

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

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**Palm Sunday**

**April 9, 2017**

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*All Are Welcome*



Mosaic image of Christ from the facade of the Church of All Nations  
(also known as the Basilica of the Agony) next to the Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem

*“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me;  
yet, not as I will, but as you will.” (Mt. 26:39)*

# OUR COLLABORATIVE

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### Immaculate Conception

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (4/8)

4:00pm **IC** *Patricia Toomey, Zachary Hilton, Marjorie Emerson, Thomas J. Adrignola* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St. Ann** *Marie Venturi, Jack Gorski* (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (4/9) Palm Sunday

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Gino Risti, Neal Foley* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:30am **IC** *James F. Doyle, Nicola & Angelina Maiello, Robert Filomia* (Fr. Broderick)

### Monday (4/10)

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

### Tuesday (4/11)

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

### Wednesday (4/12)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge* (Fr. Morin)

### Thursday (4/13) Holy Thursday

7:00pm **IC** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Friday (4/14) Good Friday

#### The Passion of the Lord

3:00pm **IC**

3:00pm **St. Ann**

#### Stations of the Cross

7:00pm **IC**

7:00pm **Nativity**

### 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)

In your prayers, please remember Edward H. Blouin, Mary J. Lucy and all the faithful departed.

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

*IC—Immaculate Conception*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

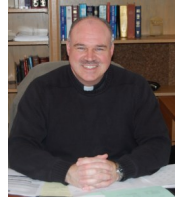
## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we enter into the classic texts of Holy Week with St. Matthew's version of the Passion. One little point that is included in this story is the betrayal of Jesus with a kiss. One of our most intimate and personal of gestures, it symbolizes a great depth of emotion and devotion. How cruel, then, for this gesture of deep friendship to be used as a counter-sign to begin Jesus' final journey to his crucifixion. It is one thing to have one's enemies lined up to accuse and abuse, it is quite another to have a friend be the source of that betrayal. Anyone who has ever experienced that pain knows it is excruciating on many different levels. That this small detail would be emphasized goes to underscore that Christ truly emptied Himself of every comfort, emotional and physical, as He offered His life for us on the Cross. As St. Paul wrote to the community he founded in Philippi: "Christ Jesus...did not regard equality with God something to be grasped, rather he emptied himself...taking the form of a slave...he humbled himself even to the point of death, death on a cross" (From Phil. Chapter 2).

God held nothing back in offering His Son for our salvation. Jesus held nothing back in giving His life for us, so that we might live. As we embrace the time-honored rituals of our Church this Holy Week, I would invite you to enter fully into this sacrifice that Christ made for us and open your hearts to all that God would give us for eternity. Get your feet washed, spend some time before the reposed Blessed Sacrament, kiss the wood of the Cross, wait in vigil by the new fire, witness the initiation of new members of our Church, sing the Alleluia anew and finally, at last, renew your own Baptismal commitment to the Lord at Easter. Let's make it real, let's make it last. Let's make it as personal and intimate as a genuine kiss with one whom we love, or, rather, One who has first loved us.

Holy Week Blessings, Fr. Tim Harrison



## Good Friday and Easter Collections

The Good Friday collection supports the sacred places and the educational, charitable, and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land.

The Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org)

## Office Hours

The Collaborative offices will close at 12:00 noon on **Good Friday**, April 14, and will be closed on **Patriots' Day**, April 17. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 18 at 8:00 a.m.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

### Monday, April 10

AA 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205  
 Welcoming Subgroup Committee Mtg. 6:00pm,  
 IC Charity Dining Room  
 HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

### Tuesday, April 11

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209  
 IC Religious Ed Tour of Church Make up 3:00pm, IC Church  
 Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
 HR Religious Ed., Grade 7 6:00pm, Nativity Hall  
 IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
 Holy Thursday Altar Server Rehearsal 6:30pm, IC Church  
 HR Boy Scouts Committee Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Lower Hall  
 HR St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory  
 IC Haiti Board Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Conference Room 209  
 IC Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library

### Wednesday, April 12

Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall  
 Holy Quilters 2:30pm, Nativity Hall  
 IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church  
 Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel  
 Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205  
 Seder Supper 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
 Confessions 6:30pm, IC Church, Nativity Church  
 Good Friday Rehearsal (Altar Servers & Lectors) IC Church  
 IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

### Thursday, April 13, Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm, IC Church

### Friday, April 14, Good Friday

Collaborative Offices Close at Noon  
 Homeless Care Packs 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
 Stations of the Cross 7:00pm, IC Church & Nativity Church  
 Decorating for Easter 8:00pm, Nativity Church

### Saturday, April 15, Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Rehearsal (Altar Servers, Lectors, & RCIA)  
 1:00pm, IC Church

## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** To what in your life must you die in order to rise with Christ?

**Child:** What does Jesus ask you to give up in order to be closer to Him?

## RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults meets on Sundays at 10:15am in the IC Youth Ministry Room. Contact Marin, 978-462-2724 or [fortune@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:fortune@newburyportcatholic.org) for info.

## Cursillo & Ultreya

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

**Ultreya**, the Spanish word for “onward” or “to persevere,” is a gathering that unites us in prayer and fellowship. It is a reunion of those who have experienced a Cursillo retreat, but all are welcome to attend 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).

### 2017 Ultreya / Cursillo Calendar

Ultreya Dates	Cursillo Weekends
	April 6–9 (Men)
April 28	May 4–7 (Women)
June 2	June 1–4 (Women)

## Youth Mass

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, May 7, at 5:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Everyone is welcome.

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## 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 the IC Conference Room 209 from 7:30–9:00pm on the 4th Monday of the month. The next meeting is April 24. Questions? Contact Barbara J. Hopkinson, founder and chapter leader, 617-410-6309, or [info@abutterflysjourney.org](mailto:info@abutterflysjourney.org).

## Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

The Scripture Study group will **not** meet until further notice while Father Broderick is recuperating from surgery.

# LENT IN THE COLLABORATIVE

## Holy Week Services

**Holy Thursday, April 13**

7:00pm, IC

**Good Friday, April 14**

**The Passion of the Lord**

3:00pm, IC

3:00pm, St. Ann

**Stations of the Cross**

7:00pm, IC

7:00pm, Nativity

**Easter Vigil, April 15**

We will gather at 7:30pm, IC

**Easter Sunday**

7:30am, IC

8:00am, Nativity

8:45am, St. Ann

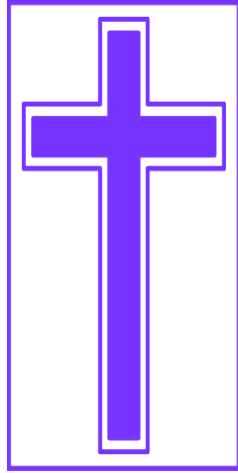
9:30am, IC

9:30am, IC School Gym

9:30am, Nativity

10:15am, St. Ann

11:30am, IC



## Stations of the Cross

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

### Children's Stations of the Cross

Children of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception can participate as readers for the Stations of the Cross on **Fridays 7:00pm** at Church of the Nativity, Merrimac. Please arrive at 6:30pm to meet with Mrs. O'Leary. Light refreshments follow the prayer service. All are invited.

## Helping Our Homeless

According to a 2015 Newburyport YWCA survey, there are over 400 homeless people in the Greater Newburyport area, and over half of them are children! In an effort to ease the suffering and as a **Collaborative-wide** Lenten observance, we will collect "Homeless Care Packs" in all three churches. A Homeless Care Pack is a one-gallon Ziploc bag filled with personal care items listed below. They will be distributed to local agencies serving our homeless, including our own Pelican Intervention Fund, as well as used 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 at 978-809-9337 or [jntemple@comcast.net](mailto:jntemple@comcast.net).

Shampoo	Shaving Cream	Kleenex packs
Toothbrush	Cough drops	Hand sanitizer
Toothpaste	Protein bars	Feminine hygiene products (Women)
Deodorant	Soap	Umbrellas
Razor	Life Savers candy	Wipes
Socks	Disposable face cloths	
Gloves		

## Lenten Regulations

**Good Friday** is a day 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.

## Centering Prayer for Lent

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 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. Lent is the time to pray as Jesus taught us and enter into the Paschal Mystery, receiving new life in God through death to self.

Centering Prayer is an ancient Christian practice available to all who seek transformation through a more intimate relationship with God. This daily practice deepens our faith as we come to better know our God as one who loves us unconditionally just as we are and trust God has plans to give us a future of hope.

Consider joining us for weekly group Centering Prayer and let God move you closer to him. For information contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

## Bulletin Information

Please supply bulletin information by Monday noon to the collaborative bulletin email: [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

## Reconciliation During Lent

In addition to the weekly schedule for confessions, there will be extra confessions for Lent on Wednesday. Confessions will be from **6:30pm-8:00pm**.

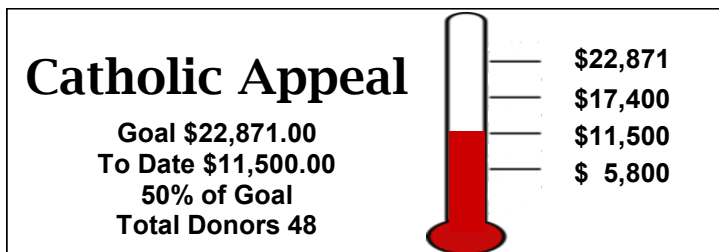
April 12, IC and Nativity



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Offertory Collection

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly.  
The Good Friday collection is for the Holy Land.  
The Easter collection is the Clergy Benefit Trust.



## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came to help clean the church. We had a great team and the church looks and smells awesome! It seemed like it took no time at all. Many hands make light the work.

## Easter Decorating at Nativity

Nativity will be decorating the church and altar for Easter on Good Friday, April 14 immediately after the 7:00pm Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to help. Any questions contact Cindy Quinn: 978-346-0072.

## Raffle Night

Holy Redeemer's *Annual Raffle Night Social* is Saturday, April 29 at Nativity Parish Hall. Doors open at 5:00pm 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 6:00pm.

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

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.



## 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. **Our next meeting is Thursday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m.** at Nativity Hall.

## HR Religious Education

Sunday, April 9

Grade 9 class, Merrimac, 6–7:30pm

Tuesday, April 11

Grade 7 **Last class and party**, Merrimac, 6–7:30pm, bring goodies to share

Good Friday, April 14

**The Way of the Cross (stations)** Merrimac, 7:00pm. If you would like to participate by reading, please arrive by 6:30pm. **Light refreshments follow in the hall.**

### Confirmation

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

## 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](https://vbspro.events/p/nativity2017) to sign up.

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

## 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 12**. Please see the Collaborative calendar at [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org) for the schedule or contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our conference recently helped several local families with Market Basket gift cards and gasoline cards. We helped one family by contributing toward past due water and electric bills. Another family required heating and rent assistance. A third family was behind in rent and car insurance payments.

Thank you for taking mite boxes during Lent and giving mites so that our conference can assist others. You can return your mite box donations to either church when you are done.



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

Offertory, March 26–27	\$11496.00
Grand Annual	\$73280.00

The second collection this weekend is Restoration/Renovation.

The Holy Thursday collection is for St. Vincent DePaul. **Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul.**

The Good Friday collection is for the Holy Land.

The Easter collection is the Clergy Benefit Trust.

## Catholic Appeal

Goal \$51,268.00  
To Date \$40,827.00  
80% of Goal  
Total Donors: 136



\$51,268  
\$39,000  
\$26,000  
\$13,000

Thank you to all who have participated in IC's 2017 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.

## 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**.

## 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.

## EWTN: Catholic News

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## Immaculate Conception School

Dear Friends,

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

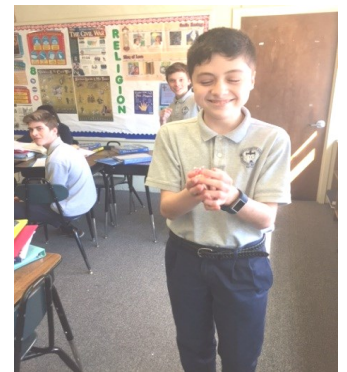
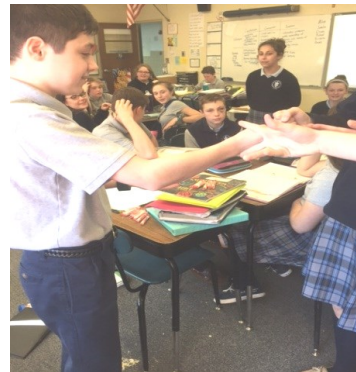


Currently, the 8th grade students are learning about the second Industrial Revolution and the rise of big businesses in the late 1800s. Students have learned economic terms such as corporation, monopoly, "robber baron," labor unions, strike, etc. In class recently, students completed a chart to show the differences between the economic systems of capitalism, communism, and socialism.

Students demonstrate their understanding of these concepts in a simulated activity. For socialism, students each receive one roll of Smarties candy. This shows that everyone is equal and receives equal portion from the government (Mr. Wall, the Social Studies teacher). Next, students are instructed to play "rock, paper, scissors" until there is only one student with all of the Smarties. This shows an example of capitalism as they compete with each other until one person has all of the candy (a monopoly).

Finally, all of the candy was collected by the government (Mr. Wall), and distributed to the workers. By taking power from the student with the monopoly, communism was demonstrated. In the end, everyone receives one roll of Smarties!

Sincerely, Mary Reardon, Principal



*Tyler DeClercq and Mr. Jonathan Wall's eighth grade Social Studies class conduct a simulation activity to learn about socialism, capitalism, and communism.*

## Upcoming Events

**135<sup>th</sup> Gala** ~ Friday, May 19, 7–10 pm

**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.

## Archdiocese Web Site

Visit [www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org) for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

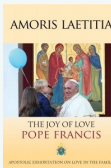
# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## 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.

*Love in Marriage: Our Daily Love*—In #91. Love is patient. The first word used is makrothyméi. This does not simply have to do with “enduring all things”, because we find that idea expressed at the end of the seventh verse. Its meaning is clarified by the Greek translation of the Old Testament, where we read that God is “slow to anger” (Ex 34:6; Num 14:18). It refers, then, to the quality of one who does not act on impulse and avoids giving offense. We find this quality in the God of the Covenant, who calls us to imitate him also within the life of the family. Saint Paul’s texts using this word need to be read in the light of the Book of Wisdom (cf. 11:23; 12:2, 15–18), which extols God’s restraint, as leaving open the possibility of repentance, yet insists on his power, as revealed in his acts of mercy. God’s “patience,” shown in his mercy towards sinners, is a sign of his real power.



### Summer Religious Education Classes

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

Gr. 1–6: <http://www.hricatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education>

Gr. 7–8: <http://www.hricatholic.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 Gr. 1–8:** June 26–30 and July 24–28. Monday–Thursday 9:00am–3:00pm and Friday 9:00am–1:00pm. Cost: \$175/student.

We are also introducing a *Collaborative MS Mission Week* July 10–14 for gr. 7–8 youth Monday–Thursday 10:00am–4:00pm and Friday 10:00am–6:00pm. 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:** Sun., May 7, 2:00–4:00pm. Beach Clean up project—Plum Island. Return at 4:30pm St. Louis Hall-to debrief experience. Bring disposable gloves. Trash bags will be provided.

### Baptism (There are no Baptisms during Lent.)

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

May 7 Parent Class-Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

May 14 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

### IC Confirmation (Continued from left column)

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

Rehearsal: Monday, May 1 at 6:30pm in the Church for the Saturday, May 6 Mass at 10:30am.

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

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 5:30–8:00pm for Grades 9 and 10. More information and registration can be found online:

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

**School Year Confirmation sessions** will begin in the fall once a month on Sunday 1:00–3:00pm. For information and registration go online:

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

### First Eucharist

Sunday, April 9, the candidates and their families will participate in a mini-retreat at 1:00pm beginning in the church.

### Children’s Stations of the Cross

Children of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception can participate as readers for the Stations of the Cross on Fridays 7:00pm at Holy Redeemer (Church of the Nativity, Merrimac). Please arrive at 6:30pm to meet with Mrs. O’Leary. Light refreshments follow the prayer service.

## 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.

## Breaking Bread

St. Vincent de Paul’s Breaking Bread dinner program at Immaculate Conception is hoping you will share a little of your time and talents as we need a team of two volunteers to prepare and cook for our guests on a Tuesday of your choice. A seasoned volunteer chef will work with you as you gain experience in our kitchen. This is a truly wonderful experience that you will share with a great team of volunteers. Contact Bunny Chiasson, 978-465-5810 or [sandbunnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:sandbunnyc@yahoo.com).

## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$ 153.00
Collection	\$ 57.00
Total	\$ 210.00



## Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, April 11** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.



# AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

## All Saints Parish Mission Invitation

All Saints Parish, Haverhill MA (978-372-721) is excited to have a Parish Mission during the Easter season given by Fr. Patrick Martin, who at age 9, was diagnosed with meningitis resulting in him losing his sight and his ability to walk. Fr. Pat's ministry has grown from his blindness (*the first spark in his vocation came in 8th grade when he said, "maybe—just maybe—with the blindness I can serve God's people"*).

Fr. Pat will be preaching a Mission titled **"God's Love in our Suffering Lives."** Fr. Pat is scheduled out 2 years in advance and we are so fortunate to have him visiting Haverhill MA. **This is an event not to be missed.**

### Mission Schedule

April 22–23: Will speak at all weekend Masses (will also Preside @ 4:00pm Mass 4/22). **Homily: "God's Love"**

April 24: Confessions: 9:00am–11:00am and 6:00pm–6:50pm

Mass/Liturgical Celebration @ 7:00pm. Presider and Homilist: Fr. Pat. **Homily: "God's Forgiving Love"**

April 25: Confessions: 9:00am–11:00am and 6:00pm–6:50pm.

Mass/Liturgical Celebration @ 7:00pm. Presider and Homilist: Fr. Pat. **Homily: "God's Redeeming Love"**

Learn more about Fr. Pat by visiting his website:

[www.awildcanary.com](http://www.awildcanary.com)

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

Join us Tuesday, April 18 from 5:00–9:00pm at Flatbread Pizza in Amesbury. A portion of the price from each pizza sold will benefit C.A.M.P.S. Come enjoy friendships and great food while supporting the summer camp.

## Lift up Your Voice and Sing!

Join us for an interfaith musical celebration and hymn sing to benefit Merrimack Valley Hospice House. This interfaith musical celebration and hymn sing will showcase area organists, choirs, (including Immaculate Conception) and soloists as they perform some favorite seasonal pieces and then encourage the members of the audience to "Lift up your voice and sing!" The final set will include a rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus!

The concert is Sunday, April 30, 2:00pm, at Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen. Tickets are \$25. Contact Mike Fay, [coachmikefay@gmail.com](mailto:coachmikefay@gmail.com) for info.

## Forming Disciples in Mission

In the busyness of today's culture, sometimes we need a little help in learning how to share Jesus' message with others. The Archdiocese of Boston has a workshop that helps us do that. **Forming Disciples in Mission** is a workshop that provides great tools to be able to evangelize the message of Jesus Christ. For more information and dates for workshops go to their website: [www.disciplesinmission.com](http://www.disciplesinmission.com).

## 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 9:30–11:30am. Grocery store gift cards as well as cash/checks (made out to "First Parish" and write "food pantry" in the memo) are always welcome.

## Scripture for the Week

- 9 Sun** Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
- 10 Mon** Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
- 11 Tue** Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- 12 Wed** Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
- 13 Thu** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- 14 Fri** Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
- 15 Sat** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10
- 16 Sun** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 /Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

## Pelican Intervention Fund April Fundraising Events

Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High Street, Newburyport generously offered to share half the proceeds from their presentations of *Godspell* with The Pelican Intervention Fund. We invite all parishioners to attend one of the productions and are very grateful for the support and generosity of Pastor Rev. Ross Varney and the Belleville parish. Performances are April 9 at 2:00pm and April 15 at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20 and \$10 for students and seniors.

The second fundraising event is April 30 at the Senior Center in Newburyport. Please join us to 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.



## Parish Membership

Welcome all newcomers to our Collaborative! Parish registration forms are available online at [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org).