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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

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Artistic rendition of the interior nave of the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, Rome

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” (Jn 14:2)

All Are Welcome

OUR COLLABORATIVE

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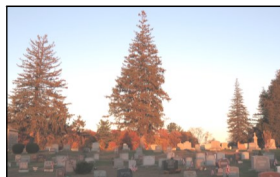
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/13)

11:00am **IC First Communion** (Fr. Harrison)
 4:00pm **IC Regina M. Stronge, Rita M. Snow, Elizabeth J. Hanlon, Claire Mackey** (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **Nativity Julie Brousseau, Gerard Roy** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (5/14)

7:15am **IC Anna F. Robinson** (Fr. Broderick)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC Barbara McDermot, For the intentions of Mary D'Ambrosio** (Fr. Morin)
 10:15am **St. Ann Marion Landry** (Fr. Harrison)
 11:30am **IC Louise M. Moynihan, Irene deHerrero, Lillian Pecht, Mary Baikewicz, Catherine Bogue** (Fr. Morin)

Monday (5/15)

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

Tuesday (5/16)

7:15am **IC For the intentions of Adolf Benca, Jr.** (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (5/17)

7:15am **IC Susan Radice Kinslow** (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (5/1b)

7:15a, **IC** (Fr. Morin)

Friday (5/19)

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

Saturday (5/20)

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

Sunday (5/21)

7:15am **IC For the intentions of Lubica Benca** (Fr. Harrison)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
 9:00am **IC Leonidas "Leon" Chetsas** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
 11:30am **IC David Taylor, Marc J. Kasabian** (Fr. Broderick)

In your prayers please remember Alice Finneran, Michael F. Twomey, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Parish Membership

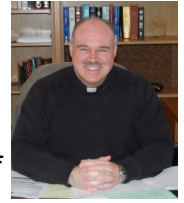
Welcome all newcomers to our Collaborative! Parish registration forms are available online at hriccatholic.org.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In the latest edition of the Roman Missal (the book that contains all of the prayers we use during Mass), there is this curious line in the First Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation:

Help us to work together for the coming of your Kingdom, until the hour when we stand before you, Saints among the Saints in the halls of heaven. . . .



I don't know about you, but every once in a while, I wonder what the "halls of Heaven" will be like. In this weekend's familiar Gospel from John, we hear Jesus speak of "his Father's House" that has many rooms. We frequently use this passage at funerals, offering comfort through the hope that there is plenty of room in Heaven, room for everyone. This passage stretches our concept of what eternal life will be like, drawing us away from the notion of poofy clouds and harp-strumming angels to a real, concrete place and space where we will be eternally happy to live forever.

What will it be like?

Of course, our imagination can run wild here. Over the years I have heard many stories about numerous eschatological superlatives that may or may not be true: endless golf courses, non-stop Bingo, "the great fishing hole in the sky," Gillette Stadium North, the ultimate shopping spree and an unlimited pass to Disney/Universal Studios/name-your-favorite amusement park. Ugh. Not exactly my idea of paradise, although surely, Lord, there will be football, won't there be? Golf, in my mind, has to be found only in purgatory! But, who's to say?

When we look at some of the images of Heaven and eternal life found in the Scriptures, however, several compelling passages begin to coalesce to paint these images:

Heaven as a great banquet hall where there is room for everyone, the choicest of food and drink and no one goes hungry. "I say to you, many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 8:11) There are frequent references to wedding feasts and table companionship that underscore the most intimate of bonds between friends and family. This is seen in its most poignant moment at the Last Supper when Jesus said: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it [again] until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God." (Lk 22:15–16) Table fellowship was at the very center of what it meant to be a follower of Christ and it is where we Christians have always found our strength, hope, and a foretaste of what is to come.

And there will be wine! Jesus said: "I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father." (Mt 26:29) Wine was seen in ancient times (and perhaps the present

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as well!) as a powerful sign of God's blessing on the community, as it took many hands, much labor, and an abundance of patience to produce. Whether it was a good vintage was entirely up to God. And when it was good, it was celebrated! Recall the first of Jesus' signs in John's Gospel was the changing of water into wine. "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." (Jn 2:10) When God makes the wine, it will be the good stuff! Even Isaiah chimed-in from centuries before with a description that could almost have come right of our gourmet restaurant review: "On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines." (Is 25:6) We will be well taken care of!

Justice and Peace will be the only game in town! Psalm 85 offers this image: "Near indeed is his salvation for those who fear him; glory will dwell in our land. Love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss. Truth will spring from the earth; justice will look down from heaven." (Ps 85: 10-12) And again, Isaiah proclaims: "They shall not harm or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea." (Is 11:9) Peace, in the Biblical understanding of the word, is not simply about a lack of conflict or aggression, but fully embodies a righteous relationship between God, ourselves and one another. The English word, harmony, begins to touch upon the deeper meaning contained in this promise. When there is truly peace among us, there is no room for hatred, jealousy, violence, war, injustice, or any other evil that can take away from the created goodness of what God has provided. Heaven will embody this in the ultimate and most complete of ways. Perhaps Isaiah sums it up best: "On that day it will be said: 'Indeed, this is our God; we looked to him, and he saved us! This is the LORD to whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!'" (Is 25:9) The deepest longings of our hearts will be fulfilled.

There will be worship and praise! We often speak of our earthly liturgies as foretaste of the great Heavenly liturgy that is to come. The Book of Revelation indulges a few musings on this image: ". . . I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands...they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple." (Rev 7: 9,15) So, I guess we better get used to doing a lot of singing and rejoicing! But it will not be a drudgery or something that in our human weakness we do out of sense of obligation. It will come from the depths of our heart, with overwhelming gratitude to the God who has given us so great a salvation in Christ. It will be a supreme privilege to be part of this worship experience. Although we always try to invite people into some facsimile of this in our Eucharistic celebrations and enable our brothers and sisters to offer their hearts completely to the Lord at every Mass, in Heaven this will just happen naturally, as God

intends it to be. There will be no bad homilies, no missed musical notes, no second collections, no awkward prayers . . . just pure, joyful praise of God. Ahh. . . Bliss!

And finally, there will be no time! The Psalmist tells us: "A thousand years in your eyes are merely a day gone by. . . ." (Ps 90:4) And St. Peter, in his writings echoes: "But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day." (2Pet 3:8) St. Paul, too was filled with this hope as he wrote to the infant Church at Thessalonica and spoke about death and those who have gone before us and how no one, living or dead, will have an advantage when it comes to the resurrection: "Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words." (1Thes 4:18) Jesus' words are proclaimed in the Book of Revelation, "I [am] the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." (Rev 21:6) completing the vision begun in the introductory verses of John's Gospel: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (Jn 1:1) Jesus, the Son of God, the Word of God was, is, and will always be with God, and so, too, will we, who are baptized into the mystery of His love. The absolute timelessness of pure love has the power to overcome every instance of darkness and transcend every limit that seeks to contain it. . . even time itself. Eternity, then, is to know and love God and the One He sent, Jesus Christ. To the extent that we do this in the here and now, we already participate in the life of Heaven, though its fullness is yet to be made manifest for us. When Christ comes again, it will be complete and permanent.

However you view the "halls of Heaven" in your ponderings, the reality is guaranteed to far exceed our limited ability to conjure its possibilities. By our faithfulness in the present, we enable our participation in what is yet to come in its fullness.

Happy dreaming!

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

This Week in Our Collaborative

So much is happening in the Collaborative this week. Please visit our website calendar for all collaborative events and details. Click on the calendar icon at www.hriccatholic.org.

National Peace Officers Memorial Day

You and your family are invited to join in a brief Memorial Service to honor all Law Enforcement Personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice, especially those from Newburyport who have died in the line of duty.

When: Monday May 15, 2017, 8:30 a.m.

Where: Brown's Square Newburyport

Happy Mother's Day

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will resume on its regular third Sunday of the month, **May 21, at 2:00pm** in the IC Parish Center. This would be an ideal time for interested members of the Collaborative to join the study group as we read and discuss *The Acts of the Apostles*, Chapters 3 through 6. In this second book, written between 80 and 90 A.D., Luke continues the story of Christianity in the first century. The early chapters, set in Jerusalem, describe the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the leadership of St. Peter after he is filled with the Holy Spirit, and the growth of the early Church there. As interested followers become believers and Peter heals a man crippled from birth in the name of Jesus Christ, Jewish Church leaders become concerned, arrest Peter and John, and bring them before the Sanhedrin. Their warnings do not deter the Christian community as members begin to live a communal life, sharing what they have with those in need.

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.

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
June 2	June 1-4 (Women)

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Join Fr. Tim on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi on October 8-17, 2017. During the 10-day tour, we will visit Rome where we will attend a Papal audience and a tour of St. Peter's, as well as other sites in Rome. The trip includes two days in Assisi as well.

To reserve your space or for more information, visit www.pilgrimages.com/FatherTim_RomeAssisi2017 or call 206 Tours at 800-206-8687, and ask for Amanda or Bika.

Women's Evening of Prayer



Join us on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00pm at St. Ann Church for an evening of prayer. The theme is "Being in the presence of God." All are welcome.

Botticelli and the Search for the Divine

Travel with us to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston to view masterpieces of Renaissance Italy's renowned painter, Sandro Botticelli (c1445-1510). A new exhibit, **Botticelli and the Search for the Divine** is the largest, most important display of Botticelli's works in the US, some never seen here before. Visit www.mfa.org, for more information. Please join collaborative friends.

Where: Museum of Fine Arts in Boston

Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017

Time: Salter Bus departs IC parking lot at 10:15am and returns at 3:15pm.

Cost: Bus Fee \$15. Payment must be received no later than Monday, May 15.

Please make checks payable to IC Parish Newburyport and drop them in collection baskets next weekend or at the IC Parish Center offices during regular business hours. Mark envelope: **Museum Trip** and be sure to include your name and telephone number.

Museum Admission \$20 per person to be paid at the museum.

Signup: Call or email Mary Bragg, 978-465-8779, csbraggjr@comcast.net to hold your space.

Planned by AFFT (Adult Faith Formation Team)

Search for Botticelli

Whether you make a trip with Collaborative members to the Botticelli Exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston on May 25 (see above), make a visit on your own before the exhibit ends on July 9, or not at all, join us on our own search for fascinating information about Sandro Botticelli. Two video lectures (1 hour total) by Professor William Kloss of the Smithsonian Institution will be shown at the **Nativity Church Hall, Green Street, Merrimac on Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m.** Wine and cheese and coffee and dessert will be part of the evening.

Informational handouts will be available to help make your museum visit more worthwhile.

Please register by calling or emailing Mary Bragg 978-465-8779, csbraggjr@comcast.net.

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 or call 206 Tours at 800-206-8687, and ask for Amanda or Bika.

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Gospel Night at the Pops

Five members of the Immaculate Conception Adult Choir will be singing with the Boston Pops at Symphony Hall on **June 17** to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Gospel Night at the Pops.

Jonathan Temple, Pat Forbes, Krista LaForte, Kate Prescott, and Emily Rosetti will be among 80 gospel singers from around the Commonwealth for a rousing night of praise and celebration.

Those interested in attending can take advantage of the "friends and family" discount offered by calling 617-266-1200 or visit bostonpops.org/gospel50 to get your tickets. You will be dancing in the aisles as you join this amazing choir in praising God through this singularly American art form. Come and *get your praise on!*

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer, resting silently in God, facilitates the process of inner transformation. Our prayer without words is one of intention to surrender to God's presence and action in our lives and desire for a closer relationship with God. Join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm, in the **IC Nazareth Library**. Join us as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of this prayer in our own spiritual journey. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483. or visit www.hriccatholic.org.

Catholic TV

Visit www.catholicstv.com for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

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Bulletin Information

Please supply bulletin information by Monday noon to the collaborative bulletin email: hricbulletin@gmail.com.

Volunteer Needed for Avita of Newburyport

Every Sunday Avita brings senior citizens to Mass at Holy Redeemer. They are in need of a volunteer to help with this project. Please contact Deb Shapiro, 978-225-700, deb@avitaofnewburyport.com.

Questions of the Week



Adult: How would you describe Jesus as a path for your life?

Child: What is the way of life that Jesus calls you to follow?

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

First Eucharist Photos



Breaking Bread

St. Vincent de Paul's Breaking Bread dinner program invites you to share a little of your time and talents by volunteering to prepare and cook for our guests. For more information, contact Bunny Chiasson, 978-465-5810 or sandbunnyc@yahoo.com.

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).

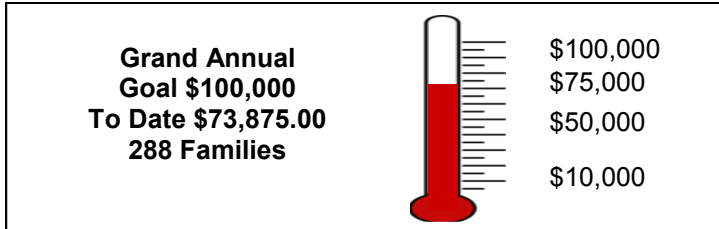
If you know anyone who needs a prayer shawl or for more information please call Frances Ronan 978-462-4972 or

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory, May 6-7 \$11526.00
Restoration/Renovation \$1470.00

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend is IC Haiti. Please make checks payable to IC Haiti.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection \$ 15.00
 Poor Box \$268.00
 Total \$283.00

IC Haiti

The second collection on the weekend of May 20-21 will be taken up for IC-Haiti. We thank you in advance for your continued support for the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school, the food program associated with the school, and the health, nutrition, dental, and medical programs run through the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation Hospital. We also thank Immaculate Conception 6th grader Margot Anderson-Song and her parents for their ongoing commitment to raise funds for IC-Haiti by holding a "Cookies for Haiti" bake sale on the weekend of May 6-7.

Recently, Stuart Meurer, the President of IC-Haiti, traveled to Puit Chacha where the school is located and to Fondes Blanc where the hospital is located. He was deeply impressed by the constant and sincerely expressed gratitude of the people for the resources, services, and opportunities IC-Haiti has made available to them. Thank you, the parishioners and supporters of IC-Haiti, for choosing to "see" and support our brothers and sisters in Haiti and for continuing to offer them the gift of hope.

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.

Adoration

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

Dear Friends,

Recently, Mrs. Noe's fourth grade offered a poetry performance to parents and classmates in the Immaculate Conception School gymnasium. The performance consisted of students reciting original poems using literary devices such as onomatopoeia, alliteration, simile, metaphor, and rhyme. Students also enthralled the audience with short biographies and poems from some very famous poets such as Emily Dickinson, Robert Frost, William Carlos Williams, Walt Whitman, and Langston Hughes. This enchanting performance was the conclusion of an extensive poetry unit that the fourth grade fully enjoyed.



Sincerely, Mary Reardon,
 Principal



Anna Strazzulla

Allie and Mr. Bell



Jackson Anderson and Michael Papatola

Upcoming Events

135th Gala ~ Friday, May 19, 7-10pm
 Visit gala.icsnewburyport.com for tickets.

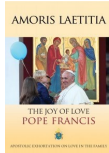
The Compassionate Friends

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 May 22. Questions? Contact Barbara J. Hopkinson, founder and chapter leader, 617-410-6309, or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

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IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis



Pope Francis released the Exhortation on the Family. We will review the various statements from the Holy Father.

Love is not jealous—In #95 Saint Paul goes on to reject as contrary to love an attitude expressed by the verb *zelóí*—to be jealous or envious. This means that love has no room for discomfiture at another person’s good fortune (cf. *Acts 7:9; 17:5*). Envy is a form of sadness provoked by another’s prosperity; it shows that we are not concerned for the happiness of others but only with our own well-being. Whereas love makes us rise above ourselves, envy closes us in on ourselves. True love values the other person’s achievements. It does not see him or her as a threat. It frees us from the sour taste of envy. It recognizes that everyone has different gifts and a unique path in life. So it strives to discover its own road to happiness, while allowing others to find theirs.

—In #96 In a word, love means fulfilling the last two commandments of God’s Law: “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s” (Ex 20:17). Love inspires a sincere esteem for every human being and the recognition of his or her own right to happiness. I love this person, and I see him or her with the eyes of God, who gives us everything “for our enjoyment” (1 Tim 6:17). As a result, I feel a deep sense of happiness and peace. This same deeply rooted love also leads me to reject the injustice whereby some possess too much and others too little. It moves me to find ways of helping society’s outcasts to find a modicum of joy. That is not envy, but the desire for equality.

Summer Religious Education Classes

Grades 1–8: Summer registration is available. 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 Grade 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 **new this summer**: a *Collaborative MS Mission Week*, July 10–14 for grades 7–8 youth. Schedule is as follows: Monday 10am–4pm, Tuesday 9am–4pm, Wednesday 8am–4pm, Thursday 10am–4pm, and Friday 10am–6pm. We have limited enrollment. It will combine catechesis and service and for IC youth it can be done in place of regular Summer Religious Education. Learning how to live our faith in service to those in need. Cost: \$200 includes transportation to agencies that serve the poor.

Celebrating Sacraments

Many thanks to all those who supported our sacramental celebrations: clergy, liturgical ministers, music ministers, families, catechists, parish members and staff. We have welcomed many this year through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. Please continue to pray for them and their families.

Beach Cleanup

Thank you to all those who assisted with Beach Cleanup last weekend—many thanks for practicing one of our seven Catholic Social Teachings—care of the environment.



Care for God’s Creation

We show our respect for the Creator by

our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored. <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching.cfm>.



Baptism

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

June 4 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

May 14 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

Summer Confirmation session is July 17–20 from 5:30–8:00pm for Grades 9 and 10. More information and registration is available 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

Our last 1st Eucharist Mass is Sunday May 14 at 11:30am.

Collaborative Altar Server Training


Anyone from the Collaborative parishes can join in our training sessions for Altar Servers. There are 3 Training sessions—all sessions are required (different skills are taught at each session.) We are looking for young people: Rising grade 4 through grade 12. Training sessions will be on Monday, June 5, Thursday, June 8 and Monday, June 12 at 3:30–4:30pm in IC Church. To sign up, please contact: Dr. Mag mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org or 978-462-2724 ext. 7405.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory, May 6-7 **\$2,850.00**
 Monthly **\$1,748.00**

The Catholic Communications collection has been moved to August 6.

<h3>Catholic Appeal</h3> <p>Goal \$22,871.00 To Date \$21,842.00 96% of Goal Total Donors 92</p>		\$22,871
		\$17,400
		\$11,500
		\$ 5,800

Holy Redeemer Scholarship for High School Seniors

Holy Redeemer Parish is offering a scholarship, to any graduating senior, who plans on furthering their education after high school. The senior must have been confirmed through the Holy Redeemer religious education program. An essay stating “**How I live a Catholic life as a member of Holy Redeemer Parish**” must be received at 4 Green Street, Merrimac by Sunday, June 11 to be considered.

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 to sign up.

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



Spring is finally here and some families are still struggling with paying for the winter's heat and electricity. The Conference has helped two families with overdue gas and electric bills. The Conference has also distributed Market Basket gift cards to those families.

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

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 1:00pm. Don't know how to crochet or knit, we will teach you and give you yarn. **Our next meeting is Thursday, June 1 at 1:00 p.m.**



HR Religious Education

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following students who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 30: Luke Beegan, Will Cacciapuoti, Ellie DeRosa, Robert Feudo, Penny Friend, Michaela Gabardi, Alex Hughey, Jacob LaCroix, Logan LaSala, Cooper LeColst, Gregory Plisinski, Tommy Rich, Michael Torrisi, and Jesse Wirwicz.

2017-18 Religious Ed.

Registration Forms for the 2017-2018 year of Religious Ed. may be found on the website: hricatholic.org.

Also, the form for our incoming 7th and 8th graders to participate in our “Middle School Mission Week” (July 10-14, 2017) is available online at the above website. This week is in collaboration with IC Parish and will take place in Newburyport and different locations throughout the week.

Confirmation

Bishop Hennessey will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, October 28 at Nativity, Merrimac at 1:00pm and also within the 4:00pm Mass.

Confirmation Retreat is Sunday, September 24 at Merrimac beginning at 11:00am and ending with our Youth Mass at 5:00pm. All Candidates are expected to attend. Sponsors, families, and friends are invited to attend this Mass.

Confirmation Rehearsal: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 7:00pm at Merrimac. Candidates and sponsors need to attend this rehearsal. **If the sponsor cannot attend, a parent must come with the Candidate.**

Grade 9 Next Class

The next and last class for **Grade 9** is Sunday, May 21 from 6-7:30pm at Merrimac.

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. All faiths welcome. Please see the Parish website calendar for meeting dates, www.hricatholic.org.



Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair



The Holiday Fair is a long-running tradition at Holy Redeemer. It is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving at the Nativity Hall. Gift baskets, homemade soups, silent auction items, and nearly new items are available. The 2017 Fair will be November 18 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now for this fun event.