

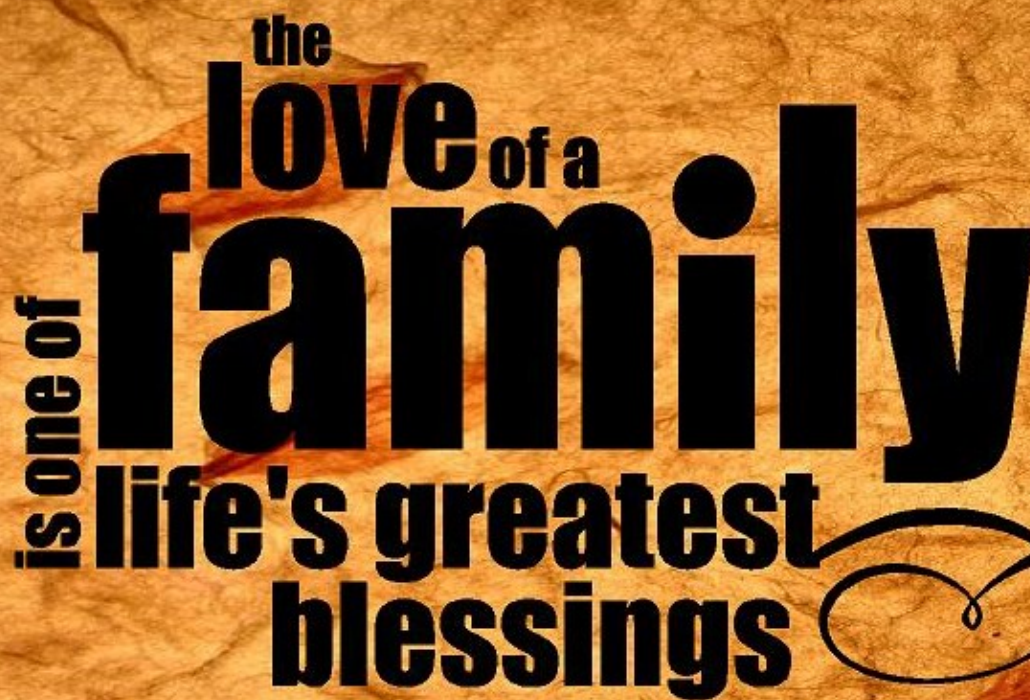
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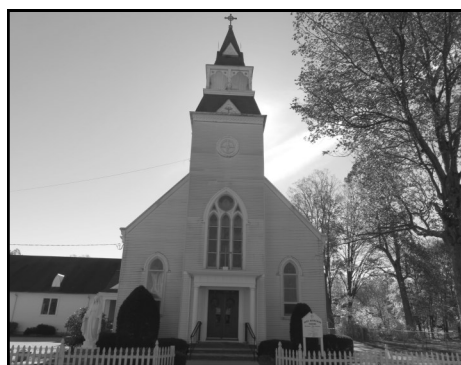
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/23)

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

4:00pm **St. Ann** *Thomas Ritter* (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)

Monday (7/25)

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

Tuesday (7/26)

7:15am **IC** *For the living children of George
Cooper: Mary, James, John, and Michael*
(Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (7/27)

7:15am **IC** *Virginia Donahue Tobin* (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (7/28)

7:15am **IC** *Ruth A. Braley* (Fr. Morin)

Friday (7/29)

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

10:30am **IC** *Rel. Ed.* (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (7/30)

4:00pm **IC** *John K. Herlihy, Daniel P. Bradley*
(Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **St. Ann** *Erwin W. Batchelder*
(Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (7/31)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Bernice Pacquette* (Fr. Harrison)

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

11:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Doris Cox, Mary Leary, Virginia Tobin, Frank Ventura, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Collaborative Website

Visit the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception website at
www.hriccatholic.org

Bulletin Information

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

At a recent funeral, in the eulogy, a family member spoke of a small but significant detail about his relationship to the deceased: that he felt comfortable just dropping on by, unannounced, to his aunt's house. His wife, he shared, was mortified at the idea of not calling first. But his response was that they were family, and that this was OK to do, even expected. And, as it turned out, when they did drop on by, not only were they welcomed but they were fed a meal.

A popular restaurant chain loves to tout the phrase, "When you're here, you're family!" There is a vast difference between being a guest, and having that sense of belonging that comes from being part of the family. Growing up, I was blessed to have a similar experience among many of my relatives' homes that we visited. Although we knocked or called up the stairs, we usually just walked right in and made ourselves at home. It was a great comfort to know that our extended family welcomed us, often fed us, and would do whatever they could to help us if we were ever in need.

It is in this same vein that this weekend's Scriptures need to be heard and read. Abraham, in the first reading from Genesis, speaks to the Lord in a very familiar and intimate way, interceding for any innocent people in Sodom. He seems so bold in challenging and questioning God. And yet, if we use the lens of family, we might find ourselves engaged in just such an interchange with people we are close to, if we had questions or concerns about what they were doing. In this back and forth, Abraham learned so much about the Lord—His patience! His mercy! How much He values even a few righteous people. How gentle the Lord is in His response to Abraham—not indignant that he was presuming to question the Lord, but God provided a direct and simple answer each step of the way.

In the Gospel, the disciple's question to Jesus can be read in a similar light. They want Jesus to teach them to pray to God, who Jesus always referred to as His Father, in the same familiar and intimate way that the Lord was accustomed to doing. They wanted to be able to be close to God in their prayer so that they might enjoy the benefits of "being family." After all, we listen to our family members when they call, when they "just drop on by" or when they need something. Often, we will do anything in our power to help them, just because they are family. Imagine how awesome it would be if we had that same kind of connection with God, who could and would do anything for us?! And yet that is precisely the relationship that we are in fact invited into in Christ.

Our prayer must recognize God's sovereignty over everything, we must honestly present our true needs before the Lord (who already knows them,) and we must always be ready to imitate the love and forgiveness that we first



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, July 25

IC Summer Religious Ed. Classes 9:00am, IC Parish Center
Pilgrimage Mass 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel
Travel Meeting 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC High School Reunion Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room
AA 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205
Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, July 26

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

Wednesday, July 27

IC Summer Religious Ed. Classes 9:00am, IC Parish Center
Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel
Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room
GAP 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 28

IC Summer Religious Ed. Classes 9:00am, IC Parish Center
Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

Friday, July 29

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
IC Summer Religious Ed. Classes 9:00am, IC Parish Center
AA 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Saturday, July 30

Mini Cursillo 3:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Sunday, July 31

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

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receive from our God. This requires the kind of trust that only family can offer or provide. Do we dare see ourselves in this close, intimate relationship with our God? Do we speak to the Lord in prayer in familiar ways, sharing the deep movements of our hearts; our hopes and dreams? Do we use our closeness to the Lord to intercede boldly on behalf of others?

Although our prayers are not always answered the way that we might envision them, they are answered with the tenderness of a doting parent who loves us beyond measure and truly only wants us to experience goodness and joy. This ought to give us great confidence in whatever struggle we might find ourselves involved with. It must also give us hope, that no matter how things seem to be going at a particular moment in time, that in the end, all will be well. God Himself will see to it!

These days, we have much to pray for and about. Terror is striking at so many innocent people all across the globe. Violence is plaguing our city streets. Disease and climate change threaten vast numbers of the vulnerable. Our political systems are a convoluted mess. Refugees are legion, the poor, as Jesus once warned us, are always here and in need. Even those who selflessly dedicate their lives to protect and serve us are found to be vulnerable and under attack. If now isn't a good time to pray, when might we think it would be? Jesus' words in the Gospel bring comfort as He reminds us, "If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

We need to pray in confidence to God our Father in the words and in the spirit that Jesus has taught us. And when we do, let us do so with integrity and the forthrightness of the cherished place we have as members of God's family.

May God bless us with peace in the days ahead.

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor



365 Days to Mercy App

Grow in your spiritual journey during this Jubilee Year of Mercy with the 365 Days to Mercy app. Download it free in the iTunes and Google Play stores. The app features Scripture reflections, resources, news, prayers, OSV book reviews, and more to inspire all.

Offertory Envelopes

Did you know that you can attend Mass at any worship site in our Collaborative and use your usual offertory envelopes? Just drop your envelope in the collection and we will make sure it gets delivered to your home Parish.

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<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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 at 6:30, 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.

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.

Youth Ministry GAP



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.

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

Rediscover Catholicism

Third Meeting This Wednesday, July 27

Please come and join 61 members of our collaborative who have signed up for the three week program at Nativity Church Hall, 4 Green Street, Merrimac at 7:00pm. Following up on our first two sessions on **Loving** and **Knowing**, the third session will delve into **Service**, the actions that must flow from knowing and loving our God. We will discuss what Matthew Kelly said about Service and look at what it means to be a Servant Church. Jim Williamson will focus on chapters 3, 9, 14, 16, and 20 of Kelly’s book, *Rediscover Catholicism*. Dessert will be served so save room.

You are welcome to come even if you haven’t been to the first two sessions. If you have not already signed up and you plan to attend, please call or email:

Mary Bragg 978-465-8779 csbraggjr@comcast.net

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

STEUBENVILLE EAST

This past weekend, a number of young people from our Collaborative attended the Steubenville East Youth Ministry Conference in Lowell. Here is a short reflection on one student’s experience:

This past weekend, my brother and I with fifteen other teens joined over 3,000 at the Steubenville East Conference at UMass Lowell. This was my fourth year attending the conference, geared towards teens, but open to all that are interested in deepening their relationship with Christ. The weekend was action-packed with Mass, adoration, confession, dynamic speakers, inspiring music, intimate group discussions, deep prayer, and good food. The theme for the weekend was “Thirst”—Christ’s thirst for us, and our thirst for Him. It was energizing to be with so many others who shared my faith and love for God. I look forward to attending next year and strongly encourage others to come to experience the love of Christ and fellowship with thousands who share the same beliefs.

~Joshua Molvar

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory July 16–17 \$10599.00

The second collection this weekend is IC-Haiti. **Please make checks payable to IC Haiti.** The second collection next weekend is Electrical Cooling Costs.

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 Web site, hricatholic.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 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.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$ 145.00
Collection	\$ 61.50
Total	\$ 206.50

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.

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

IC-Haiti

The next collection for IC-Haiti will take place **this weekend**, July 23–24. This follows closely the last collection which took place in early May. Still it is one of the four vital collections we take up each year to meet the needs of the people we are responding to in Haiti. As a parish, we have intentionally chosen to share our resources annually to fund and maintain the Fr. Marc Piché Immaculate Conception elementary school and to provide a lunch program for the students in Puit Chacha. We have also assisted the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation with its various community health programs at the nearby hospital center in Fondes Blanc. Pope Francis has asked Catholics around the world to take up the call to be “missionary disciples” or, in the words of Jesus in the Gospel of St. Luke, to be “Good Samaritans” to those in need. Immaculate Conception Parish in Newburyport has responded consistently and generously to this call since the inception of IC-Haiti. Let us continue to do so in a spirit of joy and thanksgiving.

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.

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

Communion Calls

If you or a loved one is homebound, in the hospital, or have transitioned to a rehab/nursing facility and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact Sandy @ 978-462-4842 to arrange a home visit.

IC Church Summer Hours

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

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, in the Parish Center at 2:00pm. We will begin reading the second section of *The Book of Isaiah*, The Book of Consolation, which is sometimes called the Deutero-Isaiah, Chapters 40 through 44. This 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.

Questions of the Week

Adult: In what ways do you generously provide for the needs of others who have little or nothing?

Child: How do you share what you have with others? Keep track every day this week what you did to share.

Catholic TV

Visit www.catholic.tv for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

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.

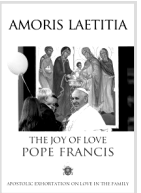
- **Training Session 1** 3:30–4:30pm in the IC Church: Monday, September 19, Tuesday, September 20, or Thursday September 22.
- **Training Session 2** 3:30–4:30pm in the IC Church: Monday, September 26, Tuesday September 27, or Thursday, September 29.
- **Training Session 3** with Fr. Tim 3:30–4:30pm 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 #30—*The Tenderness of An Embrace*: Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met Herod's implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless. Like the Magi, our families are invited to contemplate the Child and his Mother, to bow down and worship him (cf. Mt 2: 11). Like Mary, they are asked to face their family's challenges with courage and serenity, in good times and bad, and to keep in their heart the great things which God has done (cf. Lk 2: 19, 51). The treasury of Mary's heart also contains the experiences of every family, which she cherishes. For this reason, she can help us understand the meaning of these experiences and to hear the message God wishes to communicate through the life of our families.

Religious Education Classes

Summer Religious Education for July 25–29 from 9:00am–3:00pm for Grades 1–8 is now closed. Volunteers: substitute catechists for Monday and setup/clean up crew for Friday are needed to support this program.

Baptism

August 14	Class for parents	1:00pm
August 21	Group Baptism	1:00pm

Confirmation

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

Pope Francis: Year of Mercy

The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person. The Spouse of Christ must pattern her behavior after the Son of God who went out to everyone without exception. In the present day, as the Church is charged with the task of the new evangelization, the theme of mercy needs to be proposed again and again with new enthusiasm and renewed pastoral action. It is absolutely essential for the Church and for the credibility of her message that she herself live and testify to mercy. Her languages and gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the Father.

(*Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others*, Dynamic Catholic, pp. 14-15)



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory July 16–17 \$3,183.00
Roofing Expenses as of 7-17 \$ 319.00

HR Sandwich Program

The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers soup/salad and sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The sandwiches go to the Good Shepherd Center on Park Street in Lawrence. 200 sandwiches are needed each day to feed the hungry. We are always in need of more sandwich donations. To help, please make sandwiches by using 1 loaf of bread and sandwich meat (**No condiments added**), individually wrap the sandwiches and place them back into the bread bag. Deliver the bread bag to St. Ann's Church, West Newbury, by **9:00am on Wednesday, July 27**. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions or delivery date schedule.

Chicken BBQ

Boy Scout Troop 41 of Merrimac is having their annual Chicken BBQ on **Saturday, August 13** from 5:00–7:00pm at the Merrimac Fire Station.

Tickets are available at the Towne Market. Cost is \$10 for a dinner consisting of BBQ chicken, baked beans, corn on the cob, dinner roll, watermelon, and a drink.

Enjoy an evening out and meet the Scouts as they serve dinner to the community. This is always a sell-out event as tickets are limited. Get your tickets early.

HR St. Vincent de Paul



The Conference recently paid \$460.00 toward a family's rent. The mother is on total disability and had gotten behind in her payments.

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: hricatholic.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: hricatholic.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.

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 or if you would like to help:

978-346-0072 or cynwinnquinn@aol.com.



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Irish Sunset Cruise



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Cost of admission: \$30.00 with cash bar

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Tickets: call or email

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Theology on Tap

Join Fr. Tom MacDonald at Casa Blanca Mexican Restaurant, 2 Essex Street, Haverhill on Wednesday, August 3 at 7:00pm for Theology on Tap. The evening's discussion will be "An Offering to God: Why the Mass is a Sacrifice." Cost is \$10.00 and includes a fajita buffet. Contact Isabela Peixoto (978) 476-1004 with questions or for more information.

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

24 Sun Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
 25 Mon 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
 26 Tue Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
 27 Wed Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
 28 Thu Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
 29 Fri Jer 26:1-9/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 30 Sat Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
 31 Sun Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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

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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.



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