

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

April 16, 2017



Sunrise over the Sea of Galilee, Israel

*"He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee;  
there you will see him." (Mt. 28:7)*

*All Are Welcome*

## OUR COLLABORATIVE

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### Immaculate Conception Parish



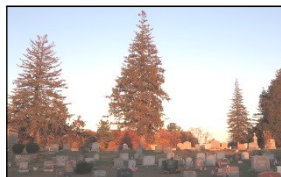
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule/Intentions

### Saturday (4/15) Easter Vigil

We will gather at 7:30pm, IC

### Sunday (4/16) Easter Sunday

7:30am IC (Fr. Broderick)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 8:45am **St. Ann** (Fr. Drew Christiansen)  
 9:30am **IC Church** (Fr. Harrison)  
 9:30am **IC School Gym** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 9:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Drew Christiansen)  
 11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

### Monday (4/17)

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

### Tuesday (4/18)

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

### Wednesday (4/19)

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

### Thursday (4/20)

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

### Friday (4/21)

9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
 10:30am **Port Rehab** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Saturday (4/22)

10:30am **Country Rehab** (Fr. Broderick)  
 4:00pm **IC Ellen Kiernan, Thomas Burton, Charles M. Kelly, Jedrey A. Connors, For the intentions of Ellen Meade** (Fr. Morin)  
 4:00pm **St. Ann Joe & Jeannette Donahue** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (4/23)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
 9:00am **IC George Wm. Champoux, Jr., Marjorie Emerson** (Fr. Broderick)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
 11:30am **IC John "Jack" Kiggins, Jeffrey Bartlett Kiggins** (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers please remember Barbara McDermot and all the faithful departed.

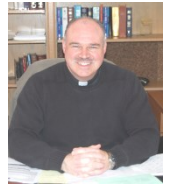
**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

## From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Have you ever had a perfect day or a moment in time that you look back on as blissful, when all was right with the world? Maybe it wasn't exactly that way when you lived through it...a part of a day, and afternoon or the like. But when we remember it, it is a place and time that we would always want to go back to and live there.

Many years ago, my family had a home on Cape Cod and gathered there frequently with extended family and friends. This was especially true in the summer when the Cape was at its best. Over the decades there were several families that we were close with, and they, too, had homes in the area or vacationed with us at the same time. There was one memorable day when we had gathered at our house for a late summer meal with our friends and some of their extended family. I recall this day in particular because my mother had found some crazy recipe from *Yankee Magazine* that purported to tell one how to cook a whole salmon in the dishwasher. As unlikely as that sounded, it actually worked! Wrap the prepared fish in cheesecloth with dill and lemon slices, put it on the top rack for a cycle and a half, and presto: perfectly poached salmon! Who knew?

But that wasn't what made that day so perfect. Looking back, it was because everybody was there. My parents and brother were home. Our close friends and their (now) adult children were in town. Other friends had come over for the feast. The crowning of the afternoon came when an absent son who was away on active duty with the Navy showed up unexpectedly on a 48-hour pass, having driven overnight from Virginia to be with us. The weather was perfect and now we were all together as family and friends. It was festive and joyful! As the years move on, I realize more and more that these kinds of gatherings are rarer than I'm sure that I ever appreciated at the time. Life events, changing jobs, moving, illness, and death do take their toll over the years.

I think back on this "perfect day" in my own life as I contemplate this weekend's Easter Gospel from Matthew. Not once, but twice, the women who came to the tomb are told to go to Galilee. This is where they first met Jesus, got to know Him and started following Him. Here, they witnessed His miracles and heard His sermons. It is the place where He walked on the water, calmed the storm, multiplied the loaves and fish, told them about the Beatitudes, and cast out many demons. It was here, among the sleepy fishing villages that surrounded its shores, that they fell in love with this man who would change their lives forever. If there was ever a time or place of comfort that they might look back to as being "perfect," it was at Galilee. For them, it was where their relationship with the Lord was most clear. It was, if you pardon the over-used phrase, a little bit of "Heaven on Earth."

It should be no surprise, then, that this was the place that Jesus would choose to gather His disciples after His resurrection. He wanted to reassure them that all would be

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## Easter Collections

The Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical, and financial needs of the active and senior priests of the Archdiocese of Boston who have dedicated their lives in faithful service to God, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. Thank you in advance for your support. For information, visit [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org)

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Welcome Home

Happy Easter! We're glad you're here. Our expanded Easter bulletin highlights many groups and events in the Collaborative. There is a variety of activities for all interests. What would you like to do?

Come, share your gifts.  
Visit [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) to learn more.



## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturdays

4:00pm **Immaculate Conception, Newburyport**  
4:00pm **Holy Redeemer** (This Mass alternates between Nativity & St. Ann every 6 weeks. See the website calendar, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org), for details.)

### Sundays

7:15am **Immaculate Conception, Newburyport**  
8:00am **Nativity, Merrimac**  
9:00am **Immaculate Conception, Newburyport**  
10:15am **St. Ann, West Newbury**  
11:30am **Immaculate Conception, Newburyport**

### Mondays

9:00am **St. Ann, West Newbury**

### Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

7:15am **Immaculate Conception, Newburyport**

### Fridays

9:00am **Nativity, Merrimac**

**Immaculate Conception, 42 Green Street, Newburyport**

**Nativity, 4 Green Street, Merrimac**

**St. Ann, 300 Main Street, West Newbury**

## Celebrating the Sacraments

Contact the Collaborative offices for more information  
**Baptism**

We offer monthly baptism classes for new parents as well as monthly baptisms.

### Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm or by appointment.

HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass or by appointment.

### First Eucharist

Our second graders celebrate First Communion every spring. Contact the HR or IC Religious Ed. directors for more information.

### Confirmation

Confirmation at IC is celebrated in the spring. Confirmation at HR is celebrated in the fall. Contact the HR or IC Religious Ed. directors for more information.

### Marriage

Archdiocesan guidelines request that couples planning to marry in the Church contact your Parish office 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 your Parish office if someone is in the hospital, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.

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well. "Do not be afraid," He told them over and over. Jerusalem had been a contentious, hateful place for them. Misunderstanding, conflict, and division were lurking around every corner, it had seemed. Jealousy reared its ugly head when crowds of people had responded to Jesus' message and opened their hearts to the new signs that God was performing through Him. The established religious leaders of the time could take no more of it, so they plotted against Him. Ultimately, in an act of supreme betrayal, it was by the kiss of a friend that Jesus would fall into the hands of those who hated Him, those who would torture and kill Him. Yes, Jerusalem was a bitter city to be shunned for now. But Galilee! Now there was a place where their hearts would be lifted, their friendship with the Lord strengthened and where they could best learn to recognize the enduring presence of the Risen Lord.

One of the confounding aspects of the resurrection was that Christ appeared differently in His risen, glorified body than He did previously. In the other Gospel accounts, again and again, Jesus appears to His disciples and they don't recognize Him at first. Some think He is a gardener, others a stranger on the beach. Only when they see what He does or how He speaks, do they begin to connect the dots in their hearts and truly recognize the risen Lord in their midst. Nothing brought this home to them more clearly than when they "broke bread" as Jesus had taught them. In this simplest of gestures, they were connected to a thousand times before, where in Galilee, they had shared a meal with Him, laughed, and told stories. It was the perfect place to be strengthened and commissioned by the Lord for the new work of "baptizing all nations" and establishing the Church. Beginning in Galilee.

This Easter, I would invite you consider where your "Galilee" is. Where is that place or time, that moment in your life when you encountered God's love most clearly? What are the signs that it is still present, that this experience endures? How do you recognize that love of God in others? What do you most long for? Where do you find true and lasting peace in your life? What does it mean for you? How does this reality strengthen you to live your life today? How does it lead you forward, even in the midst of uncertainty? Where do you see the signs and hear the voice of the Risen Christ in your life?

If you are like me, the answer to these questions lie less in a specific place with four walls and roof over our heads than in the loving relationships that were and are nurtured within them. It is within these sacred bonds of the love of family and friends that we experience the joy of the Risen One and His eternal call to holiness and life. Here we are cherished. Here we are nurtured. Here we are forgiven. Here we are empowered. Here we are missioned and sent. Here...the reality of Heaven is closer than we might realize. There may or may not be salmon cooked in a dishwasher, but I'm pretty sure we will be well-fed and nourished for the road ahead.

May the joy of Easter surround you and your family this day!

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Office Hours

The Collaborative offices will be closed on Patriots' Day, April 17. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 18 at 8:00 a.m.

## What is a Collaborative?

"A collaborative is a grouping of one, two, or three parishes that work together for the goal of evangelization.

"A collaborative has one pastor, one set of assigned priests and deacons, and one Pastoral Team (including Pastoral Associates, Religious Education and Faith Formation leaders, Finance and Operations specialists, and administrative and facilities personnel). All of these work together for all of the parishes of the collaborative. The collaborative has one Pastoral Council, and one Local Pastoral Plan for evangelization. The collaborative does not share money or bank accounts." (*Learn more about Collaboratives at the DIM website, [disciplesinmission.com](http://disciplesinmission.com).)*

## What is Disciples in Mission?



"Disciples in Mission calls every parish of the Archdiocese of Boston to become a strong, stable, intentional, and effective center of the New Evangelization. *Disciples in Mission* is not a plan to close parishes. . . . In order better to focus our resources on evangelization, *Disciples in Mission* organizes the 288 parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston into approximately 135 Collaboratives." (*Learn more about Disciples in Mission or sign up for a Forming Disciples in Mission workshop, visit the DIM website at [disciplesinmission.com](http://disciplesinmission.com).)*

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## Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

We meet in the IC Parish Center on the first and third Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. We are currently taking a break while Fr. Broderick is recuperating from surgery. Watch the bulletin, visit the Collaborative calendar, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org), or contact Eleanora Paciulan, [emlpac@comcast.net](mailto:emlpac@comcast.net), for more information.

## This Week in Our Collaborative

Please visit our website calendar for all Collaborative events and details [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org).

## Liturgical Ministries

### Ministries during Mass

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Men and women serve at Mass by distributing the Eucharist. They also take the Eucharist to homebound parishioners and to those in the hospitals and nursing homes.

**Lectors:** Parish women or men (including youth) who proclaim the Word of God at Mass.

**Altar Servers:** assist the priests and deacon at Mass. Altar servers may begin in the fourth grade and continue through high school.

**Music Ministry:** There are many opportunities for people with varying experience and of differing ages to share their musical talents.

Learn more about these ministries and other volunteer opportunities at our website, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org).

## Centering Prayer

### Centering Prayer Introductory Program

*Be Still and Know That I Am God* PS. 46:11 USCCB

We have gathered each week for Centering Prayer for several years at Immaculate Conception and wish to share this simple yet powerful prayer practice of *Resting in God* to our Collaborative and beyond. We invite you to come learn about the rich history of silent prayer in Christianity and the genesis and fruits of this prayer practice referred to as "Centering Prayer" by the Trappist monks of Spencer, MA.

A teaching on the actual method that can be practiced alone or in group will also be presented. All are welcome—both beginners and those with meditation experience.

This Introductory Program for Centering Prayer, sponsored by Contemplative Outreach of Boston and presented by Elizabeth McCarthy, will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish Center, St. Louis Hall on Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For more information, contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483.

## 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 5:00 p.m. All ages are welcome to this lively celebration.

For each Youth Mass, a charity is chosen for donations. Please watch the bulletin for details about that month's charity. The May 7 Youth Mass will include a service project from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at Plum Island for beach cleanup. Bring disposable gloves to the beach.

### Youth Mass Schedule

May 7 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport  
September 24 (tentative) at Nativity, Merrimac  
October 29 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport  
December 10 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport  
January 21, 2018 at Nativity, Merrimac  
March 4, 2018 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport  
May 20, 2018 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

## COLLABORATIVE/ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

### Community Food Pantry

First Parish Church of Newbury Community Food Pantry, 20 High Road, Newbury, is open every Friday from 3:00pm –5:00pm for anyone in need in the Collaborative's towns as well as Georgetown, Rowley, and Salisbury. The volunteers are very welcoming and no one is made to feel uncomfortable when visiting. No registration or proof of residency required. Fresh fruit and vegetables, many types of frozen meats, pasta, and desserts, as well as an array of canned goods, toiletries, etc. are available.

If you would like to donate, nonperishable goods, personal hygiene products, and/or pet food may be dropped off on Sunday mornings from 9:30–11:30 a.m. Grocery store gift cards as well as cash/checks (made out to "First Parish" and write "food pantry" in the memo) are always welcome.

### Pelican Intervention Fund & April Fundraising Event

The Pelican Intervention Fund is dedicated to supporting men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. We offer hope for sustained recovery for adults who live in the communities of Amesbury, Byfield, Groveland, Merrimac, Newbury, West Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and Salisbury. Visit our website, [www.pelicaninterventionfund.org](http://www.pelicaninterventionfund.org) to learn more.

Please join us for a fundraising event on Sunday, April 30, at the Senior Center in Newburyport, 2:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Hear two men share powerful testimonies of recovery through their sober living experience funded by your contributions to the Pelican Intervention Fund and learn of resources for individuals and families struggling with the disease of addiction.

For more information contact:  
Elizabeth McCarthy (978) 462-7483  
Kim Keene (978) 430-1408



### The Ministry of Women

Join us for the lecture "The Ministry of Women, Then and Now: **Can there be Women Deacons?**" This talk, by Francine Cardman, Ph.D., Boston College, will present the ministry of women in the early Church and relate its history to the current discussion of women deacons in the Catholic Church.

The lecture is Sunday, April 23, from 2–4 p.m. at St. Agnes Church Hall, Middleton.

Refreshments served—Free Will offering appreciated.  
*Sponsored by North Shore-Seacoast Affiliate of VOTF*

### C.A.M.P.S. 2017 Fundraiser

Join us Tuesday, April 18 from 5:00–9:00 p.m. at Flatbread Pizza in Amesbury. A portion of the price from each pizza sold will benefit C.A.M.P.S. (Christ As My Personal Savior), a summer Catholic youth camp for high school students. Come enjoy friendships and great food while supporting C.A.M.P.S. Visit [campsmistry.com](http://campsmistry.com) to learn more.

### Mission Thank You

Many thanks go out to Fr. George and those involved in arranging for our Lenten Mission this year! It was a joy to welcome back Frs. Connors, Williams, and Borek a few weeks ago to share with us their wisdom, wit and insight. I am grateful for all who attended and supported this effort. May the Lord continue to bless our Collaborative parishes in the weeks ahead.

Fr. Tim Harrison



### Pilgrimage to Canada

Join Fr. George on a pilgrimage to Canada on August 21–26, 2017. During the six-day tour of Montreal and Quebec City, we will visit shrines, churches, cathedrals, museums, chapels, monasteries, and much more.

To reserve your space or for more information, visit [www.pilgrimages.com/frgeorgemorin](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frgeorgemorin) or call 206 Tours at 800-206-8687, and ask for Amanda or Bika.

### Lift up Your Voice and Sing!

All are invited to join host Mike Fay and The New England Tenors along with members of Immaculate Conception Choir to "Lift up Your Voice and Sing" at an interfaith musical celebration and hymn sing. This special event will be on Sunday, April 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the historic Methuen Music Hall, home of one of the oldest and largest pipe organs in the world. Choirs from St. Theresa's, Rye, NH, North Parish Church, North Andover, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Lawrence and Methuen, and Treble Corus of New England will all perform and lead selections in the hymn sing. All will be invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship at the conclusion of the concert.

A portion of the proceeds to benefit Merrimac Valley Hospice House. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at [www.thenewenglandtenors.weebly.com](http://www.thenewenglandtenors.weebly.com) or call Mike Fay at 978-476-6053

### Cursillo & Ultreya

A **Cursillo** retreat is a three-day weekend of intensive spiritual reflection and exploration at that offers us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ. Cursillo weekends are held at St. Basils, Methuen.

**Ultreya**, the Spanish word for "onward" is a gathering that unites us in prayer and fellowship. It is a reunion of those who have experienced a Cursillo, but all are welcome to Ultreya meetings on the Friday of each Cursillo weekend. Questions about Cursillo or Ultreya? Contact Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

#### Spring 2017 Ultreya / Cursillo Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
April 28	May 4-6 (Women)
June 2	June 1-4 (Women)

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

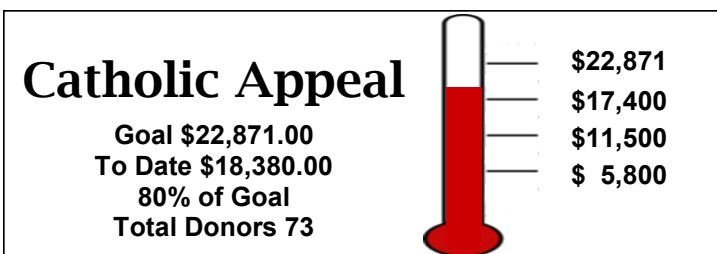
## Welcome to Holy Redeemer

Holy Redeemer is comprised of two churches: Church of the Nativity in Merrimac and St. Ann's Church in West Newbury. We are part of the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception Collaborative. Please visit our website at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) for our Mass schedule as well as more information on how to get involved in our vibrant community.

## Offertory Collection

Offertory, April 1–2 \$4,022.00

The Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. The second collection next weekend is the Home Missions/Black & Native Americans.



## Saturday Masses at Holy Redeemer

Our Saturday vigil Masses at Holy Redeemer alternate every six weeks between St. Ann and Nativity. Our website calendar at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) lists the Mass schedule. Please visit the website for the locations and dates.

The Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass will move to **Nativity** in Merrimac on **May 13**.

## VBS at Nativity



Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer, July 10–14 from 9:00–12:00. The theme is *Maker Fun Factory*. Children ages 5–11 can sign up to be participants. Teens and adults can sign up to volunteer.

Visit [vbspro.events/p/nativity2017](http://vbspro.events/p/nativity2017) to sign up.

For more information contact Jen Acorn, 978-697-1082.

## HR Boy Scouts

Scouting builds more than just campfires. Scouting builds character, values, community, and family. Holy Redeemer charts Boy Scout Troop 41. The troop meets Monday evenings in Nativity Hall, Merrimac from 7:00–8:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in learning more about the troop or joining, contact the scoutmaster, Mark Friend at [msf4087@gmail.com](mailto:msf4087@gmail.com). All faiths welcome. Please see the Parish website calendar for meeting dates, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org).



## HR Religious Education

Have a blessed Easter, and a safe and relaxing school vacation week, everyone!

Please keep in your prayers our students who will be receiving their **First Holy Communion** on Sunday, April 30 at St. Ann Church at noon.

The May 7 **Youth Mass** at IC will include a service project from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at Plum Island for beach cleanup. Bring disposable gloves to the beach.

### Confirmation

Bishop Hennessey is celebrating the Confirmation Mass(es) Saturday, October 28 at Merrimac at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (within the parish Mass).

### New Email Address

The HR Office of Religious Ed has a new email address. Please change it in your contacts: [reledhrp@gmail.com](mailto:reledhrp@gmail.com).

## 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 **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, April 26**. Please see the Collaborative calendar at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) for the schedule or contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

## Holy Redeemer Raffle Night

Holy Redeemer's *Annual Raffle Night Social* will be held Saturday, April 29 at Nativity Parish Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for supper—Homemade comfort foods, meatballs and sauce, mac and cheese, pulled pork, "company casserole" and more. \$8.00 for dinner includes main choice, Caesar salad, roll, and drinks. Homemade desserts served at intermission. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and the raffles will be drawn starting at 6:00p.m.

Everyone is invited to come to our **organizational meeting** on **Wednesday, April 19** starting at 7:00 p.m. at Nativity.

Also, we are asking for **donations** for our raffles. **Anything new**—any size, any shape, any type. Gift cards and gift certificates are welcome too. Donations may be left in the back of either church. Please mark donation with "Raffle." We need the donations by Sunday, April 23. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.



# SO MUCH IS HAPPENING





# IN THE COLLABORATIVE



## HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

### Holy Redeemer Activities Group

The **HR Activities Group** organizes events and socials for the parishioners of Holy Redeemer Parish. Contact Cindy Quinn at 978-346-0072 or [cynwinnquinn@aol.com](mailto:cynwinnquinn@aol.com) if you would like to be involved in this group or in any of our annual events. Some of our annual events include *the Holiday Fair, Raffle Night, and the Parish Picnic/Outdoor Mass*.

### 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.

We would love for you to join us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00 p.m. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. Our next meeting is **Thursday, May 4**.

### Holy Redeemer Parish Picnic and Outdoor Mass

Holy Redeemer Parish holds a summertime outdoor Mass and picnic at St. Ann's Rectory lawn. Mass is celebrated, followed by a lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs. Guests bring lawn chairs, a side dish or dessert, and a big appetite. All are invited to attend this event.

### HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



St. Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic lay organization that offers person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering.

Please return your Lenten mite boxes to either church when you are done.

Without your help, we would be unable to assist our many clients. If you are writing a check for us, please write the check to HR Saint Vincent de Paul. That will help expedite our banking.

### Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

The **Holiday Fair** has been a long-running tradition in Holy Redeemer Parish. It is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving in the Nativity Parish Hall, Merrimac. The 2017 Fair is November 18 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Parishioners donate themed gift baskets to sell, homemade baked goods, silent auction items, nearly new items, and homemade soups for lunch. A grand raffle is held also. It is an annual event with the families of our parish. Planning starts in June. Visit the website photos page, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) to see photos of past events.



### Questions of the Week

**Adult:** What does the Resurrection mean for you?

**Child:** How does knowing that Jesus is still with us make you feel?

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

### The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) 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 the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting is April 24. Contact Barbara Hopkinson, [barhop@comcast.net](mailto:barhop@comcast.net) or 978-697-1349 with questions.



### Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Award. If you would like an application, send a request for an application to: Mary A. Kelly Scholarship, P. O. Box 464, Newburyport, MA 01950, or email [maryakscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:maryakscholarship@gmail.com). 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 **Tuesday, April 18, 2017**.

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$275.00
Collection	\$ 50.00
Total	\$325.00

### RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or youth that have not received the sacraments in the traditional years. Have you been considering it? Please contact Marin Fortune, 978-462-2724 or [fortune@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:fortune@newburyportcatholic.org) if you would like to learn more about this program.

### IC Boy Scouts

IC Troop 21 meets Sunday evenings at the IC School Cafeteria, Check our website at [www.nbptroop21.org](http://www.nbptroop21.org).

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

Immaculate Conception Parish is located in Newburyport and serves the towns of Newbury and Newburyport and is part of the Immaculate Conception/Holy Redeemer Collaborative. Visit our website at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) for our Mass schedule as well as more information on how to get involved in our active community.

## Offertory Collection

<b>Offertory, April 1–2</b>	<b>\$10,027.00</b>
<b>Pastor's Charity</b>	<b>\$ 1,843.00</b>
<b>Grand Annual</b>	<b>\$73,280.00</b>

The Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. The second collection next weekend is the Home Missions/Black & Native Americans.

<h2>Catholic Appeal</h2> <p>Goal \$51,268.00 To Date \$53,097.00 104% of Goal! Total Donors: 183</p>		<p>\$51,268</p> <p>\$39,000</p> <p>\$26,000</p> <p>\$13,000</p>
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Thank you to all who have participated in IC's Catholic Appeal campaign. Your support is the most effective way our parish community can join together in the Church's universal work to care for our neighbors. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) or pick up a pledge form available in the back of the church. Thank you.

## St. Vincent de Paul's Breaking Bread Program

At Immaculate Conception, once a week, St. Vincent de Paul members join in "Breaking Bread" by preparing and serving dinner at the IC Parish Center to neighbors in need. Please share a little of your time and talents to prepare and cook for our guests on a Tuesday of your choice. A seasoned chef will work with you in our kitchen. Contact Bunny Chiasson, [sandbunnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:sandbunnyc@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

## Knights of Columbus



The K of C Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897. We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protections for you or your family, or just connecting with other Catholic men, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Our next meeting is May 9.

Contact us at (978) 572-0231, [membership@kofc231.org](mailto:membership@kofc231.org).

## IC Religious Education

### Summer Religious Education Classes

Grades 1–8: Summer registration has begun. Forms can be downloaded from the website:

Gr. 1–6: [www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education](http://www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education)

Gr. 7–8: [www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education](http://www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education)

Please be sure to complete a *Catechetical Events Log Sheet* to be eligible to participate in the Summer program. It needs to be submitted prior to the start of the program.

We are offering 2 programs for Grades 1–8: June 26–30 and July 24–28. Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Cost: \$175/student.

We are also introducing a *Collaborative MS Mission Week* July 10–14 for gr. 7–8 youth Monday–Thursday 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. and Friday 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. We have limited enrollment. It will combine catechesis and service and for IC youth it can be done in place of regular Religious Education. Learning how to live our faith in service to those in need. Cost: \$200 includes transportation to agencies that serve the poor.

### Service Learning Project—Beach Clean up

Anyone from the parish is welcome to join our Grades K–6 with a parent and grades 7–HS youth in this service project:

- *Service Learning Project*: Sunday, May 7 2:00–4:00 p.m.—Beach Clean up project—Plum Island. Return at 4:30 p.m. to St. Louis Hall to debrief experience. Bring disposable gloves. Trash bags will be provided.

### Baptism

Baptism info: [www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism)

May 7 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00 p.m.

May 14 Group Baptism—Church 1:00 p.m.

### Confirmation

Confirmation Year 2 candidates: Letter to the Bishop is due immediately. Please email to Dr. Mag.

*Rehearsals*: **Monday, May 1** at 6:30 p.m. in the Church for the Saturday, May 6 Mass at 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, May 4** at 6:30 p.m. in the Church for the Saturday, May 6 Mass at 1:30 p.m.

Please be sure you have identified the time of Mass you prefer and the number of guests not including sponsor and candidate to the Religious Education Office ASAP.

**Summer Confirmation session** is July 17–20 from 5:30–8:00 p.m. for Grades 9 and 10. More information and registration can be found online: [www.hriccatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish)

**School Year Confirmation sessions** will begin in the fall once a month on Sunday 1:00–3:00 p.m. For information and registration visit: [www.hriccatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish)

### First Eucharist

1st Eucharist Rehearsals and Mass times:

Monday, April 24 at 4:30 p.m. for Saturday, April 29 Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 25 at 4:30 p.m. for Saturday, April 29 Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 27 at 4:30 p.m. for Saturday, April 29 Mass at 4:00 p.m.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Haiti

**IC Haiti** is proud to fund healthcare and education projects in Haiti. Our most recent project is the construction of an elementary school in Puit Chacha, Haiti, a remote hamlet within the catchment of Fond des Blanc, but without access to the schools available in the main village. Please visit our website, [IC Haiti.org](http://IC Haiti.org), to learn more or donate to IC Haiti.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration in IC's St. James Chapel in the Parish Center on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

## Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provide tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remain burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

## IC Knitting Ministry



We meet every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. from September–June at the IC Parish Center, Room 209. We knit prayer 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 have made and distributed hats and scarves to the hundreds of homeless children in our area.

Our membership is open to all—you can brush up on your knitting or crocheting or we can teach you how. 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.

## 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. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) and click the Online Giving picture at the bottom of our home page to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose contribute to. It is safe and secure and you can decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made. Questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

## Immaculate Conception School

Dear Friends,

*Alleluia!*

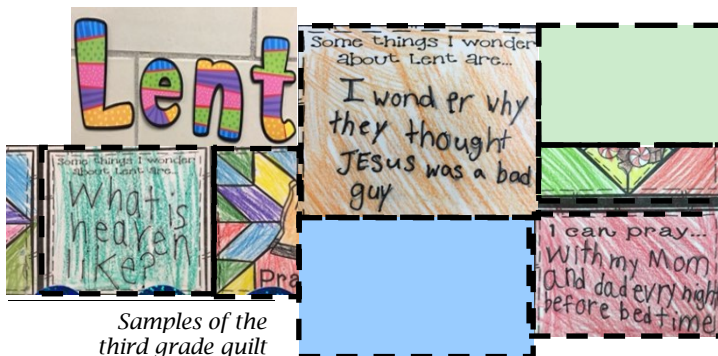
*This Week's Visit to Immaculate Conception School:*



Our students and faculty have spent this Lenten time preparing to make the arrival of Easter very special.

The second grade prepared for this part of the Liturgical Year by burying the Alleluia—since we did not say it until Easter! During this Lent they also took time to prepare their hearts for Easter by saying the Stations of the Cross in the classroom.

The third grade prepared a Lenten quilt for the hallway to help all of us keep prayer, almsgiving, and fasting uppermost in our minds.



*Samples of the third grade quilt*

The sixth grade made it a practice to: “Let’s Erase Negative Thoughts.”

Our eighth grade students created designs using symbols to represent each of the three Liturgical celebrations of the Triduum.



*Pictured here are eighth graders James Hayes, Maria Mataac, Shannon Conte, Lily Troupe, and Charlie Meurer.*

**Happy Easter!**

Sincerely, Mary Reardon, Principal

### Upcoming Events

**135<sup>th</sup> Gala**~Friday, May 19, 7–10 pm (See page 13 for ad.)

**Tuesday Tours**~IC school tours, including classroom visits, second Tuesday of each month, 9–11 am.

For more information about the school events please call our office at (978) 465-7780.

## 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.



SAVE THE DATE ~ ALL INVITED

# 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala

*A fun-filled evening celebrating the  
past, present and future of the*

## Immaculate Conception School

**Friday, May 19 • 7 - 10 pm**

Immaculate Conception School  
One Washington Street, Newburyport, MA

**Join the celebration! Families, present and past,  
alumni and the whole community are invited.**

- Socialize and share stories with family, friends, classmates, teachers and staff
- Savor delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts
- Enjoy refreshments (cash bar)
- Tour the school and view artwork and memorabilia
- Enter raffles for fabulous gifts
- Bid on live auction items including class projects, jewelry and sports tickets
- Listen to music, visit the photo booth and much more!

Tickets: \$135 Per Couple / \$68 Per Person

*Cocktail attire* • All guests must be at least 21 years of age.

**The Gala is a fundraiser for our school and our children!**

To purchase tickets and for more information: [gala.icsnewburyport.com](http://gala.icsnewburyport.com)