

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 18, 2016

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*All Are Welcome*

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Disciples in Mission  
Archdiocese of Boston

### A Collaborative Town Hall with the Archdiocese

St. Ann's Church  
300 Main St., W. Newbury

September 27, 2016, 7:00–8:30 p.m.  
*The Feast Day of St. Vincent De Paul*

We are honored to host **Susan Abbott**, Coordinator of Pastoral Planning and frequent contributor to *The Pilot* and **Patrick Krisak**, Director of Training and Support for an interactive presentation and discussion on Disciples in Mission and the Collaborative planning process.

***What is Disciples in Mission and the New Evangelization?***

***What is the Local Pastoral Plan?***

***What have other Collaboratives experienced with their planning efforts?***

***How can I play a role in the future of our Collaborative?***

***Please Join Us***

**For This Dynamic and Vital Information Exchange**

**The Archdiocese Pastoral Planning Office and HRIC's Pastoral Plan Writing Team  
Welcome the Chance to Hear *Your* Thoughts, Concerns, and Ideas  
For Growing Together as a Community on Our Faith Journey**

**Don't miss this opportunity to ask questions and to help our HRIC Collaborative benefit from your ideas, your experience, and your God-given gifts.**

*In celebration of the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul and the most recent Walk for Poor, donations are gratefully accepted in the form of cash or gas and grocery gift cards which will be collected for the SVDP Society at each parish*



National Council of the United States  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
*End Poverty Through Systemic Change*

*Refreshments will be served following the Town Hall*

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (9/17)

4:00pm **IC** *William Lindquist, Daniel P. Bradley, Alice Morin* (Fr. Broderick)

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

### Sunday (9/18)

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

8:00am **Nativity** *Catherine Lorenzo* (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** *Alan Chu, John Murphy, Josephine Ceccarelli* (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Monday (9/19)

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

### Tuesday (9/20)

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

### Wednesday (9/21)

7:15am **IC** *Patricia Ann Mosher* (Fr. Morin)

### Thursday (9/22)

7:15am **IC** *Larry Howard, Daniel P. Bradley* (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (9/23)

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

### Saturday (9/24)

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

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

### Sunday (9/25)

7:15am **IC** *Peter & Florence Boschetti* (Fr. Broderick)

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

9:00am **IC** *Sebastino & Eunice Crisafulli, Larry Howard* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

5:00pm **Nativity** Youth Mass (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Clifton E. Judson, Jr. and all the faithful departed.

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

**IC**—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

**Nativity**—Merrimac

**St. Ann**—West Newbury

## Walk to Defeat ALS



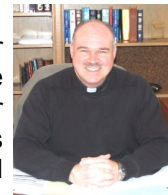
The North Shore Walk to Defeat ALS, Massachusetts Chapter, takes place on Saturday, October 15 at Beverly High School, Beverly, MA. Check-in begins at 9:00am and the 3-mile walk begins at 11:00am. Sign up to walk or donate to IC Parishioner Sandy Lambert's "Team Sandy." This is an opportunity to raise money for a cure and to bring hope to Sandy Lambert and all those living with ALS. Register on-line at North Shore Walk ALS Beverly MA October 15, 2016:

([http://web.alsa.org/site/TR/Rides/Blueprint?fr\\_id=12026&pg=entry#\\_V8RCLvkrJD8](http://web.alsa.org/site/TR/Rides/Blueprint?fr_id=12026&pg=entry#_V8RCLvkrJD8))

or contact Theresa.Maurer@gmail.com or call Sandy Lambert at 978-462-4842. Thank you.

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



OK. Honest question: How many of you, after hearing this weekend's Gospel about the Dishonest Steward, were left scratching your heads wondering why Jesus was praising this clear breach of duty and downright financial mischief? This "steward" was anything but—he was self-centered, self-serving and clearly no fan of truth and honesty. Crafty?, yes. To be praised, no! This guy deserved some serious jail time, not compliments. Right?

The cultural differences of Jesus' time and place and our own make our initial read of this parable problematic. But factor this in: Honor was the most important commodity that was traded in ancient times in the Mediterranean. It was more valuable than any amount of olive oil or wheat. And much harder to come by. On a practical level, to gain honor, someone else had to lose some or be shamed.

What this "Dishonest Steward" managed to accomplish was a rare, win-win situation. By secretly writing-off some of the amounts owed to his master, he increased his standing with these debtors. They would have remembered the steward's help in gaining them some relief from the often crushing level of debt that many carried.

But more importantly, the debtors would have thought that the master was behind the whole thing and would have been supremely grateful and complimentary of such generosity. In fact, they would have been so appreciative of what the master had (unknowingly) done, they would have spread the word far and wide about what a wonderful and

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## Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

**Scripture Study Will Meet on September 18, 2016**

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will return to its regular third Sunday of the month on September 18th. We will continue reading the second section of *The Book of Isaiah*, The Book of Consolation, Chapters 47 through 51. The Book of Consolation 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. Chapter 48 will mark the conclusion of Part 1 of this section: *The Lord's Glory in Israel's Liberation*. Chapters 49 through 55 are entitled: *The Expiation of Sin, Spiritual Liberation of Israel*.

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.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit our website for details on these and other events.

### Monday, September 19

AA 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205  
 Altar Server Training Session #1 3:30pm, IC Church  
 IC Religious Ed., Grades 1–6 6:00pm, IC Parish Center  
 Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall  
 Merrimac Cub Scouts Pack Meeting 7:00pm,  
 Nativity Lower Hall

### Tuesday, September 20

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209  
 Altar Server Training Session #1 3:30pm, IC Church  
 Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
 IC St. Vincent de Paul 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
 HR Religious Ed., Grade 7 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

### Wednesday, September 21

Holy Quilters 3:00pm, Nativity Hall  
 Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel  
 Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

### Thursday, September 22

Altar Server Training Session #1 3:30pm, IC Church  
 Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel  
 HR Holiday Fair Planning Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

### Friday, September 23

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel  
 HR Statue Repair/Repaint Project 10:00am, Nativity Hall  
 AA 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

### Saturday, September 24

Walk 4 the Poor 8:30am, IC Parking Lot

### Sunday, September 25

IC Religious Ed., Grades K–6 10:05am, IC Parish Center  
 HR Confirmation Retreat 1:00pm, Nativity Hall  
 Boy Scouts Troop 21 5:30pm, IC School Cafeteria

## RCIA

The RCIA program will begin on **Sunday, September 25, 2016, at 11:30am** in the IC Parish Center Room 209.

### 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](mailto:fortune@newburyportcatholic.org) and we will make arrangements for that to happen.

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amazing person he was! Everyone would have been talking about his greatness and holding him in high esteem. Which, of course, would have eventually gotten back to the master in the form of other benefits and blessings.

It was a win-win scenario of the first order. Any anger the master would have had for his steward mishandling his estate would have been quickly swept aside by the good will that he generated on his master's behalf among the whole village. Maybe so much so, that the steward might have even kept his job. That's how substantially valued honor was in ancient times.

The lesson, translated for us today, is to do the same to increase God's honor. How do we act, what actions do we take to enable others to give God praise? The greatest thing we can accomplish is to live our lives so well that others can see God's goodness through us and in what we do. Ultimately, it's not about us, it's all about God.

What is one thing that I can do today that will show God's love, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and glory to someone else?

September blessings,

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

## Walk 4 the Poor

**Save the Date: September 24, 2016**



Please join us for the **Walk 4 the Poor**, a St. Vincent de Paul annual fundraiser, on September 24. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The start of the walk is 8:30 at the IC parking lot, Court Street, Newburyport.

To register online: log on to [www.fopwalk.org](http://www.fopwalk.org), website of Friends of the Poor Walk 2016. At the site: click on "find a walk," choose Massachusetts, then "show me the events," scroll down to Immaculate Conception, Newburyport and click "register to walk." Fill in the form as directed. Beneficiary is either **Immaculate Conception or Holy Redeemer**. After you register, e-mail your friends and family to sponsor you in the walk. You may also register the day of the walk at the registration tables. Please pick up a sponsor sheet in the back of church to raise as much as you can. Money must be turned in the day of the walk. If you are unable to join the walk on September 24, you can sponsor one of the other Registered Walkers, such as Fr. Broderick, Fr. George, Fr. Tim, or another friend. They would be grateful. Checks (payable to "Society of St. Vincent de Paul—**WALK**" for IC or "HR St. Vincent de Paul" for HR) can be added to any collection basket at any Mass through the end of September. Walkers with \$60 in paid pledges earn a free T-shirt. Additional T-shirts are available the day of the walk for \$10 each. Please be a Friend of the Poor and wear your T-shirt with great pride. Please show up at IC on Saturday, September 24 to walk the walk. We hope that this event will be an opportunity for our Collaborative members to grow closer as a community in Christ. *Thank you for helping us help others.*

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Youth Masses

We have a new time for our monthly Youth Masses. Our first Youth Mass is Sunday, September 25 at 5:00pm at Holy Redeemer: Church of the Nativity, 4 Green St, Merrimac. Our collection will benefit the food pantry. Please bring non-perishables for the collection. Everyone is invited.

Youth Masses for the rest of the year are:

September 25	Holy Redeemer (Church of the Nativity, 4 Green St., Merrimac)
October 23	Immaculate Conception (42 Green St.)
November 20	Holy Redeemer, Church of the Nativity
December 11	Immaculate Conception
January 22	Holy Redeemer, Church of the Nativity
March 12	Immaculate Conception
April 2	Holy Redeemer, Church of the Nativity
May 7	Immaculate Conception

## 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

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.

## Cursillo

A new season of Cursillo is upon us and we are looking forward to another year of community. Cursillo is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love and joy into your daily life.



### 2016 Ultreya / Cursillo Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
September 30	October 6-9 (Men)
October 28	November 3-6 (Women)
December 2	December 1-4 (Men)
December 30	January 5-8 (Women)

**All are welcome.** Our first Ultreya will be September 30 in the St. James Chapel in the IC Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions feel free to contact either Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

## Scripture for the Week

18 Sun	Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
19 Mon	Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18
20 Tue	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
21 Wed	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
22 Thu	Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
23 Fri	Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
24 Sat	Eccl 11:9-12:8/Lk 9:43b-45
25 Sun	Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

## 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>

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## 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](http://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 Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport supports families after a child dies—any age/cause. Our normal September support meeting will be held as usual on the 4th Monday, **September 26 at 7:30pm** in room 209 of the IC Parish Center. For more information, please contact Barbara Hopkinson at [barhop@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

Offertory September 10–11    \$12,241.00  
Monthly                                \$ 2,244.00

This week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org)

Next weekend's second collection is the Restoration/Renovation.



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL'S ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

Join us Thursday, September 29, 2016

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

ICS Gymnasium

For more information call 978-465-7780

Representatives from Public High Schools, Catholic High Schools, and Prep Schools all over New England will be in attendance to meet with parents and students in grades 6, 7 & 8.

## San Marcos Coffee Sale



Father Ray Richard has been our guest at the IC rectory for the past few weeks. He is a Newburyport native who has spent the past 40 years as a Franciscan Capuchin in Honduras. "Padre Ramon" was the originator of the San Marcos Coffee Project over 10 years ago to bring a fair wage to the people of his former parish so that their hard work and top quality coffee could bring them a better standard of living. We said goodbye to him on September 14 as he returned to Honduras, but we know he will be back again next summer. On September 17–18 you can buy this specialty Honduran whole bean dark-roasted coffee for \$10 per pound after all IC Masses. The farmers of San Marcos say "Muchas Gracias and Paz de Cristo!"

## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** How is your life lived in relation to those who are homeless, poor and in need of assistance?

**Child:** Name a time when you shared your belongings with someone who did not have all that you have.

## 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](mailto:sandbunnyc@yahoo.com).



## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Poor Box            \$ 244.00  
Collection        \$ 510.00  
Total                \$ 754.00

## IC Knitting Ministry

The Knitting Ministry of the Immaculate Conception Parish had their first meeting of the 2016–2017 season on **Tuesday, September 13** at the IC Parish Center, Room 209. We meet every Tuesday from 1:00–3:00pm to knit prayer shawls, hats, mittens, and scarves. We bring prayers and hope to people who are sick and their caregivers and to celebrate happy occasions. We have made and distributed hats and scarves to the hundreds of homeless children in our area. Please come and help us to keep these boys and girls warm this winter and to send joy to our friends who are experiencing illness at this time. We are happy to help you brush up on your knitting or we can teach you to knit or crochet. Our membership is open to all. Please join us for knitting, fellowship, and tea (and goodies).



If you know anyone who needs a prayer shawl or for more information please call Frances Ronan 978-462-4972 or Julia O'Connor at 978-465-3350.

## Knights of Columbus



Did you know that the Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897? We are looking to welcome new members to this long standing group of Catholic men. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or 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.

Contact us at (978) 572-0231, [membership@kofc231.org](mailto:membership@kofc231.org), or [membership@kofcnewburyport.org](mailto:membership@kofcnewburyport.org)

If you are already a member, please update your contact information with your email via [membership@kofc231.org](mailto:membership@kofc231.org).

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Catechetical Sunday



Catechetical Sunday 2016 will be celebrated Sunday, September 18, 2016.

Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. This year's theme is Prayer: The Faith Prayed.

## Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Training Sessions

Our monthly Sunday 5:00pm Youth Masses are returning at the end of September. We are seeking excellent readers (grade 5 and older) to become Lectors and confirmed teens and adults to be Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

Training provided: First 45 minutes-Lectors. Last 45 minutes-EMCs. Please contact: Dr. Mag if interested.

- October 23 1:00-2:30pm Church of the Nativity, Merrimac

## 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](mailto: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.

## Catholic TV

Visit [www.catholic.tv](http://www.catholic.tv) for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

## IC Religious Education

### *Amoris Laetitia*...Pope Francis

Pope Francis released the Exhortation on the Family. In #47—The Fathers also called particular attention to “families of persons with special needs, where the unexpected challenge of dealing with a disability can upset a family’s equilibrium, desires and expectations... Families who lovingly accept the difficult trial of a child with special needs are greatly to be admired. They render the Church and society an invaluable witness of faithfulness to the gift of life. In these situations, the family can discover, together with the Christian community, new approaches, new ways of acting, a different way of understanding and identifying with others, by welcoming and caring for the mystery of the fragility of human life. People with disabilities are a gift for the family and an opportunity to grow in love, mutual aid and unity... If the family, in the light of the faith, accepts the presence of persons with special needs, they will be able to recognize and ensure the quality and value of every human life, with its proper needs, rights and opportunities. This approach will promote care and services on behalf of these disadvantaged persons and will encourage people to draw near to them and provide affection at every stage of life.”



### Religious Education Classes

School Year Registration is ongoing. Classes begin this week: September 18–19—see our website:

Grades K–1:

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

- We still **need a gr 2 Catechist on Monday** evening.

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

### Baptism

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

Sept. 18 Group Baptism-IC Church 1:00pm

Oct. 2 Parent Class-IC Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

### Confirmation

Parent Orientation has occurred. If you missed it, contact Dr. Mag to learn more about the Confirmation process for this year. Our first session is Sunday, October 23 from 3:00–5:00pm in the Church for Years 1 & 2. The candidate and his/her sponsor, parent or another adult are to attend the session. School year Confirmation information:

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

### Give Drink to the Thirsty

“Whoever drinks the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (jn 4: 14).

### Christopher West: *Surprising Mercy*

“The Latin word for mercy, *Misericordia*, means “a heart which gives itself to those in misery.” Pope Francis says, “that the thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds.” And this means that “ministers of mercy are those willing to enter into the pain and misery of people’s lives, touch their wounds, and surprise them with tender, healing love. Think of how the bishop in *Les Misérables* treated Jean Valjean when he stole his silver. That’s the kind of ‘surprising mercy’ that heals wounds and changes the course of human lives.” (*Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God’s Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others*, Dynamic Catholic, pp. 39-40).



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Offertory Collection

Offertory September 3–4	\$2,905.00
Monthly	\$1,551.00
Offertory September 10–11	\$3,539.00
College Fund	\$ 483.00
Monthly	\$ 465.00
Roofing Expenses as of 9-11	\$14,200.00

The second collection this weekend is for Catholic University.

## 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](mailto:cynwinnquinn@aol.com).



## HR St. Vincent de Paul



The Holy Redeemer Conference is participating in the Walk 4 the Poor on Saturday, 9/24, in Newburyport. The Conference will have sign-up sheets after September Masses to facilitate sponsorship of HR walkers. Any donation checks should be made out to "HR Saint Vincent de Paul." Thank you very much for your generosity.

## 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, October 6.

## Scouting Update



The two Boy Scout Troops that Holy Redeemer Parish charters, Troops 41 and 26, have merged into a single troop. The leadership of the two troops met and decided that a single troop could better serve the boys as well as both of the communities of Merrimac and West Newbury. Members of Troop 41 wish to extend a warm welcome to all scouts and leaders of Troop 26 who have joined with us. If anyone is interested in learning more about the troop or joining, meetings are held every Monday 7:00–8:30pm in the Nativity Church hall, Merrimac. All faiths welcome. Contact the scoutmaster, Mark Friend at [msf4087@gmail.com](mailto:msf4087@gmail.com).

## HR Religious Education

Sunday, 9/18 Grades 3–6 classes following the 8:00am Mass at Nativity with a brief parent meeting after the children go to class with their teachers.

11:15am Grade 2 class at the hall at St. Ann 6:00pm

Parent/Student meeting Grade 9 at the hall at Nativity.

Tuesday, 9/20, 6–7:30pm, Grade 7 class at the hall at Nativity.

Sunday, 9/25 Confirmation Retreat for our 11<sup>th</sup> Graders receiving the Sacrament on 10/9. Retreat begins at 1:00pm at the hall in Merrimac; please arrive on time. Retreat ends after our Youth Mass at 5:00pm in Merrimac.

All families from IC and HR are invited to participate in our Youth Masses throughout this year.

Website News: [hricatholic.org](http://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.

## Pancake Breakfast Thank You



Another wonderful turnout for our Pancake Breakfast! Thank you to everyone who baked, attended, and made a donation to help the Pelican Intervention Fund. Donations were just over \$1,000.00. Our small Parish has a huge heart!

## 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.



# OUR COLLABORATIVE

## Holy Redeemer Parish



### St. Ann

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Rector: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985

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## Immaculate Conception Parish



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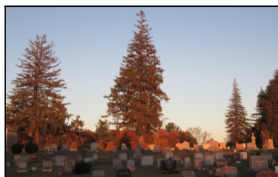
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