

# Celebrating the Implementation of our Local Pastoral Plan

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Holy Redeemer  
Immaculate Conception  
Collaborative

August 6, 2017

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Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Introduction to Our Collaborative

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The communities and parishes that have come together to form the Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception (HRIC) Collaborative have a rich and proud history in the Merrimack Valley dating back several hundreds of years.



Located proximate to the mouth of the Merrimack River as it flows into the Atlantic Ocean, the faith communities which comprise the Collaborative have provided spiritual support to many

people who played a pioneering role in the Industrial Revolution. The manufacturing industry of the United States relied heavily on this area for the production of textiles, shoes, hats, and shipbuilding. Farming continues to be a vital presence in the area. Our rich cultural heritage is blessed by the many immigrants from England, France, Ireland, Canada, and elsewhere who sought freedom and opportunity in Northeastern Massachusetts and New Hampshire in centuries past.



Comprised of two parishes, Holy Redeemer in Merrimac and West Newbury, and Immaculate Conception in Newbury and Newburyport, the Collaborative was formed by the Archdiocese in 2015 to help us better meet the needs of our people in a time of shifting resources. Holy Redeemer Parish itself was created in 2006 through the merger of St. Ann Parish in West Newbury and Nativity Parish in Merrimac. St. Louis de Gonzague, a French National Parish in downtown Newburyport, was merged with Immaculate Conception Parish in 2002. Geographically, the reach of the Collaborative spans over 65 square miles, which are all connected by the waters that flow in and around the communities it serves. We are enriched through the diversity and unique gifts of each locale.



A rich resource within our Collaborative is found in the presence of Immaculate Conception (IC) School. Located near the downtown of Newburyport, each year IC School serves approximately 250 boys and girls in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade from fifteen surrounding communities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The IC School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and fosters the academic, athletic, and faith development of all students. IC School graduates regularly excel and are often found on the honor rolls of the many local public and private high schools in which they continue their education and formation.

Celebrating its 135th year this September, IC School remains faithful to its founding mission: "to communicate Catholic Christian



values, provide a quality academic program, and develop an awareness, empathy, and respect for the needs of all people."

Additionally, we are proud to own and maintain our local Catholic Cemetery, St. Mary Cemetery, which is located on Storey Avenue in Newburyport. St. Mary Cemetery continues a long tradition of caring for people in their moments of extreme need and honoring the dead with Christian burial.

Our Collaborative story is one of both seamless blend and vital contrasts. We honor our many individual traditions. Grassroots initiatives in each parish build momentum through the energy, commitment and selfless efforts of our many volunteer ministries in each parish.

Pioneering initiatives are fueled by an inspired spirit and a passionate zeal which knows no limits. "Cookies for IC Haiti," the 3rd Grade Kindness Club, and the Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program are just a few examples of how we can all respond to Christ's call to service, no matter our age or background.



We continue to build a thriving network of parish-based programs and groups through which we minister to the needs of parishioners, the greater community and citizens of the world. We strive to heed God's call to show love and compassion to the homeless, the poor, and the vulnerable, spiritually and physically.

Our strong sense of community is built on our common missions of faith, service, discipleship and social engagement. It binds us together as our boundaries extend beyond the Collaborative. We share joys and sorrows, prayer and fellowship as we continue our journey of faith.

This love and compassion, in the spirit of the greatest Commandment, form the cornerstone of the mission of our parishes and our evolving Collaborative. We meet people where they are. We minister to personal needs in personal ways. We tend to the body, mind, heart, and spirit of the souls of those whom God has called us to serve. We encounter Jesus in them and, we hope, they in us.

This weekend, we are very pleased to share with you our newly-approved Local Pastoral Plan which is available in its entirety on our website, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org). A synopsis is available at the doors of all of our churches. You are warmly encouraged to take one home and share it with others. In the months ahead, we will be inviting you to participate in the many new and exciting initiatives that our Plan envisions. It is my hope that every parishioner will find a way to get involved in at least one new activity and outreach. I am confident that many blessings will come from these efforts!

*Join us!*

*All are welcome.*

Yours in Christ,  
Father Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (8/5)

2:00pm **Atria** (Fr. Broderick)  
4:00pm **IC Marie Flore Dubuc, Sandy Lambert, Dorothy Porter Burton, Connie Bucci, Eleanor & Angelo Messina, Ted LoPreste** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (8/6)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)  
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
9:00am **IC Sandy Lambert** (Fr. Broderick)  
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
11:00am **IC Theresa Ferrara** (Fr. Harrison)

### Monday (8/7)

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

### Tuesday (8/8)

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

### Wednesday (8/9)

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

### Thursday (8/10)

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

### Friday (8/11)

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

### 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** (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers please remember all the faithful departed.

**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

## This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) and click on the calendar for details on all Collaborative activities.

### Monday, August 7

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

### Tuesday, August 8

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

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

**Knights of Columbus** 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

### Wednesday, August 9

**HR Sandwich Program** 9:00am St. Ann Hall

**Holy Quilters** 2:30pm, Nativity Hall

**Adoration** 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

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

### Thursday, August 10

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

### Friday, August 11

**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 12

**Nativity Choir Rehearsal** 3:30pm, Nativity Church

### Sunday, August 13

**Nativity Choir Rehearsal** 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

**Baptism Class** 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

**Scripture Study** 2:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

## Our Collaborative

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



Immaculate Conception, Newburyport



## Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org) for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., Mass times, and current events. See our new, expanded calendar; view our current and archived bulletins; link to other Catholic websites; or check out the updated photos section. We have so much happening.

# 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>.

## Celebrating the Sacraments

### Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm or by appointment.  
HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass or by appointment.

### Baptism

Call the Parish Office for information and to register.

### Marriage

Archdiocesan guidelines request that couples planning to marry in the Church contact the church at least six months prior to the wedding date.

### Sacrament of the Sick

This Sacrament should not be seen as only administered when there is danger of death. Please call us if someone is in the hospital, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** 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?

## Feed My Sheep

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

## Scripture Study

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

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will **not** meet on its regular first and third Sunday of the month, but will meet on August 13 and August 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205. Interested members of the Collaborative are invited to join the study group as we read and discuss *The Acts of the Apostles*, Chapters 11 through 14. In this second book, written between 80 and 90 A.D., Luke continues the story of Christianity in the first century. These chapters describe the expansion of the Church to include Gentiles and communities beyond Jerusalem.



Our beloved teacher, Father Broderick, not only explains the meaning of the Scripture passages, but also presents rich description of the period and places cited, as well as the culture and practices of the people involved. He connects the events in the New Testament to Old Testament prophecies and events, as well as to our own time. This is a worthwhile way to spend an hour and fifteen minutes on a Sunday afternoon. All are invited to attend these sessions and grow in knowledge and faith.

## Volunteers Needed for Avita of Newburyport

Every Sunday, Avita of Newburyport Assisted Living brings residents to Mass at Holy Redeemer. They are in need of volunteers to escort residents from Avita to church and back on the Avita bus at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Please contact Debra Shapiro at [deb@avitaofnewburyport.com](mailto:deb@avitaofnewburyport.com) or 978-225-7000.

## Walk with The Pelican Intervention Fund at the Yankee Homecoming Parade



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

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

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

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

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS



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.

## Scripture for the Week

- 6 **Sun** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
- 7 **Mon** Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
- 8 **Tue** Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
- 9 **Wed** Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
- 10 **Thu** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
- 11 **Fri** Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
- 12 **Sat** Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

## 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](http://www.pilgrimages.com/FatherTim_RomeAssisi2017) or call 206 Tours at 800-206-8687, and ask for Amanda or Bika.

## “Ask a Priest”

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

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



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

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

## 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](mailto:JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/JESUSaCROSStheBorder>.

## 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](http://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

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

The second collection this weekend is Catholic Relief Services. The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.

## 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](http://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.

## 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 St. Vincent DePaul'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 Society 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](http://www.fopwalk.org) or contact Kathie Williamson at 978-992- 6450.

## 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](mailto:info@abutterflysjourney.org).

## Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

## Adoration

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

## Baptisms

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

Ava Giuliana Bierbaum • Charlotte Anne O'Toole  
Evan Paul Spheekas • Gabriella Noel Urso

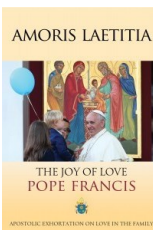
## Consolers Circle Meal

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 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 #109: The expression *chaírei epì te adikía* has to do with a negativity lurking deep within a person's heart. It is the toxic attitude of those who rejoice at seeing an injustice done to others.

The following phrase expresses its opposite: *sygchaírei te aletheía*: "it rejoices in the right." In other words, we rejoice at the good of others when we see their dignity and value their abilities and good works. This is impossible for those who must always be comparing and competing, even with their spouse, so that they secretly rejoice in their failures.

### Summer Religious Education Classes

We rejoice in the blessings that God has bestowed upon our young people this summer. We had 189 students in Religious Education, 10 in our first ever MS Mission Week and 60 candidates for Confirmation process. Truly, they were a blessing to our catechists, assistants and the IC Staff. Thank you!

### 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.

## Parish Membership

Welcome all newcomers to our Collaborative! Parish registration forms are available online at [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org).

## 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](mailto:jsullivan@newburyportcatholic.org).



Pre-K students at Field Day 2017

## Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protections for you or your family, or just connecting with other Catholic men, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

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

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

## MS Mission Week



*We visited Little Sisters of the Poor, Somerville, Pettengill House, and Our Neighbor's Table.*



*We also studied being a Disciple of Jesus.*

*All had a great time. Stay tuned for dates in the Summer 2018.*



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Offertory Collection

The second collection this weekend is Catholic Relief Services. The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.

## “With One Voice” Capital Campaign

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

All registered households have been mailed a campaign brochure. If you did not receive one, there are additional brochures and pledge envelopes available at the entrances 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/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.

Total Pledge	10% Down Payment	36 Monthly Payments (3 years)	48 Monthly Payments (4 years)	Daily Sacrifice (3 Years)
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$250	\$188	\$8.25
\$7,500	\$750	\$188	\$141	\$6.15
\$5,000	\$500	\$125	\$94	\$4.10
<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$3.25</b>
\$3,000	\$300	\$75	\$56	\$2.50

## 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 **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, August 9.** See the Collaborative calendar at [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org) for the schedule or contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

## Boy Scout Chicken Bar-B-Q



Troop 41 will be holding its annual Chicken Bar-B-Q fundraiser on August 12 at the Merrimac Fire Department. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 each and can be purchased from any of the scouts of Troop 41. Scouts will be available after some Masses. Thank you for your support.

## HR Religious Education

2017–18 Religious Ed.

Needed for the Rel. Ed. Program: A 3rd Grade teacher is needed for Sunday morning classes beginning in September, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass in Merrimac. Please contact Doreen O’Leary if you have any questions, or to volunteer. Thanks.

Incoming **First Graders** need to be registered for the Holy Redeemer Religious Ed. program. Please download our registration form online: [hricatholic.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:reledhrp@gmail.com), or for forms to register for the fall: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org). (click the Faith Formation tab, then the Holy Redeemer tab).

## Wine Tasting Social



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

## HR 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.

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 7 at 1:00 p.m.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

