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The Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ May 29, 2016

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Image of the Eucharist in stained-glass

OUR COLLABORATIVE

Holy Redeemer Parish



St. Ann

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Nativity

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Immaculate Conception Parish



Immaculate Conception

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/28)

4:00pm **IC** Anthony Raven, Ruth Ryan, Anna Zenici (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm Nativity Daniel L. Brodie (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (5/29)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin) 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am IC Margaret Roney, George Goodrich

(Fr. Broderick)

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

11:30am IC Fernando Amato, For the intentions of

Carol & Marvin Peschal (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (5/30) Memorial Day

9:00am Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery*

(Fr. Harrison). In case of rain, Mass will be celebrated at IC.

Tuesday (5/31)

7:15am IC Carol Elizabeth Plumer (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (6/1)

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

Thursday (6/2)

7:15am IC (Fr. Morin)

Friday (6/3)

9:00am **Nativity** Regina M Stronge, For the special intention of Dorothy & Ralph Franzese

(Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (6/4)

4:00pm IC John F. Cutter, III (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm Nativity (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (6/5)

7:15am IC (Fr. Harrison)

8:00am Nativity (Fr. Morin)

9:00am IC Anthony Raven, Dorothy Angelopoulos

(Fr. Harrison)

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

11:00am IC Dominico & Caterina Maiello,

Kevin Stephan Gearty (Fr. Broderick)

*Please note that there will be no 9:00am Mass on Memorial Day at St. Ann Church in West Newbury.

In your prayers, please remember Mary Elizabeth Reilly, John A. Dow, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Questions of the Week

Adult: In what way this week will you become "bread" for

others?

Child: How does receiving Holy Communion make you

stronger?

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners.

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ, formerly known by its Latin title, "Corpus Christi." Proclaimed as early as the 13th century, it became a universal feast of the



Church during the 14th Century. In this observance, we Catholics rejoice in the gift of Christ's Real Presence in the Bread and Wine that are transformed (transubstantiation is the technical, theological term) into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Thus, we believe that these sacred elements, while having and retaining the outward appearance and characteristics of bread and wine (what is called their "accidents"), no longer remain bread and wine but actually become Christ's Body and Blood (their "substance" or inner identity changes.)

While we can find ourselves off-put by some of the intricacies of theological language, this belief in the True Presence in the Eucharist has persisted since the earliest days of the Church. One of the most compelling narratives comes from St. Luke's Gospel and his "Road to Emmaus" account. (See Luke 24: 13-35) Many scholars look to it as a description of a First Century liturgy, complete with the Word ("how He explained the Scriptures to us on the road") and what was often called "The Breaking of the Bread." It is in this experience that the disciples had their eyes opened to recognize the Risen Christ in their midst. Their genuine encounter with this Risen Jesus connected with their doing what he told them to do: "Take and eat, take and drink. Do this in memory of me." Thus from the beginning, we Christians have referenced the bread and wine that we share in our Eucharistic celebrations as mysteriously containing this Real Presence. So much so, that it gave rise to the practice in even the early Church of reserving fragments of the sacred bread and later bringing it to the sick who could not be present for the celebration. In the centuries that followed, when church buildings were erected for worship, tabernacles made their appearance for precisely this reason. Worship of the Eucharistic elements

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Memorial Day Mass

Mass will be offered on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, at 9:00 am in St. Mary Cemetery, 36 Storey Avenue (Route 113), Newburyport. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather and pray for all those who have given their lives in service to our country as well as remember all who have been interred here at our local Catholic Cemetery. Please bring a chair, sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat if you need them. In the case of inclement weather, Mass will be moved to the Immaculate Conception Church. Please join us! All are welcome.

Please note that there will be no 9:00 am Mass at St. Ann Church in West Newbury on this morning.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, May 30, Memorial Day
Offices closed in observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31

Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Breaking Bread 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Collaborative PPC Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Wednesday, June 1

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 26 7:00pm, W. Newbury Grange Hall

Thursday, June 2

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

Friday, June 3

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Ultreya 7:00pm IC Charity Dining Room

AA 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Sunday, June 5

Baptism Instruction 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

Boy Scouts Troop 21 5:30pm, IC School Cafeteria

Holy Redeemer Outdoor Mass and Picnic

Everyone is invited to attend Holy Redeemer's *outdoor* 10:15am Mass in the HR rectory's backyard (46 Maple Street, West Newbury— 2 /₁₀ of a mile from St. Ann Church).

Please bring along your lawn chair to use during Mass. If there is bad weather, Mass will be held at St. Ann Church and our picnic will be held in the downstairs hall.

The Parish Picnic will immediately follow Mass. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and drinks will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share and, if possible, dessert. Refrigeration is **not** available. Please bring your side dish in a cooler.

Parking is available on the Rectory's front lawn or in St. Ann's parking lot. There will be limited parking on Maple Street

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

This month, Bill Brown, who has been the Coordinator of Youth Ministry for both Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer Parishes since May of 2014 resigned his position to pursue other work. We wish Bill all the best in his future endeavors. At this time, due to budgetary restrictions within the Collaborative, this position will remain unfilled.

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themselves (adoration and exposition) would come in later centuries as well.

Today, The Solemnity of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi, is a moveable feast in some parts of our world, celebrated either on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday or on the following Sunday itself. In some countries with a large Catholic population it is a public holiday. According to Wikipedia, these include: Austria, Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Bolivia, areas of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Haiti, Italy, sections of Germany, Grenada, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, some locales in Puerto Rico, San Marino, Spain, Switzerland, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, areas of the United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, and the Christian sectors of Jerusalem in Israel.

As a Church, we are in good company as we mark this special feast day. I would urge you as you approach the celebration of Mass this weekend to bring extra attention, reverence and joy to this great gift that Christ has given to us. May we find strength, courage and zeal from our Eucharistic celebrations to even more effectively go out and proclaim the Good News to our troubled world.

Blessings and prayers,

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

Centering Prayer

Welcome All Members of Our Collaborative Family

The Centering Prayer group invites and encourages all members of our Collaborative family to join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm—7:00pm, at Immaculate Conception Parish Center Charity Dining Room to learn more about this simple yet powerful prayer practice.

The daily practice of 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. As God moves us closer to him, through our daily discipline of silent prayer, we find our focus turns from self to God and we are blessed with the fruits of Centering Prayer.

These gifts are not often apparent immediately and may be first noticed by others. Receiving these gifts is not the goal of Centering Prayer. We bring no expectations to this daily prayer as we surrender our whole self to God and trust in his love for us. The gift of God's love is our transformation to become the persons he created us to be. Through the grace of this silent shared time with God we may become more open minded, less prone to judge others, aware of what really matters and able to let go of what doesn't, accepting of our own basic goodness, and filled with inner freedom to act for God.

Please consider joining 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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Celebrating the Sacraments

Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm, and by appt.

HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass, and by appt.

Baptism

Call the Parish Office for information and to register.

Marriage

Archdiocesan guidelines request that couples planning to marry in the Church contact the church at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick

Call the Parish Office if someone in your family is ill and you feel the grace and power of the Sacrament would be helpful. This Sacrament should not be seen as only administered when there is danger of death. Please call us if someone is in the hospital, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.

Cursillo

Cursillo offers us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ. Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." (Rev 3:20, NKJV). A life lived in faith is a life lived in joy!

The next Ultreya is June 3, 2016.

The next Cursillo weekend is June 2-5 (Women).

All are welcome to attend our Ultreya Meetings on the Friday of each Cursillo weekend in the St. James Chapel in the IC Parish Center at 7:00pm. If you need a ride, contact Valerie Murphy at 978-462-7534. Questions about Cursillo or Ultreya? Contact any of the following: Pat Forbes (978-462-1258), Valerie Murphy (978-462-7534), Kate Prescott (978-465-5783), or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

Collaborative Web Site

Visit the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception web site at www.hriccatholic.org

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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 **9:00am on Wednesday, June 8**. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions or delivery date schedule.

Vacation Bible School at Holy Redeemer

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Nativity Church in Merrimac from August 15–19. The theme this year is *Cave Quest*. The hours are 9:00–12:00. Kids aged 5–11 can sign up to participate. The cost is \$40 per child. Teens 12 and older can volunteer and will receive 20 hrs. of community service. There is no charge for volunteers. Adults are also needed. If you have any questions contact Jen Acorn 978-697-1082. To sign up online go to www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/Nativity2016.

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to Nativity in Merrimac on **May 28.**

HR St. Vincent de Paul



The income over the last few weeks has been \$516.40. Thank you for your generosity.

Our Conference recently spent \$315.00 for two children to attend Whittier Summer Camp for a week. Their single father is temporarily disabled

and behind in his bills. The Conference also gave the family a \$100.00 Walmart gift card to purchase summer clothing for the children.

Holy Redeemer Quilt Raffle

Fill out the ticket below, place it in an envelope *you* mark: "Quilt Raffle" along with your money (\$5.00 per chance) and drop it in the collection basket. (Checks may be made out to Holy Redeemer Parish.) The winner of the quilt will be drawn during the Parish Picnic on June 12.

Holy Redeemer Parish Picnic
Quilt Raffle
Sunday, June 12, 2016

Name:
Phone#:
\$5.00 a chance

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory May 14-15 Grand Annual \$22,435.00 \$3,229.50 (Goal \$40,000)

Next week's second collection is the Monthly.



Thank you to all who have participated in Holy Redeemer's 2016 Catholic Appeal campaign. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please visit bostoncatholicappeal.org or pick up a pledge form in the back of the church.

Outdoor Mass/Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 12

Everyone is invited to attend Holy Redeemer's outdoor Mass on Sunday, June 12 at the Church Rectory, 46 Maple Street, W. Newbury. Please bring along your lawn chair to use during Mass. The Parish Picnic will immediately follow Mass. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share, and if possible, dessert!

Refrigeration is **not** available. Please bring your side dish in a cooler.

Parking will be available on the Rectory's front lawn, or St. Ann's parking lot. There will be limited parking on Maple Street.

If rain, the 10:15 Mass will be at St. Ann Church, West Newbury, and our picnic will be downstairs in the hall.

We have a Parish Picnic Quilt Raffle underway. Fill out the stub in the bulletin, place it in an envelope you mark: "Quilt Raffle" along with your money (\$5.00 per chance) and drop it in the collection basket. (Checks may be made out to Holy Redeemer Parish). The winner of the guilt will be drawn during our Picnic. (You need not be present to win.)

Parish Picnic Needs Help

Set up for the Parish Picnic will be Saturday, June 11 at 9:00am. We are looking for a pick up truck to carry the tables and chairs from St. Ann's hall to the rectory's backyard. We are also in need of helpers to load the pick up truck and help set up chairs. If you are able to help, please call Cindy Quinn at 978-346-0072

The picnic is a great opportunity for our Confirmation students to help out the parish and gain some service hours. Contact Mrs. Quinn at 978-346-0072 if you can help.

HR Religious Education

Teachers/Adult Helpers Needed

Parents and interested adults who would like to help with the religious education classes in the fall, please contact Doreen at: reledhrp@verizon.net

Opportunities are: classroom teacher for grades 3 and 5. adult helpers for grades 7 and 8, and discussion leaders for grade 9. Thank you for considering sharing your faith with our students.

Note: anyone 18 years of age and older must complete a CORI form and attend one Virtus training course in order to serve our voungsters. Keeping our children safe in all parish activities is most important.

Confirmation

Confirmation Candidates need to compose the letter to Bishop Hennessey as soon as possible and send it by mail to me at 4 Green St., Merrimac, MA 01860, or email it as an attachment to: reledhrp@verizon.net. If you need the "how to write the letter" form, email Mrs. O'Leary and I'll email it to you or it is available for download on our web site under "Sacraments/Confirmation, Holy Redeemer Parish." Also, service sheets are due from all of our Confirmation Students (Grades 9 and 10). You can drop them off at the white "mailbox" by the double doors in Merrimac.

Check out the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception Collaborative web site: hriccatholic.org. Click on the Faith Formation tab, and you can download the 2016-2017 Registration Form for Religious Education. Registrations are due by early summer.

Holy Redeemer Scholarship for High School Seniors

A Holy Redeemer Scholarship is being offered to a graduating high school senior who attended our Religious Education program and was Confirmed. Any senior who will be furthering their education after High School may apply. Each applicant is asked to submit an essay about "How I Live a Catholic Life as a Member of Holy Redeemer Parish." All essays must be received at 4 Green Street, Merrimac by Sunday, June 19, 2016 to be considered for the scholarship. The winner of the scholarship will be contacted by the committee.

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, Connie Cormier 978-363-2020 or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099 for a shawl or more information.

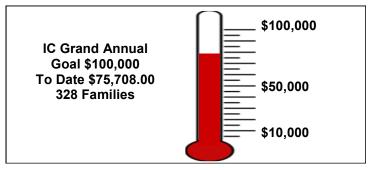
Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is Thursday, June 2.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory May 14-15 \$8,903.00 \$ 2,014.00 Monthly

This week's second collection is IC Haiti. Please make checks payable to IC-Haiti.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Poor Box \$193.00 Collection \$ 60.00 Total \$253.00

IC Knitting Ministry



Meetings are every Tuesday from 1:00-3:00pm. If you are interested in learning to knit or need help getting started again we are happy to help. Join us for knitting, fellowship, and tea (and goodies). Membership is open to all.

We bring prayers and hope to people who are sick, caregivers, and others who are in need. Our knitted hats and scarves are given to Community Service at Christmas time and to other homeless children. If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl or for more information please call Frances Ronan 978-462-4972 or Frances Reslewic at 978-465-8452.

Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving-a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our web site, hriccatholic.org and click the Online Giving picture at the bottom of our home page to get to the site. If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant, 978-462-2724 x7404.

IC Summer Mass Schedule

Please remember that the IC Sunday Mass schedule will be as follows: Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:15a.m., 9:00am, 11:00am This will remain in effect through Labor Day weekend.

IC-Haiti

As our spring second collection approaches (May 28-29) we wanted to provide the Newburyport community with an update on our sister community in Haiti. Your generosity has been able to accomplish so much. At times of severe need in Haiti, it is wonderful to see that our directed efforts have been able to make a real difference in people's lives.

The old saying "It never rains but it pours" is never more true than in Haiti. While earlier in the year the drought challenged the food supply, now the rains have returned. While good for filling up cisterns and watering fields, the flooding has caused a cholera epidemic in the area-17 patients were treated at the hospital for cholera last week. (Cholera is spread through the lack of sanitation and water supply infrastructure.) The hospital has been proactive in trying to educate communities and distribute chlorine water treatment kits, and hope to contain the outbreak.

The area has seen over 50 cases of Zika so far, but they have been kept down to a steady average of 12-13 a month. The hospital continues to distribute DEET to vulnerable populations, monitor pregnancies, and work to educate the community about mosquito-borne illnesses in an effort to avoid a spike in the disease. After our last collection, IC-Haiti sent funding to pay for supplies and materials to assist with efforts to control the virus.

There is other good news, too. With the help of parishioners Stuart and Sam Meurer we were able to have an exchange of letters happen between the children at the Fr. Marc Piché school and the Immaculate Conception School. The hospital tells us that while the dental program that we funded has seen an increase in visits, fewer of them are for extractions. Over time, the program has been successful in allowing the doctors to save children's teeth and focus on prevention. Finally, we know that when the rains cause flooding in Puit Chacha, the school building and the tiny parish church next door provide enough space for the entire community to be able to shelter if they need to, which will prevent injuries and illnesses that occur as homemade shelters collapse.

We have had to support the community to deal with the crisis of the Zika outbreak: now we must catch up on our funding for the school. We can't let down the children who depend upon us for a daily meal and their best hope of success in life.

Please support the IC-Haiti spring collection. If you'll be traveling for the Memorial Day holiday, please make your donation in advance. We are so grateful for your continued support.

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.

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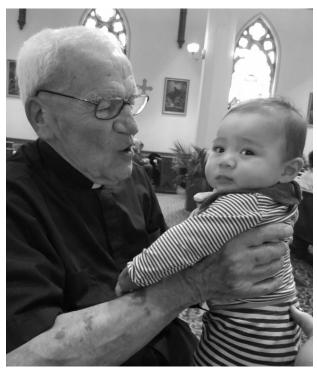
Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on June 5

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on its regularly scheduled first Sunday of the month, June 5, in the IC Parish Center at 2:00pm. We will be reading and discussing from the Old Testament, The Book of Isaiah, Chapter 28, Verse 23 through Chapter 32. Chapter 29 deals with prophecies related to punishment, hope, and deliverance. Chapters 30–32 deal with the kingdom of Judah and its people who place trust in temporal leaders rather than God.

The consensus among biblical scholars is that this book is the product of three or more authors. Most of the first thirty-nine chapters belong to an author who goes by the name of Isaiah of Jerusalem who was writing in the eighth century B.C. at a very turbulent time in the history of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah.

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.



Fr. Broderick, who turns 91 this year, greets little Christopher Lee Amorosino, who is not yet a year old, at last week's music concert at Immaculate Conception Church.

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetita...Pope Francis

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on its regularly scheduled first Sunday of the month, June 5, in the IC Parish Center at 2:00pm. We will be reading and discussing from the Old Testament. The Book of Jesish

In #14, If the parents are in some sense the foundations of the home, the children are like the "living stones" of the family (cf 1 Pet 2:5). Significantly, the word which appears most frequently in the Old Testament (after the name of God (YHWH, "the Lord"), is "child" (ben, "son"), which is itself related to the verb "to build" (banah). Hence, Ps 128, in speaking of the gift of children, uses imagery drawn from the building of a house and the social life of cities.... These images reflect the culture of an ancient society, yet the presence of children is a sign of the continuity of the family throughout salvation history, from generation to generation.

Religious Education Classes

Registration for the Summer Religious Education is ongoing: June 27–July 1 and July 25–29 from 9am–3pm for Grades 1–8. Web site has registration information. Volunteers are needed to support this program.

Baptism

June 5 Class for parents 1:00pm June 12 Group Baptism 1:00pm

Confirmation

Summer Confirmation registration is in progress. Parent letter and registration forms for Years 1 and 2 are on the web site: www.hriccatholic.org. We are meeting the week of July 10–14 for Year 2 and July 18–21 for Year 1.

Pope Francis: Year of Mercy

This Holy Year will bring to the fore the richness of Jesus' mission echoed in the words of the prophet: to bring a word and gesture of consolation to the poor, to proclaim liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in modern society, to restore sight to those who can see no more because they are caught up in themselves, to restore dignity to all those from whom it has been robbed. (4/11/15, no. 16) (USCCB Dept. of Justice, Peace and Human Development)

Immaculate Conception School

Empowering Students for Success in a Caring Environment Immaculate Conception School (pre-kindergarten-eighth grade) has a limited number of openings for Fall, 2016. Please call **Mrs. Kelley Pappalardo**, Admissions Director, today for more information and to schedule a visit. (978) 465-7780 • www.icsnewburyport.com

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit <u>www.bostoncatholic.org</u> for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

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Nine Ordained As Priests for the Archdiocese of Boston

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley ordained nine men to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Cardinal Seán said, "We are blessed by the commitment of these nine men to walk in the footsteps of Christ in service to the Church. Each of these newly ordained brings their own unique and special gifts to the priesthood. We pray that God grants them good health, joy in their daily ministry and the loving support of the Catholic family every day of their priesthood." We welcome into the presbyterate these nine newly-ordained priests as they take on their new assignments: Reverend Christopher W. Bae-Collaborative of: Saint Mary Parish, Franklin, Reverend Matthew J. Conley-Collaborative of: Sacred Heart Parish, Watertown, Saint Patrick, Watertown, Reverend Patrick J. Fiorillo-Collaborative of: Saint Ann Parish, Dorchester, Saint Brendan Parish, Dorchester, Reverend J. Thomas Gignac-Holy Family Parish, Duxbury, Reverend Stephen R. LeBlanc-Saint Michael Parish, Lowell, Reverend Huan D. Ngo-Collaborative of: Sacred Heart Parish, Lynn, Saint Mary Parish, Lynn, Reverend Thomas M. Olson-Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, Bridgewater, Reverend Kevin Staley-Joyce-Saint Mary Parish, Foxborough, and Reverend Thomas R. Sullivan-Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood. May God bless the good work begun in these men and bring it to fulfillment in the years ahead.

The Pelican Intervention Fund

We are now functioning as a fund of Essex County Community Foundation. Through this relationship we can utilize their non-profit status and services to continue fund raising to accompany men and women on their journey to recovery. Our mission is to provide funding for effective residential Twelve Step-based programs for economically challenged men and women struggling with heroin and other addictive substances and living within the Greater Newburyport area.

We continue to explore establishing relationships with Twelve Step programs and Twelve Step-based programs that offer clinical support for those with need for such care. We are continuing with your support to spread our message of hope for recovery through funding for effective extended residential care.

We have more events planned and will provide more information about our next event, at The Vintage Bazaar in Salisbury, June 25–26, in upcoming bulletins.

Thank you again for your continued support. We ask you to please continue praying for us and especially for all struggling in the darkness of addiction and those working to maintain sobriety.

For questions or information please contact: Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or Kim Keane, 978-430-1408.

Preparing for Mass

Are you looking for a helpful way to prepare for Sunday Mass? Follow the link below to find the weekend's Scripture Readings, historical and theological commentaries, and prayerful reflections. It is a great way to get ready to hear and respond to God's Word. http://liturgy.slu.edu

Scripture for the Week

29 Sun Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

30 Mon 2 Pt 1:2-7/Mk 12:1-12

31 Tue Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56

1 Wed 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27 2 Thu 2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34

3 Fri Ez 34:11-16/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

4 Sat 2 Tm 4:1-8/Lk 2:41-51

Discipleship Week

June 26-30 at Northeast Catholic College

Equipping high school teens to become disciples in mission. Make new friends, hear great music and dynamic speakers, participate in prayer & Sacraments. The price is \$255 (scholarships available). For more information go to www.bostoncatholic.org/DiscipleshipWeek.

Daily Masses in the Area

Monday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford 8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley 9:00am St. Ann, West Newbury 9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury

Tuesday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford 7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport 8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley 9:00am Holy Family, Amesbury

Wednesday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford 7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport 8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley 9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury

Thursday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford 7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport 9:00am Holy Family, Amesbury

Friday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford 9:00am Nativity, Merrimac 9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury 9:00am St. Mary's, Georgetown

Saturday

8:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford 9:00am St. Mary's, Georgetown