

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

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Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. (Jn 12:24)

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

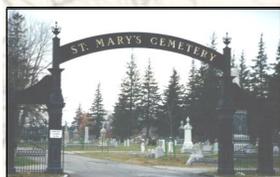
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (3/17)

4:00pm **IC** *Ernie Penta, Rev. John Leonard*
(Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (3/18)

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

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

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

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

11:30am **IC** *Erin Mahon Crowther, Gael Mahon,
Margaret & Frederick Harrington, Emily & Jim
Saccone* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (3/19)

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

Tuesday (3/20)

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

Wednesday (3/21)

7:15am **IC** *Florence R. Boschetti, Hugh T. Braley
and Ruth A. Braley* (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (3/22)

7:15am **IC** *For the intentions of Olivia D'Ambrosio*
(Fr. Morin)

Friday (3/23)

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

Saturday (3/24)

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

4:00pm **IC** *Eugene Campiola, Laurel Wightman,
Valentina Perry* (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (3/25)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Robert Kealey, Patricia Brochu*
(Fr. McLaughlin)

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

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

5:00pm **Nativity Youth Mass** (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Mark O'Brien 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,

As we draw closer to our celebration of Holy Week, our Scriptures move us deeper into the heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Using the dual lens of the First Reading and the Gospel (which, if you haven't noticed, are often intentionally paired together,) we see God drawing new life from the ashes of death and destruction. The Covenant established between God and His people was to be eternal and permanent. Yet before Moses even came down from the mountain, the people had already profaned their new-found freedom by worshipping false gods. The Lord never abandoned His covenant with the Chosen people, but we were faithless right from the start. Death and destruction marred our relationship with God. So the Lord promised to write a new covenant, not on stone tablets, but on our hearts, such that every person would know it intimately and it would give life.

The image of grain is a potent one as well. A single grain of wheat is not good for much. There is a passage where Jesus and his disciples are walking through a field of grain and are snacking on the grains. (see Mk. 2:23 or Mt. 12:1) So, taken individually, they are good for a snack at best, though the disciples would be criticized for doing this on a Sabbath. But if a grain is buried in the earth and allowed to "die," it will multiply and provide a rich harvest of many more grains that can then be harvested and made into flour and cakes and bread. A meager snack is transformed through God's action into a nourishing meal that can not only sustain life, but bring joy. Which one of us does not find our day brightened when we smell fresh bread that has just come out of the oven?! Life can be very good, indeed!

Lent is a time when we are called to look beyond the present goods of this life and see what is in store for us through Jesus Christ. From this perspective, the few, meager "good's of this world pale in comparison to the abundant life that awaits us from our death to self. When we cling to the small goods of the present, we settle for only a tiny fraction of what God really wants to bless us with. When we surrender our lives to live for Christ, a rich harvest of love awaits us. Genuine forgiveness scatters us. Sacrificial love buries us. Patience fertilizes us. Mercy drenches us. Honesty scorches us. Compassion softens us. God's Grace gives us life anew.

This mystery is not so far away, nor hard to understand. After all, God has written it within our very hearts!

With God's help, let's make some bread, shall we?

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

See our calendar at hriccatholic.org for more activities.

Monday, March 19

AA Meeting 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC Religious Ed., Grades 1–8 6:00pm, IC Parish Center
HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
HR Parish Finance Committee Meeting. 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory
Pastoral Plan Discipleship Priority Meeting. 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, March 20

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
HR Religious Ed., Grades 7 & 8 6:00pm, Nativity Lower Hall

Wednesday, March 21

Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209
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
Collaborative Confessions 6:30pm, St. Ann Church
HR Raffle Night Planning Meeting 6:45pm, Nativity Hall
IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, March 22

Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel
HR Sandwich Making, Grade 10 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

Friday, March 23

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
Staff Meeting 8:30am, IC Charity Dining Room
Lenten “Simple Supper” before Stations 6:00pm, Nativity Hall
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm, Nativity Church
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm, IC Church

Saturday, March 24

Nativity Church “inside” cleanup 9:00am, Nativity Church
St. Ann Church “inside” cleanup 9:00am, St. Ann Church
HR Grade 2 Parent + Student 1st Communion Rehearsal 2:00pm, Nativity Church
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

Sunday, March 25, Palm Sunday

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
HR Religious Ed., Grades 3–6 (Last class) 9:00am, Nativity Hall
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
IC Religious Ed., Grades K–8 10:05am, IC Parish Center
IC Religious Ed., 1st Eucharist Mini-Retreat 1:00pm, IC Church
Youth Mass Followed by Potluck Dinner 5:00pm, Nativity Church

Ecumenical Taizé

The community is cordially invited to come together in prayer on Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25 at 7:30 in the evening at an ecumenical candlelight meditation service modeled after those held at the Taizé community in France.

The service will be held at Groveland Congregational Church, 4 King St. in Groveland, corner of King and Main Streets. The meditation service consists of Scripture, prayers, petitions, simple sung refrains, and an extended period of silent meditation in the church’s beautiful candlelit sanctuary. Why not give yourself this gift of peace as we enter into the holiest week of the year. For more information, call the church at 978-372-3463 or visit the website: gccucc@www.grovelanducc.org.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Name one area in your life that you need to let go of (to die to) in order to rise with new life.

Child: Name one thing you can do or stop doing that will help you have a better friendship with Jesus.

Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on March 18

Father Broderick’s Scripture Study will meet on the regular scheduled third Sunday of the month, March 18, at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library Room 205. This would be an ideal time for members of the Collaborative to join the study group as we will read and discuss Chapters 4–7 in St. Paul’s *Epistle to the Romans*. This letter was probably written in Corinth several years prior to Paul’s arduous actual voyage to Rome as a prisoner. This is Paul’s longest letter and is widely considered to be his masterpiece.

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.

Italy 2 Pilgrimage

Join Fr. Tim for *Italy 2*, a Pilgrimage to Northern Italy. Enjoy 12 amazing days in Italy touring Lake Como, Milan, Padua (St. Anthony), Venice, Florence, Siena, and Assisi (St. Francis). The dates are October 21–November 1. Cost is \$4,799 from Boston.



Book by March 31, 2018 and receive a \$150 Early Bird discount. For more information, visit www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric.

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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. The next Cursillo weekend in April 5–8 (men).

Ultreya is held in the St. James Chapel in the IC Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. Our next *Ultreya* is April 6. If you have questions, please feel free to contact 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. The March charity is Our Neighbor's Table. Suggested donations: shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, diapers (sizes 4,5,6), juice (juice boxes and large bottles), canned meals (ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, stews), cereal, pasta sauce, gluten-free items, toiletry supplies, especially toothbrushes, toilet paper, paper towels.

Youth Mass Schedule

March 25 at Nativity, Merrimac (Followed by potluck dinner)
May 20 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

San Marcos Coffee Sale

Our next batch of San Marcos specialty whole-bean or ground coffee will be freshly roasted and available for \$10/pound after all Masses in our Collaborative on March 17–18. Your purchase will help the poor coffee farmers in Honduras to earn a fair wage for their labor.

Call Karen Finnegan with any questions about this project. 978-465-4173.

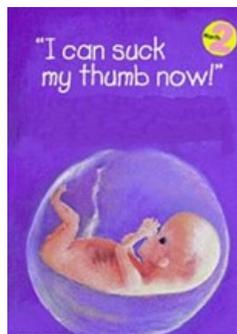
Spiritual Adoption Program

Watch here each month for the Baby's Development

Thank you for participating in this Spiritual Adoption program.

Second Month:

The developing baby is now called a fetus, which is Latin for "little one." S/he is making rapid progress developing all external and internal organs. During the second month, baby teeth form; fingers and toes are developing. Ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be clearly seen. Brain waves can be recorded. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. Forty muscle sets begin their first exercises. This Little One can now suck his or her thumb. By eight weeks, all body systems are present.



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.

The Pelican Intervention Fund

Updates and Events

The Pelican Intervention Fund invites all our friends and faithful supporters to join us for the following event:

The Pelican Intervention Fund's 3rd annual Celebration of Hope will be Sunday, April 29 from 1–3pm at the Senior Center in Newburyport. This event is free. Please come hear testimonials of funded recipients who are in recovery and other speakers. Watch for more information.

To date the Pelican Intervention Fund has raised over \$175,000 and placed 23 local men and women in 12-step-based programs. Five of these individuals have come from Essex County Correctional Facility.

We have been very blessed by the generous and continued support of individuals and organizations in the communities we serve and our parish collaborative. Thank you.

Please continue to keep us, those struggling with addiction, and others working to maintain sobriety in your prayers.

If you are interested in joining us or have any questions please contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483.

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.

LENT IN THE COLLABORATIVE

Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday, March 29

7:00pm, IC

Good Friday, March 30

The Passion of the Lord

3:00pm, IC

3:00pm, St. Ann

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm, IC

7:00pm, Nativity

Easter Vigil, March 31

We will gather at 7:30pm, IC

Easter Sunday

7:30am, IC

8:00am, Nativity

8:45am, St. Ann

9:30am, IC

9:30am, IC School Gym

9:30am, Nativity

10:15am, St. Ann

11:30am, IC



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 TheLightIsOnForYou.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)

March 21 Saint Ann

March 28 IC



Lenten Regulations



All **Fridays** during Lent are days of abstinence. Good Friday is a day of fasting and 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.

Helping Our Homeless

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

In an effort to ease the suffering of our homeless and as a Collaborative-wide Lenten observance, we again will be collecting “Homeless Care Packs” in all three churches. A Homeless Care Pack is a one-gallon Ziploc bag filled with personal care items for men and women. They will be distributed to local agencies serving our homeless, including our own Pelican Intervention Fund, St. Vincent de Paul, Pettengill House, Salvation Army, and Community Service, as well as distributed by our youth attending the annual 30-hour famine. Travel-size personal care items are the best size and can be found in most pharmacies in the area. There will be a collection box at the entrance of each church. For more information or to help, please contact Jonathan Temple, 978-809-9337 or jntemple@comcast.net. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

Items needed:

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| Shampoo | Cough drops | Feminine hygiene products (Women) |
| Toothbrush | Protein bars | Umbrellas |
| Toothpaste | Soap | Antiseptic Wipes |
| Deodorant | Life Savers candy | |
| Razor | Disposable face cloths | No mouthwash or loose items please |
| Socks | Kleenex packs | |
| Gloves | Hand sanitizer | |
| Shaving Cream | | |

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7:00pm at **both Immaculate Conception Church and Nativity Church.**

Stations of the Cross at **Nativity** will include a “Simple Supper” that will be served in the Nativity Hall beginning at 6:00. There is no cost for the meal.

Centering Prayer for Lent

Our Lenten reflection on Jesus’ words and works reveals Jesus’ intimate relationship with his Father. We see the depth of Jesus’ faith, trust and love for God. This relationship developed through prayer. Often we see Jesus withdraw from the crowds and even his apostles to pray alone in silence. Jesus tells us “When you pray, go into your private room, shut yourself in, and so pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you” (Matt 6:6). In Centering Prayer you enter your private room.

Lent is a time to follow Jesus more closely and learn from the fully human Jesus how to pray by entering your secret room, spending time that places God at the center of your life, opening yourself to a loving Father, surrendering your will, and, in trust, allowing God to transform you. This is how we pray as we Center in silence. Please join us for Centering Prayer Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the IC Conference Room 209.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Grand Annual

\$75,450.00

The second collection this weekend is the Restoration/Renovation.

The second collection next weekend is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to IC Haiti.**

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$52,231.00
To Date \$18,920.00



The Immaculate Conception 2018 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a wonderful start with \$18,920.00 already pledged! The early outpouring of support from so many helps sustain the important ministries that make IC a vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your prayers and support.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



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| Collection | \$ 48.00 |
| Poor Box | \$310.00 |
| Total | \$358.00 |

Newburyport VIP Card

Help Support Immaculate Conception Church

We encourage folks to spend a few minutes to familiarize themselves with the 180 local businesses in Newburyport and surrounding towns that offer discounts through the Newburyport App/VIP Card Program. This is a great way to save money **every time** you visit participating businesses and it is a simplistic fundraising opportunity for our church. If you decide to make a purchase we ask that you please support Immaculate Conception. View discounts at <https://www.newburyport.com/newburyport-vip/> or you can download the Newburyport App, and select "VIP Discounts." You can purchase one Card for \$25 or two for \$40, and \$10 of your purchase is donated to **Immaculate Conception Church**. Use the following link to make your purchase: <https://www.newburyport.com/immaculate-conception-church/>.

Stations of the Cross

Join us at 7:00pm every Friday during Lent at Immaculate Conception Church for Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to this traditional Lenten devotion.

Immaculate Conception School

Parent involvement and support of extra curricular activities and fundraising events has a profound impact on the students' experience at the IC. I



continue to be incredibly impressed by the many parents who volunteer their talent and time to the IC. Our fundraising success contributes to a balanced school budget each year. Our children are among adult role models who plan, organize, and run multifaceted activities. The children at

the IC learn from everyone who is involved in their school community. Thank you parents for your dedication to our school and to our students. Your involvement will have lasting impact.

IC Haiti

The next collection for IC Haiti will take place next weekend, March 24–25, when we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin Holy Week. Please continue to support our parish's outreach to the rural community of Puit Chacha in south central Haiti by contributing to the second collection that weekend. Your ongoing generosity has been used to keep the Father Marc Piché elementary school there up and running for the past five years as well as to provide a variety of health and relief services from natural disasters for the community. In the purpose statement for our Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Collaborative, we profess our commitment to be ever more intentional disciples of Christ. As we prayerfully prepare to participate in the Passion of our Lord and to celebrate His Easter rising, let us continue to be His intentional disciples in our missionary outreach to Haiti. IC Haiti is the sole source of funding for the school in Puit Chacha. We are in this for the long haul just as God's love for us, revealed to us in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus, is an everlasting gift of self-emptying. Like Our Lord, let's continue to be generous. Thank you.

Adoration

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

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 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.

The love of a mother and a father: In #174: “Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centered individualism....It is they who testify to the beauty of life”. Certainly, “a society without mothers would be dehumanized, for mothers are always, even in the worst of times, witnesses to tenderness, dedication, and moral strength. Mothers often communicate the deepest meaning of religious practice in the first prayers and acts of devotion that their children learn....Without mothers, not only would there be no new faithful, but the faith itself would lose a good part of its simple and profound warmth....Dear mothers: thank you! Thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world.”

School Year IC Religious Education Classes

- Classes: March 18 and 19. Our monthly **assembly is on St. Joseph**. Come join us for closing prayer at Sun. 10:45am or Mon. 6:45pm.

Next Classes:

- Gr K–8 Sunday, March 25 10:05–11:05am.
- Gr 1–8 Monday, March 26 6:00–7:10pm.

Baptism

Baptism info.: <http://www.hricatholic.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
Apr. 15 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

Confirmation All Year 2 for Summer and School year candidates: Public, Private, and Catholic school candidates Our last session is Sunday, March 18 at 1:00–3:00pm in the church until our retreat in September. Reminder: candidate and adult (sponsor, parent, or another adult) to attend the session.

First Eucharist

Our next 1st Eucharist session for candidates and parents is our mini-Retreat on Sunday, March 25 from 1:00–3:00pm. We will begin in the church.

Youth Mass—March 25, 2018

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, March 25 at Nativity, Merrimac at 5:00pm followed by a potluck dinner. Please bring a side dish to share. Charity: Our Neighbor's Table. Suggested donations: shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6), juice (juice boxes and large bottles), canned meals (ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, stews), cereal, pasta sauce, gluten-free items, toiletries, especially toothbrushes, toilet paper, and paper towels.

Landings

Landings meets on Monday, March 26 from 7:30–9:00 in the IC Charity Dining Room 114. To find out more about Landings, please contact: Dr. Mag McKinnon 978-462-2724 ext. 7405, mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org.

Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Fund. Email your request for an application to maryakscholarship@gmail.com. Scholarship eligibility:

- Young man or woman parishioner of IC Parish
- High school graduate in pursuit of a scientific education

Completed applications must be postmarked and returned to the Trustees no later than Monday, April 16, 2018.

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.

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

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.

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 March 26.** Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at (617) 410-6309 or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

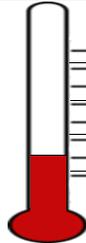
HR Offertory Collection

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| Offertory March 3–4 | \$ 3,030.00 |
| Offertory March 10–11 | \$ 2,904.00 |
| Monthly | \$ 2,032.00 |
| Grand Annual | \$ 16,755.00 |
| Capital Campaign | \$277,101.00 |



Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,862.00
To Date \$5,035.00



\$22,862
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$5,000

The 2018 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at Holy Redeemer. So far, we have raised \$5,035.00 toward our parish goal of 22,862.00. Thank you to all who have already participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at bostoncatholicappeal.org or complete a pledge form available in the back of the church.

Church Cleanups Planned

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. We want to clean the benches, walls, statues, and windows. Sign-up sheets are in the back of both churches.

Spring Church Yards Clean up: Saturday, May 19, 9:00.

Contact: Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

Holy Redeemer Raffle Night

Save the Date: April 28

Holy Redeemer will hold Raffle Night on Saturday, April 28 at Nativity Hall. Join us for dinner and raffles. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. **The next planning meeting is March 21 at 6:45 p.m. in Nativity Hall.** All are welcome to attend.

We are asking for help. Please consider volunteering to make your family's favorite casserole or crock pot meal to be served at Raffle Night. Sign up sheets are in the back of **both** churches. (Foil pans will be provided to fit our sterno flame stands.)

Donations for our Raffle Night are now being collected. Please leave your **new** item (of any type or value) at the back of either church.

HR Prayer Shawl



We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, April 5.** All are welcome.

Call Helen Kelley 978-771-4673 or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099 for a shawl or more information.

HR Religious Education

Sunday, Mar. 18, Grades 3–6 classes, Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Grade 9 class, student + parent, Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 20, Grades 7 & 8 (party), 6–7:30 p.m., Nativity Lower Hall

Thursday, Mar. 22, Grade 10 Sandwich Making to benefit the Merrimack Valley Hope Mission, 6:00 p.m., Nativity Hall

Friday, Mar. 23, Stations of the Cross, Nativity Church, Merrimac, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a **Simple Supper** at 6:00 p.m. at the Merrimack Hall before Stations. All are welcome each Friday in Lent.

Saturday, Mar. 24, Grade 2 Activity Day, 2:00–3:30 p.m., Nativity Church. Students are asked to bring a snack to share. **It is most important for the students and parents to attend as this is our First Communion Rehearsal.**

Sunday, March 25, Grades 3–6 last class, Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Newburyport VIP Card

Help Support Holy Redeemer Parish

We encourage folks to spend a few minutes to familiarize themselves with the 180 local businesses in Newburyport and surrounding towns that offer discounts through the Newburyport App/VIP Card Program. This is a great way to save money **every time** you visit participating businesses and it is a simplistic fundraising opportunity for our parish.

If you decide to make a purchase we ask that you please support Holy Redeemer. View discounts at

<https://www.newburyport.com/newburyport-vip/> or you can download the Newburyport App, and select "VIP Discounts." You can purchase one card for \$25 or two for \$40, and \$10 of your purchase is donated to **Holy Redeemer Parish**. Use the following link to make your purchase:

<https://www.newburyport.com/holy-redeemer-parish/>.

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 6:00. There is no cost for the meal.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



Praying, fasting and abstinence, and almsgiving are cornerstone activities that are carried out during Lent.

Please take a mite box as you leave Mass, fill it, and return it at Easter. All donations will be used by SVdP to help local clients in need. Your generosity is appreciated.