

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 17, 2018**

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“Jesus said to the crowds: ‘This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.’ ”(Mk 4:27-27)

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

“Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...”

St. Ann

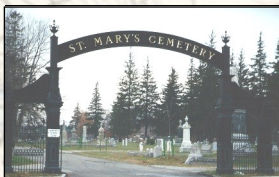
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/16)

4:00pm **IC** *Warren W. Snow, Daniel J. Snow, Bill Lindquist, Ernie Penta, Antonio Arcari, Florence Lucey* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St. Ann** *Janice Sherburne* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (6/17)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge, Armand Gonzales, Albert & Mary Salerno, Ted LoPreste, Angelo & Eleanor Messina* (Fr. Harrison)

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

9:00am **IC** *Robert J. Connor, Burton Gilbert* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:00am **IC** *Robert & Eileen Kealey, Natalie Kelly, Jane Joe Shea* (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (6/18)

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

Tuesday (6/19)

7:15am **IC** *Brian Dwyer* (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (6/20)

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

9:00am **IC** *School Liturgy* (Fr. Harrison)

Thursday (6/21)

7:15am **IC** *Peter C. Boschetti* (Fr. Morin)

Friday (6/22)

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

Saturday (6/23)

4:00pm **IC** *Ron Jean, Elizabeth J. Hanlon, Paul L. Hanlon* (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (6/24)

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

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

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

11:00am **IC** *John J. Deneumoustier, Donald Dunleavy* (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Delphine Nichypor and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
Nativity—Merrimac
St. Ann—West Newbury

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I don't know about you, but I have been watching with great anticipation our little rectory garden of tomatoes and herbs. Planted a number of weeks ago, I am eager for it to produce some "real" tomatoes that actually taste like tomatoes! The fresh, aromatic herbs are a bonus crop that will accentuate summer meals to come. Most of us today are not farmers nor do our livelihoods depend on growing and harvesting food from the ground. We are much more likely to get our produce from Market Basket, Shaw's, or the West Newbury Food Mart. Maybe a green-thumbed neighbor or relative will augment our weekly intake with some fresh veggies when they come in season. But we have mostly lost the hands-on, direct connection to the land that many of our ancestors once had. So much of our agriculture these days is automated, and with a global economy and marketplace, there is little we cannot import and acquire, no matter what time of the year it is. Want fresh blueberries in February? No problem! They may be flown-in from Costa Rica, but you can get them. They won't taste quite as good as the local ones, but they will be blue

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Pilgrimage to Northern Italy Travel Night

Join us on **Monday, June 18** for an evening of prayer, food, and information about our upcoming **Pilgrimage to Northern Italy**, which will include visits to Milan, Lake Como, Padua, Venice, Florence, Sienna, and Assisi. Mass will be offered at 6:30pm in St. James Chapel in the Pastoral Center building on the IC, Newburyport campus, followed by some light Italian cuisine and brief multimedia presentation on our planned itinerary as well as some advance information about the **Oberammergau Passion Play** trip planned for 2020. For more information about either excursion, please contact Paul Blanchette at 978-500-5661. Join us and bring a friend!



Assisi: home of St. Francis

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

See our calendar at hriccatholic.org for more activities.

Monday, June 18

AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

Italy Travel Night Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel /
Charity Dining Room

HR Boy Scout Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, June 19

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

Wednesday, June 20

Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, June 21

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

Pastoral Plan Service Priority Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth
Library Room 205

Friday, June 22

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, June 23

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

Sunday, June 24

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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and edible.

Something that was very accessible to the people of Jesus' time and place were the multitude of references in the Gospels to sowing seeds and growing food from the earth. They knew the basics of when and what to plant, how to nurture their crops, when to harvest, etc.... But the real mechanics of biology—exactly how the plants grew from seeds in the ground—were a bit of a mystery. To the average person, this left room to appreciate God's hand in producing the life-sustaining food they depended on. God made the soil fertile, God brought the rain and sunshine in proper order to enable growth. God was the one who designed the lifeless seeds in such a way that when buried in the ground under just the right conditions, they would sprout, grow, and in time bring about an abundance of produce. The farmer was someone who cooperated with God's grand design of nature and one who sought a right relationship with God and with the earth. There was a spiritual harmony evident in it all.

Appreciating this, however, required a healthy dose of humility before the mystery that is God, and our proper place as creatures. At best, and with great dignity, we are co-creators with God, cooperators with God's plan for all of creation. This weekend's Scriptures invite us to consider the raw power of God's Kingdom—that when it is made manifest, the tiniest of things can become the greatest of accomplishments, that what is low will be brought high, that God will bring about tremendous growth according to God's own purposes. We can fight this and try to manipulate and control what God is doing, or we can humbly cooperate with what God is already achieving. In some ways, it is an invitation to appreciate the master designer and His handiwork in creation, realizing that this is a lens to be used in our understanding of any interaction we have with God. Want to know about God's Kingdom? Look at the kingdom of the earth and see the multitude of lessons played out before us.

St. Paul had it right when he wrote: "Therefore we aspire to please Him." Serving God, doing what is right according to God's plan is our proper stance before the mystery of God's love for us. It is our sure path to holiness and peace. It will lead to a rich harvest of justice and righteousness, not only now, but in the fullness of God's Kingdom that is yet to come.

Meanwhile, I'm still waiting for my tomatoes! The Lord teacheth patience and humility....

Summer blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Happy Father's Day

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

San Marcos Coffee Sale

June 16–17



For Father's Day please consider treating Dad to a pound of Father Ray's delicious San Marcos coffee. This specialty, whole-bean or ground coffee is produced by poor farmers in Honduras who benefit greatly from our quarterly sales. It will be freshly roasted and available for \$10/pound after most Masses in the Collaborative on June 16–17.

Call Karen Finnegan with any questions about this project. 978-465-4173

Questions of the Week



Adult: In your life, how has the seed of faith fallen on good soil?

Child: What things do you do to help your seeds of faith grow?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Pelican Intervention Fund Summer Fundraising Event

Join us for a fun family outing, with a purpose, at Maple Crest Farm, 102 Moulton St., West Newbury.

John & Carol Elwell, owners of Maple Crest Farm, have generously pledged to donate 20% of the proceeds to the Pelican Intervention Fund. Please join us for a day of fun that supports local men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery.

Strawberry picking all day

Wagon rides every hour

Sundays: June 17, June 24, and July 1

Open 9:00–4:00

Dogs welcome but must be leashed.

For more information please contact: Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483



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 Conference Room 209. 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.

Spiritual Adoption Program

Watch here each month for the Baby's Development. Thank you for participating in this Spiritual Adoption program.



Fifth Month:

This month marks the halfway point to birth, and the baby is very active. Sleep habits develop and the mother can feel him/her move and stretch, particularly when mom is resting. Baby is big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it. Up to now, although s/he swam with ease in his or her watery world, the baby was too small for the mother to detect because the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling. Babies born at this age have survived.

New Lecture Series in August

Save the Dates

3-part lecture series for August

Come for an educational and inspirational 3 evenings focused on the Eucharist: what It is, what It presumes, what It calls us to be!

Dates: Tuesdays on August 7, 14, and 21

Time: 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Location: St. Ann Church, 300 Main Street, W. Newbury

To become intentional Catholic disciples, the laity benefits from a deeper understanding of the source and summit of our sacramental life. We look forward to engaging you in three evenings of presentations and discussions led by Fr. George Morin and AFFT (the Adult Faith Formation Team).

Ask A Priest

"Ask a Priest" abandons Inn Street for the Boardwalk!

HRIC Street Evangelization for 2018 has a new location: the waterfront in Newburyport by the Harbormaster's House.

Each Friday evening, a brief commissioning will take place at IC's Saint James Chapel (2nd floor of the Parish Center) beginning at 5:55 p.m. The evangelization team will process as a group to the Boardwalk and remain until 8:30 p.m. Join us at either location for any duration of time.

Watch for photos and "Ask A Priest" updates in the bulletins! Except for evenings of rain, **we'll meet every Friday evening (6:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.) until August 17.**

Everyone is welcome. No training necessary. Bring a friend—young or old or 4-footed.

Celebrating the Sacraments

Reconciliation

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

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

Baptism

Call the Parish offices 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

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.

Offertory Envelopes

You can attend Mass at any worship site in our Collaborative and use your usual offertory envelope. Drop it in the collection and we will deliver it to your home Parish.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

Year in Review



As the school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the accomplishments and improvements that we have made together. Thank you for your continued support of the IC and for your generous welcome as I joined your community for my first year as Principal. It has been an extremely rewarding year. Together we make a great team!

Student Experience

Community prayer and peace sharing
Community service projects—Catholic Schools Week
Community yearbook signing—music provided by student DJ
Community service learning—Veteran’s Day, STREAM Launches, Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Native American houses, Poetry Festival, Flag Day
Fun Run
In-house academic support in collaboration with Newburyport Public Schools
Teacher experiences at Auction
5th Grade Arbor Day
Poster Competition
Leadership Team
Thanksgiving Basket Collection
Collaborative learning experiences provided by Enrichment Committee
Additional uniform options



Academic and Educational Programs

Coding and robot programming—Media/Library Classes
STREAM program Grades 3–4
Training for faculty on MAP Testing analysis
MAP Testing growth areas shared with parents
Improved Gym class experience

Technology

Integration of Google’s G Suite for Education
Google Training for Staff
Google Classroom utilized in Junior High
New Computer Lab—24" touchscreen Chromebases
Chromebooks in Junior High
Math digital learning platforms
Upgraded WiFi
Improved accessibility for iPad use
Large computer monitor and improved whiteboard space in Jr. High Math classroom
Skype sessions in Spanish with Ecuadorian School



Chromebooks provided by Newburyport Public Schools for academic support
Student Information System —2018–19

Student Safety

More efficient—faster carline—minimizing wait-time for cars on the street
Safer dismissal procedures
Improved internal communication for last minute dismissal changes for students

Marketing

Monthly Open Houses—88% of visitors registered by February 1, 2018
Waiting Lists in multiple grades
Maximized advertising—Facebook —Open House signage
New website—mobile friendly
Fun Run—expanding options to support the IC
Teacher experiences at Auction
Online bidding at Auction
Annual fundraising goals achieved
Increased student and parent participation for all events

Physical Plant

Brighter, cleaner building
Renovated gym
Window AC units in warmest classrooms

Looking forward to 2018–19

Renovation of top floor will begin June 25, 2018
Technology Coach
Expanded use of technology for classroom learning
Computer/Coding class for Pre-K and K students
Expanded instructional practices for individual learning styles
Increased recess time—all grades
Improved nutritional offerings in the lunch program
Lunch and recess schedule designed to foster student friendships
Student Information System 2018



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, June 9–10	\$10,299.00
Monthly	\$ 2,022.00

This week's second collection, **Promoting the Gospel**, supports Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through the work of CCHD and CCC the Gospel is promoted by supporting those in poverty, providing grants to community based groups and using the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values.

1. www.usccb.org/cchd

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While this collection supports national efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local CCHD grants and parish communication efforts.

The second collection next weekend is Restoration/Renovation.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 133.00
Poor Box	\$ 116.00
Total	\$ 249.00

IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. (At this time, Online Giving is available for only IC members.) Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then click on “Online Giving” to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to. If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made. Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

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.

Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause.

Our monthly support meetings are held in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting is **June 25**.

Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at (617) 410-6309 or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protections for you or your family, or just connecting with other Catholic men, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at (978) 572-0231, membership@kofc231.org.

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, July 10** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

Breaking Bread

The Breaking Bread dinner program is in need of a dedicated volunteer to help in the kitchen once or twice per month. We serve every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. The time commitment would be no more than 2 hours. Cooks and servers are doing well, but the very small group that keeps the kitchen sink area clean and organized needs help.

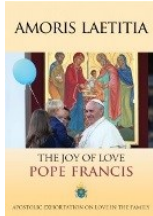
We are a “family” of happy and caring volunteers. You would be blessed to be a part of our group. We always leave the Parish Center happy to be a part of such a wonderful group of “kitchen angels.” Please join us!

Contact: “Bunny” Chiasson, Co-ordinator for the St. Vincent de Paul Breaking Bread dinner. 978-465-5810 or sandbunnyc@yahoo.com.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis



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

The Elderly: In #192: Saint John Paul II asked us to be attentive to the role of the elderly in our families, because there are cultures which, “especially in the wake of disordered industrial and urban development, have both in the past and in the present set the elderly aside in unacceptable ways.” The elderly help us to appreciate “the continuity of the generations,” by their “charism of bridging the gap.” Very often it is grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to their grandchildren, and “many people can testify that they owe their initiation into the Christian life to their grandparents.” Their words, their affection or simply their presence help children to realize that history did not begin with them, that they are now part of an age-old pilgrimage and that they need to respect all that came before them. Those who would break all ties with the past will surely find it difficult to build stable relationships and to realize that reality is bigger than they are. “Attention to the elderly makes the difference in a society. Does a society show concern for the elderly? Does it make room for the elderly? Such a society will move forward if it respects the wisdom of the elderly.”

Baptism

Baptism info.: www.hricatholic.org/Baptism

Please pre-register for the class.

July 15 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room	1:00pm
July 22 Group Baptism—IC Church	1:00pm

Confirmation

Confirmation Years 1 and 2: Please be working on your service activities. You need 24 hours over a two-year period.

Confirmation Orientation for Parents for the Summer process: Sunday, July 8 from 10–11am in St. Louis Hall. This meeting is for Year 1 parents, Year 2 Catholic School parents, and Year 2 parents new to the process at IC. If your candidate was the in the IC process last year, you do not need to attend the orientation again.

Summer Confirmation Sessions for Years 1 and 2 are scheduled for July 9–12 from 5:30–8:00pm. Cost: Year 1—\$175 and Year 2—\$200 includes retreat. Registration information is found on online:

hricatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish.

Preparing for Mass

Visit <http://liturgy.slu.edu> to read this weekend’s Scripture, historical and theological commentaries, and prayerful reflections. It is a great way to get ready to hear and respond to God’s Word.

Coffee After Mass

June 17, 10:00 a.m.



The Pastoral Plan Welcoming Priority invites you to join us for IC Parish’s first Coffee Hour. All are welcome on **Sunday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m.** (after the 9:00 and before the 11:00 Masses).

We will be celebrating all the Fathers in our community with fresh, hot coffee (**Fr. Ray’s**) as well as selling coffee.

We also will have a **special gift** you can purchase for your special father figure: HRIC coffee mugs.

Come and enjoy coffee, some sweets, and celebrate with our fathers. Mingle and make some new friends.

We will be hosting more coffee hours with “themes” in the coming months. Watch the bulletin for details.

Newburyport VIP Card

Help Support Immaculate Conception Church

We encourage folks to spend a few minutes to familiarize themselves with the 180 local businesses in Newburyport and surrounding towns that offer discounts through the Newburyport App/VIP Card Program. This is a great way to save money **every time** you visit participating businesses and it is a simplistic fundraising opportunity for our church. If you decide to make a purchase we ask that you please support Immaculate Conception. View discounts at <https://www.newburyport.com/newburyport-vip/> or you can download the Newburyport App, and select “VIP Discounts.” You can purchase one Card for \$25 or two for \$40, and \$10 of your purchase is donated to **Immaculate Conception Church**. Use the following link to make your purchase:

<https://www.newburyport.com/immaculate-conception-church/>.

Summer Religious Ed. Programs

Religious Education is coming this summer. The weeks of June 25–29 and July 23–27. Monday–Wednesday, 9:00am–3:00pm Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm (includes 4:00pm family Mass followed by a cookout), and Friday 9:00am–2:00pm Cost: \$175/person. Parent letter and registration online: hricatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education

We will also host our **Collaborative MS Mission week** for grades 7–8 the week of July 16–20 from 9:00am–4:00pm. Time will flex with visits to different agencies. This is an alternative Religious Education and service learning experience for IC youth. Cost: \$200/including transportation to and from agencies. hricatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education.

Adoration

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in IC’s St. James Chapel on Fridays from 8:00am–12:00noon.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

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Monthly	\$2,228.00

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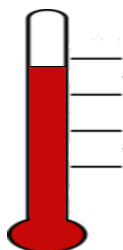
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Catholic Appeal

Goal **\$22,862.00**
To Date **\$19,635.00**
80 Donors



\$22,862
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$5,000

We are pleased to share that Holy Redeemer has raised \$19,635.00 toward the parish goal of \$22,862.00. Thank you to all who have already pledged support. If you have yet to give, we need your help! Please give today to help us reach our goal. Gifts can be made online at bostoncatholicappeal.org or by completing a pledge form available in the backs of the churches.

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 www.hricatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



There is a wonderful way to honor someone who has requested "No gifts, please." You can send a check to Holy Redeemer Saint Vincent de Paul at 4 Green Street in Merrimac. Your donation will honor someone's celebration and will also help those in need. A note will be sent to let that someone know about the donor's meaningful gift. Donations can be made to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant occasions.

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

HR Religious Education

Religious Ed. News

2018–19 registration forms are now online: hricatholic.org.

A reminder for students who worked at home with their books to turn them in as soon as possible. Drop off for books is the white "mailbox" by the hall doors at Merrimac.

Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

Doreen O'Leary (Rel. Ed. email: reledhrp@gmail.com)

EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has you covered. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource. <http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

Bake Sale Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported my bake sale on June 2 and 3 at Nativity and St. Ann. I plan to complete my Eagle Scout project this summer. I really appreciate your support!

~Peter Olds, Troop 41

Newburyport VIP Card

Help Support Holy Redeemer Parish

We encourage folks to spend a few minutes to familiarize themselves with the 180 local businesses in Newburyport and surrounding towns that offer discounts through the Newburyport App/VIP Card Program. This is a great way to save money **every time** you visit participating businesses and it is a simplistic fundraising opportunity for our parish.

If you decide to make a purchase we ask that you please support Holy Redeemer.

View discounts at www.newburyport.com/newburyport-vip/ or you can download the Newburyport App, and select "VIP Discounts." You can purchase one card for \$25 or two for \$40, and \$10 of your purchase is donated to **Holy Redeemer Parish**. Use the following link to make your purchase:

www.newburyport.com/holy-redeemer-parish/.

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.

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 5**.