

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 12, 2016

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Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Lk. 7:48, 50)

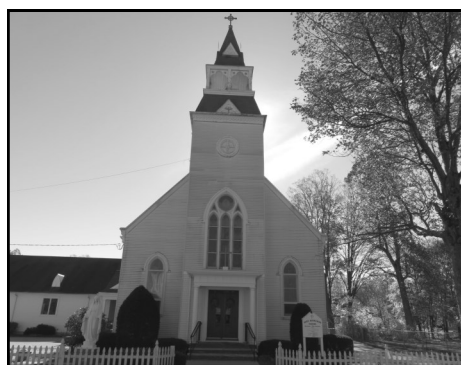
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/11)

11:00am **IC ICS Graduation** (Fr. Harrison)
 4:00pm **IC Patricia Toomey, Catherine Mahoney, Dorothy, Gerald, & Robert Moynahan, Cynthia Getchell, Elizabeth J. Hanlon** (Fr. Harrison)
 4:00pm **Nativity Armand Cormier** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (6/12)

7:15am **IC Regina M. Stronge** (Fr. Morin)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 10:15am* **HR Parish Outdoor Mass & Picnic** (Fr. Harrison)
 11:00am **IC Teresa Carl** (Fr. Broderick)

Monday (6/13)

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

Tuesday (6/14)

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

Wednesday (6/15)

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

Thursday (6/16)

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

Friday (6/17)

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

Saturday (6/18)

4:00pm **IC Warren Snow, Daniel Snow, Bryan Dwyer, Natalie Kelly, William Lindquist, Richard Creeden** (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **Nativity John Gorski** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (6/19)

7:15am **IC For the intentions of Adolf Benca Jr.** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
 9:00am **IC Thomas Friedrich** (Fr. Broderick)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
 11:00am **IC Jane Joe Shea, For the intentions of Samuel McLachlan & Family** (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Margaret Lucier, Edward Cameron Sr., and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

***Please note the 10:15 Mass on Sunday, June 12 will not be at St. Ann's Church, but on the rectory lawn (46 Maple St., W. Newbury), weather permitting. In the event of rain, Mass will be moved to St. Ann Church.**

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



The last time I was anointed with oil was on my ordination day, 25 years ago. As part of the ritual, the bishop anointed my hands with Sacred Chrism, saying, "The Lord Jesus Christ, whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit, guard and preserve you, that you may sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifices to God." Heady stuff, that! The Chrism is our holiest oil, and is the only one which is infused with a sweet, spicy perfumed scent that tends to stay with the person who has been anointed with it for a while. Oil itself is a lingering substance, greasy and smoothing. When you have been anointed, you know it! A quick wipe of the hands does not cast it away. Its presence is a reminder of the love of God, which endures.

Since that time, as a priest I have anointed many thousands of people—my own mother was one of the first, as she was going in for some surgery shortly after my ordination. Whenever I or any priest offer the Sacrament of Anointing to someone, we pray these words: "Through this holy anointing, may The Lord in His love and mercy help you with the Grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up." As the Letter of St. James says, "the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven." (James 5:15) From the early days of the Church and rooted squarely in the ministry of Jesus, healing and forgiveness are closely related. When we anoint today in the Sacrament of the Sick, we pray for healing in body, mind, and spirit. It is useless to seek healing for the body alone. Rather we recognize that the greatest healing any one of us can have is the forgiveness of our sins and true reconciliation with God. Only then, can we expect the ultimate physical healing of the resurrection.

Anointing protects. In the ritual used to welcome new members into our Church, we offer the following prayer over the catechumens who are to be baptized: "We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Savior. May he strengthen you with his power, who lives and reigns for ever and ever." It is a balm against temptation and weakness.

Anointing sets us aside, too. In Baptism and again in Confirmation, we anoint the newly initiated with Chrism as an indelible mark, which means that they belong to God for all eternity. "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life." (from the Rite of Baptism) It is seen as a permanent seal of grace in a person's life with God, that the gifts of being a son or daughter of God are

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Offertory Envelopes

Did you know that you can attend Mass at any worship site in our collaborative and use your usual offertory envelopes? Just drop your envelope in the collection and we will make sure it gets delivered to your home Parish.

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, June 13

AA 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 41 7:00pm, Nativity Hall, Merrimac

Tuesday, June 14

Voice of the Faithful 11:00am, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

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

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Knights of Columbus 7:30, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Wednesday, June 15

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

GAP 6:30pm, IC Youth Room

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

Thursday, June 16

IC School Step up Day 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Friday, June 17

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

AA 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Sunday, June 19

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

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

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

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| 19 | Sun | Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24 |
| 20 | Mon | 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5 |
| 21 | Tue | 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14 |
| 22 | Wed | 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20 |
| 23 | Thu | 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29 |
| 24 | Fri | Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80 |
| 25 | Sat | Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17 |
| 26 | Sun | 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62 |

Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our Parish communities and hope you take an active part in parish life. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at hriccatholic.org.

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never to be taken away. Again, the enduring presence of the oil....

In light of all of this present-day talk of oil and anointing we have our Gospel today which presents Jesus' own anointing by a woman whom He recognizes as having great love. Jesus was completely unconcerned with any talk of her own sinfulness. Rather, he saw what was in her heart and affirmed her act of faith. The anointing she offered led to her own sins being forgiven.

Today, whether we encounter anointing in Holy Orders, Baptism, Confirmation, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or the Sacrament of the Sick, may we see and experience the deep and pervasive presence of God in these sacred moments and the new life we are called to in Christ. It lingers, so we will be reminded that God's love for us remains.

Blessings,

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

Rediscovering Catholicism

We are looking for copies of Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscovering Catholicism*. If you have a copy of the book and no longer need it, we ask that you bring it to Church and leave it on one of the tables in the vestibule. We invite others to feel free to avail themselves of these. We also invite you to come to our July 13, 20, 27 Wednesday evening gatherings (7:00pm, Nativity Hall, 4 Green Street, Merrimac) to share the main themes of the book.

Let's Revisit

Rediscovering Catholicism

About a year and a half ago, the Matthew Kelly book *Rediscovering Catholicism* was widely distributed in both of the parishes of our collaborative for parishioners to read. It is our goal to revisit this book during the summer by inviting you to do some "summer reading!" Whether you read the book or not we invite you to join us on three Wednesday evenings, July 13, 20, and 27, at 7:00pm in the Nativity Parish Hall, 4 Green Street, Merrimac as we develop some of the main themes of the book. Please come and see this as an opportunity to invite someone who might be enriched in "Rediscovering Catholicism." Rumors are that strawberry shortcake will be served during the evening.

Online Bulletin

Visit our **Collaborative Web site**, www.hriccatholic.org and click on the bulletin picture on the home page to view the bulletin online.

Also, you can visit www.TheBostonPilot.com/bcd to view the bulletin online and to sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox every week. Just find your parish in the alphabetical list of parishes on the site. There you can download the bulletin and sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox.

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer for the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

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.groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/Nativity2016.

Youth Ministry GAP

Collaborative GAP—God and Pizza—meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm in the IC Parish Center Youth Room. All high schoolers are welcome.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Jesus wants us to have peace in our lives and our marriage. Do we have faith that He will grant us this peace? Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on September 17–18 and October 21–23. For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME, visit our webpage at www.wwme.org, or at <https://www.facebook.com/WWmema>



IC PARISH NEWS

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.

Communion Calls

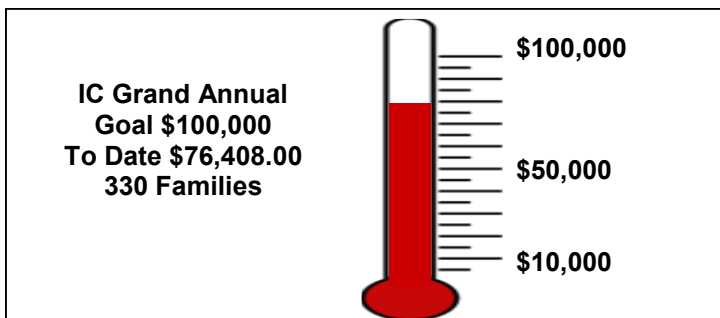
If you or a loved one is homebound, in the hospital, or have transitioned to a rehab/nursing facility and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact Sandy @ 978-462-4842 to arrange a home visit.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory June 4–5 \$11,150.00

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly. Next weekend's second collection is the Renovation/Restoration.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



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| Poor Box | \$ 445.00 |
| Collection | \$ 175.00 |
| Total | \$ 620.00 |

Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on June 19

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on its regularly scheduled third Sunday of the month, June 19, in the Parish Center at 2:00pm. We will be reading and discussing from *The Book of Isaiah*, Chapters 31 through 35. The central theme of Chapter 31 is that God, not Egypt, protects Jerusalem, which unfortunately Judah's leaders did not heed. Chapter 32 describes what life would be like under a just leader, warns the women of Jerusalem that it is a mistake to place trust in material prosperity, and warns that hard times are ahead. However, these would come to an end and, through the Holy Spirit, justice and integrity will bring peace and security. Chapter 33 intermingles prayer and prophecy, stressing that people coming together to worship God form communities of faith. Chapters 34 and 35 are the antitheses of each other. The former describes the doom of Judah's neighbor Edom—that was taking advantage of Israel, which had been wiped out by Babylon. The latter describes the joy of the Babylonian captives as they return to Zion with God's blessings.

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!

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

Knights of Columbus



The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, June 14** at 7:30pm in the Nazareth Library, Room 205.

IC Concert and Raffle Thank you

I wanted to thank everyone who attended and participated in making our first annual fundraising concert such a huge success. What started out as just a recital for my private students, blossomed into a fun filled event which celebrated the diverse talents of so many IC parishioners. I am truly grateful to those who supported and helped me through donations for the auction, food for the potluck supper, rehearsals, preparations, and working the event behind the scenes. With your help we were able to raise \$2,100.00 which will be used to improve the sound system in our church. I would like to extend a very special thank you to the following people: Tim Richard whose generous gift of time and talent accompanying the choirs and students at both rehearsals and the concert was invaluable; Jan Coleman and MaryAnn Lawler who generously helped me set up the auction tables, and who also set up, ran, and cleaned the St. Louis Hall kitchen and dining room for the potluck supper; NancyJean and Chris Eagan for running the raffle table; Cheryl Kubat for bringing the Bracken School of Irish Dance students to the concert; Pat Forbes for helping me with signs and preparations for the auction; Bud Kent for coming in on his day off to help me with setting up tables; and all the parents, students and choirs who made this concert possible with their gifts of talent. I am forever grateful to work at such a wonderful parish whose love and support has made my small idea become a reality beyond what I had imagined. God Bless you All!



Megan Schweizer

Donna Postle, ICC Music Director



Irish Step Dancers from the Bracken School of Dance

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

San Marcos Coffee Sale

Now Selling Ground or Whole Bean—Your Choice

The Coffee Project is happy to announce that we are now offering you the choice to buy delicious San Marcos coffee already ground in addition to the whole bean. Coffee will be on sale after all IC Masses on June 18 and 19 for \$10 per pound. The Honduran farmers receive all of the profits from this sale. For more information contact Karen Finnegan at 978-465-4173.



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.

Online Giving

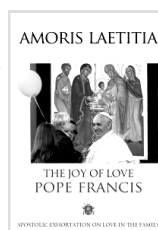
Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our web site, hricatholic.org and click the Online Giving picture 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 Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

Pope Francis recently released the Exhortation on the Family. In the weeks to come, you will be introduced to various statements from the Holy Father.

In #16, ...The Bible also presents the family as the place where children are brought up in the faith... One of the Psalms celebrates the proclamation of faith within families: "All that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us, we will not hide from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders which he has wrought. He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children (Ps 78: 3-6). The family is thus the place where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith. They learn this 'trade', passing it down from one person to another....



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

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| July 10 | Class for parents | 1:00pm |
| July 17 | 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.hricatholic.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

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.



(*Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others*, Dynamic Catholic, p. 9)

Alzheimer's Quilt Winner

The winner of this year's Alzheimer's quilt is Barbara Jones of Lebanon, NH. A long-time supporter of the quilt drawings she has a strong personal connection to Alzheimer's as well as a great love of quilts. The quilt raised \$1,590 and together with donations for our 50K trail race our total this year for Alzheimer's Association MA/NH is \$9,500. Thank you all for your support. Dale Ann and Dale Bob Eckert

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

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| Offertory June 4-5 | \$3353.00 |
| Monthly | \$2174.00 |
| Grand Annual \$22,435.00 | (Goal \$40,000) |



HR Baptism

We rejoice with the family of our new brother who received the Sacrament of Baptism in May:

Duke Ryan Murphy

Eagle Scout Project Update

The Eagle Project of the New Bocce Ball Court and Information Sign at the Merrimac Senior Center was completed on May 30 by Boy Scout Troop 41, Merrimac. Construction was supervised by soon-to-be Eagle Scout Chris Burak. It is now time for a ribbon cutting ceremony and dedication. We would like to invite our town selectman, the seniors and directors of the Senior Center, Father Tim and Father George and, also, the parishioners of our church to the ceremony.

Date: Saturday, June 18, 2016

Place: At the New Bocce Ball Court behind the Senior Center, 100 East Main Street, Merrimac, MA

Time: 10:00am, rain or shine

HR St. Vincent de Paul



The SVdP Society has received \$126.00 in donations over the last two weeks. Thank you for your generous donations.

Bake Sale

SVdP will hold bake sales after all three Holy Redeemer Masses on June 18 and 19. Please select something sweet, while also helping our clients. Many thanks.

Stop by the Parish Mass/Picnic

Mass begins at 10:15, Sunday, June 12, at the HR Parish Rectory

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.

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 grades 3 and 5, adult helpers grades 7 and 8, and discussion leaders 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 youngsters. Keeping our children safe in all parish activities is most important.

Religious Ed. News

As class/work at home schedules are finalized they will be posted on our web site: hricatholic.org.

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: hricatholic.org. Click on the *Faith Formation* tab, and you can download the 2016-2017 Registration Form for Religious Education.

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, July 7.**

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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.

Questions of the Week

Adult: What cross is it that you have been given to carry?

Child: Name one thing that is hard for you to do, and then ask Jesus to help you with it.

Become a Hospice Volunteer

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." ~Mahatma Gandhi

All Care Hospice is currently seeking compassionate, caring people to offer comfort and support to our patients and families. As part of the care team, volunteers serve a vital role in affecting the quality of our patients' lives. Each volunteer opportunity is unique and varies depending on the needs of the patient and family as well as the volunteer's availability and interests. Patient care may include companionship through conversation, reading aloud, reminiscing, or even just holding their hand. Other duties help alleviate stress for the caregiver such as running errands like grocery shopping and trips to the pharmacy, light housekeeping or meal preparation. Administrative tasks involve assembling admission packets, assisting with mailings, photocopying, and special event preparation. All Care Hospice serves the North Shore, Merrimack Valley and Greater Boston. For more information or to enroll in a training, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Maureen Burge at 781-244-1129. Visit our web site: <http://www.allcare.org/hospice/>

LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on **Tuesday, June 21 at 7:00pm** for an inspiring night of worship at St. William Church in Tewksbury with speaker Dave VanVickle. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and it is **FREE** to attend and open to **all ages**. More information about LIFT Ministries can be found at www.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area.



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
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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
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Hampton, NH has a daily Mass at 6:45am & 9:00am Mon.–Fri.

Pregnancy Care Center Job Openings

Help Moms and Babies in Need by Working at the Pregnancy Care Center

Join us in saving lives and leading hearts to Christ!

The Pregnancy Care Center in Haverhill is hiring for two part-time positions: Client Service Manager and Client Service Coordinator. Full job descriptions can be found at www.PCCFriends.org. If you are interested please send your resume to Deb at debbporyor@pccnortheast.org or call 978-373-5700 with questions.