HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

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ake care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.

Luke 12:15

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 31, 2016

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OUR COLLABORATIVE

Holy Redeemer Parish



St. Ann

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Immaculate Conception Parish



Immaculate Conception

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

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/30)

4:00pm IC John K. Herlihy, Daniel P. Bradley, Henry Elario (Fr. Morin) 4:00pm St. Ann Erwin W. Batchelder (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (7/31)

7:15am IC Marilyn M. Jackson (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)

Monday (8/1)

9:00am **St. Ann** *Raymond J. Haley* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Tuesday(8/2)

7:15am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (8/3)

7:15am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Thursday (8/4)

7:15am IC Marilyn M. Jackson (Fr. Harrison)

Friday (8/5)

9:00am **Nativity** Regina M. Stronge, For the intention of Dorothy & Ralph Franzese (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (8/6)

4:00pm **IC** Marie Flore Dubuc, the Deceased Classmates of IC High School, Dorothy Porter Burton (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (8/7)

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

8:00am **Nativity** For the intention of Dorothy & Ralph Franzese (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am IC Ellen R. Csekovsky (Fr. Broderick)

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

11:00am IC Susan Psaros (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Ruth McCoy, Eileen McConologue, 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.

Last weekend as I was enjoying dinner with a number of priests who had gathered at the IC rectory on Saturday evening, a line of severe thunderstorms blew through the Merrimack Valley



and proceeded to take down many trees and knock out power for thousands. As luck would have it, a significant portion of West Newbury was affected, including St. Ann Church and the rectory on Maple Street. I came home to a dark, still house. It is amazing how helpful the little light on my cell phone is! I use it for everything from finding my way through a darkened house to reading menus in the gloomy light of restaurants. This night it was invaluable in helping me to locate some candles, and then I settled in for a quiet evening of reading. While trying to make coffee the next morning by boiling water on the gas grill was an early success, what struck me most about the power outage was how we were able to celebrate mass at St. Ann's without electricity. The choir effortlessly moved up front to gather around the piano and did an excellent job leading the congregation in song. The lectors projected their voices well, and the assembly seemed to sense the need for extra participation in singing and responses throughout the mass. Even the weather cooperated in the aftermath of the storms by providing a gentle but constant breeze through the open windows, despite the lack of fans or AC. All in all, I received many compliments from people afterwards about how intimate and special the celebration felt. I think the lack of power actually pulled people together. Who would have figured? Less is more, at least last week it was. Who knows, maybe I'll have to sneak down stairs and throw the main breaker-switch every once in a while... (!). It does just go to prove, however, that no matter how technologically savvy we get, no matter how much we become accustomed to the comforts of modern society, we can gather and pray just about anywhere and God will work with the simplest of elements and environments to produce a blessing for all.

This weekend's Gospel tells a poignant story of a wealthy man who gets wealthier, and yet will die before enjoying

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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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, August 1

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

Wednesday, August 3

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

GAP 6:30pm, IC Youth Room

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

Thursday, August 4

Holy Redeemer Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Church Hall

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

Ice Cream Sundae Fair 3:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Friday, August 5

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
AA 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Sunday, August 7

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

Online Bulletin

Visit our **Collaborative Web site**, <u>www.hriccatholic.org</u> 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.

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.



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.

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any of the blessings that he has acquired. While it certainly serves as a commentary on the dangers of accumulating excessive wealth, what is left to be understood by the hearers of the Gospel is the context and background of the story. It was common understanding that the "fruit of the earth" or the crops that were grown on farm and field alike belonged not exclusively to a single individual, but to the community as a whole. Yes, the landowner got a healthy share, but each tenant farmer, each worker, also received a wage or a share of the produce. If it was a lean crop, they might get a meager share and would struggle to feed their families. If it was an abundant harvest, they were to share in the riches and maybe have just a little extra to take home for all of their work.

What the Gospel presents, however, is a greedy landowner. Rather than sharing the abundance, as was expected, he kept all of the surplus to himself. The words in Greek even demonstrate that he was in dialogue only with himself: "He asked himself, 'What shall I do,'" and, "I shall say to myself, 'Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" Literally translated, it is his soul speaking to itself. Missing, of course, was the all-important question of what God would have him do with this unexpected blessing, a blessing that ultimately came from God. Absent, too, is any sense of responsibility to the wider community, most of whom would be living in abject poverty and utterly dependent on their daily wage and the charity of others. Jesus' harshest words are often reserved for those who think only of themselves and fail to see themselves in relationship to others. Recognizing our connectedness to others and our ultimate dependency on God for all good things is the cornerstone of holiness. It is the framework for living in harmony with creation and the Creator. Electricity or not, we have many blessings to share with one another in God's name.

May we continue to enjoy the fruits of a bountiful harvest for God's Kingdom in our midst.

Fr. Timothy Harrison

Pastor

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

C.A.M.P.S.

Starts Monday, August 1

C.A.M.P.S., 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. At C.A.M.P.S. you will experience activities, games, worship, music, discussions, campfires, and tournaments.

Father George invites all high school-age youth—those entering into and those graduating—to C.A.M.P.S. from August 1–6. C.A.M.P.S. 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



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.

Centering Prayer

Welcome All Members of Our Collaborative Family

The Centering Prayer group invites and encourages all members of our Collaborative family to join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm—7:00pm, at Immaculate Conception 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.

These gifts are not often apparent immediately and may be first noticed by others. Receiving these gifts is not the goal of Centering Prayer. We bring no expectations to this daily prayer as we surrender our whole self to God and trust in his love for us. The gift of God's love is our transformation to become the persons he created us to be. Through the grace of this silent shared time with God we may become more open minded, less prone to judge others, aware of what really matters and able to let go of what doesn't, accepting of our own basic goodness, and filled with inner freedom to act for God.

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.

Celebrating the Sacraments

Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm, and by appt. HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass, and by appt.

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

Call the Parish Office if someone in your family is ill and you feel the grace and power of the Sacrament would be helpful. 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.

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

31 Sun Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

1 Mon Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:13-21

2 Tue Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2,

3 Wed Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28 4 Thu Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23

5 Fri Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28

6 Sat Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

7 Sun Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



In the second reading St. Paul reminds us that our life is now "in Christ." He encourages us to "put on the new self" and to "seek and think of what is above" because we are no longer of this world. Do we have a Christ Centered Marriage? Sign up today to attend one of the

upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends 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 <u>www.wwme.org</u>, or at https://www.facebook.com/Wwmema

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory July 23–24 \$2,964.00 Roofing Expenses as of 7-25 \$3,317.00

Next weekend's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services.

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**.

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



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.

The HR Saint Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your continuous generosity. Without your help, we would be unable to assist our many clients. Please be aware that the Society is always interested in learning about used automobiles that you are getting rid of and might wish to donate; several of our clients are looking for used automobiles, as their autos have reached the end of their useful lives. Thank you for your consideration. If you are writing a check for us, please write the check to "HR Saint Vincent de Paul." That will help expedite our banking.

EWTN: Catholic News

EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource. http://www.ewtnnews.com/

HR Religious Education

Teachers/Adult Helpers Needed

A 5th Grade teacher is needed for Sunday morning classes following the 8:00am Mass at Nativity. Please contact Doreen if you are interested.

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.

Website News: hriccatholic.org

Please visit our Collaborative website and click on Faith Formation then the tab for Holy Redeemer Religious Education, to find the dates for classes and the syllabus for grades 1-8.

Reminder: Registration Forms for our Religious Education families are now due. Thanks for your cooperation.

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.

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 cynwinnguinn@aol.com.

Boy Scouts



Any boy, 6th grade to age 18, can join scouting any time of the year. Holy Redeemer sponsors Merrimac and West Newbury Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

Troop 41 meets on Mondays from 7:00–8:30pm at Nativity Parish Center, Merrimac. Contact Mark Friend at msf4087@gmail.com or Jennifer Mailhot at mailhottech@gmail.com.

Troop 26 meets on Wednesdays from 7:00–8:30pm at the Grange Hall, 21 Garden St., W. Newbury. Contact William Sergeant at wmsqt@comcast.net.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory July 23–24 \$9,686.00 IC Haiti \$8,533.00

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

Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our website, hriccatholic.org 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 \$ 170.00 Collection \$ 5.00 Total \$ 175.00

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.

IC Knitting Ministry

The Immaculate Conception Knitting Ministry is enjoying our summer hiatus and trying to find a cool spot to enjoy the beautiful summer weather. We have a lovely collection of prayer shawls waiting to

console a person in need of prayer and comfort from an illness or a caregiver who would need some support. Please call Frances Ronan at 978-462-4972 or Julia O'Connor at 978-465-3350. We will resume our meetings in September 2016 at the IC Parish Center. Come and join us in the fall if you would like to help us knit shawls, hats, mittens or scarfs. Watch the Church bulletin for our beginning date.

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.

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.

Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our Parish community and hope you take an active part in parish life. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are in the church Vestibule or register online at www.hriccatholic.org.

The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends was established in the United States and incorporated in 1978. Today TCF has about 660 chapters serving all 50 states plus Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and Guam offering friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved parents, siblings, grandparents, and other family members during the natural grieving process after a child has died. Around the world more than 30 countries have a Compassionate Friends presence, encircling the globe with support so desperately needed when the worst has happened. Our local chapter meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30pm in room 209 of the IC Parish Center. For more information, please contact Barbara Hopkinson at <a href="mailto:barbara-barbara

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Not Meet on August 7 Note Change in Schedule

Due to Yankee Homecoming, Father Broderick's Scripture Study will **not** meet on its regularly scheduled first and third Sundays in August, but will meet on the second and fourth Sundays, August 14 and August 28, in the IC Parish Center at 2:00pm. On August 14, we will continue reading the second section of *The Book of Isaiah*, The Book of Consolation, which is sometimes called the Deutero-Isaiah, Chapters 42 through 47. 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 a good time for interested collaborative members to join the group as we 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.

IC Church Summer Hours

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

Questions of the Week

Adult: Name a time when you made a difficult decision and acted in faith not in fear.

Child: Name how you know if you are ready to do what is right.

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.

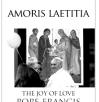
Please sign up with the IC Religious Education Office: Dr. Mag, mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org or 978-462-2724 ext. 7405.

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetita...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 #31—The Experiences and Challenges of Families: The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the Church. Countless studies have been made of marriage and the family, their



current problems and challenges. We do well to focus on concrete realities, since 'the call and the demands of the Spirit resound in the events of history', and through these 'the church can also be guided to a more profound understanding of the inexhaustible mystery of marriage and the family'.

Religious Education Classes

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Summer Religious Education programs—it was a joy to be with all of you. See you next year!

School Year Registration is ongoing. Classes begin September 18–19—see our website:

Grades K-1:

http://www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education

Grades 7-8:

http://www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education

Baptism

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

August 14 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

August 21 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

HS youth: Parent-only Orientation: Sunday, September 11 at 1:00pm in the Church or Hall. School year Confirmation information:

http://www.hriccatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish

Pope Francis: Year of Mercy



The Church's first truth is the love of Christ. The Church makes herself a servant of this love and mediates it to all people: a love that forgives and expresses itself in the gift of oneself. Consequently, wherever the church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone

should find an oasis of mercy.

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

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Boston Pilgrims Head to Poland for WYD 2016

Please join the Archdiocese in praying for the young people and their leaders in Poland for World Youth Day. Pope Francis will be joining thousands of young people from around the world in Krakow, Poland, from July 21–August 3 for World Youth Day. We invite you to be a part of this experience by joining our Boston group virtually with live photos, videos, and tweets. Visit any of the following:

www.BostonCatholicPhotos.com instagram.com/bostoncatholic Facebook.com/bostoncatholic Twitter.com/bostoncatholic

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A 2016 Yankee Homecoming Event
Wednesday, August 3, 2016
Cruise time: 7:00–10:00pm (Boarding at 6:30pm)
Cost of admission: \$30.00 with cash bar
21 years of age or older only
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.

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit <u>www.bostoncatholic.org</u> for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

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

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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.



El Centro de Cuidado de Embarazos te Necesita.

El Centro de Cuidado de Embarazos tiene una necesaidad urgente de voluntarias bilingues en sus dos oficinas en Lawrence y en Haverhill. Las reponsabilidades incluyen consejeria, mantenimiento y servicios materiales, clasificaccion de ropa de bebes y organizacion en general. Con solo unas pocas horas de su tiempo que de a la semana podra asi bendecir a muchas familias. Si esta interesada, por favor llame a Debbie al (978) 373-5700.

LIFT Worship Night

Worship nights include worship, message, adoration and are free to attend and are open to all ages. 10 year anniversary celebration on Saturday, August 13 at LaSalette Shrine, Outdoor Chapel (in case of bad weather—Welcome Center inside), 947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA.

Visit www.liftedhigher.com for more information.