

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Pentecost Sunday

June 4, 2017

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The Pentecost Event in mosaic tile

*“Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.  
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit....” Acts 2:3-4*

*All Are Welcome*

# OUR COLLABORATIVE

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### Immaculate Conception

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (6/3)

4:00pm **IC** *Regina M. Stronge, Michael Twomey, Graciela Labanca, David Tierney* (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Rick Marshall* (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (6/4)

7:15am **IC** *Jack MacKinnon*

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

9:00am **IC** *Dale V. Deveau, Jr.* (Fr. Morin)

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

11:00am **IC** *Domenico & Caterina Maiello* (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Monday (6/5)

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

### Tuesday (6/6)

7:15am **IC** *Margaret Cohane, Kevin Jackson* (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Wednesday (6/7)

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

### Thursday (6/8)

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

### Friday (6/9)

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

### Saturday (6/10)

11:00am **ICS Graduation** (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **IC** *Elizabeth J. & Paul L. Hanlon, Michael F. Twomey, John A. Dow* (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Armand Cormier* (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (6/11)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

9:00am **IC** *Michael F. Twomey*

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

11:00am **IC** *Graciela Labanca* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember 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

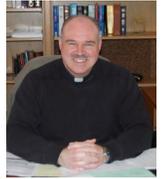
Dear Parishioners,

This week, I pushed "send." I have to tell you, it was pretty anti-climactic. This past Thursday, the final draft of our local Pastoral Plan was due to Cardinal O'Malley's office. This was the end result of many, many hours of hard work, meetings, Town Hall events, and much back and forth feedback and correspondence by a significant number of people within our Collaborative over the past year and a half. Once approved by the Cardinal, it will serve as a guiding document for many of our pastoral and spiritual efforts in the next three years. Built in to the process is a serious effort at accountability and a realistic assessment of what is possible and practical. It is one thing, for example, to say we want to promote vocations within our Collaborative; it is another to say exactly what steps we are going to take to actually do that. This is what our local Pastoral Plan hopes to accomplish. It is meant to take larger ideas and hopes and show where and how the "rubber meets the pavement," so-to-speak, how these will be made concrete and real. And there will be an opportunity for everyone in our parishes to become involved in this process and efforts.

It is fitting, in many ways, that we mark the great feast of Pentecost this weekend as we ponder the future and direction of our two parishes and how they will be called upon to work more closely together for this common purpose. In the first reading this weekend from the Book of Acts, we see the incredulity of those who were first marked with the Holy Spirit. *"They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, 'Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language...in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God?'"* They were all astounded and bewildered, and said to one another, *"What does this mean?"* (from Acts 2) Of course, some misunderstood and accused them of all drinking too much wine! But Peter cleared the air and called them to faith: *"No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'It will come to pass in the last days,' God says, 'that I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.'"* (Acts 2:16-17) Our local Pastoral Plan contains some prophesy and visions. It is filled with dreams, by both old and young alike.

What gives me so much confidence that this will be a real blessing for us all is the fact that this was the fruit of your

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## Collaborative Online

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., Mass times, and current events. See our new, expanded calendar; view our current and archived bulletins; link to other Catholic websites; or check out the updated photos section. We have so much happening.

## IC Summer Mass Schedule

Please remember that the IC Sunday Mass schedule will be as follows: Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m., **11:00 a.m.**

The schedule will begin this weekend: Sunday, June 4 and remain in effect through September 3.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

### Monday, June 5

**AA Meeting** 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205  
**Collaborative Altar Server Training, #1** 3:30pm, IC Church  
**Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting** 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

### Tuesday, June 6

**ICS 8th Gr. Retreat** 8:00am, IC St. Louis Hall / St. James Chapel  
**IC Knitting Ministry** 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209  
**Breaking Bread Meal** 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
**HR St. Vincent de Paul** 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory

### Wednesday, June 7

**Holy Quilters** 2:30pm, Nativity Hall  
**Adoration** 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel  
**Centering Prayer** 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205  
**IC Adult Choir Rehearsal** 7:00pm, IC Church

### Thursday, June 8

**Collaborative Altar Server Training, #2** 3:30pm, IC Church  
**Rosary for Life** 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel  
**Landings Team Training Mtg.** 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

### Friday, June 9

**Adoration** 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel  
**ICS Baccalaureate** 5:00pm, IC Church  
**AA Meeting** 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

### Saturday, June 10

**ICS Graduation** 11:00am, IC Church  
**Nativity Choir Rehearsal** 3:30pm, Nativity Church

### Sunday, June 11

**Nativity Choir Rehearsal** 7:45am, Nativity Church  
**St. Ann Choir Rehearsal** 9:45am, St. Ann Church  
**Catechist Meeting** 10:15am, IC St. Louis Hall  
**Baptisms** 1:00pm, IC Church  
**Scripture Study** 2:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

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longings and hopes. It touches upon many needs that the Holy Spirit nudged, cajoled, and whispered to us. It is not meant to be complete or eternal. We will not etch it in stone. Rather, it is meant to be a living document that will be evaluated, adjusted, and re-written many times in the years ahead. But it is a place to start, and will call forth many gifts that have been given to us all in our communities. St. Paul writes to the infant Church in Corinth, *"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."* (1 Cor 12:4-7) Our parishes have been blessed with an abundance of gifts and talents, of many hands and an incredible amount of good will and love. It is time to harvest these gifts!

You might be surprised to hear that Pentecost was originally a harvest feast in Judaism, celebrating the first fruits of the wheat harvest. Since it fell exactly fifty days after Passover (which marked the first fruits of the barley harvest), it was often known as the "Feast of Weeks." It was the Jewish custom to offer the first of the crop to God, trusting that the rest of the harvest would be of sufficient abundance to meet all their needs. God came first, along with trust in His goodness. This is an apt way to look to calling forth our own resources. If we order them towards God and trust in what God will do, everything else will be given in proper time and measure.

To that end, I would invite you to pray for the success of all of these efforts we will be undertaking within our Collaborative in the months and years ahead. I, too, invite you to think of what ways you might engage in the many different activities, ministries, and efforts that will be launched. In the end, we want to see our parishes as being even more welcoming than they already are. We want to continue and develop the ways that our parishes enable and help us to be better disciples of the Lord, to grow in our relationship with God. We want to do a better job of enabling and encouraging our brothers and sisters who are considering a variety of vocations from the Lord. And we want to grow in the number of ways we reach out in love and service to those in our communities and beyond who are suffering and in need.

These are the stirrings of the Holy Spirit in our midst. They are not all that the Spirit will call us to do. They will not be the only ways that the Spirit will work through us. But it is where we will begin. Let's get to work!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

## Travel Night

Join us on Monday, June 12 for a travel presentation about upcoming pilgrimage trips as well as information about possible future trips. The evening begins with 6:30pm Mass at IC St. James Chapel. Refreshments and meeting begin at 7:00pm in IC St. Louis Hall. Everyone is welcome.



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## Centering Prayer

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

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Landings



Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative has started **Landings**, a welcome program for returning Catholics. Landings invites inactive Catholics to return to a more active practice of their faith. We ask for your support in finding both active Catholic parishioners who would be willing to work in this ministry and potential returning Catholics who would benefit from the program.

Based on small groups, the Landings program offers “a safe place to land,” a place for listening and for being heard, a place for asking questions and for reconnecting with the faith as an adult. During the eight-week program, a small group of active Catholics, some of them “returnees” themselves, meets with a small group of inactive or returning Catholics to share and explore their faith together.

We need active Catholic parishioners who are sensitive, nonjudgmental listeners, who are comfortable with their faith, and who are willing to reach out warmly to those who have struggled with their faith over the years and who are now seeking a welcoming encounter with the Church.

On Thursday, June 8 at 7:00pm, in the IC Charity Dining Room 114, we will hold a Landings training workshop at Immaculate Conception Church for active Catholics. Please consider this opportunity to participate in the New Evangelization in a quiet and healing way—and/or recommend another person you think might be a “good fit” for this ministry.

We will interview volunteers for the welcome team, and team members should be able to attend the training workshop. Please send names or questions to our Landings coordinator: Dr. Mag McKinnon at 978-462-2724 ext 7405 or [mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org).

Thank you so much for your consideration and assistance in this effort. We are grateful for any help you can provide.

## 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.

## Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on June 11

Note Change in June Schedule

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will **not** meet on its regular first and third Sunday of the month, but will meet on June 11 and June 25 at 2:00pm in the Parish Center. Interested members of the Collaborative are invited to join the study group as we read and discuss *The Acts of the Apostles*, Chapters 5 through 8. In this second book, written between 80 and 90 A.D., Luke continues the story of Christianity in the first century. The early chapters, set in Jerusalem, describe the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the leadership of St. Peter after he is filled with the Holy Spirit, and the growth of the early Church there.

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.

## “Ask a Priest”

Help us launch a summer outreach event in downtown Newburyport

Do you love Jesus? Is it joy for you to speak about Him? Have you passion for encouraging others in their Faith journey? Are you a natural prayer warrior? Could you join an HRIC team of priests and lay persons in an upbeat, local missionary endeavor? All this for a summer evening of fellowship along quaint Inn Street. Yes? Then consider yourself invited.

The concept is **street evangelization 101**: to go and meet people where they are and engage them in personal dialogues. Every baptized Catholic has this commissioning from Jesus & Pope Francis to bring the light of Christ to others. Let's do it.

“Ask a Priest” is the name of the event. No formal experience required, just 2–3 hours on one evening at Inn Street, Newburyport. The aim is to send teams, with a priest, to share witness stories and pray outdoors during 10 Friday nights. Please pray for the success of this challenge, nominate someone you think would be good at this, *or* come to our “Ask A Priest” **Information Session**:

**DATE:** Saturday, June 17 from 8:30am–10:00am

**PLACE:** Charity Dining Room @ IC Parish Center (2nd floor east end)

**AGENDA:** coffee & muffins, format/description for “Ask A Priest”, speakers, casting lay teams & assignments, Q/A.

**RSVP:** not required but call, drop an email or note to Fr. George Morin or email AFFT member at [MarySchmidtHomePro@hotmail.com](mailto:MarySchmidtHomePro@hotmail.com)

(Sponsored by AFFT: Adult Faith Formation Team)

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### 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](http://www.pilgrimages.com/FatherTim_RomeAssisi2017) or call 206 Tours at 800-206-8687, and ask for Amanda or Bika.

### Gospel Night at the Pops



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

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

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

### Ecumenical Taize

The community is cordially invited to attend an ecumenical Taize meditation service on Sunday evening, June 11 at 8:30pm as the sun is setting, at Groveland Congregational Church, 4 King St., Groveland. We will be giving thanks for the beauty of God's creation while praying for its stewardship. This half-hour service consists of prayers, Scripture readings, short sung refrains, petitions, and an extended period of silence in the candlelit sanctuary. What a beautiful way to begin the summer season! All are welcome. For further information, contact the church at 978-372-3463.

### Scripture for the Week

- 4 Sun** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
- 5 Mon** Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk 12:1-12
- 6 Tue** Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
- 7 Wed** Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27
- 8 Thu** Tb 6:10-11; 7:1, 9-17; 8:4-9/Mk 12:28-34
- 9 Fri** Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37
- 10 Sat** Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44
- 11 Sun** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

### Pilgrimage to Canada

Join Fr. George on a pilgrimage to Canada on August 21–26, 2017. During the six-day tour of Montreal and Quebec City, we will visit shrines, churches, cathedrals, museums, chapels, monasteries, and much more.

To reserve your space or for more information, visit [www.pilgrimages.com/frgeorgemorin](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frgeorgemorin) or call 206 Tours at 800-206-8687, and ask for Amanda or Bika.

### Volunteer Needed for Avita of Newburyport

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

### LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00pm for an inspiring night of worship at St. Anthony Church in Cambridge, MA with guest speaker Fr. Eric Cadin. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is **free** to attend and open to **all ages**. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at [www.liftedhigher.com](http://www.liftedhigher.com). Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area.

### 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.

### Questions of the Week



**Adult:** What strength and power do you get from living in God's Spirit?

**Child:** How does having the Holy Spirit in your life make you stronger?

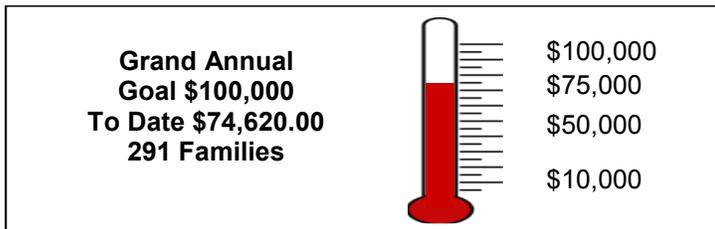
# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

Ascension, May 25	\$ 573.00
Offertory, May 27-28	\$8,656.00
Catholic Communications	\$1,361.00

The second collection this weekend supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit [www.VocationsBoston.org](http://www.VocationsBoston.org).

Next week's second collection is the Monthly.



## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$167.50
Poor Box	\$176.00
Total	\$343.50

## 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.

## IC Knitting Ministry

We meet Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the IC Parish Center, Room 209. We knit shawls, hats, mittens, and scarves and bring prayers and hope to people who are sick and to their caregivers and to celebrate happy occasions. We also distribute hats and scarves to homeless children. Our membership is open to all. Please join us for knitting, fellowship, and tea (and goodies).



If you know anyone who needs a prayer shawl or for more information please call Frances Ronan 978-462-4972 or Julia O'Connor at 978-465-3350.

## Adoration

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

## Immaculate Conception School



Mrs. LeBlanc's Pre-Kindergarten goes to see the Tall Ships!

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

## Knights of Columbus



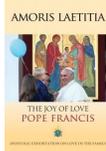
The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, June 13** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

# 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 not boastful.* In #99: To love is also to be gentle and thoughtful, and this is conveyed by the next word, *aschemonéi*. It indicates that love is not rude or impolite; it is not harsh. Its actions, words, and gestures are pleasing and not abrasive or rigid. Love abhors making others suffer. Courtesy “is a school of sensitivity and disinterestedness” which requires a person “to develop his or her mind and feelings, learning how to listen, to speak and, at certain times, to keep quiet”. It is not something that a Christian may accept or reject. As an essential requirement of love, “every human being is bound to live agreeably with those around him”.<sup>108</sup> Every day, “entering into the life of another, even when that person already has a part to play in our life, demands the sensitivity and restraint which can renew trust and respect. Indeed, the deeper love is, the more it calls for respect for the other’s freedom and the ability to wait until the other opens the door to his or her heart”.

### 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. Deadline: June 12 for June session and July 1 for July session.

We are also introducing **new this summer**: a **Collaborative MS Mission Week** July 10–14 for grades 7–8 youth. Schedule is as follows: Monday 10am–4pm, Tuesday 9am–4pm, Wednesday 8am–4pm, Thursday 10am–4pm, and Friday 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.

### Baptism

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

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

June 11 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

### First Eucharist

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

### 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>

### Youth Mass—September 24, 2017

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

### Collaborative Altar Server Training

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

## First Eucharist Photos



## Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in May:

**Bryce Coffey Anderson III, Nyla Faith Hickling, Darragh Logan Hinchy, Finn Davis Hinchy, Connor Patrick O’Dea, Maeve Kelly Sulser, Kennedy Anne Young, Sarah Elizabeth Amisson, William Michael Dowling, Weston Grey Rumore, Collins Jane Tomasz**

## 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](mailto:sandbunnyc@yahoo.com).

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Offertory Collection

The second collection this weekend supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit [www.VocationsBoston.org](http://www.VocationsBoston.org).



## Holy Redeemer Scholarship for High School Seniors

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

## HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



Many thanks to those who donated so generously with Lenten Mite Boxes. It comes at a very busy time for our conference. The period of April through June is the window when utilities can be shut off if there are outstanding balances. This opportunity places a lot of strain on those that are already struggling to make ends meet. Our ability to help these families to maintain heat, electricity, and water sometimes depends on your generosity. Again, thank you.

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 charts Boy Scout Troop 41. The troop meets Monday evenings in Nativity Hall, Merrimac from 7:00–8:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in learning more about the troop or joining, contact the scoutmaster, Mark Friend at [msf4087@gmail.com](mailto:msf4087@gmail.com). All faiths welcome. Please see the Parish website calendar for meeting dates, [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org).

## Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light at Nativity, Merrimac, the week of June 11 is donated for a special intention.



## 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.

Our 2017-2018 Registration Form is online:

[hricatholic.org/Holy-Redeemer-Religious-Education](http://hricatholic.org/Holy-Redeemer-Religious-Education)

Download, print, and send with a check to 4 Green St., Merrimac, MA. Attn: Doreen O’Leary.

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

### Landings

See the collaborative section of this bulletin to learn more about “Landings.” If you may be interested in attending these training sessions beginning Thursday, June 8 at IC, please let me or Dr. Mag know. If you could suggest a person that may be interested in this program, let us know.

### New Email Address

The Office of Religious Education at Holy Redeemer has a new email address: [reledhrp@gmail.com](mailto:reledhrp@gmail.com).

## Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

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

## 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.**



## 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](http://vbspro.events/p/nativity2017) to sign up.

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