

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 12, 2018

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A broom tree providing modest shade in a field

“Elijah went a day’s journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it.” (I Kings 19:4)

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/11)

- 4:00pm **IC Anna DiGiovanni** (Fr. Morin)
4:00pm **Nativity Maria Bettencourt** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (8/12)

- 7:15am **IC Regina M. Stronge** (Fr. McLaughlin)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
9:00am **IC Ben Salkovitz, Al Paciulan, Nick & Helen Ebacher** (Fr. McLaughlin)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
11:00am **IC M. Louise Moynihan & Irene deHerrero** (Fr. O'Brien)

Monday (8/13)

- 9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Tuesday (8/14)

- 7:15am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
7:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin) **Vigil for Holy Day**

Wednesday (8/15) Assumption of Mary

- 7:15am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (8/16)

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

Friday (8/17)

- 9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
10:30am **Port Rehab** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (8/18)

- 4:00pm **IC Stephen & Loretta Furlong, Daniel P. Bradley, JoEllen Cox-Mulica, John K. Herlihy** (Fr. McLaughlin)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (8/19)

- 7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)
9:00am **IC Joseph Mannix** (Fr. Morin)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)
11:00am **IC Laura Waye** (Fr. O'Brien)

In your prayers, please remember Mary Finneran and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In the weeks ahead, I will be taking some time for vacation and will be traveling in and out-of-state to visit with family and friends. I hope to enjoy the beach, lake, and mountains at various times for some rest and refreshment before diving back into parish and school activities in early September.

As I prepare to take on many different activities on vacation, I think back to years before and the things I have treasured about being away in the past. While there certainly have been many big, fun events that I recall with great fondness, things like fishing trips, bonfires on the beach or epic adventures in far away places such as Alaska; some of my favorite memories also include enjoying a quiet afternoon reading a good book on the beach, savoring an early morning cup of coffee on a friend's deck while everyone is still sleeping, or watching a perfect sunset knowing that a group excursion to get ice cream is sure to follow. All of these memories and many more are conjured by the gentle breeze of pungent salt air, the sweet smell of late-summer air, and the ever-present chirp of crickets as twilight approaches. For me, they are all reminders of God's unchanging love and constant presence in my life.

However you experience these late, lazy days of summer, may they be filled with many blessings for us all.

May God bless you,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



Last call for Italy!



Venice

The chance to be part of this amazing Pilgrimage through Northern Italy this fall is rapidly closing. All pilgrims must be signed up by August 21. If you have ever dreamed of traveling through this amazing country, don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity! Please call Paul Blanchette at (978) 500-5661 or sign-up online at:

<http://www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric>. Come on a Faith Journey with us!



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Collaborative Parishes**

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, August 13

AA Meeting 10:30am IC St. Louis Hall

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

Tuesday, August 14

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

“Bread of Life” Lecture Series following the Vigil Mass, St. Ann Church

Wednesday, August 15, Assumption of Mary

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

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Thursday, August 16

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

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

Friday, August 17

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

“Ask A Priest” 5:55pm, IC St. James Chapel or 6:15pm, Inn Street Pedestrian Walkway

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

Saturday, August 18

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, August 19

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church



Solemnity of the Assumption Holy Day

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven will take place this week. Our schedule of Masses for our Collaborative will be as follows:

Tuesday August 14—Vigil Mass at 7:00pm, St. Ann Church, West Newbury

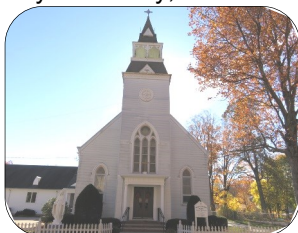
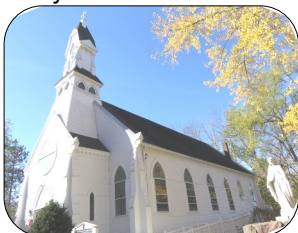
**Wednesday August 15—Masses at:
7:15am—IC, Newburyport
9:00am—Nativity Church, Merrimac
7:00pm—IC, Newburyport.**

Please note that this a Holy Day of Obligation.

Come join us in prayer and worship!

Our Collaborative

Holy Redeemer: St. Ann, W. Newbury & Nativity, Merrimac



Immaculate Conception, Newburyport



Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer, resting silently in God, facilitates the process of inner transformation. Our prayer without words is one of intention to surrender to God’s presence and action in our lives and desire for a closer relationship with God. Join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm, in the IC Conference Room 209. Join us as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of this prayer in our own spiritual journey. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Sunday and Daily Mass Scripture Readings: Aug. 12–19, 2018

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

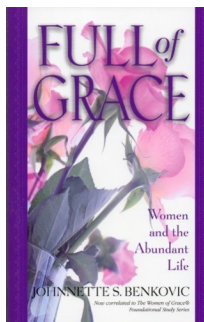
		1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Sunday	August 12	1 Kings 19:4-8	Psalm 34	Ephesians 4:30-5:2	John 6:41-51
Monday	August 13	Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c	Psalm 148	2 Peter 1:16-19	Matthew 17:22-27
Tuesday	August 14	Ezekiel 2:8 – 3:4	Psalm 119		Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	August 15	Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab	Psalm 45	1 Corinthians 15:20-27	Luke 1:39-56
Thursday	August 16	Ezekiel 12:1-12	Psalm 78		Matthew 18:21-19:1
Friday	August 17	Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63	Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6		Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday	August 18	Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32	Psalm 51		Matthew 19:13-15
Sunday	August 19	Proverbs 9:1-6	Psalm 34	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58

Please refer to the HRIC webpage to learn about **Lectio Divina** as a way of praying the Scriptures.

Go directly to <http://www.hriccatholic.org/blog/lectio-divina> or go to www.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

Women of Grace Program

Become the woman of grace God created you to be!



The Women of Grace Foundational Study, *Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life*, is a dynamic program for Catholic women, encouraging study participants to come to a fuller understanding of their dignity and vocation as daughters of God. They'll dig deep into Catholic teaching to examine their gift of authentic femininity using the study text *Full of Grace*, Sacred Scripture, the *Catechism*, citations from Vatican II and other Magisterial

documents, as well as the biographies of 16 Catholic women saints. As they learn the great gift of authentic femininity and how to live it out in the world today, hearts are healed, lives are changed, and souls are saved!

Morning and evening sessions offered:

Wednesdays: 10:00am–12noon or 6:00pm–8:00pm

(10 weekly sessions begin on September 26, 2018)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH

\$45.00 for materials (Financial assistance available if needed).

Registration deadline: September 10, 2018

For more information, contact Kathy Allen: [603-957-0048](tel:603-957-0048), kallen77@gmail.com.

Ask A Priest



The "Ask A Priest" Team secured a high-traffic spot on Inn Street among Yankee Homecoming vendors.

Fr. Ray, our resident amateur meteorologist, enthusiastically kept watch on the clouds and accurately agreed when Fr. Tim called us to retreat at 8:00pm before the rains fell in earnest. Dialogue wasn't dry and neither were we!

Final 2 Fridays to join us! Meet us at IC St. James Chapel at 5:55 or at 6:15–8:30 at Inn Street. All are welcome!

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Formation Team]



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

“Bread of Life” Lecture Series

All lectures are at St. Ann Church, 7:00–8:30 p.m.



The gospel reading for every Sunday Mass in August is from the 6th Chapter of St. John’s Gospel. The Church gave us mid-July Scriptures about miraculous multiplications of bread as a preview for Jesus’ discourse about His Body & Blood. What more can be unpacked about this mystery, its controversy and challenges? Come for 90 minutes of prayerful reflection and be invited to receive a deepened reverence for the Supper of the Lord.

Tuesday, August 14 with Mary Schmidt on the *Eucharist: What IT Is**

Tuesday, August 21 with Fr. John Kiley on the *Eucharist: What IT Calls Us to Be*

*Note that the 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Assumption of Mary (Aug. 14) is immediately followed by the lecture from 8:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

(Presented by the Adult Faith Formation Team)



40 participants attended week 1.

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 offices 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: In today’s Gospel Jesus says that we need to listen to His Father. How do you make time and space to listen for God’s voice?



Child: We have to be very quiet to hear what God is saying to us. When do you spend quiet time with God?

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

Jesus aCROSS the Border

Young adult fellowship night

Join us Friday, August 17 at Corpus Christi Parish, 98 Summer St., Portsmouth, NH for an evening of worship and fellowship. Adoration/praise and worship/confession begins at 7:30pm. Young adult (ages 18–35) Mass begins at 9:00pm and will be followed by a pizza social and fellowship. Visit jesusacrosstheborder.org for more information.

Local Free Meals for Those Seeking Assistance

Please call ahead for details and/or possible restrictions. Phone numbers and locations are at www.hricatholic.org/local-food-pantries---markets.

Monday Meals

9 am Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
11 am Lunch, Greek Orthodox Church, Newburyport
5–6 pm Dinner, St. Paul’s Church, Newburyport

Tuesday Meals

9 am Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
11 am–12:30 pm Lunch, St. Paul’s Church, Newburyport
5 pm Dinner, Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

Wednesday Meals

9 am Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
11 am Lunch, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
4–6 pm, Main Street Congregational Church, Amesbury

Thursday Meals

9 am Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
5 pm Dinner, The Salvation Army, Newburyport

Friday Meals

9 am Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
11 am–12:30 pm Lunch, St. Paul’s Church, Newburyport

Saturday Meals

8–10 am Breakfast, Central Congregational Church, Nbpt.
Dinner Delivery for Pettengill Clients (once/month)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, July 28–29	\$9,729.00
Electric Cooling Costs	\$1,913.00

The second collection this weekend is the **Monthly**.

The second collection next weekend is **Restoration/Renovation**.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 0.00
Poor Box	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 150.00

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, hricatholic.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.

Knights of Columbus

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.

Please note: no August meeting. The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, September 11** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

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.

Immaculate Conception School



Immaculate Conception School is still accepting applications for Kindergarten. Our full-day program offers hands-on learning and integration of up-to-date technology in a faith-based environment. Small class sizes of 15 students with 2 teachers maximizes the opportunity for growth and achievement. Take a tour of our beautiful school to hear about the difference an IC education can make for your child's future.

Contact Kelley Pappalardo at 978-465-7780 or kpappalardo@newburyportcatholic.org.

Immaculate Conception Parking

In the weeks ahead, there will be several challenges to parking in the vicinity of Immaculate Conception Church due to construction and community events in the immediate area of the church.

On Saturday, September 1, the free Riverfest Concert featuring a number of popular bands will take place from Noon to about 7:00 p.m. down at the waterfront. City officials are estimating crowds in excess of 20,000 for this event. Every effort will be made by parish staff to close-off the IC parking lot and to reserve it for 4:00 p.m. mass-goers, but parishioners should anticipate that side streets in the general area will be unavailable for parking. To avoid the crowds and inevitable parking headaches, everyone is urged to consider attending one of our Sunday masses that weekend.

Also, please be aware that as construction begins downtown on the new parking garage, there will be parking restrictions during weekdays on certain side streets. In the IC parking lot along Court Street there will be spaces reserved for city and police vehicles while this construction takes place down on Titcomb Street. To our knowledge, weekend parking in the IC lot will be unaffected. We anticipate these weekday parking restrictions to begin around August 20 and last through the end of September. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

IC Annual Back-to-School New Socks and Underwear Drive

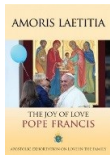
Our Annual Sock and Underwear drive is underway. Bins for your donations are at the doors of the IC Church. Please donate socks and underwear for school children ages 5–18 years old. Packages collected will go to the Community Service Center and will be distributed to those in need. Thanks so much for your generosity.



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.

Some Resources: In # 221: The Synod Fathers observed that “the initial years of marriage are a vital and sensitive period during which couples become more aware of the challenges and meaning of married life. Consequently, pastoral accompaniment needs to go beyond the actual celebration of the sacrament (*Familiaris Consortio*, Part III). In this regard, experienced couples have an important role to play. The parish is a place where such experienced couples can help younger couples, with the eventual cooperation of associations, ecclesial movements and new communities. Young couples need to be encouraged to be essentially open to the great gift of children. Emphasis should also be given to the importance of family spirituality, prayer, and participation in the Sunday Eucharist, and couples encouraged to meet regularly to promote growth in their spiritual life and solidarity in the concrete demands of life. Liturgies, devotional practices and the Eucharist celebrated for families, especially on the wedding anniversary, were mentioned as vital factors in fostering evangelization through the family.”

IC Religious Ed. Programs

Fall Registration is available now. www.hricatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education.

Classes begin Sunday, September 16, 10:05–11:05am and Monday, September 17, 5:30–6:30pm.

Baptism

Baptism info.: www.hricatholic.org/Baptism
Please pre-register for the class.

Aug. 12 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room	1:00pm
Aug. 19 Group Baptism—IC Church	1:00pm

Confirmation

Confirmation Years 1 and 2: Please be working on your service activities. You need 24 hours over a two-year period.

Confirmation Junior—Grade 11 will have their retreats on Saturday, September 8 from 10:00am–2:00pm and Sunday, September 9 from 1:00–5:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Please keep them in prayer. They will celebrate their Confirmation on Sunday, September 23 at 2:30pm with Bishop Hennessey.

Confirmation Orientation for parents only on Sunday, September 16 at 2:00pm in the Church. This is for parents with candidates in Year 1, Catholic School candidates in Year 2, and any family that is new to Confirmation at IC.

Confirmation session is October 28 at 1:00pm in the Church for Years 1 and 2.

IC Parish Boosters: We are looking for people to join us in planning fundraising events to support our parish ministries. Read more



IC Middle School Mission week, July 16-20.



Projects at the Salvation Army, Breaking Bread, YWCA, Little Sisters of the Poor, and Newbury Food Pantry

IC Religious Ed., July 23-27.



IC Parish Boosters

Consider becoming an ICP Booster! Our mission is to be an extra support of funding for our parish ministries as well as provide community spirit.

Our first planning meeting will be on Monday, August 20 at 6:30pm in the IC Charity Dining Room for anyone interested in becoming an IC Parish Booster to help with our special fundraising events. Our upcoming events are:

Saturday, September 29—Yard Sale and
Saturday, December 1—Christmas Fair

Contacts: Phone: 978-264-2724 or email:
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Melinda Burrell burrell@newburyportcatholic.org

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, July 28–29 \$2,854.00
 Offertory, August 4–5 \$2,739.00

The second collection this weekend is the **Monthly**.



Catholic Appeal

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



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

We are pleased to share that Holy Redeemer has raised \$19,935.00 toward the parish goal of \$22,862.00. Thank you to all who have already pledged support. If you have yet to give, we need your help! Please give today to help us reach our goal. Gifts can be made online at bostoncatholicappeal.org or by completing a pledge form available in the backs of the churches.

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann** in West Newbury on **August 25**.

HR Prayer Shawl



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

Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, September 6**.

Newburyport VIP Card

Help Support Holy Redeemer Parish

We encourage folks to spend a few minutes to familiarize themselves with the 180 local businesses in Newburyport and surrounding towns that offer discounts through the Newburyport App/VIP Card Program. This is a great way to save money **every time** you visit participating businesses and it is a simplistic fundraising opportunity for our parish. If you decide to make a purchase we ask that you please support Holy Redeemer.

View discounts at www.newburyport.com/newburyport-vip/ or you can download the Newburyport App, and select "VIP Discounts." You can purchase one card for \$25 or two for \$40, and \$10 of your purchase is donated to **Holy Redeemer Parish**. Use the following link to make your purchase:

www.newburyport.com/holy-redeemer-parish/.

HR Religious Education

Rel. Ed. Families, all class schedules and registration forms are now online: hricatholic.org. Click the Faith Formation tab, then Holy Redeemer tab. Please submit registration forms to the Holy Redeemer office, Attn: Doreen O'Leary,

Confirmation

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

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

Confirmation Mass(es) are at St. Ann Church at 1:00 p.m. and a smaller group at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, **September 29, 2018**. Bishop Hennessey will be presiding at both celebrations. If any candidates, sponsors, or parents would like to serve during the Mass, let me know on Retreat Day. Attendance for all of the above is mandatory.

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Sanctuary Candle



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