

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Light your lamps and be like
servants who await their
master's return from a wedding.

For at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.

Luke 12:35,40



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2016

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All Are Welcome

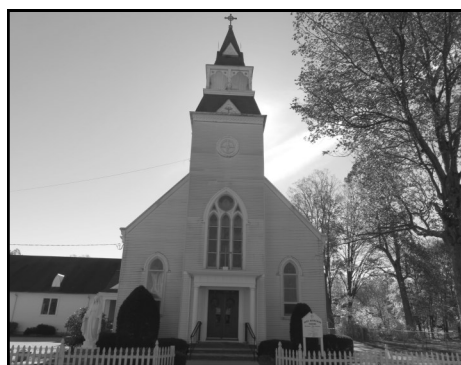
OUR COLLABORATIVE

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Nativity

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Immaculate Conception Parish



Immaculate Conception

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/6)

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

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

Sunday (8/7)

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

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

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

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

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

Monday (8/8)

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

Tuesday (8/9)

7:15am **IC** *Sr. Ruth Babbitt, SCN* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (8/10)

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

Thursday (8/11)

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

Friday (8/12)

9:00am **Nativity** *Regina M. Stronge* (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (8/13)

4:00pm **IC** *Joe, John, & Vincent O'Connor, Ted LoPreste* (Fr. Broderick)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (8/14)

7:15am **IC** *Patricia Borbone* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

9:00am **IC** *Nick & Helen Ebacher* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:00am **IC** *Joseph Maybok* (Fr. Broderick)

In your prayers, please remember Henry Szymura, Joyce Ann Gariepy, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

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.

From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Newburyport's annual Yankee Homecoming Celebration is coming to a close! After months of planning and preparation by volunteers, the city was transformed. Pedestrian walkways, street vendors, food carts, and musical entertainment attracted crowds. Bed races, road races, and parade floats sparked creativity and competition. Charitable fundraisers and community service pumped new life into the city and its people. People flocked to take part in all that Homecoming offered!

Our readings this week also talk about comings and goings. The reading from the Book of Wisdom encourages us to stay strong in faith no matter what lies ahead, to trust in God's loving care and to take courage in it. Abraham wisely took these words to heart as is referenced in the second reading where he's asked to journey to destinations unknown. "He went out not knowing where he was to go." Talk about having faith! Abraham's faith gave him guideposts. His hope propelled him forward to the endpoint. "By faith he sojourned in the promised land." The Gospel has a caution for us, however. "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." We are reminded that only God knows His Plans for each of us and the timing and manner in which it unfolds in our lives. He wants us to be prepared and to live our lives in a constant state of readiness to meet God at the end of our journey. He is eager to greet us when we arrive to begin our eternal journey.

Last summer, in June of 2015, the two parishes of our local Collaborative, Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception, embarked on a new journey with destinations unknown. What we do know is that we are in this together and we are in this to grow. Ours joins 20 other newly-formed Collaboratives in Phase III of the diocesan "Disciples in Mission" pastoral planning process. The seven-phase rollout of Disciples in Mission across the Boston Archdiocese was launched in June 2013. As of June 2016, we now have 52 Collaboratives, made up of 109 parishes with more expected to be announced by the end of this month.

Disciples in Mission is the Archdiocese's Pastoral Plan to form and to support the Collaboratives in their mission to grow and flourish. The focus is on growth in personal faith; a commitment to foster discipleship and evangelization; and to support vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Collaboratives are the launching pads for this growth. Collaborating strengthens and empowers parishes to be vibrant faith communities and centers of outreach in the name of Christ.

At our first year anniversary, there is much to celebrate about what is now Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception (HRIC) Collaborative. We priests have found ourselves moving regularly among the many different corners of the

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four different communities our parishes serve. Each city or town has its own distinct charms as well as varying needs. It is a richness of diversity!

Among the various Councils, as well as our pastoral staff, we are forging new working relationships within the Collaborative. People are stepping up to new responsibilities in support of the broader Collaborative operations. We have consolidated our communication infrastructure and technology and re-worked our extended voice mail system with after-hours reach. Our new combined bulletin and website, www.hriccatholic.org, provide a wealth of information and online links to expanded details and news. Media outreach staff are in place to support our future needs for electronic, video, and print media.

Just before Lent this spring, parishioners took part in the nationwide "Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey." The data collected is providing valuable input into our Collaborative planning efforts. A Pastoral Plan Writing team, made up entirely of parishioners throughout the Collaborative, is leading the development of our Local Pastoral Plan. The plan is being drawn up with parishioner input from the DMI survey and other forums that will be announced in the coming months. The process will identify our unique growth needs and propose a customized plan for our Collaborative. It will ultimately lay out our purpose, values, vision, priorities and goals for the next 3–5 years. With your participation, the plan will guide our efforts to strengthen each of us in our personal faith journey, to share the Gospel joyfully with others, and to build-up our parish communities.

Throughout this year of change, we have not wavered in our commitment to respond to the personal worship and prayer needs of our parishioners. Nor have we run away from the challenge! With your input, we have done our best to accommodate the prayer needs of our parishioners who worship in each church regularly and those who are regularly ministered to in private homes, hospitals, and nursing homes. We must be there for our parishioners in their times of grief at funeral masses and their times of joy in the Sacrament of Marriage. We must also serve the worship and prayer needs of our vibrant Religious Education programs and our local Catholic School.

With these priorities and variables as guideposts, we have put in place a Mass Schedule that is rich yet practical in opportunities to encounter Christ in the Eucharist. As much as possible, we have preserved our Weekend Mass Schedule in both of our parishes. We also have added a monthly Youth Mass on Sundays which is jointly sponsored by both parishes and rotated between the two. We have implemented a new Daily Mass Schedule for our Collaborative which offers weekday Masses, at varying times, in each of our three churches at least once a week. Everything else we do must flow from these encounters with Christ in Word and Sacrament.

It has been a very busy, but fruitful, inaugural year for our

Collaborative! I am very proud of all that we have accomplished together and am encouraged by the rich opportunities we have already discovered for sharing and helping one another. I am grateful for all of the God-given gifts, the effort, the energy, and the time which have been invested in service to forming and nurturing our Collaborative. I thank each of you for your continued patience and flexibility. I ask for your continued prayers for our Collaborative parishes as we continue on our journey to becoming Disciples in Mission. There is much to be hopeful about as we enter our second year of life as Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative!

Soon, Yankee Homecoming will be just a memory and life for Newburyport and the surrounding area will return to normal. Families will return from vacation and prepare for new beginnings at school and work. I look forward to working with each of you in the coming months as we chart our unique course to celebrate Christ as the center of our personal faith journeys and as the center of life within our Collaborative parishes.

Summer blessings to all!

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, August 8

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

Collaborative Meeting 7:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*

Boy Scout Troop 41 7:00pm, *Nativity Church Hall*

Tuesday, August 9

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

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

Collaborative Coordinating Committee 7:00pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*

Wednesday, August 10

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 11

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

IC Haiti Board Meeting 7:00pm, *IC Nazareth Library, Room 205*

Friday, August 12

Adoration 8:00am, *IC St. James Chapel*

AA 7:00pm, *IC Nazareth Library Room 205*

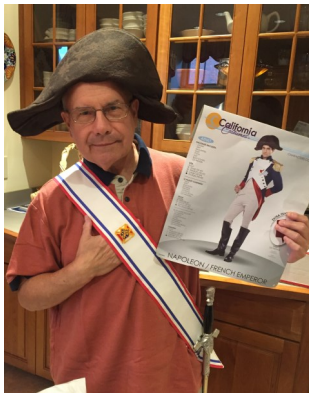
Sunday, August 14

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

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

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

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Fr. George gets ready for the C.A.M.P.S. Retreat week

Vacation Bible School at Holy Redeemer

August 15–19

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Nativity Church in Merrimac from August 15–19. The theme this year is *Cave Quest*. The hours are 9:00–12:00. Kids aged 5–11 can sign up to participate. The cost is \$40 per child. Teens 12 and older can volunteer and will receive 20 hours of community service. There is no charge for volunteers. Adults are also needed. If you have any questions contact Jen Acorn 978-697-1082. To sign up online go to www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/Nativity2016.

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>

Rediscover Catholicism Thank You

Our three-night series based on Matthew Kelley's Book, *Rediscover Catholicism*, was a wonderful success thanks to the 52 participants who, despite the hot weather, came to be together, to learn and to share. Special thanks to our team of Parishioners, Joan Rossi, Mary Bragg, Jim Wilkenson, and Mary Schmidt who together with Father George, planned and provided the three-night program. Many gave valuable "feedback" which will be used to plan future Adult Faith Formation opportunities. Keep an eye on the bulletin for information. And thanks for your encouragement.

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.

Scripture for the Week

7	Sun	Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
8	Mon	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27
9	Tue	Ez 2:8-3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
10	Wed	2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
11	Thu	Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21-19:1
12	Fri	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12
13	Sat	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15
14	Sun	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Archdiocese Web Site

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

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

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

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!

Chicken BBQ

Boy Scout Troop 41 of Merrimac is having their annual Chicken BBQ on **Saturday, August 13** from 5:00–7:00pm at the Merrimac Fire Station.



Tickets are available at the Towne Market. Cost is \$10 for a dinner consisting of BBQ chicken, baked beans, corn on the cob, dinner roll, watermelon, and a drink.

Enjoy an evening out and meet the Scouts as they serve dinner to the community. This is always a sell-out event as tickets are limited. Get your tickets early!

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to Nativity in Merrimac on **August 20**.

HR St. Vincent de Paul



During the past two weeks, the Conference has collected \$189.75 from the Poor Box. Thank you for your generosity.

The Conference recently paid for a \$310.00 overdue electric bill for a woman on disability.

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.



HR Baptisms

We rejoice with the family of our new brother who received the Sacrament of Baptism in July:

Nolan Joseph Baker

HR Religious Education

Teachers/Adult Helpers Needed

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

Note: anyone 18 years of age and older must complete a CORI form and attend **one** Virtus training course in order to serve our youngsters. Keeping our children safe in all parish activities is most important.

Website News: hricatholic.org

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

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

Confirmation

Confirmation Candidates need to compose the letter to Bishop Hennessey as **soon as possible** and send it by mail to me at 4 Green St., Merrimac, MA 01860, or email it as an attachment to: reledhrp@verizon.net. If you need the "how to write the letter" form, email Mrs. O'Leary and I'll email it to you or it is available for download on our web site under "Sacraments/Confirmation, Holy Redeemer Parish."

Also, service sheets are due from all of our Confirmation Students (Grades 9 and 10). You can drop them off at the white "mailbox" by the double doors in Merrimac.

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 10**. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions or delivery date schedule.

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**.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory July 30–31	\$10406.00
Electrical Cooling Costs	\$ 2455.00

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

Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the Online Giving picture at the bottom of our home page to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose contribute to. If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made. Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$ 202.00
Collection	\$ 112.00
Total	\$ 314.00

Breaking Bread

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

IC Knitting Ministry



The Immaculate Conception Knitting Ministry is enjoying our summer hiatus and trying to find a cool spot to enjoy the beautiful summer weather. We have a lovely collection of prayer shawls waiting to console a person in need of prayer and comfort from an illness or a caregiver who would need some support. Please call Frances Ronan at 978-462-4972 or Julia O'Connor at 978-465-3350. We will resume our meetings in September 2016 at the IC Parish Center. Come and join us in the fall if you would like to help us knit shawls, hats, mittens, or scarfs. Watch the Church bulletin for our beginning date.

Immaculate Conception School

Empowering Students for Success in a Caring Environment



Immaculate Conception School (pre-kindergarten–eighth grade) has a limited number of openings for Fall, 2016. Please call **Mrs. Kelley Pappalardo**, Admissions Director, today for more information and to schedule a visit. **(978) 465-7780** • www.icsnewburyport.com

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community is pleased to offer a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted if you wish to do that. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

Communion Calls

If you or a loved one is homebound, in the hospital, or have transitioned to a rehab/nursing facility and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact Sandy @ 978-462-4842 to arrange a home visit.

Parish Membership

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

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

EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has got you covered. Check this link daily for news about the Catholic Church, and the latest issues in Catholicism. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource. <http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

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Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

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

Due to Yankee Homecoming, Father Broderick's Scripture Study will **not** meet on its regularly scheduled first and third Sundays in August, but will meet on the second and fourth Sundays, August 14 and August 28, in the IC Parish Center at 2:00pm. On August 14, we will continue reading the second section of *The Book of Isaiah*, The Book of Consolation, which is sometimes called the Deutero-Isaiah, Chapters 42 through 47. This section is generally attributed to an anonymous poet who prophesied toward the end of the Babylonian exile and contains the great messianic oracles known as the Suffering Servant songs. This would be a good time for interested collaborative members to join the group as we study on a different period in Israel's history.

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

IC Church Summer Hours

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

Questions of the Week

Adult: Where and when have you said **yes** to live your life centered in God?

Child: Name a time when you said **yes** to love God by how you acted.

Altar Server Training Sessions

Youth in grades 4–12 are invited to attend the fall training sessions. We will offer 3 training sessions. Please select the dates that best work with your schedule.

- **Training Session 1** 3:30–4:30pm in the IC Church: Monday, September 19, Tuesday, September 20, or Thursday September 22.
- **Training Session 2** 3:30–4:30pm in the IC Church: Monday, September 26, Tuesday September 27, or Thursday, September 29.
- **Training Session 3** with Fr. Tim 3:30–4:30pm in the IC Church: Tuesday, October 4.

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

IC Religious Education

Amoris 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 #43—*The Current Reality of the Family*: The weakening of faith and religious practice in some societies has an effect on families, leaving them more isolated amid their difficulties. The Synod Fathers noted that “one symptom of the great poverty of contemporary culture is loneliness, arising from the absence of God in a person's life and the fragility of relationships. There is also a general feeling of powerlessness in the face of socio-cultural realities that oftentimes end up crushing families...Families often feel abandoned due to a lack of interest and attention on the part of institutions. The negative impact on the social order is clear, as seen in the demographic crisis, in the difficulty of raising children, in a hesitancy to welcome new life, in a tendency to see older persons as a burden, and in an increase of emotional problems and outbreaks of violence. The State has the responsibility to pass laws and create work to ensure the future of young people and help them realize their plan of forming a family.” (*Relatio Synodi* 2014, 6).

Religious Education Classes

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

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

Grade K-1: <http://www.hricatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education>

Grades 7-8: <http://www.hricatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education>

Baptism

Baptism info: <http://www.hricatholic.org/Baptism>

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

August 21 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

HS youth: Parent-only Orientation—Sunday, September 11 at 1:00pm in the Church. School year Confirmation info: <http://www.hricatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>

Pope Francis: Year of Mercy

It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples. Let us rediscover these corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offenses, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead. (*Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others*, Dynamic Catholic, p. 16).



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Ordinations on CatholicTV

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. Also, tune in August 12 for a special Daily Mass. The bishops-elect will make the Profession of Faith, Oath of Fidelity, and the Cardinal will bless the "pontifical insignia" (miter, crozier, ring).

Bishop-elect Robert P. Reed

Born on June 11, 1959 in Boston, he is the son of the late William and Jeanne Reed and Charles Boland and the youngest of five children. Ordained to the priesthood in 1985, his first assignment was at Immaculate Conception Parish, Malden. Other assignments include St. Catherine of Siena, Norwood; St. Matthew, Dorchester; St. Theresa of Avila, West Roxbury; All Saints, Haverhill; and Holy Ghost, Whitman.

He was educated at St. John's Preparatory, St. John's Seminary, and the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He holds an advanced degree in Television Management from Boston University. His work at The CatholicTV Network includes serving as Director of Educational Development, Assistant Director, and President. He currently serves as Cabinet Secretary for Catholic Media in the Archdiocese of Boston and is the President/CEO of iCatholic Media, Inc. He assists at Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish, Newton and St. Bonaventure Parish, Plymouth. He is author of *Renewed: Ten Ways to Rediscover the Saints, Embrace Your Gifts and Revive Your Catholic Faith*.

Bishop-Elect Mark O'Connell

Born in Toronto, Canada of American parents on June 25, 1964, his family returned to Massachusetts when he was 12 years old. His father, who passed away in 2013, was a University Librarian first at York University in Toronto and then at Boston College. His mother, Margaret, lives at Bethany Health Care Center in Framingham. Bishop-elect O'Connell is the youngest of four children. His late uncle was a Boston Priest, Father David F. Delaney '61, and his aunt is a Dominican Sister, Sr. Jean Delaney, O.P.

A graduate of Dover Sherborn Regional High School, he earned degrees from Boston College and St. John Seminary. Following his 1990 ordination, he served at St. Barbara in Woburn and St. Mary of the Annunciation in Danvers during which time he was one of the Chaplains at Salem State. He continued his studies in Rome in Canon Law in 1997 and received his License in Canon Law from Università della Santa Croce and his Doctorate in Canon Law. From 2001 to 2007 he served as Assistant to the Moderator of the Curia for Canonical Affairs. He has been Judicial Vicar since 2007 and is on the faculty at both St. John Seminary and Pope St. John XXIII Seminary. He is Chaplain to the Catholic Lawyers' Guild.

LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries celebrating 10 years of ministry with a special event on **Saturday, August 13** at LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, MA. The event includes Mass at 4:00pm followed by a BBQ and then LIFT at 7:00pm. This event is free to attend and open to all ages. Find a downloadable flyer and more information at www.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area.

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
7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury

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

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, feeling there is more to tell of their story. 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 email patricia@hopeandhealingpeers.com.