

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 2017

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“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge....So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” (Mt. 10:29-31)

All Are Welcome

OUR COLLABORATIVE

Holy Redeemer Parish



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Immaculate Conception Parish



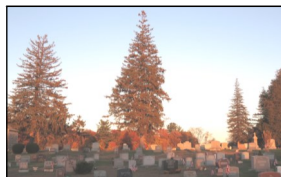
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/24)

- 10:30am **Country Rehab** (Fr. Broderick)
 4:00pm **IC Mabel Kalashian, Daniel P. Bradley, John A. Dow, O. William Powell** (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **St. Ann Janice Sherburne** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (6/25)

- 7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC Carol A. Ryder** (Fr. Broderick)
 10:15am **St. Ann For the intentions of William & Lee Lynch** (Fr. Harrison)
 11:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (6/26)

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

Tuesday (6/27)

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

Wednesday (6/28)

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

Thursday (6/29)

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

Friday (6/30)

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

Saturday (7/1)

- 2:00pm **Atria** (Fr. Broderick)
 4:00pm **IC Lillian M. Foley, Lucy Vincent** (Fr. Harrison)
 4:00pm **St. Ann Armand Cormier** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (7/2)

- 7:15am **IC Regina M. Stronge, Adolf Benca** (Fr. Harrison)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
 11:00am **IC** (Fr. Broderick)

In your prayers please remember Michael Curran, Eva Drozdowski, Anthony Fusco, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Float Needed

The Pelican Intervention Fund will be marching in this year's Yankee Homecoming Parade on August 6. We are in need of a truck and flat bed to pull our float. If you can help us, please contact Nancy Laverty at [603 489-3751](tel:6034893751).

From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Last week, we held our end-of-year Mass for Immaculate Conception School. It was hosted and planned by a very enthusiastic group of first graders, who sang at the top of their lungs for most of the liturgy. There was no containing their energy and joy. It was the last day of school for the summer, after all! With their teacher, they decided to use the readings from the "Mass for Peace and Justice" that is found in our Lectionary. St. Matthew's "Beatitudes" was the Gospel selection, recalling a beautiful moment on a verdant hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee where Jesus first gave what has become known ever since as the "Sermon on the Mount."

As part of the homily, I asked many of the kids where or how they experienced God blessing them this past year. As you might imagine, I received many interesting answers! Some were blessed in their families, vacations or trips they took, with their friends, their teachers...a popularity contest arose about which teacher had blessed them the most... (they were all fighting to mention their own teacher's name) and of course a few of them also mentioned their First Communion and church. One little darling even mentioned me! God bless their soul! But then, unexpectedly, one child mentioned that she was blessed by God when her grandmother "finally found peace." Although it all happened so quickly in the midst of many other answers being given, I think she meant that her grandmother had died and was at peace with God. I was stunned. Here was a little child echoing one of the Beatitudes, "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." I quickly thought of another passage from Matthew where Jesus quotes Psalm 8 when He says, "Have you never read the text, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nurslings you have brought forth praise?'" (Mt. 21:16) And here it was all playing-out in our school Mass, if we only were paying attention.

I also asked the children what they hoped for as they went into the summer. Again, a long list of ice cream, time at the beach, vacations, and time with family and friends ensued. But there were also several who hoped for peace in our world...with a sincerity that would put every one of us adults to shame. If only our elected leaders could hear these kids speaking and praying, I lamented! Whether they realize it or not, these young people and the many millions

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Forming Disciples in Mission

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, June 26

IC Summer Religious Ed Classes 9am–3pm, IC Parish Center
Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
AA Meeting 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205
Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, June 27

IC Summer Religious Ed Classes 9am–3pm, IC Parish Center
Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC St. Vincent de Paul 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Wednesday, June 28

IC Summer Religious Ed Classes 9am–3pm, IC Parish Center
HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall
Holy Quilters 2:30pm, Nativity Hall
Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel
Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Thursday, June 29

IC Summer Religious Ed Classes 9am–3pm, IC Parish Center
Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

Friday, June 30

IC Summer Religious Ed Classes 9am–1pm, IC Parish Center
Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
Ask a Priest 6:00pm, Inn Street, Newburyport
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

Saturday, July 1

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

Sunday, July 2

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
Scripture Study 2:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

C.A.M.P.S. 2017—34th Year

July 31–August 5, 2017 for High School Youth grade 9 through recently graduated seniors at Lakeside Christian Camp and Retreat Center, Pittsfield, MA.

What is C.A.M.P.S.?

C.A.M.P.S. is a ministry to youth with a three-fold mission:

1. That all participants come to a saving, personal relationship with Jesus Christ;
2. That Christian community be formed and lived; and
3. That continued spiritual growth and commitment be fostered.

C.A.M.P.S. Leadership

Fr. George Morin, 978-346-8604: Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, W. Newbury

For more information and registration, visit:

<http://www.campsministry.com/application.html>

Cost: \$478 registration and bus. PayPal available for an extra fee.

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like them across our world have the most at stake in hoping for peace. Their present has just begun, their future is still very much in front of them. What kind of a world will they inherit from us, I wondered. I found myself hoping with them for a better future for us all.

This weekend's Gospel gives us great comfort, reminding us and reassuring us that God hears and sees everything, that nothing happens without God's attention and care. We are told again and again, "Do not be afraid," by the Lord. Even the hairs on our heads have been counted! Now there's an image! God's getting an easier job of that one these days with me, I think! And yet, God is even paying attention to the common sparrow—something most of us just hear as part of the summer background—a few chirps in the distance, or the like. But God is there, paying attention to even these most mundane of our feathered friends. And God views us with much greater value and joy! Psalm 8 would go on to say, "What is man that you are mindful of him, and a son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him little less than a god, crowned him with glory and honor." (Ps 8: 5-6) In God's eyes, we have a truly exalted place in this world.

It gives me comfort to know that maybe the prayers of our children, and our own child-like yearnings for our Creator are heard and cherished more than we might imagine. In this profound reality, we are challenged to keep our focus set on God, our hearts fixed on the example of His love given to us in Jesus Christ. Here is our hope, here we are truly blessed. And here, will be our future!

If grammar school kids can figure this out, maybe, just maybe, we bigger kids can too.

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

Volunteers Needed for Avita of Newburyport

Every Sunday, Avita of Newburyport Assisted Living brings residents to Mass at Holy Redeemer. They are in need of volunteers to escort residents from Avita to church and back on the Avita bus at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Please contact Debra Shapiro at deb@avitaofnewburyport.com or 978-225-7000.

Bulletin Information

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



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on June 25



Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on June 25 at 2:00pm in the IC Parish Center, on its regularly scheduled third Sunday of the month. We will begin reading and discussing *The Epistle Of James*. This short, practical letter, composed of only five chapters, is addressed to a general audience, the twelve tribes of the dispersion. James concerns himself entirely with Christian conduct, stressing that we can tell whether someone's faith is real by how he or she behaves, putting faith into practice.

A gifted 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 members of the parish are invited to attend these sessions and grow in knowledge and faith.

"Ask a Priest"

You are needed on the Friday evenings of this coming summer, from June 30–September 1, 2017, from 6:00–8:30 p.m. on the Inn Street pedestrian way in Newburyport.



Our plan is to have a priest present to answer questions people might have in a one-on-one setting plus other members of the Parishes present to talk about their faith and to perhaps have some literature explaining all the many services and opportunities the Catholic Church has to offer.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Father George, 978-462-2724. Prayerfully consider becoming part of the outreach. We need you.

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 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

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.

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

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

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

Community Food Pantry

First Parish Church of Newbury Community Food Pantry, 20 High Road, Newbury, is open every Friday from 3:00pm–5:00pm for anyone in need in the Collaborative's towns as well as Georgetown, Rowley, and Salisbury. The volunteers are very welcoming and no one is made to feel uncomfortable when visiting. No registration or proof of residency required. Fresh fruit and vegetables, many types of frozen meats, pasta, and desserts, as well as an array of canned goods, toiletries, etc. are available.

If you would like to donate, nonperishable goods, personal hygiene products, and/or pet food may be dropped off on Sunday mornings from 9:30–11:30am. Grocery store gift cards as well as cash/checks (made out to "First Parish" and write "food pantry" in the memo) are always welcome.

Centering Prayer

Welcome All Members of Our Collaborative Family

Please join us on Wednesdays from 6:00pm–7:00pm in the IC Nazareth Library 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.

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 or visit our website at <http://www.hriccatholic.org/Get-Involved>.

Questions of the Week



Adult: From what fear does your faith in Christ reassure you?

Child: When someone near you is afraid, how do you help him or her?

Archdiocese Web Site

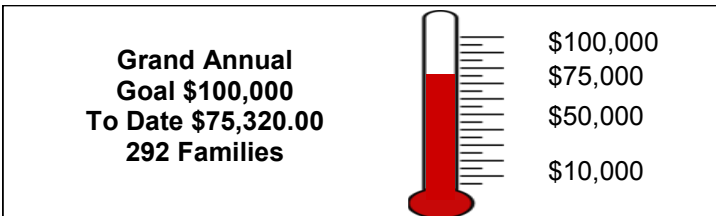
Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory, June 17–18 \$8,570.00
 Restoration/Renovation \$1,312.00

This week's second collection, for the Peter's Pence, enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests for aid to needy throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please visit www.usccb.org/ppc for more information. The second collection next weekend is Restoration/Renovation



Grand Annual Wrap-Up

As our fiscal year comes to a close, it is not too late to make a contribution to our Grand Annual Collection if you have not already done so. Help us work towards meeting our goal of \$100,000! So far, 292 parishioners have contributed \$75,320. All contributions are tax-deductible and help strengthen our parish in its mission of prayer and outreach to our community. Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory Renewal Program

Thank you to all those participating in our recent Increased Offertory Renewal Appeal. The results are extremely positive with many families participating by returning a Commitment Card.

It is not too late to participate. There are additional materials in the church. Please return your "Commitment Card" as soon as possible by mail or place it in the collection at Mass next weekend. Your participation in this effort helps our parish meet our growing financial obligations. Please consider a new giving level that is best suited to your circumstances. This will allow our parish to plan accurately for the future.

Thank you again to those individuals and families who have participated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 10.00
Poor Box	\$132.00
Total	\$142.00

Adoration

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

New Liturgical Vessels for Immaculate Conception Parish

For many years now, we have been blessed with the use of several pewter and metal liturgical vessels that have been donated to our parish. They have been used very well to share the Lord's Body and Blood at thousands of masses over the years, but are now at the end of their useful life and must be retired.

We are inviting parishioners to help us purchase a new set of metal vessels that will hopefully serve us well in the decades ahead. Donations are now being received for memorials in the names of loved ones which can be inscribed on each vessel. For more information, please contact our office at 978-462-2724 for availability and pricing. Thank you for your generosity in helping our parish minister the Lord's presence to our community and beyond!



small ciborium/bowl



small chalice



large community paten

The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild or sibling—any age, any cause. Our monthly support meetings are held in the IC Conference Room 209 from 7:30–9:00pm on the 4th Monday of the month. The next meeting is **June 26**. Questions? Contact Barbara J. Hopkinson, founder and chapter leader, info@abutterflysjourney.org or 617-410-6309.

IC Church Hours

During the summer, Immaculate Conception Church will remain open until 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Online Giving

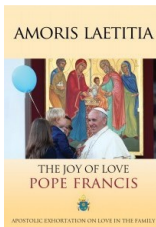
Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the Online Giving picture at the bottom of our home page 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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

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



Love is generous. In #102: Saint Thomas Aquinas explains that “it is more proper to charity to desire to love than to desire to be loved”;¹¹⁰ indeed, “mothers, who are those who love the most, seek to love more than to be loved”.¹¹¹ Consequently, love can transcend and overflow the demands of justice, “expecting nothing in return” (Lk 6:35), and the greatest of loves can lead to “laying down one’s life” for another (cf. Jn 15:13). Can such generosity, which enables us to give freely and fully, really be possible? Yes, because it is demanded by the Gospel: “You received without pay, give without pay” (Mt 10:8).

IC Summer Religious Education Classes

Grades 1–8: Summer registration is available. Forms can be downloaded from the website:

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

Gr. 7–8: <http://www.hricatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education>

Please be sure to complete a *Catechetical Events Log Sheet* to be eligible to participate in the Summer program. It needs to be submitted prior to the start of the program.

We are offering **2 programs for Grades 1–8**: June 26–30 and July 24–28. Monday–Thursday 9:00am–3:00pm and Friday 9:00am–1:00pm. Cost: \$175/student. Deadlines: June session has limited space available. Deadline is July 1 for July session.

New this summer: a Collaborative MS Mission Week July 10–14 for grades 7–8 youth. Schedule is as follows: Monday 10am–4pm, Tuesday 9am–4pm, Wednesday 8am–4pm, Thursday 10am–4pm, and Friday 10:00am–6:00pm. We have limited enrollment. It will combine catechesis and service and for IC youth it can be done in place of regular Summer Religious Education. Learning how to live our faith in service to those in need. Cost: \$200 includes transportation to agencies that serve the poor.

Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897. We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. 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.

Contact us at (978) 572-0231, membership@kofc231.org.

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

Baptism at IC

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

July 9 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

July 16 Group Baptism—IC Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

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

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

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

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

First Eucharist

Registrations for 2017–2018 First Reconciliation and Eucharist will be available on the website in August

2017 Youth Mass—September 24, 2017

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, September 24 at Nativity, Merrimac at 5:00pm.

Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

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

Breaking Bread

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

Scripture for the Week

25 Sun Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

26 Mon Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5

27 Tue Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14

28 Wed Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20

29 Thu Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

30 Fri Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4

1 Sat Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17

2 Sun 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/
Mt 10:37-42

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL



The IC recently celebrated their final school Liturgy for the school year.

Pictured here, the students honor their principal, Mrs. Reardon, and wish her well in her retirement.



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

VBS at Nativity

Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer, July 10–14 from 9:00–12:00. The theme is *Maker Fun Factory*. Children ages 5–11 can sign up to be participants. Teens and adults can sign up to volunteer.



Visit vbspro.events/p/nativity2017 to sign up.

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

HR Prayer Shawl

Do you know of any woman, man, or child who needs comfort and could use a Blessed Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket? Please call Helen Kelley 978-771-4673 or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099 for a shawl or more information.

We would love for you to join us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac, at 1:00pm. Don't know how to crochet or knit, we will teach you and give you yarn. **Our next meeting is Thursday, July 6 at 1:00 p.m.**



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 Boy Scouts

Scouting builds more than just campfires. Scouting builds character, values, community, and family. Holy Redeemer charters Boy Scout Troop 41. The troop meets Monday evenings in Nativity Hall, Merrimac from 7:00–8:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in learning more about the troop or joining, contact the scoutmaster, Mark Friend at msf4087@gmail.com. All faiths welcome. Please see the Parish website calendar for meeting dates, www.hricatholic.org.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory, June 10–11	\$3,187.00
Monthly	\$1,341.00
Offertory, June 17–18	\$2,577.00

This week's second collection, for the Peter's Pence, enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests for aid to needy throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please visit www.usccb.org/ppc for more information.

Next week's second collection is the monthly.

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann** in West Newbury on **June 24**.

HR Sandwich Program



The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers soup/salad and sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The sandwiches go to the Good Shepherd Center on Park Street in

Lawrence. 200 sandwiches are needed each day to feed the hungry.

We are always in need of more sandwich donations. To help, please make sandwiches by using 1 loaf of bread and sandwich meat (**No condiments added**), individually wrap the sandwiches and place them back into the bread bag. Deliver the bread bag to St. Ann's Church, West Newbury, by **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, June 28**.

See the Collaborative calendar at www.hricatholic.org for the schedule or contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

Upcoming HR Activities

At our "wrap up meeting" a few weeks ago we discussed future activities to plan for the parish. One activity that was discussed was a **wine tasting event**. We will meet on Tuesday, June 27 at 7:00pm at Nativity Hall to discuss our options. Anyone who would like to get involved with this activity is invited to attend.

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 make sure it is delivered to your home Parish.

"With One Voice"

HR Capital Campaign

On Pentecost Sunday, Father Tim spoke before all the Masses, highlighting the need to make some substantial repairs and improvements to both of our church properties. Many of you are aware that for some time now, we have had a number of maintenance needs that have gone unaddressed, and it is now time that we attend to these before they become much larger and more expensive projects.

Our community will be hosting a series of capital campaign **receptions** to share more personally with you the work to be completed and our fundraising plan. Watch for a special invitation to be sent to all registered parishioners in the weeks ahead. Please select a location, date, and time that is most convenient for you.

Upcoming Receptions

Save the Date

Tuesday, July 11

4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Nativity Church)

Saturday, July 15

9:00 a.m. (Nativity Church)

Thursday, July 20

4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (St. Ann Church)

HR Religious Education

2017–18 Religious Ed.

Needed for the Rel. Ed. Program: A 3rd Grade teacher is needed for Sunday morning classes beginning in September, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass in Merrimac. Please contact Doreen O'Leary if you have any questions, or to volunteer. Thanks.

The class schedules and each class syllabus will be online on the collaborative calendar soon.

Incoming **First Graders** need to be registered for the Holy Redeemer Religious Ed. program. Please download our registration form online: hricatholic.org, click Faith Formation, then the Holy Redeemer tab.

Group emails have been sent to all of our Religious Ed. families to register now for the fall.

The Registration Forms for Religious Ed. are one per family. Please include your Confirmation Candidate (if applicable) on the family form. (Remember this student need only pay \$25 for their robe rental fee.)

Contact info: Office of Religious Education

Doreen O'Leary (Rel. Ed. email: reledhrp@gmail.com, or for forms to register for the fall: hricatholic.org. (click the Faith Formation tab, then the Holy Redeemer tab).

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