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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2016

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All Saints (1424)
Fra Angelico
National Gallery, London

All Are Welcome

OUR COLLABORATIVE

Holy Redeemer Parish



St. Ann

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Immaculate Conception Parish



Immaculate Conception

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Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (11/5)

4:00pm IC Charles & Mary Donahue, Diane Donahue Todd, Barbara Hannan Chaisson, Paul D. Haley (Fr. Morin) 4:00pm St. Ann Dorothy R. Batchelder

(Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (11/6)

7:15am IC Bob MacKinnon (Fr. McLaughlin)

8:00am Nativity (Fr. Morin)

9:00am IC Joseph F. Callery, Jr. (Fr. Broderick)

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

11:30am IC Anna Stasio, Mary A. Jayne,

Jeremiah Quill (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (11/7)

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

Tuesday (11/8)

7:15am IC Longin J. Kijek (Fr. Broderick)

Wednesday (11/9)

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

Thursday (11/10)

7:15am IC Jack Cohane, Joan Jarman

(Fr. Broderick)

Friday (11/11)

9:00am Nativity (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (11/12)

4:00pm IC Regina M. Stronge, Marie A. Atchales, George Lawrence (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm Nativity Marie A. Atchales (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (11/13)

7:15am **IC** *Mary* (Quill) Jayne, Jeremiah & Julia Quill, Chad Jeremiah Schwechheimer (Fr. Morin)

8:00am Nativity (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** For the intentions of Samuel McLachlan

and Family (Fr. McLaughlin)

10:15am St. Ann (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am IC (Fr. Broderick)

In your prayers, please remember John J. Lyons, Miguel Martinez and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Scripture for the Week

6 Sun 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

7 Mon Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6

8 Tue Ti 2:1-8. 11-14/Lk 17:7-10

9 Wed Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/

Jn 2:13-22

10 Thu Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25

11 Fri 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37

12 Sat 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8

13 Sun Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

From the Parochial Vicar

Dear Parishioners,

It was during the October School Mass that I invited each grade level to become better acquainted with one of the saints whose images adorn the altars and stained glass windows of Immaculate Conception Church. Each grade accepted the challenge of learning and creating a poster on "their saint": Saint Peter, Saint Paul,



Saint Patrick, Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Joseph, the Blessed Virgin Mary and (for Kindergarten and Pre-K) Jesus. All of these were brought in procession ("When the Saints Go Marching In") at the beginning of the All Saints Day Mass we celebrated. I was moved by each grade's beautiful artwork about these heroes of our Christian faith.

Commenting on each of these posters might have taken a little too long at Mass, so I have asked each grade level to invite me to spend some time with them later on. But I did focus on one poster—the Pre-K poster—which was headlined, "We want to be like Jesus." Isn't that what being a Christian is all about? In fact, perhaps the one thing all the saints have in common was their desire to be like Jesus.

The primary mission of the Church (and therefore every one of us) is evangelization, bringing the good news of Jesus to everyone. For that to happen we must hear the call of the Second Vatican Council issued over 50 years ago, a call to each baptized person to holiness of life, rooted in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Our pre-K kids are right on target: "We want to be like Jesus." At baptism we "put on Christ" symbolized in the white garment received: "You have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ."

Our All Saints Day Mass ended with the song, "Go Make a Difference." The second verse sings: "We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see. We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace. Go make a difference in the world. Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world." Saints are called to make a difference. The baptized who have put on Christ are called to make a difference in the world.

On the cover of this week's bulletin is a masterpiece by Fra Angelico, *All Saints*. Each one of these saints made a difference in the time and place they lived. It was painted in 1424 for Saint Dominic Church in Fiesole, Italy. Fra Angelico, a Dominican himself, paints Saint Dominic right in the center of the painting! (I see a little humor here!) Each figure is different and beautifully painted representing all the saints (canonized before 1424, that is). Saint John Paul II beatified Fra Angelico in 1983. Today his masterpiece can be seen at the National Gallery in London, England.

Fr. George

This Week in Our Collaborative

See our website calendar for more events and details. Monday, November 7

AA 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

1st Reconciliation Makeup 3:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room
IC Religious Ed., Grades 1–6 6:00pm, IC Parish Center
Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, November 8

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory
BSA Troop 41 Committee Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
Knights of Columbus 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

Wednesday, November 9

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, 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

Holiday Fair Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Thursday, November 10

Voice of the Faithful 1:30pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205 Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

Friday, November 11, Veterans Day Collaborative Offices Closed

Saturday, November 12

Collaborative Pilgrimage to Cathedral 7:30am, IC Parking Lot Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, November 13

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church HR Religious Ed., Grades 3–6 9:00am, Nativity Hall St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church RCIA 10:15am, IC Youth Ministry Room Collaborative Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church HR Religious Ed., Grade 9 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

Online Bulletin

Visit our **Collaborative Web site**, <u>www.hriccatholic.org</u> and click on the bulletin picture on the home page to view the bulletin online.

Also, you can visit www.TheBostonPilot.com/bcd to view the bulletin online and to sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox every week. Just find your parish in the alphabetical list of parishes on the site. There you can download the bulletin and sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox.

DIM Resources of Interest

For further information on Disciples in Mission:

The New Evangelization:

www.disciplesinmission.com

Helping Catholic leaders build amazing parishes:

www.amazingparish.org

Four Signs of the Dynamic Catholic:

Author Matthew Kelly

Available at the back of each Church:

- Disciples in Mission Frequently Asked Questions
- Evangelizing Parishes
- Forming Disciples in Mission: workshop schedule and locations
- The Pilot is available on our website hriccatholic.org

Baby Bottles to Support the Pregnancy Care Center

After Mass today, we will be distributing baby bottles from the Pregnancy Care Center (PCC). The PCC is a Christ-centered ministry committed to saving lives physically, spiritually, and emotionally, one life at a time. Please take one per family. As a family, fill them with a check (made payable to PCC), cash, or coins and return them to the church no later than Sunday, November 12.

If you miss the deadline to return the bottle you may still make a donation on our website at www.pccfriends.org/donate. The bottle insert gives you the opportunity to honor someone by making a donation in their name. The PCC will send a special card to them showing that you have made a gift for life in their name.

Veterans Day

Collaborative offices will be closed on Friday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

Collaborative One-Day Pilgrimage



Date: Saturday, November 12, 2016

Departure/Return: IC parking lot, Salter Bus departs 7:30am; returns 1:30pm

Price: \$10 cash per person or by check payable to Immaculate Conception via Mass Offertory collection in any one of our churches in the Collaborative. Mark envelope "Boston Pilgrimage" and include your name/contact information as well.

Priceless: spiritual benefits

- a community-building experience
- Mass in Boston with other pilgrims
- a guided tour of the Cathedral
- cross the threshold of the Pope-blessed Door of Mercy
- holy indulgences
- personal prayer immersion in Jesus' mercy, love, grace
 Reservation Info.: call Mary @ 978-465-8779 or email
 Mary Bragg: csbraggjr@comcast.net. Thanks to all of you who have signed up. We have only 6 seats left.

Payment/Reservation Deadline: November 7, 2016. Jubilee information can be found at usccb.org.

Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on November 6

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on its regular first Sunday of the month, November 6 at 2:00pm in the IC Parish Center. We will read and discuss Chapters 57–61 in Part III in *The Book of Isaiah*. Part III, Return of the First Captives, contains oracles composed by disciples from a later period 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.

Youth Masses

Our next Youth Mass is **Sunday, December 11 at 5:00pm** at Immaculate Conception Parish, Newburyport. **Donations at this Mass** will benefit the Pregnancy Care Center, Haverhill. Consider donating the following items: size 4 diapers, baby food, toiletries, any clothing only sizes: 3–6 months and 6–9 months. Everyone is invited.

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

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

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 couples contact the church at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call us if someone is in the hospital or is ill, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.

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

Be a Partner in Prayer During the Collaborative Pilgrimage

November 12, 2016



"Pope Francis invites each of us to become 'merciful like the Father' as part of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. As we journey together with Catholics around the world, make a pilgrimage, pass through our Holy Door of Mercy and worship the Lord Jesus who tenderly loves each one of us." (Sean Cardinal O'Malley OFM Cap)

Be a partner in prayer and receive the Jubilee Indulgence from home

The Holy Door If you or a loved one is unable to join our

Collaborative family for this pilgrimage to Boston, Pope Francis encourages the homebound, the infirm, or the elderly to participate with us:

- by uniting your prayers with those of the Holy Father
- by making a profession of Faith
- by reflecting on the mercy of God
- by offering joyfully personal sufferings
- by receiving the Eucharist or sharing in a communal prayer (TV Mass)

For more information on the Jubilee Year of Mercy, visit usccb.org or visit our Collaborative website hriccatholic.org and click on the Year of Mercy link on the home page.

Questions of the Week

Adult: What will you do each day this week so that your life will be a reflection of God?

Child: Name one way that you will act like Jesus each day this week.

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
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).

Let Us Hear From You



- How can we foster a welcoming community?
- How do we form disciples eager to share their love of
- How can we assist in the growth of vocations?
- How can we better serve our communities and our Collaborative?

Please Join the Conversation. Contact Our Pastoral Plan Writing Team. We welcome your ideas and participation.

New England Tenors The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Immaculate

Conception will sponsor an upcoming concert. The New England Tenors will be performing at IC church on Sunday, November 27. Don't miss these talented tenors. As in past years, they will be sharing the program with some of our IC choirs. Hopefully we will have some surprise guests joining the choirs.



Tickets will be on sale in early November. Make plans to begin the Advent and Christmas season with joyful harmony.

The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends was established in the United States and incorporated in 1978. Today TCF has about 660 chapters serving all 50 states and Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and Guam and offering friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved parents, siblings, grandparents, and other family members during the natural grieving process after a child has died. Around the world, more than 30 countries have a Compassionate Friends presence, offering support so desperately needed when the worst has happened. Our local chapter meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30pm in room 209 of the IC Parish Center. For more information, please contact Barbara Hopkinson at barhop@comcast.net or 978-697-1349.

TCF of Greater Newburyport is a non-profit organization, donations (to PO Box 872, Newburyport, MA 01950) are tax deductible. National website:

www.compassionatefriends.org

Catholic High School Open House

Bishop Fenwick

Please join the students and faculty at our Open House on Wednesday, November 16, from 6:30-8:30.

Fenwick: where opportunity and achievement meet. Visit our website at www.Fenwick.org.

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In the Footsteps of St. Paul: Corinth



Fr. Tim and Deacon Paul Dow celebrating Mass in Corinth at the marketplace where St. Paul preached.



Outdoor Mass in Corinth where St. Paul preached in this ancient marketplace.

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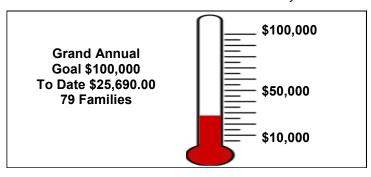
Offertory Collection

Offertory October 29-30 Restoration/Renovation

\$9,237.00 \$ 864.00

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.

Next weekend's second collection is the Monthly.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Poor Box \$ 81.00 \$ 115.50 Collection Total \$ 196.50

Offertory Envelopes

Did you know that you can attend Mass at any worship site in our Collaborative and use your usual offertory envelopes? Just drop your envelope in the collection and we will make sure it gets delivered to your home Parish.

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.

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetita...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.

Jesus Restores and Fulfills God's Plan-In #61-Contrary to those who rejected marriage as evil, the New Testament teaches that "everything created by God is good and nothing is to be rejected"



(1 Tim 4: 4). Marriage is "a gift" from the Lord (1 Cor 7: 7). At the same time, precisely because of this positive understanding, the New Testament strongly emphasizes the need to safeguard God's gift.

Religious Education Classes

School Year Registration is ongoing. Classes: Nov 6 and 7. No class November 13—Veterans Day Holiday Weekend.

Grades K-6: Next classes: 11/14 and 11/20. Grades 7–8: Class: 11/6. Next class: 12/4.

Baptism

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

Nov. 6 Parent Class-Charity Dining Room 1:00pm Nov.13 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

The next Confirmation session is Sunday, November 20 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.

Counsel the Doubtful

"And convince some, who doubt" (Jude 1: 22). Have you ever been in a state of doubt? If so, then you know it is an extremely vulnerable place to be in. The

only cure is Jesus. Think of St. Thomas when he exclaimed, "My Lord and My God!" Clarity is a rare but powerful commodity.

Jackie Francois-Angel...Empowering Mercy Msgr. Charles Pope writes:



The English word "counsel" comes from the Latin consilium (con (with) + silium (a decision)....So to counsel means to assist someone in the act of deciding, not just to give vague or generic advice....The word "doubt" comes from the Latin word dubious meaning "uncertain."...So we have come to a more precise description of the spiritual work of mercy we call "Giving counsel to the doubtful." It is that work which helps the undecided (or those of two minds on something) to come to a good and upright decision rooted in the call to holiness and the goal of attaining Heaven by God's

It is the Holy Spirit who gives us the gift of counsel, and it is only by knowing God that we can lead others toward him and his will, which is "good and pleasing and perfect" (Rom 12: 2). Thus, every time we go to Mass and say, "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy," we know that the God who is relieving us of a heart in misery is also empowering us by his Holy Spirit to go and do the same for others. (Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others, Dynamic Catholic, pp. 117, 121-123).

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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 anytime 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.

Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday**, **November 8** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.



IC Haiti

On behalf of the people we serve through IC-Haiti, we want to thank the parishioners of Immaculate Conception, the students and staff of the Immaculate Conception School, those who made online donations through our website. those who bought raffle tickets for the beautiful guilt donated by Carol Robertson, and all other supporters of IC-Haiti for your tremendous generosity. In response to our recent appeal you helped us to raise over \$34,000 for hurricane relief efforts in Haiti. We have already sent two checks for \$15,000 each to the Saint Boniface Haiti Foundation (SBHF) with the remaining funds to follow. IC-Haiti works through SBHF which runs a hospital complex north of Puit Chacha where our school community is located. SBHF oversees the operation of our school, its lunch program, and health outreach programs in this area of southern Haiti.



Immaculate Conception School

Dear Friends,



I'm pleased to share some news and information with you about the Immaculate Conception School (IC). All of us at the IC—students, teachers, parents and alumni—are very proud of our wonderful school, and I invite you all to learn more about the IC and

to consider it as a school of choice for the young people in your lives.

For those of you with small children and who are exploring local options for pre-k, kindergarten and elementary school, I recommend you attend this Wednesday's Early Education Information Night at Newburyport City Hall (details below). This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet our beloved kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Connelly and Mrs. Newman. They will be happy to tell you all about our pre-k, kindergarten and first-through eighth-grade classes.

On Sunday, January 29, 2017, we are hosting our annual Open House at the IC. This is a great opportunity to tour the school, escorted by one of our middle school students; visit our modern state-of-the art classrooms and other top-notch facilities; meet with current families and faculty members; and learn about the academic, social, and spiritual life of our students.

If you would like to tour the school when students are in class, please take advantage of our new Tuesday Tours on the second Tuesday of every month from 9 - 11 am. Tours are guided by an eighth grade student and Mrs. Kelley Pappalardo, our Admissions Office Director. Please call Kelley at (978) 465-7780 to schedule a tour or if you have any questions. For anyone seeking general information about the Immaculate Conception School, please visit our website at icsnewburyport.com.

2017 is the 135th Anniversary of the Immaculate Conception School, and we are all looking forward to a great year of fun and celebration.

Sincerely, Mary Reardon, Principal

Upcoming Events

Early Education Information Night ~ Wednesday, November 9, 6:30–8:00 p.m., Newburyport City Hall, 2nd Floor. Sponsored by Greater Newburyport Mothers and Families Club. Meet IC kindergarten teachers and learn about the IC. The event is open to the public, and representatives from area schools and education foundations will be in attendance.

Tuesday Tours ~ IC school tours, including classroom visits, second Tuesday of each month, 9:00–11:00 a.m. Call Mrs. Kelley Pappalardo at (978) 465-7780.

Open House ~ Sunday, January 29, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Fashion Show ~ Sunday, March 5, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

135th Gala ~ Friday, May 19, 7:00–10:00 p.m.

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Offertory Collection

Offertory, October 22–23 \$ 3,349.00
World Missions \$ 956.00
Offertory, October 29–30 \$ 3,287.00
Roofing Expenses as of 10/30 \$25,901.00

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.

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HR St. Vincent de Paul

The Conference recently helped with the following:

- \$550 to pay the rent for a woman out of work with an injury.
- \$426.23 to pay a past due electric bill and avoid shut-off.
- \$300 to pay for a plumbing repair.

Last week the Conference received \$254.48. Thank you for your willingness to help our clients.

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **Nativity** in Merrimac on **November 12.**

Outdoor Nativity Scenes

There are a few tags left on both boards in our churches for purchasing our two new **Outdoor Nativity Scenes**. Please check the tags to see if you or your family members are able to help purchase a figure or the stable and needed items to secure them.

All you need to do is remove the tag, write the check (made out to **Holy Redeemer Parish**) and return in an envelope marked "Nativity Scene." Tags need to be **returned by Sunday, November 6** to have delivery and set up for the Advent season.

Holiday Fair Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets will be available one half hour before and after all masses and the day of the fair. Please be on the lookout for tickets being mailed to all registered parish family households. **All cash prizes total \$1000**. 1st Prize: \$500 cash, 2nd Prize: \$300 cash, and 3rd Prize:

\$200 cash. Donations for these raffles are a book of 6 for \$5. If you need tickets, please call Helen Kelley, 978-771-4673 or email: <a href="https://docs.py.edu.org/hykras/bases/hykras/bases/hykras/bases/hykras/bases/hykras/bases/hykras/bases/hykras/hyk



HR Religious Education

Sunday, 11/6, Grades 3–6 classes, 9:00am, Merrimac Grade 2 class, 11:15am, West Newbury Grade 10 class, 6-7:30pm, Merrimac.

Jaymie Stuart Wolfe will present "Rules and Relationships" to our students and their sponsors

Sunday, 11/13, Grades 3–6 classes, 9:00am, Merrimac Grade 9 class,6-7:30pm, Merrimac

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, November 9**. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions or delivery date schedule.

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

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



We will be holding our annual Holiday Fair in the Merrimac Parish Hall. 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.

The committee is always looking for new ideas and helpers. Please contact the committee leaders if you can lend a hand. See the website:

http://www.hriccatholic.org/HR-Activities-Group for details.

Committee Leaders:

Gift Baskets, Roberta Homan, rhoman1980@aol.com, 978-346-9448 (We need large or small; 3, 4, or 5 like items grouped together)

Soups, Susan MacLeod, smac01860@aol.com,

978-346-4586 (15 homemade soups are needed for lunch) **Baked Goods**, Leona Preble, 978-363-2218 and MaryAnn Mikson, Mmikson@comcast.net, 978-994-021 (Individually wrapped goodies sell best)

Raffle Tickets, Helen Kelley, HVKTax@aol.com,

978-771-4673, (Available after Masses beginning 10-29)

Nearly New, Stefania Zak, harvey.ing@verizon.net, 978-363-2472 and MaryEllen LaPointe,

<u>LaPointeMel7@gmail.com</u>, 978-363-5359, (Do you have hidden treasures tucked away?)

Silent Auction, Carole and Tony Sokolowski, <u>carole.sokolowski@merrimack.edu</u>, 978-346-9031, (Large or small items, services, tickets, gift certificates)