

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

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Moved
with pity, he
stretched
out his hand,
touched him,
and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The
leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.



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Mark 1:41-42

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

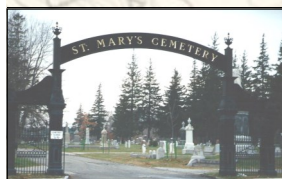
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (2/10)

4:00pm **IC** *Ruth E. Connors, Loretta Minalio, Joanne Brislin* (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (2/11)

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

8:00am **Nativity** *Henry Duhamel* (Fr. Harrison)

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

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

11:30am **IC** *Louis & Lena Filomia* (Fr. Broderick)

Monday (2/12)

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

Tuesday (2/13)

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

Wednesday (2/14) Ash Wednesday

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

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

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

12:00noon **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Morin)

7:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Thursday (2/15)

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

Friday (2/16)

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

10:30am **Port Rehab** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (2/17)

4:00pm **IC** *Bill Lindquist* (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (2/18)

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

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

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

11:30am **IC** *John, George & Catherine Bogue, For the intentions of Patricia Baikewicz* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Ash Wednesday Liturgies

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 14 and is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Ashes will be distributed at the following liturgies:

7:15am Immaculate Conception

9:00am Immaculate Conception (school liturgy)

9:00am St. Ann

12:00noon Immaculate Conception

7:00pm Immaculate Conception

7:00pm Nativity



3rd Annual HRIC Lenten Mission

Save the Dates

Location: Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

Time: 7:00pm–8:30pm

Dates: Monday–Wednesday, March 5–7

Speaker: Sr. Lisa Valentini

Watch the bulletin for more details.

Reconciliation During Lent

On all Wednesdays of Lent from 6:30–8:00pm, all parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for individual confession. To help prepare, visit TheLightsOnForYou.org to see videos on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sheets on how to make a good confession, answers to frequently-asked questions, and more. Please make plans to come and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

Collaborative Confessions (6:30pm–8:00pm)

February 21 IC

February 28 Nativity

March 14 Penance Service, IC 7:00 p.m.

March 21 Saint Ann

March 28 IC



Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of fasting and abstinence. All **Fridays** during Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should take these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Bulletin Information

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

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This Week in Our Collaborative

See our calendar at hriccatholic.org for more activities.

Monday, February 12

AA Meeting 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Mardi Gras Dinner 5:00pm, IC St Louis Hall

HR Boy Scouts Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, February 13

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 Religious Ed., Grade 8 Class 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

HR Activities Committee Meeting 6:30pm, St. Ann Hall

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

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

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday

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

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, February 15

IC Cub Scouts 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Friday, February 16

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Lenten "Simple Supper" before Stations 6:15pm, Nativity Hall

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Saturday, February 17

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, February 18

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

No Religious Ed., Holiday Break

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

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

Skipper's Alley Performance

An Evening of Irish Music featuring Skipper's Alley

As part of the Belleville Roots Music Series, enjoy an evening of wonderful traditional Irish music from Skipper's Alley. Irish step dancers from Bracken School of Irish Dance, Salisbury, start the show (beginning at 7:15). Skipper's Alley, a modern Irish folk band with an old school approach, begins at 8:00. Tickets are \$35 at the door (cash or check only) or \$30 in advance.

When: Friday, March 2 at 8:00 p.m. (doors open at 7:00)

Where: Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High Street, Newburyport

More Info.: www.bellevilleroots.org

Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on February 18



Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on the regular scheduled third Sunday of the month, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Parish Center.

This would be an ideal time for interested members of the Collaborative to join the study group as we continue reading St. Paul's *Epistle to the Romans*. This letter was probably written in Corinth several years prior to Paul's actual arduous voyage to Rome as a prisoner. This is Paul's longest letter and widely considered to be his masterpiece. We will read and discuss Chapters 3–6.

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.

Volunteers Needed for Avita of Newburyport

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

RISE Program for Men



Attention Men: RISE!!! The pressures on men today are tremendous. How do you balance everything and still find fulfillment in the everyday grind of life? Journey with the men of our collaborative through RISE: A 30-Day Challenge. This powerful video series can be done on your own, and will give you the tools you need to take your life and relationships to the next level. It only takes about 5 minutes each morning, and the cost is about a dollar a day (\$32). But the investment in yourself and your family is priceless. Visit menriseup.org and sign up for the February 14 start date. Let's RISE!

Questions of the Week

Adult: Name a time when you experienced Jesus' healing touch.

Child: What do you want to ask Jesus to do for you?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Laity Profile Series

Prayers of the Faithful: Who writes the Prayers of the Faithful? Well, the faithful, of course!

The first in a series of articles highlighting laity service within the Collaborative

What is the purpose of the weekly Prayers of the Faithful? An integral part of the celebration of Liturgy, petitions are offered weekly at Mass throughout the world. While the prayers include petitions for the Church, national, and international events, it also provides our faith community with the opportunity to ask for God's acknowledgement and intercession on issues which affect our local parish, its faithful, and the greater community. With one voice, we request our prayers be heard on behalf of those who are lonely, who suffer and grieve, in recognition of holidays and Holy Days, in celebration of a liturgical season, and for specific parish and Collaborative needs. Together, we acknowledge the Word of God and His ever-present mercy.

But, who writes the Prayers of the Faithful each week? In some parishes, these petitions may be written by the Pastor, parish staff, or Directors of Music and Liturgy. However, at the Collaborative of Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception, the prayers are written by a team of volunteer parishioners recruited by Parochial Vicar, Father George Morin. And, it appears this is the only Collaborative within the Archdiocese of Boston whose parishioners prepare the prayers of the faithful.

Beginning with Advent in 2016, Father Morin's team of four including Chris Eagan and Pat Forbes from Immaculate Conception and Joanne Drummond and David Fitzgerald from Holy Redeemer, alternately provided the petitions each week for the entire year. Drawing from a variety of resources including world and local events, Scriptural themes, and Collaborative needs, these volunteers have worked diligently to inspire and engage the congregation with these weekly reflections and they will continue their work in 2018.

As we all discern how to become more effective disciples in our sharing of the Good News, this effort is but a small example of the role and importance of the laity in the mission of today's Church. Take a moment to thank this team for their service.

Would you like to join this effort? What is the role God wants you to play? Contact Father George if interested.



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IC Online Giving

Please note that Online Giving via our website is available to only Immaculate Conception parishioners at this time.



We began a new ministry called LANDINGS, a program for Returning Catholics wanting to explore a more active return to the Catholic faith.

A new eight-week LANDINGS has begun. We meet on Monday, February 26 from 7:30-9:00 in the IC Charity Dining Room 114. (Note: this is a change of day, time, and location.)

One reason that many returning Catholics give for attending LANDINGS is that someone asked them! We urge you to think of someone you know who "used to be Catholic" or who attends Mass only occasionally. God just asks us to invite them: the Holy Spirit will do the rest! What greater act of love this year than to reactivate your own faith, or invite someone back home to the church through LANDINGS, especially during the season of Lent? The full participation of every Catholic is a precious gift to our faith community. There is no pressure, just an invitation to explore the possibilities.

To find out more, contact: Dr. Mag McKinnon, 978-462-2724 ext. 7405, mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org.

Kardiotissa Icon Visits Newburyport



The Miraculous Myrrh-streaming Kardiotissa Icon will visit the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Newburyport on February 16-17.

Many have made a pilgrimage to see this icon and credit it with miracles through the anointing with myrrh.

Services begin at 5:00 p.m. on February 16 and include anointing with myrrh at 7:00 p.m., special presentations (with age-appropriate stories and Q & A) for elementary school students (7:30 p.m.) and middle/high school students (8:00 p.m.), an all-night vigil, and Divine Liturgy on February 17 (9:30 a.m.). All ages are welcome.

When: February 16-17

Where: 7 Harris Street, Newburyport (you can park at IC Church)

Stations of the Cross/ Simple Supper

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7:00pm at Nativity. A "Simple Supper" will be served in the hall beginning at 6:15. There is no cost for the meal.

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2018 Catholic Appeal



This past week, many of you received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your support of the 2018 Catholic Appeal.

Supporting the Catholic Appeal is the most effective way to carry out the work of the Church, both within and beyond parish boundaries. Our parishes directly benefit from the ministries supported by the Appeal and your gift will help us reach our 2018 goal. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making an early pledge. You may mail your pledge or visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to give online. Thank you!

Winter Weather Mass Cancellations



Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if Immaculate Conception School, Pentucket Regional, or Newburyport Public Schools, are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Religious Education classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.

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 Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
	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 Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

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.

Youth SNOWCAMPS



Snowcamps, a high-energy, activity-filled, spiritual growth experience weekend for 7–8 graders, is held at Camp Brookwoods, Alton, NH. Get ready for fun, friendships, music, games, and faith sharing from teens and adults.

Join the fun with the 100+ junior high kids from several different parishes throughout the Archdiocese. There are two SNOWCAMPS weekends: February 23–25 or March 2–4. Cost for the weekend is \$183. To learn more or to download an application, visit www.snowcampsparty.com. Contact Fr. George with questions, 978-462-2724.

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. The charity for March is First Parish Church Food Pantry, Newbury. Donation suggestions include food (dry or canned), toiletry supplies (especially toothbrushes and toothpaste), toilet paper, paper towels, children's diapers any size.

Youth Mass Schedule

March 4 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
March 25 at Nativity, Merrimac
May 20 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

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 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

February 3–4 **\$9,722.00**
 Restoration/Renovation **\$1,758.00**

This week's second collection is the Monthly.
 The Ash Wednesday collection is Catholic Charities.
 Next week's second collection is St. Vincent de Paul.
Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

Grand Annual
 Goal **\$100,000**
 To Date **\$73,960.00**
 301 Families



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 10.50
Poor Box	\$267.00
Total	\$277.50

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, hricatholic.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.

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.

Immaculate Conception School



Applications for new IC students are currently being accepted for the 2018–2019 school year. Enrollment is looking very strong, in that 97% of our current students have re-enrolled for next year. We have already accepted applications for 26 new students, across all grades. Hosting Open House events on a monthly basis has been very effective and consistently well attended. Seventy-five percent of families who have taken a tour of the school have formally applied to the IC. Our students are fantastic representatives of the IC, and are often complemented by visitors who tour the building.



Our Wax Museum participants from Catholic Schools Week

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 monthly support meetings are held in Room 209 of the IC Parish Center at 7:30 to 9:00pm on the fourth Monday of the month. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. **Our next meeting is February 26.** Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at (617) 410-6309 or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

Scripture for the Week

11 Sun	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45
12 Mon	Jas 1;1-11/Mk 8:11-13
13 Tue	Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
14 Wed	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
15 Thu	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
16 Fri	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
17 Sat	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
18 Sun	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Adoration

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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.

Marriage and virginity: In #158: "Many people who are unmarried are not only devoted to their own family but often render great service in their group of friends, in the Church community and in their professional lives. Sometimes their presence and contributions are overlooked, causing in them a sense of isolation. Many put their talents at the service of the Christian community through charity and volunteer work. Others remain unmarried because they consecrate their lives to the love of Christ and neighbor. Their dedication greatly enriches the family, the Church and society."

School Year IC Religious Education Classes

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

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

- Classes: February 11–12
- No Classes: February 18–19, 25.

Next Classes:

- Gr. K–8 Sunday, March 4 10:05–11:05am.
- Gr. 1–8 Monday, February 26 6:00–7:10pm.

Baptism

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

Please pre-register for the class. There are no classes or baptisms during Lent.

Apr. 8 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm
Feb. 11 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

Confirmation Years 1 and 2 monthly session is Sunday, February 11 at 1:00–3:00pm in the church. Reminder: candidate and adult (sponsor, parent, or another adult) to attend each session.

Catholic School candidates Year 2 and adults: next session Sunday, March 18 at 1:00–3:00pm in the Church.

For information and registration go online:

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

First Eucharist

Information/registration for 2017–2018 First Reconciliation and Eucharist is posted on our website: <http://www.hriccatholic.org/First-Eucharist--First-Reconciliation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>.

Our next 1st Eucharist session for candidates and parents is Sunday, March 4 1:00–3:00pm Walk through the Mass with Fr. George in the church.

Landings

Landings for Returning Catholics meets on Monday, February 26 from 7:30–9:00pm in the IC Charity Dining Room 114. (Note: this is a change of day, time, and location.). If you know of anyone interested, please contact Dr. Mag McKinnon for more information 978-462-2724.

Youth Mass—March 4, 2018

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, March 4 at Immaculate Conception at 5:00pm. Charity: First Parish Church Food Pantry, Newbury. Food: dry or canned, toiletry supplies, especially toothbrushes and toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, children's diapers any size.

Mardi Gras Celebration



Our Mardi Gras Celebration and Dinner (jambalaya, red beans and rice, salad, hot dogs, king cake) is on **Monday, February 12** from 5:00–7:00pm with open seating. We have lots of raffles that will be drawn at 7:00pm. Raffle and Dinner tickets are on sale after this weekend's Masses and at the door. \$10/adults, \$5 children and children under 5 free.

We also need **volunteers** for a variety of tasks. Please consider signing up for positions: cook, baker, server, clean up, decorator, selling of tickets, etc. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4caaa72eaaff2-mardi>.

Raffle Items

We are looking for donations for our Raffle. If you have any items, gift cards, services, etc. that you would like to donate to the raffle, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Dr. Mag McKinnon, DRE, mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org or Melinda Burrell burrell@newburyportcatholic.org 978-462-2724. Proceeds for the dinner and raffle to benefit IC Haiti and IC Religious Education. Come join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

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.

Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, February 13** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205. We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at membership@kofc231.org, (978) 572-0231.

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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory January 27–28	\$3,207.00
Support for Church Around the World	\$ 980.00
Offertory February 3–4	\$2,802.00
Fuel	\$1,917.00

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly.
The Ash Wednesday collection is Catholic Charities.

Stations of the Cross/ Simple Supper

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7:00pm at Nativity. A “Simple Supper” will be served in the hall beginning at 6:15. There is no cost for the meal.

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, March 1**.

Holy Redeemer Ham Dinner & Bingo Night

February 24, 5:00 p.m.

Join Holy Redeemer Parish for a fun night out: Dinner (ham, macaroni and cheese, salad, roll, and homemade pie) are included. Tickets are \$8 each. Three bingo games will follow dinner. Bingo cards are \$1 each. Prizes (gift basket, gift card, cash) will be awarded to the winners.

Want to help out? Join us for our organizational meeting on **Tuesday, February 13** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Ann Hall, W. Newbury. All are welcome.

Bakers Needed



Would you help us by **baking a pie** for our ham dinner on Saturday, February 24. Sign up sheets are in the back of both churches.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



Once again our conference will distribute mite boxes during Lent. Charitable donations are especially appropriate during the Lenten season. Please use this opportunity to model loving, caring, and generous behavior for our children. All of the mite box money will be used to help local clients in Merrimac and West Newbury.

Thank you for supporting and helping our clients. If you are writing a check for us, please write the check to HR Saint Vincent de Paul to help expedite our banking.

HR Religious Education

Sunday, Feb. 11, Grades 3–6 Classes, Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 13, Grade 8 Class, Nativity Upper Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16, Stations of the Cross begins at Nativity Church at 7:00 p.m. Come to the “Simple Supper” in the hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Thursday, Feb. 22, Grade 8 Sandwich Making, Nativity Hall, 6:00 p.m. (during school vacation week) *Grade 8 students will be making sandwiches for the Merrimack Valley Hope Mission.* An email will be sent soon for the supplies needed to make the lunches to be delivered to GAR Park. *Bring a friend!*

Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

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

Activities Committee Updates

HR Activities Committee is planning ahead:

Ham Dinner Bakers Needed: Would you help us by **baking a pie** for our ham dinner on Saturday, February 24? Sign up sheets are in the back of both churches.

Easter Church Cleaning Helpers Needed: Would you help us **clean the inside of our churches** for Easter? We are organizing two crews for Saturday, March 24 at 9:00 a.m. Sign-up sheets are in the back of both churches.

Raffle Night Donations Needed: Would you donate a **new** item (of any type) for our **Raffle Night** on April 28?

Spring Church Yards Clean up: Saturday, May 19

Contact: Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072

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 Church, West Newbury, by **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, February 14. Please note there is 9:00 Mass this day for Ash Wednesday. The parking lot may be full before 9:00. Sandwich donations will still be accepted at 9:00.**

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