

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2017

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When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:26–27)

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 (8/12)

4:00pm **IC** *Regina M. Stronge, Stephen & Loretta Furlong, Edna & Edith Messina, Mary & Albert Salerno* (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Maria Bettencourt* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (8/13)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Sandy Lambert, Nick & Helen Ebacher* (Fr. Broderick)

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

11:00am **IC** *Theresa Ferrara, Pam Parkinson* (Fr. Morin)

Monday (8/14)

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

4:00pm **IC Vigil Mass for the Assumption**
Al Paciulan (Fr. Richard)

Tuesday (8/15) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

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

7:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

Wednesday (8/16)

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

Thursday (8/17)

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

Friday (8/18)

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

10:30am **Port Rehab** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (8/19)

4:00pm **IC** *Fidel Gonzalez, Daniel P. Bradley, Ernie Penta* (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (8/20)

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

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:00am **IC** *Daniel J. Lehan* (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers please remember Claudette Cantwell, Walter Raleigh, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

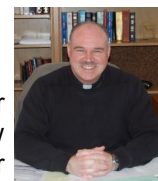
Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Parish Membership

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

From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

This fall, our Collaborative of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception will begin a new ministry called LANDINGS, a program for returning Catholics wanting to explore a more active return to their Catholic faith.

I am pleased to report we have a number of parishioners from both parishes who have been trained and are ready to serve the community. They seek to welcome our neighbors, friends, and family members home again to our churches.

A new eight-week LANDINGS series will begin meeting on Monday, September 25. Many people have returned through LANDINGS all over the United States and abroad. The main reason that all of the returning Catholics gave for attending their first LANDINGS session was that someone asked them!

I urge you to think of someone you know who “used to be Catholic” or who attends Mass only occasionally. The Lord just asks us to invite them; the Holy Spirit will do the rest! What greater act of love than to re-engage your own faith, or invite someone back home to the Church, through LANDINGS? The full participation of every Catholic is a precious gift to our faith community. There is no pressure, just an invitation to explore the possibilities.

To find out more about LANDINGS, please contact:

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Dr. Mag McKinnon, DRE, Immaculate Conception, 978-462-2724 ext. 7405 or mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Our Collaborative

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



Immaculate Conception, Newburyport



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

See more Collaborative activities at hricatholic.org.

Monday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 15

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

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

Wednesday, August 16

Holy Quilters 2:30pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

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

Thursday, August 17

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

Friday, August 18

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 19

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, August 20

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church

Scripture for the Week

13 Sun 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

14 Mon Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27

15 Tue Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

16 Wed Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

17 Thu Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1

18 Fri Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12

19 Sat Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15

20 Sun Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

St. Vincent de Paul's Walk for the Poor

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has asked all people to reach out and help the poor and disadvantaged.

The Immaculate Conception/Holy Redeemer St. Vincent de Paul's Annual "Friends of the Poor" Walk will be held on September 30 beginning at 9:00am in the IC parking lot. This 3-mile walk throughout downtown Newburyport raises funds to allow our St. Vincent De Paul Societies to help the poor in our neighborhoods.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 30.

To sign up on-line, please go to www.fopwalk.org or contact Kathie Williamson at 978-992-6450 (IC contact) or Linda Friel at 978-500-9245 (HR contact).

Assumption of Mary

The Assumption of Mary is Tuesday, August 15 and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times in the Collaborative for the Holy Day are:
4:00 p.m. Monday Vigil, Immaculate Conception Church
7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Immaculate Conception Church
9:00 a.m. Tuesday, St. Ann Church
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nativity Church

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.

Yankee Homecoming Parade Welcomes the Pelican Fund



Blue skies, a gentle breeze, and a supportive crowd welcomed over 40 people marching in support of the Pelican Intervention Fund in the Yankee Homecoming parade.

The cheerfully decorated truck and its upbeat music proudly showcased the work of this group where 15 local lives had already been changed through the efforts of this young, grassroots fund. Shouts of "great job," "keep up the good work," and many thumbs up greeted the joyful marchers.



"All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". Romans 8:28



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.hricatholic.org/Get-Involved>.



If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church, know that we are thinking about you. We invite you to be an active part of us again.

Landings is a program that offers "a safe place to land," a place for listening and for being heard, a place for asking questions, and for reconnecting with the faith as an adult.

During the eight-week **Landings** program, a small group of active Catholics, some of them "returnees" themselves, meets with a small group of returning Catholics to share and explore their faith together.

If you are interested and want more information, call or email us.

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Mrs. Doreen O'Leary, DRE at HR 978-346-8604, ext. 7,
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Fall session begins Monday, September 25. Immaculate Conception Church, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, is the host for the fall session. Pre-registration is required.

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.

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.

"Ask a Priest"



A really perfect night for Fr. Tim and his Lay Team. Our Inn Street setting was more lovely than usual because a young concert violinist named Lewis played

exquisite pieces for 2 ½ hours that added a delicate air of prayerfulness. Many visitors from other towns and States stopped for playful poses with Pope Francis or to chat with HRIC parishioners. The rain never came as predicted! This unexpected fine weather might be attributed to the prayers promised by Father George in an email from C.A.M.P.S. Or from the Lord who is smiling down on "Ask A Priest" as we smile on our brothers and sisters as they pass by. Four more Fridays! Join us if you can! Ask a Priest will be on Inn Street every Friday evening this summer until September 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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: In what ways do you find it most difficult to trust in God?

Child: What is the good news in the Gospel story?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.



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.

Cor Unum Ministry

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 serve breakfast to the poor of Lawrence on the first Saturday of every month. Volunteers meet in the Immaculate Conception parking lot at 5:00am Saturday morning. The Center serves breakfast from 6:00am to 8:00am. If you are able to give a few hours of your time serving this meal, please contact Larry Lambert at (978) 462-4842 for further information.

Summer Sing

Join Newburyport Choral Society on Monday, August 28 at 7:00pm at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Harris Street, Newburyport for a summer sing. More info. to follow.

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.

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

Venga a servir en el centro de Pregnancy Care Center

El centro de Pregnancy Care Center es un centro cristiano que ayuda a las mujeres embarazadas y esta situado en la 124 de la calle Ames en la ciudad de Lawrence. Estamos Contratando! Tenemos necesidad inmediata de voluntarias Bilingues para servir en consejeria, como recepcionista y ayuda en general. Un horario tipico es de 3.5 horas por semana. (10am–1:30pm, o 1:00–4:30pm en Lawrence). Si usted esta interesada en servir, por favor llame a Cyndi al (978) 686-5124. Tambien nos puede visitar en la Internet en la direccion: www.PCCFriends.org para obtener una lista completa de todas las oportunidades y maneras en las cuales usted puede contribuir. Gracias.

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.

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 as Mass celebrant at 9:00pm and following Mass we will have a beach pizza social.

Please email Billy Beauchesne with any questions at

JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com or visit our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/JESUSaCROSStheBorder>.



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

July 29–30	\$10,948.00
Electric Cooling Costs	\$ 2,079.00
August 5–6	\$ 9,969.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,278.00

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend is Restoration/Renovation.

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.

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.

Adoration

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

IC Annual Back to School New Socks and Underwear Drive

Please support our efforts. Bins for your donations will be at the doors of the IC church. Donations will support children up to 14 years of age. Thank you for your generosity.



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.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$119.00
Poor Box	\$380.00
Total	\$499.00

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.

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 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,

jsullivan@newburyportcatholic.org.

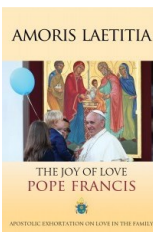


Pre-K students at Field Day 2017

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 rejoices with others. In #110: When a loving person can do good for others, or sees that others are happy, they themselves live happily and in this way give glory to God, for “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7).

Our Lord especially appreciates those who find joy in the happiness of others. If we fail to learn how to rejoice in the well-being of others, and focus primarily on our own needs, we condemn ourselves to a joyless existence, for, as Jesus said, “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). The family must always be a place where, when something good happens to one of its members, they know that others will be there to celebrate it with them.

School Year Religious Education Classes

Registration for the School Year Religious Education Class is ongoing. Our first class is Sunday, September 17 10:05–11:05am for Gr. K–8 and Monday, September 18 6:00–7:10pm for Gr. 1–8. We have added grades 7–8 to our Sunday and Monday programs. Registration form:

<http://www.hricatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education>

Baptism

Baptism info: <http://www.hricatholic.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, October 22 at 1:00-3:00pm. Confirmation Parent Orientation is Sunday, September 10 at 1:00pm in the church. For information and registration go online:

<http://www.hricatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>

First Eucharist

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

<http://www.hricatholic.org/First-Eucharist--First-Reconciliation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>

Youth Mass—September 24, 2017

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



Some scenes from this year's Summer Religious Ed. classes



Immaculate Conception School

A Letter from the Principal

Dear IC Parishioners,

It is an honor and a privilege to be the new principal of Immaculate Conception School. My move to New England came about rather quickly, but clearly was meant to be. Although I am still marveling in the reality of my presence here, there is no doubt that this is God's plan, and has been for quite some time.



I grew up in Hanover, New Hampshire. My family spent the summers just north of here in Little Boar's Head, which is a section of North Hampton, NH. I have so many wonderful childhood memories of building drip castles on the beach, digging for clams during low tide, and braiding sweet grass that we picked from the marsh behind our house. We had a list of nearby coastal towns that we looked forward to visiting every summer. Newburyport was one of them. Fast forward a few decades and the oldest son of my best friend in New Jersey attends the Governor's Academy for high school. She visited the area frequently and I tagged along as often as I could. I experienced Newburyport in a whole new way, always staying at the lovely Garrison Inn and walking up the block to church. I have attended mass here many, many times over the last seven years, including several Easter Morning celebrations.

Just a few weeks ago, during my last days as the principal of St. Matthew School in Edison, New Jersey, I sat at my desk admiring the collection of pictures that hung on my office walls. Each had significant meaning relating to my personal growth in Catholic education or to my role as a school leader, except for one. A picture of some lilacs that I took a few years ago—photographed as the late afternoon sun flooded east from the marsh, creating a golden shadow against the dining room wall in my family's 100 year-old beach house in Little Boar's Head. That picture had nothing to do with my endless pursuit to help children achieve, to help them grow in their confidence, and to encourage them to embrace the unique gifts that God has given them. It was just a picture that I had liked, loaded with childhood memories, that ended up on my office wall. Only now do I realize that the photograph of those lilacs is just as significantly tied to my journey as a Catholic school educator as all the other pictures. My family's beach house in Little Boar's Head has been patiently awaiting my future with you in Newburyport, providing me with a beautiful place to stay while I settle things in New Jersey.

God planned for my return to New England long before I did, connecting me to Newburyport as a child, again as an adult, and now as the next academic leader of Immaculate Conception. I look forward to what God has planned for us, together. Through my service to Him, I am grateful and blessed to have the opportunity to serve the Immaculate Conception parish and school.

With thanks and great joy -
Joan Fowler Sullivan

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

July 29–30	\$3,779.00
August 5–6	\$3,716.25
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 738.00

The second collection this weekend is the monthly.

“With One Voice” Capital Campaign

Please return your pledge by August 15—
The Feast of the Assumption.

Please place your “Commitment Envelope” in the regular collection at Mass today or on Tuesday—The Feast of the Assumption. You may also mail it to the parish office or bring it with you to Mass next weekend. Additional brochures and pledge envelopes are available at the entrance to the churches.

We are asking all parishioners to consider a sacrificial pledge of \$4,000. With a 10% down payment (\$400) your pledge would be \$100/a month for three years or \$75/month for four years. All pledges and gifts, no matter the amount, are greatly appreciated. Only through sacrifice throughout the community can we achieve our **goal of raising \$350,000.** Therefore, all contributions, from the smallest to the largest, will be gratefully appreciated.

If you have not decided on your gift to the campaign, we invite you to prayerfully consider making your pledge this week. Please review the suggested gift plans and continue the success of our campaign by making your gift as soon as possible.

As you make your pledge, please remember: Pledges should be made over a period of 3 or 4 years. Pledge payments are in addition to your weekly offertory commitment. Payment reminders and a special payment envelope will be mailed in accordance with the selected payment plan. All contributions are tax deductible.

Sanctuary Candle



For the week of August 13, the Sanctuary Candle at Nativity Church, Merrimac is donated for a Special Intention.

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 West Newbury Food Mart.

Our next planning meeting is **Wednesday, August 23** at 7:00 in the Merrimac Hall. Join us!

HR Religious Education

2017–18 Religious Ed.

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

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, September 7 at 1:00 p.m.**

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

The Holiday Fair is a long-running tradition at Holy Redeemer. It is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving at the Nativity Hall. Gift baskets, homemade soups, silent auction items, and nearly new items are available. The 2017 Fair will be November 18 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now for this fun event.



HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our Conference was recently planning fundraising, as there has been a drop-off in donations and an increase in client needs. The next week, Father Tim received a large anonymous donation that was earmarked to help HR families in need. The Holy Spirit was upon us and we were able to assist additional needy families. Thank you to our generous donor. We are currently planning additional fundraisers and pray that there might be other generous donors in our congregation.



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