HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30, 2017

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"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Mt. 13:44)

All Are Welcome

OUR COLLABORATIVE

Holy Redeemer Parish



St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985 Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

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Nativity

Parish offices and church: 4 Green St., Merrimac 01860 Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception Parish



Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices: 42 Green St., Newburyport 01950

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St. Mary's Cemetery

36 Storey Avenue, Newburyport 01950

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/29)

4:00pm **IC** Henry Szymura, Daniel E. Toomey, Harold & Margaret Plouff Cooper, Henry F. Elario Claire Mackey (Fr. Broderick)

4:00pm St. Ann (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (7/30)

7:15am IC Henry DiBurro (Fr. Richard)

8:00am Nativity (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** *Michael McDonald, Sandy Lambert* (Fr. Morin)

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

11:00am IC (Fr. Broderick)

Monday (7/31)

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

Tuesday (8/1)

7:15am **IC** Regina M. Stronge, Raymond Haley (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (8/2)

7:15am IC (Fr. Richard)

Thursday (8/3)

7:15am IC (Fr. Richard)

Friday (8/4)

9:00am Nativity (Fr. Harrison)

1:30pm Avita (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (8/5)

2:00pm Atria (Fr. Broderick)

4:00pm IC Marie Flore Dubuc, Sandy Lambert, Dorothy Porter Burton, Connie Bucci, Eleanor & Angelo Messina, Ted LoPreste (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm Nativity (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (8/6)

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

8:00am Nativity (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am IC Sandy Lambert (Fr. Broderick)

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

11:00am IC Theresa Ferrara (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



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Catholic TV

Visit <u>www.catholictv.com</u> for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I've never had the experience of finding buried treasure, but over the years, I have come across a few gems that others have overlooked. One was an "art deco" style poster



that commemorated an event long ago, that was rolled up and hiding in the corner of a gift shop. When I took a peek at it out of curiosity, I was rewarded with a magnificent, colorful find that I immediately bought and had carefully framed. It is the centerpiece of my living room today!

This weekend's Gospel gives us multiple images of what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. All are analogies that give us just a hint of what it means to be part of something much greater than ourselves. Finding something of great value does make the heart quicken and life gets very exciting in the moments that follow. We might even find ourselves going to great lengths to acquire our newly-found treasure, whatever it may be. When it comes to the Kingdom of Heaven, it is worth letting go of everything else to be part of this experience. Whether we view eternal life as a large case of treasure or a single, radiant pearl, it will be worth whatever sacrifice we need to make to possess it.

In the First Reading, Solomon is offered anything he wants from the Lord. Rather than wish for gold or riches, he asks for wisdom, knowing that this gift will connect him in a most intimate way to the God of all nations. Wisdom will guide his heart towards the created goodness that will be celebrated in eternal life.

In the final image of Heaven found in the Gospel, when the net is cast into the sea, it gathers everyone together—the good and the bad. But only the good will be collected to be part of the Kingdom. the bad will be cast away. Wisdom will guide our hearts to embody the goodness that God demands of those worthy of eternal life.

May we go and seek this treasure in the fields we travel these coming days.

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Join Fr. Tim on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi on



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

To reserve your space or for more information,

visit www.pilgrimages.com/FatherTim_RomeAssisi2017 or call 206 Tours at 800-206-8687, and ask for Amanda or Bika.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit <u>hriccatholic.org</u> and click on the calendar for details on all Collaborative activities.

Monday, July 31

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

Tuesday, August 1

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory

Wednesday, August 2

Holy Quilters 2:30pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Fatima Reunion Potluck 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, August 3

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

Friday, August 4

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Ask a Priest 6:00pm, Inn Street, Newburyport

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

Saturday, August 5

Holy Quilters 4:00am, Nativity Hall

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, August 6

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

Steubenville East



Nathan, Gabe, Amanda, Courtney at Steubenville East Conference (Tsongas Center, UMass Lowell)



Thousands of students from all over New England gathered at UMass Lowell on July 14 through 16 for the Steubenville East Conference, a weekend of powerful worship, relevant messages, engaging small groups, and a ton of food and fun.

"Ask a Priest"



Our July 21 Lay Team with Fr. George, Fr. Broderick, Fr. John MacInnis, and—of course—Pope Francis!

Many conversations and cheery greetings brought families, youth, and non-Newburyporters into photos with Pope Francis—our cardboard "mascot."

You can join the Lay Team and also invite friends or family members; stay as long as is comfortable and take away the power of smiles, prayer, and cell phone photos that turn a pedestrian street into Church-without-walls! Thanks to those who promised prayer support; you are a vital part of the Team!

Ask a Priest will be on Inn Street every Friday evening this summer until Sept. 1. Please stop by to visit between 6:00–8:30.

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

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
- 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

nttp://www.campsministry.com/application.ntmi

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

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Centering Prayer

Welcome All Members of Our Collaborative Family

Please join us on Wednesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the IC Nazareth Library to learn more about this simple yet powerful prayer practice.

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

Please consider joining us as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of this prayer in our own spiritual journey. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or visit our website at http://www.hriccatholic.org/Get-Involved.

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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What do the images in the parable tell you about the kingdom?

Child: In the Gospel, Jesus uses three stories to tell us about the kingdom. Which one do you like the best? Why?

Feed My Sheep

Cor Unum Meal Center, located in South Lawrence at St. Patrick Church, is in need of volunteers to serve meals to the poor. Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer Parishes wish to establish a ministry serving meals to the poor at Cor Unum Meal Center. The Center serves breakfast from 6:00am to 8:00am and dinner from 4:30pm to 6:30pm every day of the year. Volunteers are needed to serve one of these meals once a month, either breakfast or dinner. If you can give a few hours of your time serving a meal, please contact Larry Lambert at (978) 462-4842 for further information.

Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on August 13 Note change in August Schedule

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will *not* meet on its regular first and third Sunday of the month, but will meet on August 13 and August 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205. Interested members of the Collaborative are invited to join



the study group as we read and discuss *The Acts of the Apostles*, Chapters 11 through 14. In this second book, written between 80 and 90 A.D., Luke continues the story of Christianity in the first century. These chapters describe the expansion of the Church to include Gentiles and communities beyond Jerusalem.

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.

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.

Walk with The Pelican Intervention Fund at the Yankee Homecoming Parade



The Pelican Intervention Fund invites all members of our Parish Collaborative to walk with us in the Yankee Homecoming parade on August 6. Be part of our communities' response to the disease of addiction.

Please help us support the journey from addiction to recovery and share our message of hope; recovery from the disease of addiction is possible.

We appreciate all your past support and hope you, your children, and friends will join us in the parade.

For more information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483 or Kim Keene 978 430-1408.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory, July 22–23 \$9,931.00 IC-Haiti \$5,733.00

The second collection this weekend is Electric Cooling Costs. The second collection next weekend is Catholic Relief Services.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

 Collection
 \$ 20.00

 Poor Box
 \$148.00

 Total
 \$168.00

IC 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. (At this time, Online Giving is available for only IC members.) Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "Online Giving" 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.

Adoration

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

Offertory Envelopes

You can attend Mass at any worship site in our Collaborative and use your usual offertory envelope. Drop it in the collection and we make sure it is delivered to your home Parish.



The Holy Jammers is an impromptu group of musicians that meet on Wednesdays in the IC Pastoral Center, second floor, at 9:00am. Anyone is welcome. Bring your instrument.

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause.

Our monthly support meetings are held in Room 209 of the IC Parish Center at 7:30 to 9:00pm on the fourth Mondays. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. **Our next meeting is August 28.**

A Butterfly's Journey To A New Normal (ABJ) is a separate non-profit to help a broader set of grievers. Barbara is the founder and a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist. ABJ offers group or 1-on-1 Grief Recovery Method classes as well as a free online Resource Center and more. http://abutterflysjourney.org.

Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at 617-410-6309 or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

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.

Offertory Renewal Program

Thank you to all those participating in our recent Increased Offertory Renewal Appeal. The results are extremely positive with many families participating by returning a Commitment Card. It is not too late to participate. There are additional materials in the church. Please return your "Commitment Card" as soon as possible by mail or place it in the collection at Mass next weekend. Your participation in this effort helps our parish meet our growing financial obligations. Please consider a new giving level that is best suited to your circumstances. This will allow our parish to plan accurately for the future.

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

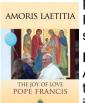
RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or youth that have not received the sacraments in the traditional years. Have you been considering it? Please contact Marin Fortune, 978-462-2724 or fortune@newburyportcatholic.org if you would like to learn more about this program.

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 irritable or resentful. In #108: All this assumes that we ourselves have had the experience of being forgiven by God, justified by his grace and not by our own merits. We have known a love that is prior to

any of our own efforts, a love that constantly opens doors. promotes and encourages. If we accept that God's love is unconditional, that the Father's love cannot be bought or sold, then we will become capable of showing boundless love and forgiving others even if they have wronged us. Otherwise, our family life will no longer be a place of under-standing, support, and encouragement, but rather one of constant tension and mutual criticism.

Summer Religious Education Classes

Thank you to all our volunteers and participants in our Summer Religious Education. May you continue to discover the depth of God's love for you found in our Sacred Scriptures.

Baptism

Baptism info: http://www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism

Aug. 13 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm Aug. 20 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

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

 $http://\underline{www.hriccatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish}\\$

First Eucharist

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

Youth Mass—September 24, 2017

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

Landings

Welcoming Returning and Inactive Catholics



Landings invites inactive Landings International Catholics to return to a more active practice of their faith. Watch the

bulletin for more information about this program coming to the collaborative, or visit landingsintl.org.

Archdiocese Web Site

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

Immaculate Conception School

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration



ICS Newburyport is still accepting applications for Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten for the 2017–18 school year. Our outstanding program is designed to

develop academic I and social skills.

confidence, and a love of learning. Please call or email Mrs. Joan Sullivan to learn more about the benefits of a faith-based, ICS education. 978-465-7780.





Pre-K students at Field Day 2017

Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, obtaining exclusive access to

top-rated insurance protections for you or your family, or just connecting with other Catholic men, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at (978) 572-0231, membership@kofc231.org.

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on Tuesday, August 8 at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

Online Bulletin

Visit our Collaborative Web site, www.hriccatholic.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, sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox.

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.

Parish Membership

Welcome all newcomers to our Collaborative! Parish registration forms are available online at hriccatholic.org.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory, July 22-23 \$3,339.00

The second collection next weekend is Catholic Relief Services.

"With One Voice" Capital Campaign

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

Thank you to all parishioners who attended a campaign reception. Your early support is greatly appreciated. Many have already pledged!

Watch for a special mailing: All registered households have been mailed a campaign brochure. The brochure contains information about the work to be completed, some FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) and a pledge envelope. If you did not receive one, there are additional brochures and pledge envelopes available at the entrance to the church.

Please return your pledge on or before August 15, the Feast of the Assumption.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our SVdP Conference recently helped to provide a homeless family with two nights' lodging at a motel. The family will be moving into an apartment soon, but had been living in a car because they could not afford a motel and had no other place to stay.

We have had many calls for assistance over the last few months. Please think about a small donation, perhaps the price of a cup of coffee. These donations add up and will allow us to continue to serve our local clients requesting assistance.

Thank you for your help and for thinking of others.

If you are writing a check for us, please write the check to HR Saint Vincent de Paul to help expedite our banking.

Wine Tasting Social



Join us for the HR Wine Tasting Social on Saturday, September 30 from 6:30pm–9:30pm in the Nativity Hall. Tickets are \$20 per person You must be 21 or older to attend. The Social is in partnership with Newbury Food Mart.

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.

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

Religious Ed. Registration forms are online.

All families are reminded to register their child(ren) now for the Religious Education program. Forms are available online at the collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please include your Confirmation Candidate (if applicable) on the family form. Parents: If your student worked at home last year, please submit their book(s) for review. You may drop off the book at the white "mailbox" by the hall doors at Nativity, Merrimac. Thanks!

Contact info: Office of Religious Education

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

Boy Scout Chicken Bar-B-Q



Troop 41 will be holding its annual Chicken Bar-B-Q fundraiser on August 12 at the Merrimac Fire Department. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 each and can be purchased from any of the

scouts of Troop 41. Scouts will be available after some Masses. Thank you for your support.

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **Nativity** in Merrimac on **August 5**.

IC Online Giving

Please note that Online Giving via our website is available to only Immaculate Conception parishioners at this time.

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, August 3 at 1:00 p.m.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Local Young Adult Event

1st Annual Beach Day with JESUS aCROSS the Border

Join us Friday, August 18, 2017 at Star of the Sea Beach Chapel, Salisbury, from 8:00am—midnight. All adults, age 18–35 are invited.

JESUS aCROSS the Border, the umbrella organization uniting over 17 different young adult Catholic groups, hosts this entire day at the beach. The church is providing free parking, access to the beach, and facilities starting at 8:00am.

Our usual evening event begins at 7:30pm with Eucharist Adoration, and Praise & Worship lead by Soulfest musician, Kyle Erickson and Angelique Bolduc of LIFT Ministries. Fr. Chris Wallace joins us again as the main Mass celebrant at 9:00pm and following Mass we will have a beach pizza social.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the over 17 Catholic young adult groups to network with one another.

Please email Billy Beauchesne with any questions at <u>JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com</u> or visit our Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com/JESUSaCROSStheBorder for more information.

LIFT Ministries

Join LIFT Ministries as they celebrate 11 years of ministry with a special event on Saturday, August 19 at LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, MA.

This outdoor event (weather permitting) will include Mass at 4:00pm followed by a BBQ and then LIFT at 7:00pm. The event is free to attend and open to all ages.

For more information or to order tickets for the BBQ (\$10/person), go to www.liftedhigher.com. Events will be moved indoors if it rains. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area.

Community Food Pantry

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

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

Virtus: Protecting God's Children

Now is the time to reserve a place in one of the upcoming Virtus classes in the Archdiocese.

Local summer and fall classes are listed below. To register for any of these classes or to see a list of other locations, visit www.virtus.org. Click on "First Time Registrant" and then "View a List of Sessions."

Immaculate Conception (Charity Dining Room)

Tuesday, September 12, 7:00-9:00pm

Sacred Hearts Church Hall (Bradford/Haverhill)

Sunday, August 27, 12:45–2:45pm Wednesday, September 6, 6:00–8:00pm Tuesday, September 19, 6:00–8:00pm Thursday, September 28, 9:30–11:30am

St. Lucy (Methuen)

Saturday, September 9, 9:00am–12:00noon Thursday, October 12, 6:30–9:30pm

Irish Sunset Cruise

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Proudly present An Irish Sunset Cruise

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A 2017 Yankee Homecoming Event Wednesday, August 2, 2017

Cruise time: 7:00–10:00pm (Boarding at 6:30pm)
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Scripture for the Week

- **30 Sun** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
- **31 Mon** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
- **1 Tue** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
- **2 Wed** Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
- **3 Thu** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
- **4 Fri** Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16, 27,34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
- **5 Sat** Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
- 6 Sun Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Preparing for Mass

Visit http://liturgy.slu.edu to read this weekend's Scripture, historical and theological commentaries, and prayerful reflections. It is a great way to get ready to hear and respond to God's Word.