

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17, 2016

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*Mosaic of Martha, Mary, and Jesus from the
Church outside of Lazarus' Tomb in Bethany*

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Lk 10:42

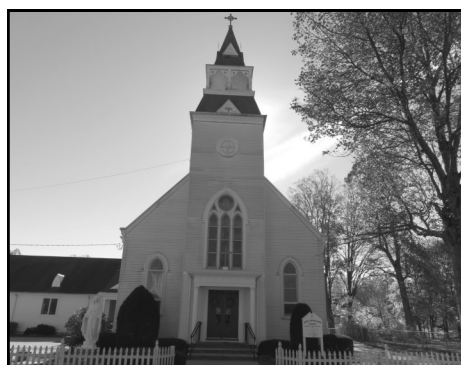
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/16)

4:00pm **IC** Paul K. Wallace, Albert Vincent, David Tierney, Ann Murphy Walsh, Patrick & Florence Murphy (Fr. Broderick)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Drew Christiansen)

Sunday (7/17)

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

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Drew Christiansen)

9:00am **IC** Scott Lais (Fr. Broderick)

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

11:00am **IC** Luke Picillo, the Baikewicz & Bogue Families (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (7/18)

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

Tuesday (7/19)

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

Wednesday (7/20)

7:15am **IC** Frances C. Mosher (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (7/21)

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

Friday (7/22)

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

Saturday (7/23)

4:00pm **IC** William Lindquist, Dr. James Auckley (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (7/24)

7:15am **IC** Charles Cruise, Magda Javor (Fr. Morin)

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

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

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

11:00am **IC** John Barbera (Fr. Broderick)

In your prayers, please remember Thomas D. Reilly and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Year of Mercy

Looking for a way to enliven the year of Mercy in your life? Visit <http://www.livemercy.org/> to view a daily calendar for ideas on how you can encounter mercy every day in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. There, you can sign up for daily Year of Mercy emails or text messages.

Bulletin Information

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

One of the most meaningful moments for me during our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land this past year was to spend some time reflecting and praying in Bethany. As you may be aware, Bethany is a tiny little hamlet on the far side of the Mount of Olives. So, in a sense, it is a very near suburb of Jerusalem, only a short journey of an hour or two from the Holy City by foot. Its name, when translated, makes reference to the "house of the poor or afflicted," a humble locale, indeed. It was the place that Jesus often went to when he was in the vicinity of Jerusalem and the place where a few of his closest friends lived: Martha, her sister, Mary and their brother, Lazarus. They are mentioned more often than some of the Apostles in the Scriptures.

After climbing down into the treacherous depths of Lazarus' Tomb, which is nearby, we had the opportunity to celebrate Mass in the Church of Lazarus that is located next to it. Built in 1954 and designed by architect Antonio Barluzzi, it features one single source of light from an oculus above, both giving the feeling of being in a tomb as well as highlighting a number of the stories from the Gospels which are preserved in mosaic tiles on the walls. Visually, acoustically, and spiritually, it is a magnificent place to celebrate the Eucharist. There is a real richness in the simplicity of the space—it is a place where you can sit and be in the Lord's presence.

It is here, in this place of poverty, that Mary discovered a secret that has been treasured by countless disciples in the centuries that have followed: being in Jesus' presence, listening to His words, spending time in conversation (prayer?!) with Him is a gift that has value in and of itself. And while we are certainly called to be doing much serving in this world (let's make sure we don't forget the Gospel stories from the last few weeks), if we don't make time for being in Christ's presence, all of our other efforts may suffer, or be misguided, or be not as effective as they could otherwise be. Jesus is our source of life. Period. Mary recognized that. Martha, as good a hostess as she was, was still learning. Methinks Jesus probably appreciated Martha's efforts not after too long, however, when it came time for dinner. But the point here is that Mary was on to something.

I can remember a time, early in my seminary formation, when I was frustrated with all of the chapel exercises we were being required to attend: morning prayer, Mass, evening prayer, night prayer, etc... every day. I had never prayed so much in my entire life! After a few months of this

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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 hricatholic.org.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, July 18

IC School Summer Camp, Grades 1–4 9:00am, IC School

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

IC Confirmation (Year 1) Class 5:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Tuesday, July 19

IC School Summer Camp, Grades 1–4 9:00am, IC School

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

IC Confirmation (Year 1) Class 5:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Wednesday, July 20

IC School Summer Camp, Grades 1–4 9:00am, IC School

IC Confirmation (Year 1) Class 5:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

GAP Cookout 6:30pm, IC Youth Room

Rediscover Catholicism 7:00pm, Nativity Church Hall

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

Thursday, July 21

IC School Summer Camp, Grades 1–4 9:00am, IC School

IC Confirmation (Year 1) Class 5:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Friday, July 22

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

IC School Summer Camp, Grades 1–4 9:00am, IC School

AA 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Sunday, July 24

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

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



The Pope App

Download **The Pope App** for Android or iPhone to get the latest news and information from Pope Francis. Check out it's webcams and Twitter feed.

Pope Francis @Pontifex:

“More than a scientific question, the universe is a joyful mystery that speaks of God’s boundless love for us.”

Collaborative Web Site

Visit the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception web site at www.hricatholic.org

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I was convinced that I could skip Mass for a year and still “have enough prayers in the bank” to last me for many more to come. I recall sharing with my spiritual director at the time, a man who had a robust background in social justice and pastoral work, that I wanted to go out and do rather than to sit and pray. I wanted to feed the homeless, work with those in need, visit the sick...you know, do “real” ministry. Enough of all this prayer stuff! His response, wisely, was of course, to go and spend even more time in prayer. He never told me not to do those other things. In time, I would have my fill of them all. But prayer had to come first. If I didn’t make the time to get to know Jesus, I would never be able to be an effective disciple, and would never make a good priest. So, prayer it was.

But I also remember the joy, found in those same days, of when my prayer would come alive, when the words of the Scripture passage I was pondering would be jumping off of the page as they resonated with different movements of my heart and what was going on in my life. Prayer, as I would discover, could be deeply satisfying in ways I never dreamed of. And from that prayer, I would find strength and motivation and energy and courage to go and do the many acts of service that the Gospels enjoin upon us. They are intimately connected and both are essential to living as a disciple of Jesus Christ, but prayer has to be first.

In a recent issue of *America* magazine, John Martens shares this insight when reflecting on Mary’s insistence on sitting at Jesus’ feet: “We are not doing for, we are being with. It is the heart of the one necessary thing: being present to Jesus in order to love others.” Outside of the Church of Lazarus, there is a plaque inscribed in English and German that reads:

Today, as in the past, the Love of Jesus
seeks a refuge, where He is lovingly
expected and where He can rest.
He finds our hearts are filled with distractions
—people, work, our own interests—
He longs for us to empty our hearts
and lovingly receive Him.

May we embrace this gift of His presence today and share it richly with those in the world that surrounds us. If we are good “sitters” we will be better “doers.”

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

Online Bulletin

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

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Let's Revisit *Rediscover Catholicism*

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

Rediscover Catholicism

Second Meeting This Wednesday, July 20

Please come and join 45 members of our collaborative who will be meeting this Wednesday, July 20 at the Nativity Church in Merrimac at 7:00pm. You can still sign up even if you didn't attend the first session.

Father George's beautiful presentation on **Love** last week will be followed by Mary Schmidt's topic, **Know**, for this week's second session. Mary will focus on chapters 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, and 19 of Matthew Kelly's book and will enrich the presentation with other sources she has chosen.

Ice cream sundaes are on the menu this week. If you have not already signed up and plan to come, please call or email Mary Bragg 978-465-8779, csbraggjr@comcast.net.

hriccatholic.org News Feed

Visit hriccatholic.org for the latest Catholic news feeds including catholic.org, the Vatican, the Archdiocese of Boston, The Pilot, and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Just click on the News tab on our homepage.

Centering Prayer

Welcome All Members of Our Collaborative Family

Please join us on Wednesdays from 6:00pm–7:00pm in the IC Parish Center Charity Dining Room to learn more about this simple yet powerful prayer practice.

The daily practice of Centering Prayer, resting silently in God, facilitates the process of inner transformation. Our prayer without words is one of intention to surrender to God's presence and action in our lives and desire for a closer relationship with God. As God moves us closer to him, through our daily discipline of silent prayer, we find our focus turns from self to God and we are blessed with the fruits of Centering Prayer.

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.

Open Travel Night

Monday, July 25, 6:00pm

This invitation is for any and all interested parishioners and any friends of our Collaborative Communities: Nativity, St. Ann, and Immaculate Conception.

Open Travel Night will begin with Mass at 6:00pm in IC St. James Chapel and will be followed by fellowship, light refreshments in St. Louis Hall, and a travel information meeting from 7:00–9:00pm.

Discussion points for the cruise departing October 28, 2016 include:

Animated itinerary review presentation, flights and hotel information, cruise ship information, airport (to and from Logan), C&J Bus transportation option, billing and payment schedule, open Q&A.

We will have a short trip preview of "Pilgrimage to Fatima, 100th Anniversary" which is 12 days and departs on May 10, 2017. Highlights will include Pope Francis celebrating the Mass on the Feast Day of May 13 and stops in Spain.

We will also discuss a Rome and Italy trip possibility for Fall 2017, based on how much interest we have for that destination.

Please call Christine Blanchette if you would like to help with refreshments at the meeting, 978-968-4140 or email her at christine.blanchette@me.com. Contact Paul Blanchette, 978-500-5661 or pblanchette@me.com, with questions.

CAMPS

CAMPS, an acronym for Christ As My Personal Savior, is a weeklong "best week of your life" youth ministry designed with the high school-age youth in mind. Fast moving, community building, relationship forming, a week you will not soon forget. Father George invites all high school-age youth—those entering into and those graduating—to CAMPS from August 1–6. CAMPS is held at Camp Lakeside in Pittsfield, MA. Bus transportation from our area is available on a first come, first served basis. Visit www.campsministry.com for more information or to register.

Youth Ministry GAP Summer Fun



All high schoolers (including recent 8th grade graduates) are welcome to check out GAP (God and Pizza) nights every Wednesday from 6:30–8:30pm in the IC Parish Center Youth Room.

We are planning a special BBQ night for Wednesday, July 20 with outdoor games and prizes.

We have a lively group and they can't wait to meet you.

(Parents are welcome to come in and meet us when you drop off.)

Contact Karen Finnegan with questions, 978-465-4173.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory July 9–10 \$9706.00
Monthly \$1942.00

There is no second collection this weekend. The second collection next weekend is **IC-Haiti**. Please make checks payable to IC-Haiti.

Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our web site, hriccatholic.org and click the Online Giving picture at the bottom of our home page to get to the site. If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant, 978-462-2724 x7404.

Immaculate Conception School

Empowering Students for Success in a Caring Environment

Immaculate Conception School (pre-kindergarten–eighth grade) has a limited number of openings for Fall, 2016.

Please call **Mrs. Kelley Pappalardo**, Admissions Director, today for more information and to schedule a visit.

(978) 465-7780 • www.icsnewburyport.com

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community is pleased to offer a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and 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 if you wish to do that. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

IC Baptisms

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

Kennedy Grace Carter
Drew Matthew Lydon
Lyla Rose McElroy
Charlotte Elizabeth Weir

The Compassionate Friends



Our normal July support meeting will be held as usual on the 4th Monday, **July 25 at 7:30pm** in room 209 of the IC Parish Center. For more information, please contact Barbara Hopkinson at barhop@comcast.net or 978-697-1349.

TCF of Greater Newburyport is a non-profit organization, donations (to PO Box 872, Newburyport, MA 01950) are tax deductible. National website:

www.compassionatefriends.org

IC-Haiti

School Starts in Haiti Soon

Next week, IC-Haiti will hold its final second collection before sending funding to Haiti for the 2016/2017 school year, and we need your help. This has been a hard year in Haiti, and IC Haiti has stepped out in faith in order to provide what assistance we could in addition to the school budget. The drought, the Zika emergency, and finally flooding have all hit our school community this year, draining the public health resources of the local hospital organization. Our community has provided emergency funding to help with the Zika response and limit its effects—but now the school year is quickly approaching, and we will need to send funding to cover the school's operational costs and feeding program. We need your help to ensure that we can fully support the school community, and that the families who rely upon us will not have to bear the costs of food or tuition in what has already been a terrible year. Please give generously on July 23 and 24 to support our school—remember, we are the school's sole support, and the families of Puit Chacha rely upon us.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$ 124.00
Collection	\$ 23.00
Total	\$ 147.00

Moments of Mercy

From: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org)

What does mercy look like through the eyes of another person? We know how we would like people to act with mercy toward us, but what is mercy to a family member, our coworker, or the person we walk by every day? For each of us, there are particular things that are meaningful to us and speak to our need for mercy. In spite of these differences, we are still able to minister to one another, because the love of God surpasses our differences and draws us all into the one Body of Christ. In order to show others the love of God through acts of mercy and compassion, we need to be attentive to their needs and the way in which God is working in their lives.

1. Volunteer some of your time this month at a place where you will meet a variety of people—for instance, a local community center, a food bank, or a homeless shelter. Though everyone might have different needs, all are searching for the love and mercy of God. Reflect on the way your need for God's love is similar to their need for God's love.

2. Spend some time talking with a younger or older relative or friend. Sometimes we ignore those whose perspective on life is different or far removed from ours (being much younger or much older than us). Listen to what is important to them, recognizing God's love acting in their life and the way in which you can best act with mercy and compassion toward them.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on July 24

Note Change in Schedule

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will **not** meet on its regularly scheduled third Sunday in July, but will meet on the fourth Sunday, July 24, 2016, in the IC Parish Center at 2:00pm. We will conclude reading and discussing the first section of *The Book of Isaiah*: The Book of Judgment, Chapters 36 through 39 and begin the second section, The Book of Consolation, which is sometimes called the Deutero-Isaiah, Chapters 40 through 42. The second section is generally attributed to an anonymous poet who prophesied toward the end of the Babylonian exile and contains the great messianic oracles known as the Suffering Servant songs. This would be an ideal time for interested collaborative members to join the group as we begin study on a different period in Israel's history.

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.

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.

Altar Server Training Sessions

Youth in grades 4–12 are invited to attend the fall training sessions. We will offer 3 training sessions. Please select the dates that best work with your schedule.

- **Training Session 1** 3:30–4:30pm in the IC Church: Monday, September 19, Tuesday, September 20, or Thursday September 22.
- **Training Session 2** 3:30–4:30pm in the IC Church: Monday, September 26, Tuesday September 27, or Thursday, September 29.
- **Training Session 3** with Fr. Tim 3:30–4:30pm in the IC Church: Tuesday, October 4.

Please sign up with the IC Religious Education Office: Dr. Mag, mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org or 978-462-2724 ext. 7405.

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

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

In #29—*The Tenderness of An Embrace*: With a gaze of faith and love, grace and fidelity, we have contemplated the relationship between human families and the divine Trinity. The word of God tells us that the family is entrusted to a man, a woman and their children, so that they may become a communion of persons in the image of the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Begetting and raising children, for its part, mirrors God's creative work. The family is called to join in daily prayer, to read the word of God and to share in Eucharistic communion, and thus to grow in love and become ever more fully a temple in which the Spirit dwells.



Religious Education Classes

Registration for the Summer Religious Education is still ongoing for July 25–29 from 9am–3pm for Grades 1–8. Website has registration information. Volunteers are needed to support this program.

Baptism

August 14	Class for parents	1:00pm
July 17	Group Baptism	1:00pm

Confirmation

Summer Confirmation has begun. Please keep our candidates in prayer.

Pope Francis: Year of Mercy

Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. The Church 'has an endless desire to show mercy.'

Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy. The temptation, on the one hand, to focus exclusively on justice made us forget that this is only the first, albeit necessary and indispensable step. But the Church needs to go beyond and strive for a higher and more important goal. On the other hand, sad to say, we must admit that the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture. In some cases the word seems to have dropped out of use. However, without a witness to mercy, life becomes fruitless and sterile, as if sequestered in a barren desert. The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.

(*Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others*, Dynamic Catholic, p. 14)



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory July 3–4	\$3,125.00
Monthly, July 3–4	\$1,493.00
Offertory July 10–11	\$3,212.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$2,165.00
Roofing Expenses	\$ 319.00

Holy Redeemer Baptism

We rejoice with the families of our new sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in June:

Bailey Rose Socop

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

Save the Date—Saturday, November 19, 2016

Would you like to help get this year's Fair started? We are always looking for new ideas and *new faces*. Call Cindy Quinn with any questions. 978-346-0072 or email, cynwinnquinn@aol.com.



HR St. Vincent de Paul



The Conference has recently spent \$150 to replace three automobile tires for a client. She needs her car to commute to work and three of her tires were bald and unsafe. The Conference also provided a \$50 Market Basket gift card and a \$40 gasoline card to a client on total disability.

SVdP will contribute to the cost of a teenager going to **C.A.M.P.S.** this year. Those families with high school children who are interested in C.A.M.P.S. should call the SVdP access number 978-346-8604, option 8, and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

HR Prayer Shawl

Do you know of any woman, man, or child who needs comfort and could use a Blessed Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket? Please call Helen Kelley 978-771-4673, Connie Cormier 978-363-2020, or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099 for a shawl or more information.



Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, August 4.**

HR Religious Education

Teachers/Adult Helpers Needed

Grade 3 Teacher for our Sunday morning classes following the 8:00am Mass. If you are interested, please contact Doreen at reledhrp@verizon.net.

Note: anyone 18 years of age and older must complete a CORI form and attend **one** Virtus training course in order to serve our youngsters. Keeping our children safe in all parish activities is most important.

Religious Ed. News

As class/work at home schedules are finalized they will be posted on our website: hriccatholic.org.

Confirmation

Confirmation Candidates need to compose the letter to Bishop Hennessey as **soon as possible** and send it by mail to me at 4 Green St., Merrimac, MA 01860, or email it as an attachment to: reledhrp@verizon.net. If you need the "how to write the letter" form, email Mrs. O'Leary and I'll email it to you or it is available for download on our web site under "Sacraments/Confirmation, Holy Redeemer Parish."

Also, service sheets are due from all of our Confirmation Students (Grades 9 and 10). You can drop them off at the white "mailbox" by the double doors in Merrimac.

Check out the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception Collaborative web site: hriccatholic.org. Click on the *Faith Formation* tab, and you can download the 2016–2017 Registration Form for Religious Education.

Registrations are due by early summer.

Vacation Bible School at Holy Redeemer

August 15–19

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Nativity Church in Merrimac from August 15–19. The theme this year is *Cave Quest*. The hours are 9:00–12:00. Kids aged 5–11 can sign up to participate. The cost is \$40 per child. Teens 12 and older can volunteer and will receive 20 hrs. of community service. There is no charge for volunteers. Adults are also needed. If you have any questions contact Jen Acorn 978-697-1082. To sign up online go to www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/Nativity2016.

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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Pelican Intervention Fund

Join the Pelican Intervention Fund at Upcoming Events

The Pelican Intervention Fund invites you to support our mission to provide funding for residential Twelve Step-based programs for economically challenged men and women struggling with heroin and other addictive substances and living within the Greater Newburyport Area.

Plan to share a meal at Not Your Average Joe's in Newburyport where we will receive 15% of the cost of your meal on Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 when you mention The Pelican Intervention Fund or bring the flyer found on our Face Book page. Both of these opportunities demonstrate the community's generosity and support of our mission and we are most grateful. We have more events planned for the months ahead and hope to be active at Yankee Homecoming.

Learn more about The Pelican Intervention Fund at:

www.facebook.com/PelicanInterventionFund or at:

Essex County Community Foundation at www.eccf.org.

For question or information please contact:

Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or

Kim Keene, 978-430-1408.

Preparing for Mass

Are you looking for a helpful way to prepare for Sunday Mass? Follow the link below to find the weekend's Scripture Readings, historical and theological commentaries, and prayerful reflections. It is a great way to get ready to hear and respond to God's Word. <http://liturgy.slu.edu>

Scripture for the Week

17 Sun	Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
18 Mon	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42
19 Tue	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50
20 Wed	Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9
21 Thu	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17
22 Fri	Jer 3:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
23 Sat	Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30
24 Sun	Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

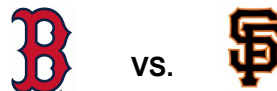


So many times we are like Martha, "anxious and worried about many things", we forget the most important thing—Jesus. Learn how to make Jesus a part of your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on September 17–18 and October 21–23. For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME, visit our webpage at www.wwme.org, or at <https://www.facebook.com/Wwmemma>

Join us for the Annual Catholic Night at Fenway Park

Tuesday July 19 7:10 p.m.

Red Sox vs. Giants



Spend a beautiful summer evening rooting for the Red Sox while celebrating our Catholic faith.

Enjoy a memorable pre-game ceremony honoring Cardinal Sean O'Malley and hear the Saint Paul's Choir School perform the national anthem.

To order tickets go to: www.redsox.com/catholicnight

Questions of the Week

Adult: When this past week did you take the time to pray, to talk to and listen to God?

Child: Where do you talk to God and how do you listen to what God says to you?

Daily Masses in the Area

Monday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley
9:00am St. Ann, West Newbury
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury

Tuesday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley
9:00am Holy Family, Amesbury

Wednesday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury

Thursday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
9:00am Holy Family, Amesbury

Friday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
9:00am Nativity, Merrimac
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury
9:00am St. Mary's, Georgetown

Saturday

8:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
9:00am St. Mary's, Georgetown

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