

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15, 2018

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Leather sandals for sale in Jerusalem shop

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic.” (Mk 6:8-9)

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/14)

4:00pm **IC** *Albert Vincent, Ann Murphy Walsh, Patrick & Florence Murphy* (Missionary Priest)

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

Sunday (7/15)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge* (Missionary Priest)

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

9:00am **IC** *For the intentions of John Vaughan* (Missionary Priest)

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

11:00am **IC** *Sophie Krupanski, For the intentions of the Kent family* (Missionary Priest)

Monday (7/16)

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

Tuesday (7/17)

7:15am **IC** *Sister Lucille Phipps, SCN* (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (7/18)

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

Thursday (7/19)

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

Friday (7/20)

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

Saturday (7/21)

4:00pm **IC** *Daniel P. Bradley, Beatrice Eon* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Erwin W. Batchelder* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (7/22)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *For the intentions of John Vaughan* (Fr. Harrison)

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

11:00 am **IC** *Stanley Jancewicz, James Slattery, Patricia Doak* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Mary Bashaw Youn, Jack C. Stone, Sister Lucille Phipps, SCN, Dr. Daniel L. Leary, Jr. 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,

In storefronts in modern-day Jerusalem, or any other city, for that matter, you can see and buy fine leather sandals that are every bit as good as anything worn by Jesus' disciples centuries-ago. They are ubiquitous and are as much a summertime staple here as in the Middle East. Performing the same function as in ancient times, sandals enable our sometimes tender feet to traverse rougher ground without injury from the hot sand or sharp, rocky ground. Combined with a walking stick to fend off wild animals or make a robber think twice about trying to attack them, these are the only "gear" that Jesus allows his disciples as he sends them out on their first mission. Without money or food, they would be completely dependent on the hospitality and kindness of strangers as they moved about.



In these simple instructions, however, there are a few insights into Jesus' expectations and methodology for spreading the news about the Kingdom of God. To begin with, the sandals tell us to get ready for a long journey over rocky ground. The Gospel will not be spread only on nice, smooth pavement. It will be off in the woods, up hills, and down the gorges of life. The walking stick tells us to be ready for some challenges along the way, that we may have to fend off the wolves that would seek to devour us. And when we get weary from exhaustion, the stick can help hold us up and help make our gait more stable.

But no food or money...hmmm. That really presents some challenges, doesn't it? In an arid climate, going even a little distance can leave one thirsty and vulnerable. And maybe that is the point—in our vigor for the mission and exposure to the elements, the dependency we might have along the way for the kindness of strangers opens up the possibility of sharing the wealth of our faith with them. Over the simplicity of a meal or cup of water, gratitude can be offered through a gentle testimony of why we put ourselves out there, of why we take the great risk of making this lifelong faith journey that sometimes makes us crazy-vulnerable. The calling-forth of hospitality from others enables them to participate in the mission as well. Recall Jesus' words: "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mk 9:41) As we heard in this past week's second reading from St. Paul, "The Lord said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness'...for when I am weak, then I am strong." (from 2Cor 12) In our weakness and need, the breathtaking power of God is shared through us.

So, where does our own discipleship take us these days, and how much vulnerability do we bring into this journey?

It can be tempting to try and prepare ourselves for every need we might encounter along the way. As a Boy Scout

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, July 16

IC Religious Ed.: Mission Week 10:00am, IC Parish Center

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

Pastoral Plan Discipleship Priority Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, July 17

IC Religious Ed.: Mission Week 10:00am, IC Parish Center

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

Wednesday, July 18

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

IC Religious Ed.: Mission Week 10:00am, IC Parish Center

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Thursday, July 19

IC Religious Ed.: Mission Week 10:00am, IC Parish Center

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

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

Friday, July 20

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

IC Religious Ed.: Mission Week 10:00am, IC Parish Center

"Ask A Priest" 5:55pm, IC St. James Chapel or
6:15pm, Inn Street (Note location change)

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

Saturday, July 21

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, July 22

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church

Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church

many years ago, our motto was, "Be prepared!" When camping out, we worked hard to carry the right equipment, clothing, first aid supplies, and adequate food and water wherever we went. We always had an emergency plan in place in case things went wrong and practiced survival skills in case things really went south. We checked the weather, carried detailed topographical maps of the area, and studied the local flora and fauna so that there were no surprises. But even then, there was always the uncertainty of an unexpected torrential downpour or the occasional moose that would wander into our campsite. And of course, there was the ever-present human element that could be wildly unpredictable. Which scout would face what challenge with how much success? Some days were better than others!

No matter how well prepared we might think we are to share the Gospel with others, it can and will always be a messy proposition because people are involved with it. Even Jesus anticipated that sometimes there would be the need to shake the dust from one's feet and move on. This weekend's Gospel leaves us with a few questions to ponder in the summer days to come: How much do I put myself out there for Christ? In what ways do I make myself particularly vulnerable as I share the Gospel with others? Can God work through my weakness? Do I enable others to participate in the mission of spreading the Good News through the offering of their hospitality and gifts? When faced with obstinacy, do I open myself to the grace of moving on? Where do I see good triumph over evil or people being liberated from bondage? Is this all real for me in some way as a disciple?

Happy summer journeys to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Bulletin Information

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

Pilgrimage Information

We had a very successful Travel Night in June highlighting the upcoming Pilgrimage to Northern Italy that leaves in October of this year as well as the Passion Play Pilgrimage in June of 2020. Excitement is building for both of these amazing experiences! There are still a few places left on both of these trips. However, the window is closing fast on these wonderful excursions. Our next Travel Night will be Monday, July 30 and will offer final sign-up opportunities before important deadlines and cut-offs for each of these adventures. If you are interested in more information about either trip, please contact Paul Blanchette at 978-500-5661 or look online at: www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric.

Come on a Faith-Journey with us!

Save the Date

Strawberry/Blueberry Dessert Festival
Sunday, July 29 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
(or until we run out of berries)



Join us on the front lawn of Immaculate Conception at the corner of High and Green Streets, across from the Bartlett Mall.

Park in the IC Church lot and come enjoy some sweet homemade desserts.

(Proceeds to benefit all HRIC ministries.)

Watch this space for more information to come.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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. (Aug. 14 will be after Vigil Mass)

Location: St. Ann Hall, 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, Mary Schmidt, and Fr. John Kiley.

(Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team.)

Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our calendar and Facebook pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, or check out the photos section. We have so much happening in our Collaborative.

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.

C.A.M.P.S. 2018—35th Year

July 30–August 4, 2018 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
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: campsministry.com/application

Cost: \$488 registration includes bus.

Ask A Priest

“Ask A Priest” to Gather One Last Friday on the Boardwalk Before We Move Back to Inn Street



When last Friday's fierce storm blew away the heat and high humidity, the evening's team of 14 revelers in the sea breezes and visitors, some of whom had past connections to Fr. George (see photos).

The only consistently missing element at the scenic Boardwalk venue is more youth. **So for this season's final 5 Friday nights of “Ask A Priest” (July 20–August 17) we will return to Inn Street.**

The proximity of the Tot Lot, fountain, ice cream parlors, and shady areas lend itself to lingering.



Linger with us or stop by to see what this street evangelization **non-program** is and is not. You'll witness joy but zero pressure, fewer bugs, and the presence of the Yankee Homecoming vendors and musicians. With young people added to the mix, it's a 2018 version of a Norman Rockwell scene with familiar faces as subjects in smiley poses with the priest or Pope. Hoping to see you on Inn Street at 6:15.

(Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team.)

Irish Sunset Cruise

Ancient Order of Hibernians
Msgr. Thomas M. Lane Division #1



Proudly present **An Irish Sunset Cruise**

In connection with www.captainsfishing.com

Featuring: Songs of Ireland by Joe Leary

A 2018 Yankee Homecoming Event

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Cruise time: 7:00–10:00pm (Boarding at 6:30pm)

Cost of admission: \$35.00 with cash bar

21 years of age or older only

Tickets available by contacting:

Dan Cleary 978-360-9603, dcaohnbpt@yahoo.com
Michael Volpone 978-479-2550, macv21@gmail.com

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Pelican Intervention Fund Summer Events

Please join us at two fundraising events and a celebration walk:

Monday, July 16

The Deck, Salisbury, 5:00pm–7:00pm

20% of meals served during that time donated

Wednesday, August 1

Dos Amigos, Newburyport, 11:00am–10:00pm

One dollar for every taco and burrito donated

Sunday, August 5

We invite all members of our Parish Collaborative to **walk** with the Pelican Intervention Fund at the annual **Yankee Homecoming Parade**. Last year many of you walked with us and we hope you will join us again and to celebrate the lives that have been changed by the incredibly generous donations and constant support of the communities we serve. Please bring your family and friends of all ages to celebrate our many blessings and bring needed hope to those who are still struggling with the disease of addiction.

For more information please call:

Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483

Kim Keene, 978-430-1408

Collaborative Baptisms

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

Hudson William Carter • Isabella Grace Couto •

Cora Ann Dhanda • Jackson Seth Dolan •

Collins Ellie Hall • Luke Michael Hall •

Christopher Lee Geiger • Olivia Marie Thornton

Free Hair Cuts

Donna Koen, a parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is: (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

All Care Hospice

Did you know that All Care Hospice provides free grief support services to the community and volunteer opportunities to support our hospice program? To learn more about our grief groups and workshops, please contact our Bereavement Coordinator at 781-244-1198. Registration is mandatory for all programs. To learn more about volunteer opportunities in our office providing administrative support or with our patients and families providing companionship, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 781-244-1129. Opportunities available close to home! Visit our website, allcare.org to download a volunteer form.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What part of today's Gospel is most impressive to you?

Child: Who would you choose to go out with you to share the Good News?

Sunday and Daily Mass Scripture Readings: July 8–15, 2018

We're all encouraged to spend time reading the daily Scripture passages, meditating upon their meaning, and conversing with the Lord in response to His Word. In praying with the Scriptures, we have the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord while discerning His ever-gracious invitation to love as He loves us. Praying with the Scriptures daily is one sure way to become a more intentional disciple of Christ.

		1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Sunday	July 15	Amos 7:12-15	Psalm 85	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:7-13
Monday	July 16	Isaiah 1:10-17	Psalm 50		Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	July 17	Isaiah 7:1-9	Psalm 48		Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday	July 18	Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16	Psalm 94		Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday	July 19	Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19	Psalm 102		Matthew 11:28-30
Friday	July 20	Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8	Isaiah 8:10,11,12abcd, 16		Matthew 12: 1-8
Saturday	July 21	Micah 2:1-5	Psalm 10		Matthew 12: 14-21
Sunday	July 22	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:13-18	Mark 6:30-34

Please refer to the HRIC webpage to learn about **Lectio Divina** as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go directly to <http://www.hricatholic.org/blog/lectio-divina> or go to www.HRICatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, June 30–July 1 \$11,354.00
 Offertory, July 7–8 \$10,401.00
 Monthly, July 7–8 \$ 1,789.00

The second collection this weekend is Mission Co-Op.

The second collection next weekend is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to IC Haiti.**

Missionary Priest

This weekend, we are pleased to welcome Fr. Micahael Ssenfuma who will celebrate all of the masses at Immaculate Conception Parish. This is part of the annual Missionary collection from the Archdiocese of Boston and helps to connect our local parishes with the wider missionary efforts of the Church throughout the world. The 2nd Collection, which will be taken up at all masses, through the use of the yellow “Second Collection” envelope, is for the Missionary Cooperative Society. All checks can be made out to Immaculate Conception Parish with “Missionary Co-op” in the memo line. Thank you for your generous response to those who labor to spread the Gospel around the world.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection \$ 22.00
 Poor Box \$ 143.00
 Total \$ 165.00

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.

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. Visit our website at tcfnewburyport.org.

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 **July 23**.

Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at barbarahopkinson@gmail.com.

Immaculate Conception School

The sense of community that is cultivated at the IC carries on long after graduation. The Class of 2018 enjoys time together on the water.



IC Haiti Financial Report to the Parish

Next weekend (July 23–24) the third of four annual second collections will be taken up for IC Haiti programs in the south-central region of Haiti. The main program is the Father Marc Piché Elementary School for which IC Haiti is the sole financial support. Below is a financial report of our income and costs over the past five years. We want you to trust that we have been good stewards of your generous support. In addition to meeting our projected costs, IC Haiti has managed to keep a surplus of funds on hand to respond to any emergency situation or natural disaster, to support health programs offered through the regional Saint Boniface Hospital, to maintain the upkeep of the school facilities in Puit Chacha, and to be able to fund the school and lunch programs a year in advance. The beginning balance of our bank account on January 1, 2013 was \$40,575, and the ending balance on December 31, 2017 was \$73,805. We are happy to report that support from the parish for IC Haiti remains constant and healthy. Thank you and thank God for this ongoing opportunity to be instruments of His care, kindness and generosity.

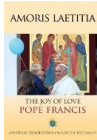
Year	Income (collections, fundraising, gifts, etc.)	Interest Income	Program Costs and Aid to Haiti	Admin. Costs
2013	\$67,100	\$83	\$57,848	\$50
2014	\$86,848	\$128	\$81,660	\$269
2015	\$72,147	\$197	\$67,240	\$440
2016	\$107,098	\$136	\$109,020	\$413
2017	\$82,948	\$237	\$66,369	\$383

This information has been reported annually as required to the IRS and to the Office of the Attorney General of Massachusetts.

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.

A Big Heart: In #197: This larger family should provide love and support to teenage mothers, children without parents, single mothers left to raise children, persons with disabilities needing particular affection and closeness, young people struggling with addiction, the unmarried, separated or widowed who are alone, and the elderly and infirm who lack the support of their children. It should also embrace “even those who have made shipwreck of their lives”. 224 This wider family can help make up for the shortcomings of parents, detect and report possible situations in which children suffer violence and even abuse, and provide wholesome love and family stability in cases when parents prove incapable of this.

IC Summer Religious Ed. Programs

Religious Education is here!!! Next religious education session is July 23–27 on the Creed. 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

Our **Collaborative MS Mission week** for grades 7–8 will be working together this week of July 16–20 from 9:00am–4:00pm. Please pray for our MS Missionaries as we go out to serve those in need at Salvation Army, Newburyport, Little Sisters of the Poor, Somerville, and the First Parish Church Food Panty, Newbury.

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.

Volunteers (teens and adults) are needed to be Parking Lot attendants for IC Parking Lot during Yankee Homecoming on Sunday, July 29 (12:00n–5:00pm), Thursday–Saturday, August 2, 3, 4 (5:30–8:30pm). Please contact: Dr. Mag McKinnon if you can assist us. 978-462-2724 ext. 7405 or mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org.

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.

IC Summer Religious Ed., Week 1

The first Summer Religious Ed session was held at IC the week of June 25–29.

Right: Attending Mass

Below: grades 1-2 Creation Song presentation



Left: Donations loaded up for the Food Pantry

Right: Fr. George and students at Mass

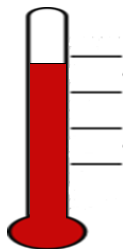


HOLY REDEEMER PARISH



Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,862.00
To Date \$19,935.00



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

We are pleased to share that Holy Redeemer has raised \$19,935.00 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.

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, August 2**.

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.

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 Religious Education

Rel. Ed. Families, you can find our registration form online: hricatholic.org. Click the Faith Formation tab, then Holy Redeemer tab. Please submit forms to the office by **July 15**, Attn: Doreen O'Leary, Holy Redeemer Parish.

Class schedules are still being worked on, but will appear by grade when finished.

Confirmation

Incoming 11th graders who have completed grade 9 and 10 classes: your **Retreat Day** is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 16 at the hall in Merrimac from 11:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (lunch is included). Please bring cash or check in the amount of \$25.00 made out to Holy Redeemer for the robe rental fee. The robes are worn during the Confirmation Mass.

Confirmation Rehearsal is Wednesday, September 26 at St. Ann Church in West Newbury at 7:00 p.m. Please attend with your sponsor, if possible, or a parent.

Confirmation Mass(es) are at St. Ann Church at 1:00 p.m. and a smaller group at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, **September 29, 2018**. Bishop Hennessey will be presiding at both celebrations. If any Candidates, Sponsors, or Parents would like to serve during the Mass, let me know on Retreat Day. Also, in a few weeks, I will email the Bishop's guidelines for the letter that must be completed and turned in on Retreat Day. Attendance for all of the above is mandatory.

Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

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

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.

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