

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 2016

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Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table.

Luke 16:20-21

All Are Welcome

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Disciples in Mission
Archdiocese of Boston

A Collaborative Town Hall with the Archdiocese

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

This Tuesday, 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

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Collaborative Mass Schedule

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** *Jo-Anne Boucher, Lyla Grace Stroman*

(Fr. Harrison)

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

Monday (9/26)

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

Tuesday (9/27)

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

Wednesday (9/28)

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

Thursday (9/29)

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

Friday (9/30)

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

Saturday (10/1)

4:00pm **IC** *Mary McInerney, Stephen M. Boy,*

Rita Snow (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (10/2)

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

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

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

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

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

In your prayers, please remember all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

A priest-friend of mine once said, "there is nothing more Eucharistic than a good meal." When we stop and look at what the pinnacle of our liturgical celebrations encompasses, at the heart of what we do are all the elements of a special, nourishing meal.

We gather with family and friends. The love and friendship which endures is strengthened, the bonds between us are recalled. We tell stories, sometimes the same ones, over and over again. Many times, we do not tire of these oft-told tales, because they have become part of our identity and "our story." And we share food and drink. There is festivity in the air! Joy oozes from our celebration and we realize, at least implicitly, that we are being nourished on deeper levels, with the gifts of love and gratitude. Our emotional and spiritual health are strengthened through these encounters. And then, we go back out into the world to share with others what has given us such great satisfaction. A proper meal is not an end unto itself, but, rather, "missions" us to bring something of that blessing back into our places of work, our schools and amongst our neighbors. Realizing how blessed we are, we want to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. Would that everyone could experience the unadulterated joy of this special meal, done well!

This weekend, I am struck by the line in the Gospel, "There was a rich man... who dined sumptuously each day." What a great, descriptive word! A quick definition invites us to consider a splendid and expensive daily culinary experience, achieving regularly and consistently what many of us only very occasionally partake of. Most days, I use paper napkins and rely on a small microwave oven to re-heat things from the freezer. I may not dine sumptuously, but I usually eat well enough. But those special moments with family and friends do stand out and call me to appreciate and be grateful for the many blessings that God has given.

This Gospel, however, challenges us not to feel guilty for what we have, but to realize that in Christ, we are called to see our world in greater depth. The rich man in today's story was not a bad or hateful person. He was not breathing murderous threats. He was not frothing at the bit. His head didn't spin in circles. There was no exorcism to be performed here. He didn't kick Lazarus in the shin and spit on him when he walked by each day. In all likelihood, he was a kind and generous man who tithed and gave to the local synagogue. His sin, his deficit, if you will, was that he didn't really "see" Lazarus. He didn't see himself as being in relationship with him. Lazarus was part of the background—a constant neediness that was an unfortunate feature of the world around. The rich man didn't see how he could make a difference.

Making a difference is something that I think we all crave. We want our efforts to matter, our outreach to be effective, our sacrifices to be appreciated. We want the things that we do for others to change the world for the better. Lazarus

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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 and we will make arrangements for that to happen.

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just sat and begged. Undoubtedly, the rich man must have given him some tithes from time to time, but nothing seemed to change. He kept begging. Alms kept being given. What difference did it make? What positive change did it bring about? Was it worth the effort?

But the point here is about seeing ourselves in relationship with those who are in need around us. Not because we are going to come up with some magic bullet to cure their condition, but because God loves them. And because we love God, we must love our neighbor. Nowhere does it say in the Scripture that we have to fix all of our neighbor's problems. But is it clear that we cannot ignore them or dare not to see them. I recall a meeting I had in downtown Boston a few years ago. As I was approaching one of the big office buildings, I witnessed a man in a business suit literally step over a homeless woman who had fallen asleep (was drunk and passed out?) on the sidewalk across the street. He never even lost his stride. Apparently this was such a common occurrence there was not even a question as to whether this woman needed help or medical assistance. Her name was Lazarus....

I have gone into many nursing homes over the years, and in my quest to find a particular resident whom I have been asked to visit or anoint or bring communion to, inevitably I have to run a gauntlet of other residents who have been wheeled out into the hallway, presumably to give them a little social time or change of view. They call to me, sometimes tugging at my jacket as I try to work my way down the hallway. Their names are Lazarus....

Not too long ago, I was walking down a city sidewalk in the early hours of the morning. A short, stocky man was lumbering towards me, his head bowed down. He had the darker complexion and attire of someone who was from somewhere else, an immigrant from Central America, perhaps. His demeanor was conveying his supreme effort to melt into the sidewalk and blend with the concrete. He didn't want to engage me in any way. When I took a risk and offered a gentle "Hola" as we passed each other, I was rewarded with a delightful, shocked look of recognition and a toothy smile. A connection made! He nodded and continued on his way. His name was Lazarus.

You see, Jesus told us the poor and needy would always be with us. He wasn't kidding. Their names are Lazarus, and they permeate our lives, if we dare to notice, dare to care. Our Eucharistic meals, whether held in a worship space or the smaller Eucharistic gatherings we enjoy in our homes or out in restaurants, challenge us to name and recognize our relationship to the many Lazaruses who pepper the landscape of our daily lives. It might require nothing more than a smile, a nod or a halting word in Spanish. It might mean no more than a moment of our time to touch a shaky hand or offer a little food or water. For we who are so blessed, it might demand sharing such a tiny percentage of the great joy that we celebrate in a great meal. But when it is the joy that comes from encountering the real presence of the Lord at our table festivities, that is enough to satiate the many multitudes who lie in wait. If only we would see them....

There is nothing more Eucharistic than a good meal, and I would add: nothing more satisfying than to discover a way to share it with others. Want to really make a difference in this world? *Seeing Lazarus* will show you how. Because the difference we would make is not to be measured by mere human standards but by God's.

May The Lord bless us all in the weeks ahead.

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit our website for details on these and other events.

Monday, September 26

AA 10:30am & 7:30pm, *IC Nazareth Library Room 205*
Altar Server Training Session #2 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 Den Meeting 7:00pm, *Nativity Lower Hall*
IC Parish Finance Meeting 7:00pm, *IC School Library*
Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, *IC Conference Room 209*

Tuesday, September 27

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, *IC Conference Room 209*
Altar Server Training Session #2 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 8 6:00pm, *Nativity Hall*
Collaborative Town Hall 7:00pm, *St. Ann Church*
HR St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm, *Nativity Lower Hall*

Wednesday, September 28

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, *St. Ann Hall*
Holy Quilters 3:00pm, *Nativity Hall*
Adoration 6:00pm, *IC St. James Chapel*
Centering Prayer 6:00pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*
Collaborative Writing, Values Group 6:30pm,
IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

Thursday, September 29

Altar Server Training Session #2 3:30pm, *IC Church*
Rosary for Life 6:30pm, *IC St. James Chapel*

Friday, September 30

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

Sunday, October 2

HR Religious Ed., Grades 3–6 9:00am, *Nativity Hall*
IC Religious Ed., Grades K–6 10:05am, *IC Parish Center*
Collaborative Baptism Class 1:00pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*
IC Religious Ed., Grades 7–8, 1:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*
Scripture Study 2:00pm, *IC Nazareth Library, Room 205*
Boy Scouts Troop 21 5:30pm, *IC School Cafeteria*
HR Grade 10 Sponsor & Student Mtg. 6:00pm, *Nativity Hall*

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Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on October 2

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on its regular first Sunday of the month on October 2 at 2:00pm in the IC Nazareth Library Room 205. We will be reading and discussing Chapters 50 through 54 in *The Book of Isaiah* in the section known as The Book of Consolation. The selected chapters are included in Part 2 of this section, which is entitled *The Expiation of Sin, Spiritual Liberation of Israel*. 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.

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!

Questions of the Week

Adult: Name a time when your faith was challenged and/or questioned by another.

Child: When does God act in your life like a small tiny voice or seed?

Cursillo

A new season of Cursillo is upon us and we look 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.

2016–2017 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)
February 3	February 9-12 (Men)
February 24	March 4-6 (Women)
March 3	April 6-9 (Men)
April 28	May 4-6 (Women)
June 2	June 1-4 (Women)

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

Bulletin Information

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

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Music Ministry Notes

Choir rehearsals are getting back into full swing. New members are always welcome and encouraged to join one of our choirs. Check out our schedules and see if we can fit into your schedule. I promise you good music, good times, new friendships, and a multitude of God's blessings in return. Hope to see you at practice.

Adult Choir (High School–Adults): Rehearsals have started for this choir and are held in the church on Wednesday evenings from 7:15–8:45pm, with members gathering at 7:00pm in the choir loft. This rehearsal is for choir members who will sing at the 11:30am Sunday Masses.

Youth Choir (Kindergarten–Grade 5): Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 28, in the church from 4:30–5:30pm. I will pass out a schedule for all the 9:00am Sunday Family Liturgies, which will begin in October. The Children's Choir will sing at these liturgies about twice a month. Bring a friend with you to choir practice. We love new members.

If you have any questions or would like to receive additional information, contact Donna Postle, IC Music Director, at 978-317-8903 (cell) or donnapostle233@gmail.com (email). Thank you.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Poor Box	\$ 206.00
Collection	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 211.00

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 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

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Offertory Collection

Offertory September 17–18 \$8882.00
Clergy Benefit Trust \$2729.00

This week's second collection is Restoration/Renovation. The second collection next weekend is the Missionary Cooperative Appeal.

Thank You from Father Ray

I would like to express my thanks to the priests here at Immaculate Conception parish. They make me feel very welcome and a part of this parish. To each of you, Fr. George, Fr. Tim, Fr. Bill, and Fr. Jim thank you very much. I look forward to being with you next year, God willing.

And again this year I am impressed and very thankful for your generosity toward the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in a city of 350,000 called Choloma in Honduras. For the last eight years now I have had the joy of helping to attend this parish with two other Capuchin priests, Andres and Stanislos. Your contribution really helps us better attend this very large parish of 150,000 poor, hard working factory workers that come to church by foot, bicycle, or motor cycle. Our parish office and our continuous parish visits let us see and try to attend to many poor and sick of all ages.

In our parish clinic we have a good doctor and medicines given free in some cases or sold at accessible prices for them.

The legal assistance program is available to the poor who often cannot pay for the legal processes they need.

The parish television channel, "Cristo TV," extends our evangelization work to the whole parish and hundreds of thousands more people outside of the parish territory 24 hours a day through 5 cable systems. It is a marvelous aid to Catholic evangelization that always is economically hard to keep afloat, nevertheless very much worth the sacrifice.

Three weeks before I came home for vacation, I was in a section of the parish that is called San Antonio Chaparro to celebrate their monthly Mass. The Delegate of the Word of God, Ivan Cerrato, spiritual leader of the parish in that poor neighborhood, told me he couldn't remember what was the name of my home parish that has been helping in the construction of their small chapel for the last six years. It was because he wanted to lead his community in prayer in thanks for the seed money they have received from Immaculate Conception in various occasions during the construction work.

I would also like to speak of the project of 20 small scale coffee growers in San Marcos parish. This project started more than 10 years ago and still continues to produce very fine coffee and continues to help a the small scale coffee growers that have been very committed to the evangelization of the parish of San Marcos for many years. From the contact that I had with a couple of them through the year I have been assured that the original purposes of this effort is still being fulfilled. We must remember that these families are economically poor and own very little land. In the parish council of San Marcos at that time we saw that with the poverty of these families they would

always have very little land and could always only produce a small quantity of coffee. In that case, in order to achieve a positive economic impact for the families the quality of the coffee would have to be much improved. Another problem would be to not sell their coffee to the "coyotes." The coyotes are people that go around the mountains where the small coffee growers live and they buy the coffee at a very low price. They can do this because the little coffee growers cannot deliver their own coffee to the large buyers in the big cities and consequently earn very little despite a lot of hard work. The coyotes earn comparatively a lot for little work. Just imagine! Our coffee project has freed this group of poor, small scale coffee growers from a band of vicious coyotes!

And so the primary purpose was and continues to be to help this group of committed evangelizers in the parish of San Marcos to better the economic situation of their families and also be able to afford a better education for their children. And of course the second goal always has been to produce a high quality coffee that they could be proud of, that their self esteem would grow and that they would receive a fair price for their efforts.

So, I would like to thank you for continuing to support this project and I hope you can always continue to enjoy some of the best coffee in the world. God bless you!

IC Knitting Ministry

We meet every Tuesday from 1:00–3:00pm at the IC Parish Center, Room 209 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.



Missionary Cooperative Appeal

As part of the annual Missionary Cooperative Program, Sister Lisa Valentini, MSC, a representative of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, will speak at all IC Masses about the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies represented here in the Archdiocese of Boston. She will share her experience in the missions as a way to raise awareness about the need to spread the Good News to the more than one billion people in the world who have yet to hear it proclaimed.

The Society of the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Church dedicated to helping missionaries bring the Gospel to people in need around the world. They thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



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.

IC Baptisms

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

Lyla May Castantini, Travis Maxwell Patrick Durkin,
Adeline Jayne Eiserman, Anthony John Hayden,
Greta Marie Jones, Finn Edward Moran,
& Colbie Ryann Richard.

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 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.

Archdiocese Web Site

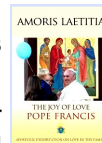
Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

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 #48: "Most families have great respect for the elderly, surrounding them with affection and considering them a blessing. A special word of appreciation is due to those associations and family movements committed to serving the elderly, both spiritually and socially....The care that they require often puts a strain on their love ones." "Care and concern for the final stages of life is all the more necessary today, when contemporary society attempts to remove every trace of death and dying...."



Religious Education Classes

School year registration is ongoing. Classes have begun—see our website:

Grades K–1: Next classes: 9/25 and 9/26.

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

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

Grades 7–8: Next class: 10/2.

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

Baptism

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

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

Oct. 9 Group Baptism—Church 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 and 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>

Clothe the Naked

"He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none." (Lk 3: 11)

Dr. Allen R. Hunt...Giving Mercy

Clothe the naked.

In the corporal works of mercy, Jesus calls us to do something—not simply to talk about it, not to study it, not to establish a committee to develop a plan for it, but to do it. To really and truly clothe the naked.

Why? Because Jesus says when we clothe the naked, we are clothing him. In other words, we just may see the eyes of Jesus himself in the face of the person we clothe. Not only will a person find warmth and dignity in clothing, but we ourselves will also be transformed by the grace of God in the process.

Clothe the naked. Generous followers of Jesus do just that.

(*Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others*, Dynamic Catholic, p. 53).



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory September 3-4 \$ 3,934.00
Roofing Expenses as of 9-11 \$14,208.00

The second collection this weekend is for Clergy Benefit Trust.

San Marcos Coffee Sale at HR

After the Saturday 4:00pm Mass, please consider supporting the poor farmers of Honduras with your purchase of their specialty coffee.

We will have ground and whole bean available for \$10 per pound. The Coffee Project was started by missionary priest Fr. Ray Richard, a Newburyport native, as a way for these farmers to earn a fair wage for their hard work growing coffee in the mountains of Honduras. They truly appreciate your support and hope you enjoy their coffee.



HR St. Vincent de Paul



The Conference recently paid \$269.00 on an overdue propane bill to avoid shut-off. Our client had recently experienced a rent increase and had difficulty making payments. The account is now current for the upcoming heating season.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting those who walked in the Walk for the Poor. A complete accounting of funds raised will be forthcoming.

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.

HR Religious Education

Sunday 9/25, **Youth Mass** at Nativity, Merrimac, 5:00pm
Tuesday, 9/27, **Grade 8** class, Merrimac, 6-7:30pm
Sunday, 10/2, **Grades 3-6** classes, Merrimac after the 8:00am Mass

Grade 10 Sponsor/Student Meeting, Merrimac Hall, 6:00pm

Tuesday, 10/4, **Grade 7** class, Merrimac, 6-7:30pm
Wednesday, 10/5, **Confirmation Rehearsal**, 7:00pm

*Sponsor should accompany student, if possible, otherwise a parent needs to be present. We will begin our meeting in the Hall at St. Ann, Rehearsal will end in the Church. Please arrive on time.

Sunday, 10/9, **Confirmation Masses** are at Noon and 2:30pm at St. Ann Church with Bishop Hennessey presiding.

Please keep these young people in prayer!

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, September 28.** Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions or delivery date schedule.

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

Save the Date—Saturday, November 19, 2016

Call Cindy Quinn with any questions or if you would like to help: 978-346-0072 or cynwinnquinn@aol.com.



Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to St. Ann in W. Newbury on **October 1.**

Scripture for the Week

25 Sun Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
26 Mon Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50
27 Tue Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56
28 Wed Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62
29 Thu Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
30 Fri Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16
1 Sat Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24

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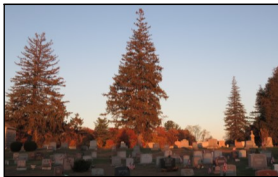
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