

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

**SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY**

*All good giving and every perfect gift is from above,  
coming down from the Father of lights,  
with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused  
by change. (James 1:17)*

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 2, 2018**

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*All Are Welcome*



# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

*“Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...”*

## St. Ann

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Email: [holyredeemer@verizon.net](mailto:holyredeemer@verizon.net)

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St. Vincent de Paul Society at  
Immaculate Conception  
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (9/1)

4:00pm **IC** Virginia Reardon, Mary Lou Gannon,  
Cori Lyn Harrington (Fr. Morin)

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

### Sunday (9/2)

7:15am **IC** Regina M. Stronge, Derek Hines,  
Jamie Grabowski, Longin J. & Beatrice B. Kijek  
(Fr. Ray)

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

9:00am **IC** Alan Chu (Fr. Morin)

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

11:00am **IC** Michael Filomia, Andrew Shakespeare,  
Michael Bossi (Fr. Morin)

### Monday (9/3)

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

### Tuesday (9/4)

7:15am **IC** Longin J. & Beatrice B. Kijek  
(Fr. McLaughlin)

### Wednesday (9/5)

7:15am **IC** Judy Conway, Longin J. & Beatrice B.  
Kijek (Fr. Morin)

### Thursday (9/6)

7:15am **IC** Longin J. & Beatrice B. Kijek (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (9/7)

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

1:30pm **Avita** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Saturday (9/8)

4:00pm **IC** Mary Finneran, Mary Lou Gannon,  
Virginia & Rocky Carnevale, Sid Farinha, For the  
intentions of Doris Neal (Fr. O'Brien)

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

### Sunday (9/9)

7:15am **IC** Longin J. & Beatrice B. Kijek  
(Fr. McLaughlin)

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

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

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

11:30am **IC** (Fr. O'Brien)

In your prayers, please remember Dorothy MacDonald, Sid Farinha, Dorothy Salvatore and all the faithful departed.

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

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

## The Mass

### Like You've Never Known It!

#### Save the dates

Starting Wednesday, September 19, 2018, come for a superb video series presented by Bishop Robert Barron. The AFF Team has previewed all 6 sessions; we are confident it will transform you through insights, images, and sacred tradition richly layered in this most privileged encounter with Our Lord. Enter into the heavenly realm by God's call and through our response that intimately joins us to His Body & Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

Sessions will be facilitated each Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. –2:00 p.m. at IC's Parish Center. Watch the bulletin in coming weeks for the theme of each session. It's free. It's life-changing.

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

## Women's Evening of Prayer



The next Women's Evening of Prayer will be Wednesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church, West Newbury.

All women of the Collaborative are welcome to this wonderful evening of reflection through prayer and music.

## Labor Day Office Hours

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day. The offices will reopen on Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.

## Catholic TV

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

## Fall Mass Schedule Change

Beginning September 9, the Sunday Mass schedule at Immaculate Conception will change as follows:

Sunday 7:15am

9:00am

**11:30am** (Note time change)



*The Holy Jammers is an impromptu group of musicians that meet on Wednesdays in the IC Pastoral Center, second floor, at 9:00am. Anyone is welcome. Bring your instrument.*

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

**Monday, September 3, Labor Day**

Collaborative Offices Closed

**Tuesday, September 4**

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

**Wednesday, September 5**

Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

**Thursday, September 6**

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

**Friday, September 7**

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**Saturday, September 8**

IC Confirmation Retreat 10:00am IC Church

HR Religious Ed. , Grade 1—Parent & Student—Meeting  
3:00pm, Nativity Hall

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

**Sunday, September 9**

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

IC Coffee Hour 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Religious Ed. Book Pickup, Grades 3—8 9:00am, Nativity  
Hall

Coffee Hour Fundraiser for Eagle Scout Project 9:00am,  
Nativity Hall

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

IC Catechist Meeting 10:15am, IC Youth Ministry Room

Baptism Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

IC Confirmation Retreat 1:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall/IC Church

### Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to  
[hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

### Questions of the Week

**Adult:** The question Jesus poses for us today is: do you live by the letter or the spirit of the Law?

**Child:** Jesus tells us today to be careful about what we say and do. How do you treat your family and friends? Do you think about what you say and how you say it?

### Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our Parish communities and hope you take an active part in parish life. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) or you can call the Parish offices.

### St. Vincent de Paul “Walk for the Poor”



The annual St. Vincent de Paul “Walk for the Poor” will be held on Saturday, September 29 beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will meet at Cashman Park, Merrimac Street, Newburyport and walk the waterfront to the

Harbormaster’s Building and then back again. The entire walk is 3 miles. Register online at [fopwalk.org](http://fopwalk.org). On the site, search for “HRIC Collaborative STVDP Friends of the Poor Walk.” Don’t forget to select your “beneficiary” as either Holy Redeemer, Merrimac or Immaculate Conception, Newburyport, so that your pledges go directly to our local organizations.

The Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run is a national event coordinated by the Development Team at the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

### History of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Frederic Ozanam, a young university student in Paris in the early 19th century, was deeply moved at the hopeless state of many families after the cholera epidemic of 1832. These people were homeless, unemployed, starving, and ill. Ozanam felt something must be done, so he and a small group of friends formed the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (named after the patron saint of Christian charity) to help these poor families. With the help of Sr. Rosalie



Rendu, a Daughter of Charity, Ozanam and his companions were introduced to many people in the city who could benefit from their ministry.

Very soon, others in Paris started to notice the good deeds and charitable works of these men and, within a year, the small group of seven had expanded to 100. The group set up different “conferences” and expanded to other areas around Paris. Within 10 years, the Society had expanded to 48 cities in France and Italy and had over 9,000 members. The Society came to America in 1846.

The work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society continues today in many countries throughout the world. Join us on September 29 for the annual “Friends of the Poor” walk to raise funds to continue the good works of Frederic Ozanam and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

### Offertory Envelopes

You can attend Mass at any worship site in our Collaborative and use your usual offertory envelope. Drop it in the collection and we will deliver it to your home Parish.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Sunday and Daily Mass Scripture Readings: Sept. 2-9, 2018

We're all encouraged to spend time reading the daily Scripture passages, meditating upon their meaning, and conversing with the Lord in response to His Word. In praying with the Scriptures, we have the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord while discerning His ever-gracious invitation to love as He loves us. Praying with the Scriptures daily is one sure way to become a more intentional disciple of Christ.

		1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
<b>Sunday</b>	Sept. 2	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8	Psalm 15	James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
<b>Monday</b>	Sept. 3	1 Corinthians 2:1-5	Psalm 119		Luke 4:16-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sept. 4	1 Corinthians 2:10b-16	Psalm 145		Luke 4:31-37
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sept. 5	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Psalm 33		Luke 4:38-44
<b>Thursday</b>	Sept. 6	1 Corinthians 3:18-23	Psalm 24		Luke 5:1-11
<b>Friday</b>	Sept. 7	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Psalm 37		Luke 5:33-39
<b>Saturday</b>	Sept. 8	Micah 5:1-4a	Psalm 13		Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
<b>Sunday</b>	Sept. 9	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Psalm 146	James 2:1-5	Mark 7:31-37

Please refer to the HRIC webpage to learn about **Lectio Divina** as a way of praying the Scriptures.

Go directly to <http://www.hriccatholic.org/blog/lectio-divina> or go to [www.HRICcatholic.org](http://www.HRICcatholic.org) and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

## R.C.I.A

### R.C.I.A. Starts Soon

The R.C.I.A. program for people interested in joining the Catholic Church and/or learning about the Catholic faith will begin soon. Anyone over the age of seven who wishes to become baptized, or has been baptized in another Christian Church and/or is interested in the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation is welcome. If you have a friend or family member who might be interested, please have them contact Marin Fortune at [fortune@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:fortune@newburyportcatholic.org).

## Centering Prayer

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. Join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm-7:00pm, in the IC Conference Room 209. Join 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.

## 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.

## 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 offices 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.



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## Free Hair Cuts



Donna Koen, a parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is: (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame. She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### Local Free Meals for Those Seeking Assistance

Please call ahead for details and/or possible restrictions. Phone numbers and locations are at [www.hricatholic.org/local-food-pantries---markets](http://www.hricatholic.org/local-food-pantries---markets).

#### Monday Meals

**9 am** Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport  
**11 am** Lunch, Greek Orthodox Church, Newburyport  
**5–6 pm** Dinner, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport

#### Tuesday Meals

**9 am** Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport  
**11 am–12:30 pm** Lunch, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport  
**5 pm** Dinner, Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

#### Wednesday Meals

**9 am** Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport  
**11 am** Lunch, The Salvation Army, Newburyport  
**4–6 pm**, Main Street Congregational Church, Amesbury

#### Thursday Meals

**9 am** Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport  
**5 pm** Dinner, The Salvation Army, Newburyport

#### Friday Meals

**9 am** Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport  
**11 am–12:30 pm** Lunch, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport

#### Saturday Meals

**8–10 am** Breakfast, Central Congregational Church, Nbpt.  
Dinner Delivery for Pettengill Clients (once/month)

### 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.  
[www.ewtnnews.com/](http://www.ewtnnews.com/)

### Entertaining Angels: Creating a Culture of Radical Hospitality

The Bible says that when we create a culture of radical hospitality, where every person serves as an open door to Jesus Christ, we "entertain angels" (Hebrews 13:2). With that in mind Holy Family Parish in Amesbury and Star of the Sea Parish in Salisbury have invited the Catholic Hospitality Training Institute to lead a one day workshop, Entertaining Angels, on Saturday, October 6, 2018, from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. The workshop will be held in the parish hall in Amesbury and includes continental breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m., lunch, materials, and a full year of monthly reflections. First Saturday Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m. The Sacrament of Penance will be available at lunchtime and again at 3:00 p.m. Registration is \$25 per person. Register online at <http://stpaulse.com/livingwater/>. If you have questions or need assistance with online registration, please contact Sue Greaney (978-388-0330 or 978-465-3334, ext. 107 for both numbers).

### HOPE of the NATIONS

Hope Conferences

September 15, 2018

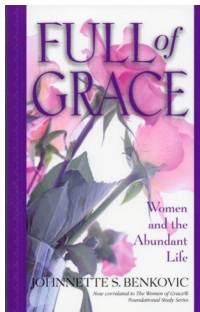
8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Lowell Memorial Auditorium

A Catholic Conference for all adults, ages 20 through 120, focused on the gift of Holy Hope! Come and join with almost 2000 other Catholic men and women for a full day filled with five powerful talks, incredible Christian Music, and the fellowship of thousands who unite their hearts in Holy Hope. Holy Mass, Confessions, and Adoration will all be included in this amazing day of grace. Go to [www.HopeConferences.com](http://www.HopeConferences.com) to get more information and to register.

### Women of Grace Program

Become the woman of grace God created you to be!



The Women of Grace Foundational Study, *Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life*, is a dynamic program for Catholic women, encouraging study participants to come to a fuller understanding of their dignity and vocation as daughters of God. They'll dig deep into Catholic teaching to examine their gift of authentic femininity using the study text *Full of Grace*, Sacred Scripture, the *Catechism*, citations from Vatican II and other Magisterial documents, as well as the biographies of 16 Catholic women saints. As they learn the great gift of authentic femininity and how to live it out in the world today, hearts are healed, lives are changed, and souls are saved!

Morning and evening sessions offered:

Wednesdays: 10:00am–12noon or 6:00pm–8:00pm

(10 weekly sessions begin on September 26, 2018)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH

\$45.00 for materials (Financial assistance available if needed).

Registration deadline: September 10, 2018

For more information, contact Kathy Allen: [603-957-0048](tel:603-957-0048), [kallen77@gmail.com](mailto:kallen77@gmail.com).

### Scott Hahn Lectures

Dr. Scott Hahn will be presenting three talks on the Creed, the Sacraments, and Evangelizing Catholics on September 15 at St. Mary's Church, 8 South Common St., Lynn, MA, from 9:00am–3:00pm. Mass will follow at 4:00pm. Tickets are \$25/person.

For tickets please call St. Mary's Lynn, (781) 598-4907 or Email Chris Carmody, [ccarmody@lynncatholic.org](mailto:ccarmody@lynncatholic.org).

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, August 25–26      \$8,938.00  
Fr. Ray's Mission              \$5,092.00

The second collection **next** weekend is the Monthly.

## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 0.00
Poor Box	\$ 235.00
Total	\$ 235.00

## The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website at [tcfnewburyport.org](http://tcfnewburyport.org).

Our monthly support meetings are held in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting is **September 24**.

Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at [barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com).

## IC Annual Back-to-School New Socks and Underwear Drive

Our Annual Sock and Underwear drive is underway. Bins for your donations are at the doors of the IC Church. Please donate socks and underwear for school children ages 5–18 years old. Packages collected will go to the Community Service Center and will be distributed to those in need. Thanks so much for your generosity.



## Archdiocese Web Site

Visit [www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org) for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

## 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 School



The IC office staff has been busy preparing for the 2018–19 school year. Although the summer months are a time of rest for many of us, Monique LeBrecque, Kelley Pappalardo, and Bob Foley have been hard at work completing a long list of tasks. The school office plays a vital role in the daily operation of our building and has a significant impact on the students' and parents' IC experience. Heartfelt thanks to Monique, Kelley, and Bob for all they do to support our Catholic school mission, care for our students, and offer assistance to our teachers. They are an integral part of our wonderful team at the IC!



## 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, September 11** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

## IC Knitting Ministry



We meet Tuesdays **beginning September 11** at 1:00pm in the IC Parish Center, Room 209. We knit shawls, hats, mittens, and scarves and bring prayers and hope to people who are sick and to their caregivers and to celebrate happy occasions. We also distribute hats and scarves to homeless children. 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.

# 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.

*When death makes us feel its sting 253:* At times family life is challenged by the death of a loved one. We cannot fail to offer the light of faith as a support to families going through this experience. To turn our backs on a grieving family would show a lack of mercy, mean the loss of a pastoral opportunity, and close the door to other efforts at evangelization.

258: If we accept death, we can prepare ourselves for it. The way is to grow in our love for those who walk at our side, until that day when “death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more” (Rev 21:4). We will thus prepare ourselves to meet once more our loved ones who have died. Just as Jesus “gave back to his mother” (cf. Lk 7:15) her son who had died, so it will be with us. Let us not waste energy by dwelling on the distant past. The better we live on this earth, the greater the happiness we will be able to share with our loved ones in heaven. The more we are able to mature and develop in this world, the more gifts will we be able to bring to the heavenly banquet.

### Fall Religious Programs

**Fall Registration** is available now. [www.hricatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education](http://www.hricatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education). Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 16, 10:05–11:05am and Monday, September 17, 5:30–6:30pm.

**Catechist Meeting** on Sunday, September 9 at 10:15am in the Youth Room.

### Catechists are need for Religious Education:

Sundays 10:05–11:05am      Grades 3 and 6  
Mondays 5:30–6:30pm      Grades 5–6, 7–8

### Baptism

Baptism info.: [www.hricatholic.org/Baptism](http://www.hricatholic.org/Baptism)

Please pre-register for the class.

Sept. 9      Parent Class—Charity Dining Room      1:00pm  
Sept. 16      Group Baptism—Church      1:00pm

**First Reconciliation and Eucharist Registration** has begun. Orientation and Session on Reconciliation on **Sunday, October 14** at 2:30pm in the Church.

**1st Sacraments information:** <http://www.hricatholic.org/First-Eucharist-First-Reconciliation-Immaculate-Conception-Parish>

## Catechetical Sunday

This year, the Church will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** on September 16. The 2018 theme will be “Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ.” Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful 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.

We will celebrate the blessing of catechists on Sunday, September 16 at the 9:00am liturgy.

## IC Confirmation Information

**Confirmation Years 1 and 2:** Please be working on your service activities. You need 24 hours over a two year period.

**Confirmation Junior-Grade 11** will have their retreats on Saturday, September 8 from 10am–2pm and Sunday, September 9 from 1–5pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Please keep them in prayer.

**Note: We have added a Confirmation Mass.** Candidates will celebrate their Confirmation on Sunday, September 23 at the 11:30am Mass or the 2:30pm Mass with Bishop Hennessey. Candidates are to confirm their Mass preference time with the Religious Education office and number of guests.

**Confirmation Orientation for Parents only** on Sunday, **September 16 at 2pm in the Church.** This meeting is for parents with candidates in Year 1, Catholic school candidates in Year 2, and any family that is new to Confirmation at IC.

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

**Confirmation session is October 28 at 1:00pm in the Church for Years 1 and 2.**

## IC Parish Boosters

Two big events are being planned:

- Saturday, September 29—Yard Sale 9:00am–2:00pm
- Saturday, December 1—Christmas Fair

Contacts: Phone: 978-462-2724 or email:

Mag McKinnon [mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org) or  
Melinda Burrell [burrell@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:burrell@newburyportcatholic.org)

### Yard Sale

**Location:** IC School Gym

**Cost:** \$25 for space and table. Those selling personal items are to take with them what does not sell.

**Activities include:** Food (coffee, pastries, hot dogs, soda, and water), a White Elephant Sale, and a 50/50 raffle.



The parish will host a **White Elephant Sale** of items donated to the parish. We are asking for the following:

- Donated homemade baked goods
- Clean items: gently used toys, books, dvds, cds, etc.
- Please: **no clothes or large appliances**

Donated **items** for White Elephant table can be dropped off at Parish Center Youth Room—ground floor.

Donated **baked goods** can be dropped off at the Parish Center Kitchen—ground floor.

**Volunteers needed:** Signup Genius page: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4caaa72eaaff2-yard>

**Dealers Welcome:** Signup Genius page: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4caaa72eaaff2-dealer>.



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, August 25–26 \$2,973.00

The second collection **next** weekend is the Monthly.

## SVdP Walk for the Poor



Our biggest yearly fundraiser, the Friends of the Poor Walk, is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 29, 2018, starting at 9:00 a.m. For online donations to support a walker, go to [www.fopwalk.org](http://www.fopwalk.org) and search for "HRIC Collaborative STVDP Friends of the Poor Walk." Don't forget to select your "beneficiary" as Holy Redeemer.

Envelopes and instructions for check donations will be distributed after Mass on September 22.

Thank you for your interest and support.

## Fall Church Yards Clean-up

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, September 29 starting at 9:00am at **both** churches. Parishioners are asked to arrive ready to rake, trim, and possibly plant bulbs to ready the yards for winter weather.

**This is a great time to earn service hours for Confirmation or School.**

## Coffee Hour

### Eagle Scout Fundraiser



Ryan Hankins from Merrimac Boy Scout Troop 41 will be having a Coffee Hour Fundraiser after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, September 9, from 9–10 a.m.** He is trying to raise additional funds for his Eagle Scout Project. Thanks to everyone who donated to his Holy Redeemer bake sales. His project will involve yard renovations at the St. Ann Rectory in West Newbury. If anyone

would like to donate "breakfast" baked goods, please email the Hankins family at [hankins44@comcast.net](mailto:hankins44@comcast.net). Thank you for your support.

## 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.

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 6.**

## HR Religious Education

Rel. Ed. Families, all class schedules and registration forms are now online: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org). Click the Faith Formation tab, then Holy Redeemer tab. Please submit registration forms to the Holy Redeemer office, Attn: Doreen O'Leary.

### Confirmation

Incoming 11th graders who have completed grade 9 and 10 classes: your **Retreat Day** is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 16 at the hall in Merrimac from 11:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (lunch is included). Please bring cash or check in the amount of \$25.00 made out to Holy Redeemer for the robe rental fee. The robes are worn during the Confirmation Mass.

**Confirmation Rehearsal** is Wednesday, September 26 at St. Ann Church in West Newbury at 7:00 p.m. Please attend with your sponsor, if possible, or a parent.

**Confirmation Mass(es)** are at St. Ann Church at 1:00 p.m. and a smaller group at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on **Saturday, September 29, 2018.** Bishop Hennessey will be presiding at both celebrations. If any candidates, sponsors, or parents would like to serve during the Mass, let me know on Retreat Day. Attendance for all of the above is mandatory.

### Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

Doreen O'Leary (Rel. Ed. email: [reledhrp@gmail.com](mailto:reledhrp@gmail.com))

## HR Holiday Fair Updates



Plans are being made for our annual **Holiday Fair**. This year, our fair will be Saturday, November 17. Tags will be available soon in the back of both churches for items needed to be purchased for our popular **gift baskets**.

## Activities Committee Meeting

The Activities Committee's next organizational meeting will be Sunday, September 23 at 6:00pm at Nativity Hall. Please plan on attending, we are in need of helpful hands!!

## Coffee After Mass

Please come join us on Sunday, September 16 after the 8:00 Mass in the Nativity Church Hall. A great time to catch up with your parish family or maybe meet a new friend!



## HR Scholarship Winners Announced

The Activities Committee is happy to announce we have awarded the 2018 Holy Redeemer Scholarship to two great applicants. Congratulations to **Christopher Burak** and **Gabe Mailhot**. We wish you both great success with your Freshman year!