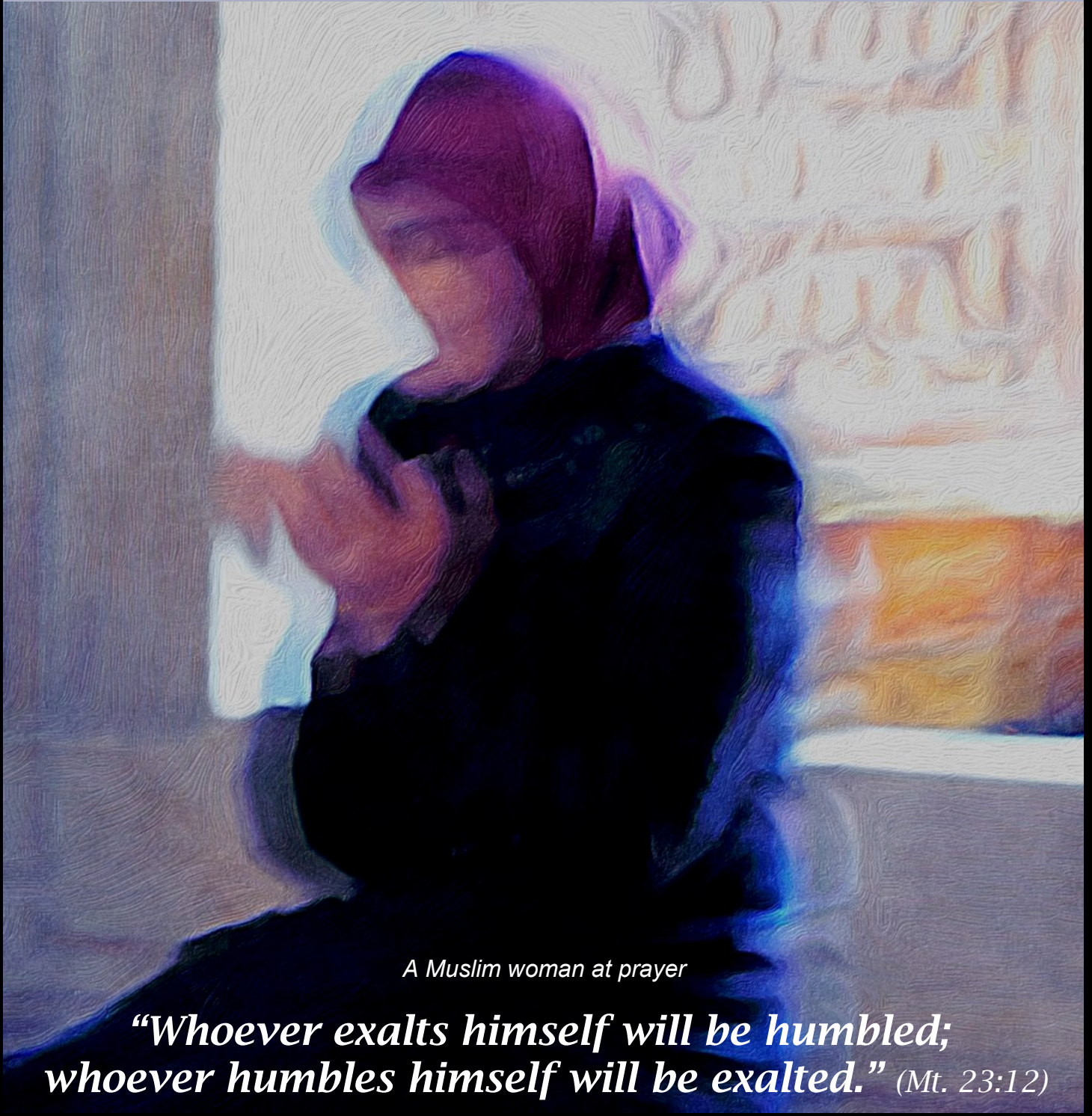
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**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 5, 2017**

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**All Are Welcome**



*A Muslim woman at prayer*

***“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;  
whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” (Mt. 23:12)***

## Reminder: Registration is still open for the Pastoral Plan Information Night

All are invited to join us!

All HRIC parishioners are invited to attend a **Pastoral Plan Information Night** on **November 6, 2017 from 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.** at **St. Ann Church**, W. Newbury. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

*As we 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 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](tel:978-462-2724) at 978-462-2724 at the IC Parish Center, Weekdays, 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

To register online, please visit the HRIC website at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.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!

**We hope you will join us on November 6.**



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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (11/4)

2:00pm **Atria** (Fr. Broderick)  
 4:00pm **IC Anthony Healey, Dianne Healey Brown, Joseph H. Brown, Jr.** (Fr. Harrison)  
 4:00pm **Nativity Dorothy R. Batchelder** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Sunday (11/5)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
 9:00am **IC Evelyn Krikorian** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
 11:30am **IC John M. Deneumoustier** (Fr. Broderick)

### Monday (11/6)

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

### Tuesday (11/7)

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

### Wednesday (11/8)

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

### Thursday (11/9)

7:15am **IC Jack Cohane** (Fr. Harrison)

### Friday (11/10)

9:00am **Nativity Joan Jarman** (Fr. Harrison)

### Saturday (11/11)

4:00pm **IC Betty LaFlame** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 4:00pm **Nativity David Stout** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (11/12)

7:15am **IC Regina M. Stronge** (Fr. Broderick)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 9:00am **IC Mary Jayne, Jeremiah Quill** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
 11:30am **IC Andrew Filomia** (Fr. Harrison)

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

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

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



The cover picture on this week's bulletin might seem a bit strange—why portray a Muslim woman at prayer when Jesus is talking about the Scribes and the Pharisees and the “Seat of Moses?” On last year's pilgrimage we made a side journey to Istanbul, Turkey, formerly known as Constantinople – an early center of Christianity more than 1500 years ago. In the course of history, Muslims came to conquer the area. Although Turkey is now a secular country, it still hosts a vibrant Muslim community who worship regularly in the mosques that dominate its landscape.

As part of our tour, we visited one of the largest mosques in the world, and were welcomed as visitors into the main worship space. It was a magnificent building, opulent in its mosaics and gilded decorations, yet serene and simple in its design. A large, open space was covered in decorative oriental carpets. This is where the men would gather regularly at different hours throughout the day to offer their prayers. In the back, in a screened-off section that was lacking in much of the grandeur of the main body, was a small area where the women would be allowed to come in and offer their prayers. In order to do so, their heads must be covered, as well as much of their bodies. No bikinis allowed here! With some blurring for privacy, I snapped this simple picture of a woman who quietly came in to pray while we were passing through. What struck me most about her simple faith was the great humility she offered in her posture before God. Denied the freedom to sit where she might want to, to dress how she might please, she nonetheless bowed her head and prayed. Her action was not about herself or what rights she might claim for herself. It was about God, plain and simple. And God could be spoken to equally well from the front or the back of the mosque. This was about her opening her heart to God. It was a beautiful, sacred moment.

Now, to be fair, this same scene has been repeated and played-out in our own churches many hundreds of times each week. While the vast throng of our worshippers come in and go out all at once, there are always a handful of people who come in early or remain afterwards to prayer

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## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

## K of C Tootsie Roll Drive

The Newburyport Knights of Columbus will be conducting its annual Tootsie Roll Drive benefiting people with intellectual disabilities after Masses next weekend, November 12–13.



## Scripture for the Week

**5 Sun** Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

**6 Mon** Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14

**7 Tue** Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24

**8 Wed** Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

**9 Thu** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**10 Fri** Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

**11 Sat** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15

**12 Sun** Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit our website for a full list of activities and Masses

#### Monday, November 6

**AA Meeting** 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205  
**IC Religious Ed., Grades 1–8** 6:00pm, IC Parish Center  
**HR Boy Scouts Troop 41** 7:00pm, Nativity Hall  
**Pastoral Plan Implementation Meeting** 7:00pm, St. Ann Church

#### Tuesday, November 7

**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

#### Wednesday, November 8

**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 Boy Scouts Merit Badge Project** 7:00pm, Nativity Hall  
**HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting** 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory

#### Thursday, November 9

**Rosary for Life** 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel  
**HR Holiday Fair Planning Meeting** 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

#### Friday, November 10

**Adoration** 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel  
**AA Meeting** 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

#### Saturday, November 11

**Pelican Intervention Fund Recovery Coaching** 9:00am,  
IC St. Louis Hall  
**Nativity Choir Rehearsal** 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

#### Sunday, November 12

**No Religious Ed., Veteran's Day Holiday**  
**Nativity Choir Rehearsal** 7:45am, Nativity Church  
**St. Ann Choir Rehearsal** 9:45am, St. Ann Church

### Questions of the Week



**Adult:** In what circumstances do you separate what you believe from how you behave?

**Child:** What opportunities will you have this week to show your faith to others?

### 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.

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quietly. Their heads are bowed, their hands often folded in prayer or open as in a quite surrender to the God of love and mercy. Sometimes there are tears and not a few rosary beads in motion. No religion has the market cornered when it comes to prayer.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus invites us gently to witness to our faith, not by making a big show of it or looking for praise or marks of honor from others, but to live it out quietly and simply. Our little acts of faithfulness will speak genuinely to others whose hearts are seeking. Some of the holiest people I know sit right next to you in the pews each week. They may never be canonized in a glitzy ceremony in Rome or get a stained-glass window dedicated in their honor; but they will have a seat one day at the heavenly banquet table. Hopefully, you and I will be there to enjoy it with them.

Let us rejoice, simply, in the many gifts with which God blesses us each day. In genuine humility, we encounter the presence of God in our midst.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



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### Pelican Intervention Fund Pelican Pals

The Pelican Intervention Fund continues to grow as we near our two-year anniversary. We have raised over \$120,000 through the generosity of the communities we serve and have placed 19 local men and women in sober living and are currently reviewing some new applications.

We invite members of our parish collaborative to join us in supporting the journey from addiction to recovery by becoming a Pelican Pal.

We are seeking people who would like to partner with a man or woman in recovery and provide ongoing support and encouragement through cards and notes.

A recovery coach will be speaking to those interested on Saturday, November 11 in the IC St. Louis Hall from 9am to 1pm.

If you are interested in learning more or plan to attend please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or Kim Keene, 978-430-1408

### Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, [www.hricatholic.org](http://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 photos section. We have so much happening.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## 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

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.

## New England Tenors



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Immaculate Conception will sponsor the New England Tenors in concert. They will perform at Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, November 26 at 2:00pm. Come

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

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children under 12 and will be on sale after Masses beginning November 12. For more information, email [sandbunny@yahoo.com](mailto:sandbunny@yahoo.com).

## Scripture Study

### Scripture Study will meet on November 5

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on November 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Parish Center, on the regular schedule of the first 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. 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 return to Jerusalem and his appearance before the council of elders to defend his faithfulness as a Jew, which was contested by some. He was taken into custody by the Roman soldiers. He appeared before the Sanhedrin and again was taken into Roman protection. When a plot to kill Paul was reported, he was transported to Caesarea to the custody of the Roman governor, Felix, where Paul remained for the two years Felix was in charge.

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

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 Ultreya/Cursillo Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
	Nov. 2–5 (Women)
December 1	December 7–10 (Men)
December 29	January 4–7 (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).

## 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.

### Youth Mass Schedule

December 10 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport  
January 28, 2018 at Nativity, Merrimac  
March 4, 2018 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport  
March 25, 2018 at Nativity, Merrimac  
May 20, 2018 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

### December's Charity: Pregnancy Care Center

**New Baby Gifts • Toiletries**  
**Office Supplies • Bathroom/Kitchen Needs**  
**Cash Donations Welcome!**

For a full list of suggestions, visit our website  
[www.hriccatholic.org/Youth-Ministry](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Youth-Ministry).

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# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Offertory Collection

This week's second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), which works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty across the United States through grants to local community-based groups who create jobs, improve education, and strengthen neighborhoods. Twenty-five percent of the CCHD collection stays in the Archdiocese of Boston to fund local anti-poverty projects; seventy-five percent supports national grant and education programs. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

Next weekend's second collection is the monthly.

**"With One Voice"**  
**Capital Campaign**  
**Goal \$350,000**  
**To Date \$243,000.00**  
**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 \$243,000.** 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 Sandwich Program

The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers soup/salad and sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The sandwiches go to the Good Shepherd Center on Park St., 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 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, November 8.** Contact Dotty Carr, 978-363-2909 with questions.

## HR Religious Education

**Sunday, Nov. 5: Grades 3–6 classes** at Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

**Grade 9, Year I class** Student + Parent at Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

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

No Religious Ed. Classes the week of November 12, Veteran's Day holiday.

### Community Service

Volunteer opportunities for Parish/community service are often available as sign up sheets in Nativity Hall. Please check out the need and give of your time and talents! Current service opportunities for the Holiday Fair include baked goods, soup, silent auction, baskets, and clean up.

*Photos from last weekend's Confirmation*



## 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. Our next meeting is **Thursday, December 7.**

## Holy Quilters

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.

## Campaign Pledge Reminders

Pledge reminders will be mailed to parishioners who pledged to the "With One Voice" capital campaign. 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.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## 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.

## HR SVdP Walk Update

Thus far, the Walk for the Poor has raised \$5,392.00 to assist our local clients. This money will help people through difficult times. Thank you to those who supported our walkers; your willingness to help others is applauded.

## Coffee after Mass at Nativity



Stop by for coffee after the 8:00 Mass at Nativity on **Sunday, November 12**. Relax with a cup of coffee and friends. You can return your raffle tickets you received in the Parish Mailing!

## Raffle Tickets Now on Sale

Raffle Tickets for the Holiday Fair will be available after all Masses through November 12. Don't forget to stop by.

## 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**.

## Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

**Saturday, November 18**



The Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair will be held this year at Nativity Hall on November 18 from 9:00–2:00. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free. All money raised at the Fair will go towards "With one Voice" capital campaign fund.

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

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

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

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

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

**Marie Greeley** ([regr3@outlook.com](mailto: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) Fair "coordinator"

The next Fair Committee meeting is **Thursday, November 9** at 7:00pm in the Nativity Hall. All are invited.

### Soup Donations Needed

We are in need of 7 people to make a homemade soup. Please contact Marie Greeley with your soup type so we can print in our menu.

### Raffle Tickets

We recently mailed out our announcement of our annual holiday fair. This mailing also included 3 books of raffle tickets. These raffle tickets are a big supporter of our earnings with the fair. You may return the raffle tickets by placing them in the collection basket (in the provided envelope) or handing them to a "Fair member." If you did not receive a letter from the parish mailing, you are not in our database or on the mailing list. Please contact the parish office to be added and included.

### 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 are located at both Nativity & St. Ann churches.

### Fair Set Up

Help is needed the week prior to the fair to set up and organize our tables. Any parishioner who is willing to help please come to the Nativity Hall Tuesday, November 14 and Wednesday, November 15 at 10:00 a.m.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

October 28–29

\$10,326.00

This week's second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), which works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty across the United States through grants to local community-based groups who create jobs, improve education, and strengthen neighborhoods. Twenty-five percent of the CCHD collection stays in the Archdiocese of Boston to fund local anti-poverty projects; seventy-five percent supports national grant and education programs. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

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**Grand Annual  
Goal \$100,000  
To Date \$36,895.00  
160 Families**



## 2017 Grand Annual

This initial results of our 2017 Grand Annual Appeal are extremely encouraging! Many parishioners have already pledged their support.

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

Thank you for your support.

## 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](http://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.

## Memorials

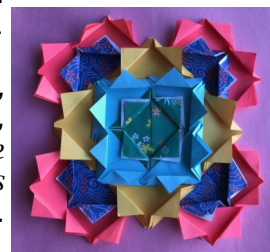
Since it is the custom in the Church to remember the dead during the month of November, any parishioner who wishes to include a picture of a loved one on our memorial altar is invited to place it next to our baptismal font any time after Mass through the end of the month. Each picture should be no larger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

## A World of Art



Students at the IC are learning about the people and cultures of many countries in Art class. Mixed-medium works of art are on display throughout the building, showcasing the students' interpretations of important customs and celebrations from Japan and Mexico.

*This composition, made of Japanese origami, creates a beautiful piece with interesting patterns and intricate detail.*



## October Activities at Immaculate Conception School



## 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.

## Adoration

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

## Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

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



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC 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.

## Knights of Columbus

We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at (978) 572-0231 or [membership@kofc231.org](mailto:membership@kofc231.org).



The Knights of Columbus meet the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is **Tuesday, November 14** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

## 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](mailto:fortune@newburyportcatholic.org) if you would like to learn more about this program.

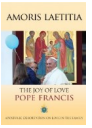
*IC Religious Ed. All Saints/All Souls Prayer Celebration*



## 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.



**Joy and beauty:** In #129: The joy of this contemplative love needs to be cultivated. Since we were made for love, we know that there is no greater joy than that of sharing good things: "Give, take, and treat yourself well" (Sir 14:16). The most intense joys in life arise when we are able to elicit joy in others, as a foretaste of heaven. We can think of the lovely scene in the film *Babette's Feast*, when the generous cook receives a grateful hug and praise: "Ah, how you will delight the angels!" It is a joy and a great consolation to bring delight to others, to see them enjoying themselves. This joy, the fruit of fraternal love, is not that of the vain and self-centered, but of lovers who delight in the good of those whom they love, who give freely to them and thus bear good fruit.

### 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>

No Class on Sunday, November 12—holiday  
Next Classes:

- Gr K–8 Sunday, November 19 10:05–11:05am.
- Gr 1–8 Monday, November 13 6:00–7:10pm.

### Baptism

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

Please pre-register for the class.

Nov. 5 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room	1:00pm
Nov. 12 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 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>. Our next session is Sunday, November 5 at 1:00pm in the Church.

### Landings

Landings session for Returning Catholics: Next session is on Eucharist and the Liturgy on Monday, November 13 from 7:15–9:00pm in the Charity Dining Room 114.

### Youth Mass—Sunday, December 10

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 new moms and infants in the hall.