

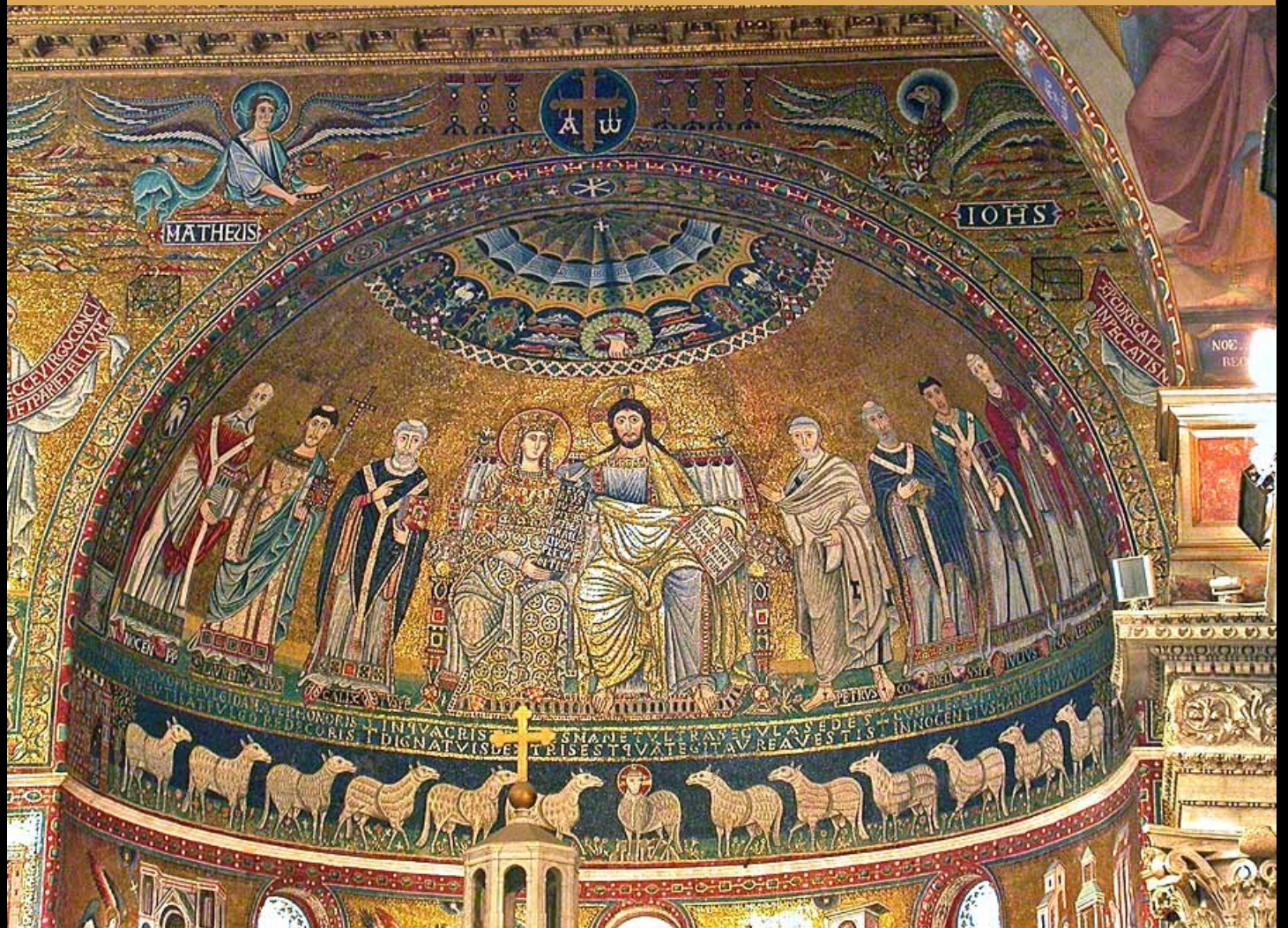
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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2016

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The Apse of Santa Maria in Trastevere

All Are Welcome

OUR COLLABORATIVE

Holy Redeemer Parish



St. Ann

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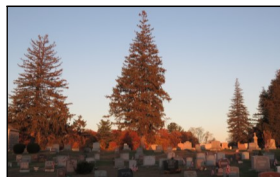
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Immaculate Conception Parish



Immaculate Conception

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/20)

4:00pm **IC** Stephen & Loretta Furlong, Dick Ring, William Lindquist, Daniel P. Bradley, Anna DiGiovanni (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (8/21)

7:15am **IC** Henry DiBurro, Ernie Penta (Fr. Broderick)

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

9:00am **IC** Mary J. Horgan (Fr. Morin)

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

11:00am **IC** Violet Yurkovich, Agnes Hong, Laura Waye, Vanessa Marcotte (Fr. Morin)

Monday (8/22)

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

Tuesday (8/23)

7:15am **IC** Mary J. Horgan & Austin Dean (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (8/24)

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

Thursday (8/25)

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

Friday (8/26)

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

Saturday (8/27)

4:00pm **IC** Noreen Driscoll & Parents, Frank Ventura, Angela F. Tormey, Frances Ashe, For the intentions of Larry Howard (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (8/28)

7:15am **IC** Henry Szymura (Fr. Harrison)

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

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

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

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

In your prayers, please remember Julie Tammany, George Brislin, Barbara Ann Lovejoy, Adrice J. Arseneau, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Questions of the Week

Adult: When did you do a good deed for someone you did not know and who could not repay you?

Child: When did you do something good for someone this past week without being asked?

Collaborative Website

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

From the Parochial Vicar

Dear Friends:

When preparing our summer Adult Faith Formation Program, which was held on three consecutive Wednesday evenings in July, our Faith Formation Team sought an approach to Matthew Kelley's Book, *Rediscover Catholicism*, that would be easily digestible. Coming up with the threefold reason for our existence mentioned in the Baltimore Catechism—to know, to love and to serve God—they thought this would be an avenue to follow, asking me to look at Catholicism through the lens of “to love.” Having spent September 2015 in Rome taking part in a program on Art and Architecture offered by the ICTE of the North American College, I approached my presentation using three pieces of art. Each of them exemplified “Love.” Let me share one of them with you.



Pictured on the cover of the bulletin is the apse of Santa Maria in Trastevere. The apse is mosaic, the work of Jacopo Torriti, around 1291. It is one of a kind, nothing like it in the world, filled with symbols and representations of the Lord and Holy Ones. What is striking is that sharing “center stage” is not only Jesus but seated with him on the throne is Mary! What was Jacopo telling us? Three things: that Mary, the Mother of God, is Queen of Heaven; that Mary is the Bride of Christ; and that Mary is the Mother of the Church. These three Marian rolls, all loving responses to God, “who has done great things for me,” have been part of the faith of the Church from the very first centuries and in this mosaic, Jacopo encapsulates all three. Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians tells us,

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her *to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So [also] husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.* “For this reason a man shall leave [his] father and [his] mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” *This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.* (Ephesians 5: 25–32)

On August 15, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary where we honor Mary assumed body and soul into heaven and crowned Queen of Heaven. This is the most recent dogma of the Church promulgated on November 1, 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution “*Munificentissimus Deus*” by Pope Pius XII when he declared: “By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, August 22

AA 10:30am and 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205
Boy Scout Troop 41 7:00pm, Nativity Church Hall
Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, August 23

Breaking Bread 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Wednesday, August 24

HR Sandwich Program Dropoff 9:00am, St. Ann Church
Holy Quilters 3:00pm, Nativity Church Hall
Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel
Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room
Boy Scouts Troop 26 7:00pm, W. Newbury Grange Hall

Thursday, August 25

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

Friday, August 26

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

Sunday, August 28

Scripture Study 2:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205
Boy Scouts Troop 21 5:30pm, IC School Cafeteria

RCIA

The RCIA program will begin on Sunday, September 18, 2016.

What is RCIA and who comes?

RCIA is a program for those over the age of 7 who wish to become Catholic.

The catechumens have not been baptized and will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Candidates who have already been baptized in the Catholic Church or another Christian Church will be confirmed and receive Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil as well.

Those who already have been baptized and only need Confirmation should call Marin at 978-462-2724 ext. 7411 or email me at fortune@newburyportcatholic.org and we will make arrangements for that to happen.

Archdiocese Web Site

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

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own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."



Richmond Pond on which is situated Camp Lakeside

Many have asked about my week at CAMPS. Let me tell you it was exciting to return to Lakeside Christian Camp and Conference Center, Pittsfield, MA in the beautiful Berkshires of western Massachusetts for the 33rd year of CAMPS from August 1–6. CAMPS, an acronym for "Christ As My Personal Savior," is a week-

long youth ministry program for high school-age youth. I was especially excited that of the 164 participants who attended this year, 15 of them were from our Parish Collaborative. CAMPS has a threefold mission: that all participants come to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; that Christian community be formed and lived; and that continued spiritual growth and commitment be fostered. At CAMPS there is never time to be bored! There is a blend of many creative activities: music, games, talks, discussions, prayer, the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, concerts, campfires, tournaments—all work together to form a powerful week-long retreat adventure the youth will not soon forget. It is an opportunity for our youth to meet new people, make new friends and have lots of fun in a way never imagined and deepen their faith in Christ. As one camper said many years ago and repeated again recently by one of our campers, "this was the best week of my life!"



The CAMPS Band leading the group in a song



The attendees listening to a speaker

With no cell phone or other electronics, they spent time talking to each other, laughing, being kids, and enjoying their time together.

I want to thank the good people of our parish collaborative who supported this effort by participating in the annual "Mega Sports Raffle" held this past June, those who donated toward "camperships" to help defray the tuition for some of our youth, and those who offered prayer for the success of this youth retreat.

Have a Blessed Week,
Father George

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Scripture for the Week

21 Sun	Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
22 Mon	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
23 Tue	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
24 Wed	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
25 Thu	1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
26 Fri	1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
27 Sat	1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
28 Sun	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

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>

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 you can download the bulletin and sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox.

EWTN: Catholic News

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

The Pelican Intervention Fund

Join the Pelican Intervention Fund at Upcoming Events

The Pelican Intervention Fund invites you to support our mission to provide funding for residential Twelve Step-based programs for economically challenged men and women struggling with heroin and other addictive substances and living within the Greater Newburyport area.



Please plan to share a meal at **Not Your Average Joe's in Newburyport** where we will receive 15% of the cost of your meal on Tuesdays August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 when you mention The Pelican Intervention Fund or bring the flyer found on our Facebook page. We continue to be blessed by the community's generosity and support of our mission and we are most grateful.

Learn more about The Pelican Intervention Fund at:

www.facebook.com/PelicanInterventionFund or at:

Essex County Community Foundation at www.eccf.org

For questions or information please contact:

Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or

Kim Keene, 978-430-1408

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory August 06–07	\$9,780.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,717.00
Offertory August 13–14	\$9373.00
Monthly	\$1985.00

The second collection this weekend is Restoration/Renovation. The second collection next weekend is Fr. Ray's Missionary Work.

Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our web site, hricatholic.org and click the Online Giving picture at the bottom of our home page to get to the site. If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant, 978-462-2724 x7404.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Poor Box	\$ 821.00
Collection	\$ 120.50
Total	\$ 941.50

Breaking Bread

St. Vincent de Paul's Breaking Bread dinner program at Immaculate Conception is hoping you will share a little of your time and talents as we need a team of two volunteers to prepare and cook for our guests on a Tuesday of your choice. A seasoned volunteer chef will work with you as you gain experience in our kitchen. This is a truly wonderful experience that you will share with a great team of volunteers. Contact Bunny Chiasson, 978-465-5810 or sandbunnyc@yahoo.com.

Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on August 28, 2016

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on August 28 in the Parish Center at 2:00pm.

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.

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

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport supports families after a child dies—any age/cause. Our normal August support meeting will be held as usual on the 4th Monday, **August 22 at 7:30pm** in room 209 of the IC Parish Center. For more information, please contact Barbara Hopkinson at barhop@comcast.net or 978-697-1349. Barbara's grief resources can also be seen at <http://abutterflysjourney.org>.

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

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 Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in July:

Christopher Lee Amorosino, James Patrick Burke, Timothy Paul Dooley, II, Hewitt Charles Galoski, Joshua Richard Gavin, Andrew Ryan Gray, Finnegan Patrick Mahoney, Ethan John Parks, Evan Joseph Parks, Madeline Rose Teneriello, and William Joseph Teneriello.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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 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.



IC Videographers Needed



We are in need of new videographers to record our weekend Masses. The commitment is on average once a month. See weblink for position duties: <http://www.hriccatholic.org/Liturgical-Ministries-at-Immaculate-Conception>. Training will be provided.

Please contact: Dr. Mag McKinnon:
mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org or
978-462-2724 ext. 7405.

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.

Pope Francis: Year of Mercy



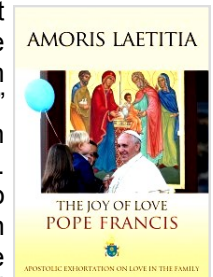
The Church feels the urgent need to proclaim God's mercy. Her life is authentic and credible only when she becomes a convincing herald of mercy. She knows that her primary task, especially at a moment full of great hopes and signs of contradiction, is to introduce everyone to the great mystery of God's mercy by contemplating the face of Christ. (*Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others*, Dynamic Catholic, p. 17).

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

Pope Francis released the Exhortation on the Family. In the weeks to come, you will be introduced to various statements from the Holy Father.

In #44: "The Church has always held it part of her mission to promote marriage and the family and to defend them against those who attack them," especially today, when they are given scarce attention in political agendas. Families have the right "to be able to count on an adequate family policy on the part of public authorities in the judicial, economic, social and fiscal domains." At times families suffer terribly when, faced with the illness of a loved one, they lack access to adequate health care, or struggle to find dignified employment. Economic constraints prohibit a family's access to education, cultural activities and involvement in the life of society. In many ways, the present-day economic situation is keeping people from participating in society.



Religious Education Classes

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>

Sept. 11 Parent Class-Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

Aug. 21 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

HS youth: Parent only Orientation-Sunday, September 11 at 1:00pm in the Church. Sessions begin in October.

School year confirmation information:

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

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Sanctuary Light

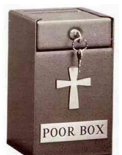
The Sanctuary Light at Nativity, Merrimac, the week of August 28 is donated for a special intention.

The Sanctuary Light at St. Ann, West Newbury, the week of September 11 is donated for the special intention for Dorothy & Ralph Franzese.



HR St. Vincent de Paul

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



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory July 30–31	\$3,644.00
Offertory August 06–07	\$2,801.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 538.00
Offertory August 13–14	\$3,679.00
Monthly	\$2,371.00
Roofing Expenses as of 5-14	\$8,289.05

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*. Please come to the **Fair Meeting Thursday, September 22** at 7:00pm at the Nativity Hall. Call Cindy Quinn with any questions or if you would like to help:

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



A sample of last year's gift baskets

Repair/Repaint Day

Come help repair and repaint the outdoor Nativity figurines at Merrimac. Anyone wanting to help can join us on Friday, September 23, at 10:00am in the Merrimac Hall.

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, September 1**.

HR Sandwich Program

The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers soup/salad and sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The sandwiches go to the Good Shepherd Center on Park Street in Lawrence. 200 sandwiches are needed each day to feed the hungry. We are always in need of more sandwich donations. To help, please make sandwiches by using 1 loaf of bread and sandwich meat (**No condiments added**), individually wrap the sandwiches and place them back into the bread bag. Deliver the bread bag to St. Ann's Church, West Newbury, by **9:00am on Wednesday, August 24**. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions or delivery date schedule.

HR Religious Education

Registration forms are now due for religious education classes.

Download the form and schedule from our website: (<http://www.hricatholic.org/Holy-Redeemer-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: hricatholic.org

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.

Pancake Breakfast

Join us on Sunday, September 11 **after** the 8:00 Mass in Merrimac until 11:00am. The breakfast is complimentary *but* we will happily accept donations for *The Pelican Intervention Fund* (supporting Twelve Step-based programs for men and women living within the Greater Newburyport area who are struggling with addictive substances). This coordinates with HR Religious Ed. "Book Pick-Up." Please plan on staying for breakfast after you pick up your books.



Backpack Collection for Emmaus House

Please consider picking up extra supplies when you're back-to-school shopping. Last year we collected 25 filled backpacks for the Emmaus House in Haverhill. Containers will be placed inside the doors of St. Ann and Nativity churches. If you would like items picked up, please call Roberta Homan at 978-346-9448. Let's collect 35 this year!



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



Bishop Robert P. Reed

Bishop Mark O'Connell

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

August 24, 2016

Watch the ordination of Boston's two new auxiliary bishops, Father Mark O'Connell and Father Robert Reed, on CatholicTV during a special Mass on Wednesday, August 24, at 1:30pm at Boston's Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Archbishop of Boston, Cardinal Seán O'Malley will serve as the principal consecrator and preside at the Mass. The CatholicTV Network will air the Mass live and rebroadcast it at 8:00pm.

Catholic TV

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

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Dear parish administrator,

On behalf of Saint James and St. John the Baptist Parishes of Haverhill, MA I would like to take a moment to thank you for advertising our recent Theology on Tap event on your bulletin. Thanks to your support and that of other neighboring parishes, we had our largest number of attendees to this date. We are very grateful for your assistance in the great mission of evangelizing the culture and providing lifelong faith formation.

Thank you and may God continue to bless your ministry,

Gabriela B. Peixoto
Youth and Young Adult Minister
St. James and St. John the Baptist Parishes

Check out our Facebook page: Theology on Tap Haverhill

Daily Masses in the Area

Monday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley
9:00am St. Ann, West Newbury
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury

Tuesday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley
9:00am Holy Family, Amesbury

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7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
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Thursday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
9:00am Holy Family, Amesbury

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.

Catholic Radio

Listen to Catholic Radio for Boston and New England on your radio at 1060 AM. Listen online at 1060Catholic.org. Download the app: iCatholic Radio in the iTunes or Google Play store.

Hope and Healing with Peers



Hope and Healing with Peers will offer a free-of-charge, eight-week "Loss of Spouse/Partner," peer-led support group for those who wish to continue on to the next level of their grief journey. The group will be facilitated by peers who have gone through extensive training and who have also experienced the same loss. The group will be about moving forward from the feelings of loss and longing, and to readjust, allowing them to go on living without their loved one, while holding the memory of that person in their hearts. The group will meet on Tuesdays, August 23–October 11, from 6:00–7:30pm at The Collins Room at the Ipswich Public Library. Pre-Registration is required. For more information, please contact Patti Comeau-Simonson, 978-360-3903 or patricia@hopeandhealingpeers.com.