

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

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

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 3, 2017**

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***The Angelus***

Jean-François Millet  
(1814-1875)  
Musée d'Orsay, Paris

*All Are Welcome*



# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (9/2)

2:00pm **Atria** (Fr. Broderick)  
 4:00pm **IC Virginia Reardon, Connie Bucci, Jamie Grabowski** (Fr. Harrison)  
 4:00pm **Nativity Jamie Grabowski** (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (9/3)

7:15am **IC Regina M. Stronge, Derek Hines**  
 8:00am **Nativity**  
 9:00am **IC**  
 10:15am **St. Ann**  
 11:00am **IC Michael Filomia, Stanley Baikewicz**

### Monday (9/4)

9:00am **St. Ann**

### Tuesday (9/5)

7:15am **IC**

### Wednesday (9/6)

7:15am **IC Katherine Ann O'Connell**

### Thursday (9/7)

7:15am **IC**

### Friday (9/8)

9:00am **Nativity**  
 9:00am **IC School Liturgy Mildred Beeler, Sara LeClair**

### Saturday (9/9)

4:00pm **IC**  
 4:00pm **Nativity**

### Sunday (9/10)

7:15am **IC**  
 8:00am **Nativity**  
 9:00am **IC Mildred Beeler**  
 10:15am **St. Ann**  
 11:30am **IC John M. Deneumoustier**

In your prayers please remember Sandra Fitzmaurice, Dean Michael Goodwin, Everett Wayne Pine, and 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 Parochial Vicar



As we celebrate Labor Day, I present what is probably one of the most recognizable masterpieces: Jean-Francois Millet's, *The Angelus*. Like so many of Millet's paintings, it depicts rural life, its hard work, and its dignity. In *The Angelus* a couple who has been working all day picking potatoes, stops for the evening Angelus. Hearing the local Church bell ringing, they stop their work, they put their tools aside, bow their heads, and pray. It is late afternoon, probably around 6:00. Perhaps they are looking forward to finishing the day's work and returning home for their supper and a quiet, restful evening and a good night's sleep in order to begin yet another day's work. This time of prayer is a welcome short break but an important moment asking God to bless their work. Writing about his painting, Millet said that "The idea for *The Angelus* came to me because I remembered that my grandmother, hearing the church bell ringing while we were working in the fields, always made us stop work to say the Angelus prayer for the poor departed." Perhaps we could join this hard working couple as they pray the Angelus asking God to bless our daily work.

### The Angelus

**Call:** The angel spoke God's message to Mary,  
**Response:** and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.  
*Hail Mary...*

**Call:** "I am the lowly servant of the Lord:  
**Response:** let it be done to me according to your word."  
*Hail Mary...*

**Call:** And the Word became flesh  
**Response:** and lived among us.  
*Hail Mary...*

**Call:** Pray for us, holy Mother of God,  
**Response:** that we may become worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Lord, fill our hearts with your grace;  
 once, through the message of an angel  
 you revealed to us the incarnation of your Son;  
 now, through his suffering and death  
 lead us to the glory of his resurrection.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord  
 Amen.

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## Labor Day Office Hours

Parish offices will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day. The offices will reopen on Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.



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 Collaborative Parishes

## Mass Schedule

Beginning September 10, the Sunday Mass schedule at Immaculate Conception will change as follows:

Sunday 7:15am  
 9:00am  
 11:30am (note time change)

## Bulletin Information

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

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

**Monday, September 4, Labor Day**

Collaborative offices closed

**Tuesday, September 5**

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

**Wednesday, September 6**

Holy Quilters 2:30pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

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

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

**Thursday, September 7**

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

Wine Tasting Social Planning Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

**Friday, September 8**

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

"Ask a Priest" Review Gathering 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel/  
St. Louis Hall

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

**Saturday, September 9**

Holy Quilters 8:00am, Nativity Hall

HR Religious Ed., Gr 1 + Parents 3:00pm, Nativity Lower Hall

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

HR SVdP Bake Sale After 4:00 Mass, Nativity Church

**Sunday, September 10**

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

HR SVdP Bake Sale After 8:00 Mass, Nativity Church

HR Religious Ed., Gr. 3-5 Book Pick Up 9:00am, Nativity Hall

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

HR SVdP Bake Sale After 10:15 Mass, St. Ann Church

IC Catechist Meeting 10:15am, IC St. Louis Hall

Baptism Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

IC Confirmation Parent Orientation, Yrs 1 & 2 1:00pm, IC  
Church

HR Religious Ed., Gr 10 Student + Adult 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

## Youth Masses

Youth Masses are celebrated as a collaborative. Students take part in the ministries during the Mass. Folk music, with guitar, is featured. Youth Masses begin at 5:00pm. All ages are welcome to this lively celebration.

### Youth Mass Schedule

September 24 at Nativity, Merrimac

October 29 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

December 10 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

January 28, 2018 at Nativity, Merrimac

March 4, 2018 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

March 25, 2018 at Nativity, Merrimac

May 20, 2018 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

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Allow me to make a few comments on "Ask a Priest" and the nine Friday evenings we spent on the Inn Street pedestrian way. For me the most significant part of "Ask a Priest" was the tremendous response of the people of our Parish Collaborative. My thought from the beginning was not to go to Inn Street alone but to be accompanied by people of our Parishes. The response was more than I could have imagined with almost 60 parishioners joining for one or more evenings. I find it most significant that we have 60 men and women of our faith communities who are offering and willing to share their faith with others. As I look at the blessing of this wonderful group of dedicated people, I feel that the Lord is directing us to grow in our ability and confidence to share this faith of ours, to evangelize. There is cause to have great hope! I am also grateful to my brother priests who participated, Fathers Tim Harrison, Jim Broderick, John Kiley, Ray Richard, John MacInnis and to Sister Mary Braley. Their support and their positive words of encouragement are valued.



I thank "Pope Francis" who supports efforts such as this because he urges us to go out to the peripheries. Although present in cut-out card board form, Pope Francis was the draw for us to approach people and for the people to approach us. I am grateful to all the people with whom we had the privilege of meeting and of engaging in conversation about our faith. What will come of all this, we do not know. But, faithful to our calling and to our ministry we remember the words of Saint Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth. Therefore, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who causes the growth." We went to Inn Street to plant! And we ask God to give the growth! It was a positive experience—yes, it was fun. Shall we do this again?

Fr. George

## St. Vincent de Paul's Walk for the Poor

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has asked all people to reach out and help the poor and disadvantaged.

The Immaculate Conception/Holy Redeemer St. Vincent de Paul's Annual "Friends of the Poor" Walk will be held on September 30 beginning at 9:00am in the IC parking lot. This 3-mile walk throughout downtown Newburyport raises funds to allow our St. Vincent De Paul Societies to help the poor in our neighborhoods.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 30.

To sign up on-line, please go to [www.fopwalk.org](http://www.fopwalk.org) or contact Kathie Williamson at 978-992-6450 (IC contact) or Linda Friel at 978-500-9245 (HR contact).

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Celebrating the Sacraments

### Reconciliation

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

### Baptism

Call the Parish Office for information and to register.

### Marriage

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

### Sacrament of the Sick

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

## 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 Nazareth Library**. 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, or visit [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org).

## Landings

The Collaborative of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception has started LANDINGS, a welcome program for returning Catholics. LANDINGS invites returning Catholics to return to a more active practice of their faith. We ask for your support in finding both active Catholic parishioners who would be willing to work in this ministry and potential returning Catholics who would benefit from it.

LANDINGS is a lay ministry that has operated successfully in faith communities in the United States and around the world since 1989. Based on small groups, the LANDINGS program offers “a safe place to land,” a place for listening and for being heard, a place for asking questions and for reconnecting with the faith as an adult. During the eight-week program, a small group of active Catholics, some of them “returnees” themselves, meets with a small group of returning Catholics to share and explore their faith together.

Questions? Contact Ms. Doreen O’Leary, DRE, Holy Redeemer: [reledhrp@gmail.com](mailto:reledhrp@gmail.com) or 978-346-8604, ext 7 or Dr. Mag McKinnon, DRE Immaculate Conception: [mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org) or 978-462-2724 ext 7405.

## EWTN: Catholic News

EWTN News: Your Online Catholic News Resource.  
<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

## Hurricane Harvey Relief

Cardinal Seán has authorized a special collection, to be taken the weekend of September 9–10 in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston, in support of the relief efforts to those areas devastated by Hurricane Harvey. There has been loss of life, property, and livelihoods.

The funds collected in this one-time special appeal will be used to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief of the U.S. Catholic Church, and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support to dioceses in those areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The hurricane has affected southeast Texas, including the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, and could also strike Louisiana.

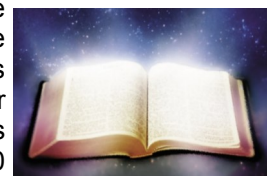
Catholic Charities USA and their member agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as shelter, clean water, food, and medical care as well as to the long term need to rebuild and recover after widespread destruction, and to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church. All monies collected will be distributed by the USCCB to Catholic Charities USA.

Please make your check payable to either “Immaculate Conception Parish” or “Holy Redeemer Parish” but put “Hurricane Harvey Collection” in the memo line. One aggregate check from each parish will be sent to the Archdiocese and forwarded to Catholic Charities for this cause.

## Scripture Study

### Scripture Study will meet on September 17

Father Broderick’s Scripture Study will meet on September 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205. Interested members of the Collaborative are invited to join the study group as we read and discuss *The Acts of the Apostles*, Chapter 16, verse 11–Chapter 19. In this second book, written between 80 and 90 A.D., Luke continues the story of Christianity in the first century. These chapters describe the expansion of the Church to include Gentiles and communities beyond Jerusalem. These chapters move beyond the leadership of St. Peter and the Church in Jerusalem to St. Paul’s leadership in expanding the Church to the Gentiles of places beyond as he outreached from Antioch.



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

## Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi



Join Fr. Tim on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi on October 8–17, 2017. During the 10-day tour, we will visit Rome where we will attend a Papal audience and tour St. Peter's as well as other sites in Rome. The trip includes two days in Assisi also.

To reserve your space or for more information, please visit [www.pilgrimages.com/FatherTim\\_RomeAssisi2017](http://www.pilgrimages.com/FatherTim_RomeAssisi2017) or call 206 Tours at 800-206-8687, and ask for Amanda or Bika.

## Volunteers

All church volunteers 18 years old and above are required to fill out a new CORI every year. Anyone who helps in service, in any way, with their time and talent is required to complete a **CORI** form each fiscal year. Once completed, the form needs to be reviewed and your license verified by a staff member. If you are not able to come to the office please provide a copy of your license and once the information is verified the copy will be shredded. In addition, you need to sign a "Code of Conduct" form (good for the duration of your time and talent). Also, you must attend the "Protecting God's Children Program" (VIRTUS). If you have not attended this program, please visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to register for a class. Click on First Time Registrant and then View a List of Sessions. The next class that is scheduled at Immaculate Conception is Tuesday, September 12 in the Charity Dining Room at 7:00pm. Forms are to be returned by **October 1**. We thank you for your gifts of time and talent and appreciate your cooperation as we work to remain compliant. All questions please contact Linda Temple at 978-462-2724 or [temple@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:temple@newburyportcatholic.org).

## Virtus: Protecting God's Children

Now is the time to reserve a place in one of the upcoming Virtus classes in the Archdiocese.

Local classes are listed below. To register for any of these classes or to see a list of other locations, visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Click on "First Time Registrant" and then "View a List of Sessions."

### Immaculate Conception (Charity Dining Room)

Tuesday, September 12, 7:00–9:00pm

### Sacred Hearts Church Hall (Bradford/Haverhill)

Wednesday, September 6, 6:00–8:00pm

Tuesday, September 19, 6:00–8:00pm

Thursday, September 28, 9:30–11:30am

### St. Lucy (Methuen)

Saturday, September 9, 9:00am–12:00noon

Thursday, October 12, 6:30–9:30pm

## John Michael Talbot in Concert

K of C Council 202 and All Saints Catholic Church, Haverhill are sponsoring John Michael Talbot in concert on September 14, 7:30pm, at All Saints Church, 120 Bellevue Ave., Haverhill. Tickets are \$30 each and can be ordered online at [www.JohnMichaelTalbot.com](http://www.JohnMichaelTalbot.com) or by calling Deacon Tom Anthony, 978-973-0437.

## "Ask a Priest" Review

Let's take a look at what we have been doing on Friday evenings this summer. I would like to invite all those who spent time "hanging out" with us on Inn Street to a time of prayer, sharing, and celebration. The shared experience of all participants can help us plan future outreach opportunities. Let's gather on Friday, September 8. We'll have a little prayer service at 6:30pm in St James Chapel (2nd floor IC Parish Center) followed by wine & cheese & crackers in St. Louis Hall (1st floor IC Parish Center) until around 8:00pm.

You are invited to write a Prayer of the Faithful for the Chapel service and/or a brief testimonial of what you learned about yourself, about evangelization, about others, about God's grace, etc. for the "Open Mic." Please invite any "Ask A Priest" prayer warriors who prayed for us; we value all who made this experience such a spiritual delight and a Collaborative success.



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.

### 2017–2018 Ultreya/Cursillo Calendar

| Ultreya      | Cursillo Weekend    |
|--------------|---------------------|
| September 29 | October 5–8 (Men)   |
| October 27   | Nov. 2–5 (Women)    |
| December 1   | December 7–10 (Men) |
| December 29  | January 4–7 (Women) |
| February 2   | February 8–11 (Men) |
| February 23  | March 1–4 (Women)   |
| April 6      | April 5–8 (Men)     |
| April 27     | May 3–6 (Women)     |
| June 1       | June 7–10 (Women)   |

**All are welcome!** Ultreya is held in the St. James Chapel in the IC Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, please feel free to contact either Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

August 26–27 **\$9,673.50**  
Fr. Ray's Missionary Work **\$5,197.00**

The second collection this weekend is Catholic University of America. The second collection next weekend is Hurricane Harvey relief. **See page 5 for details.**

Anyone wishing to make an offering to the "Monthly Collection" which was previously scheduled for the weekend of 9/10 may simply include it in the first or Offertory collection. Your generosity is most appreciated.

## Offertory Renewal Program

Thank you to all those participating in our recent Increased Offertory Renewal Appeal. The results are extremely positive with many families participating by returning a Commitment Card. It is not too late to participate. There are additional materials in the church. Please return your "Commitment Card" as soon as possible by mail or place it in the collection at Mass next weekend. Your participation in this effort helps our parish meet our growing financial obligations. Please consider a new giving level that is best suited to your circumstances. This will allow our parish to plan accurately for the future.

## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



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| Collection | \$ 10.50 |
| Poor Box   | \$198.00 |
| Total      | \$208.50 |

## "Friends of the Poor Walk"

The St. Vincent de Paul Society assists many people throughout the year and we need **your help to continue**. We receive multiple phone calls to our organization weekly seeking help with everything including food, back-to-school supplies, utility bills, and even emergency rent payments. We recently received the following message from one family who reached out to our organization.

*"My family and I are very appreciative of all the support St. Vincent DePaul gave us when we were in dire circumstances. Now things are going well, our rent is getting paid on time, utilities are getting paid and my job situation has greatly improved, I am working 50+ hours. Everything is going great."*

Please join/donate to our major fundraiser each year: The "Friends of the Poor Walk" 3K (or a shorter 1K route) on Saturday, September 30. To register online, go to [www.FOPWalk.org](http://www.FOPWalk.org) and search for Immaculate Conception's Event. You can sign up to walk or donate to the event.

All funds remain locally with our organization and there are no administrative fees: we are a completely volunteer organization not supported by IC's budget.

You may also register at the Event on Saturday, September 30. Registration begins at 8:30am and the walk starts at 9:00am in the IC church parking lot on Court St.

## Immaculate Conception School

### Teaching Team is Ready!



The Immaculate Conception team of teachers and support staff are ready to welcome the students! After much preparation over the summer—painting stairwells, polishing floors, washing windows, and brightening hallway lighting, the building is ready for the school year to begin. The support staff has been busy helping me transition to the IC, which I am so grateful for. I would like to thank Eddie Martinez, Cliff Vandenbulcke, Bob Foley, Monique Labrecque, Kelley Pappalardo, Linda Temple, and Donald Alunni for their guidance and expertise in helping me learn the IC systems and procedures. The teaching staff is refreshed and excited to embark on the new year. We welcome over 30 new students to the IC, with new additions to every classroom except 3rd grade. Two new teachers join our dedicated faculty: Ms. Gina Prader as our Lead Pre-K Teacher and Ms. Jenn Troisi returns as our School Librarian. You can feel the positive energy in the building! May God bless our faculty, staff, and students as our journey begins.

Joan Fowler Sullivan, Principal

## IC Knitting Ministry

Meeting September 12

We meet Tuesdays 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.

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

Please support our efforts. Bins for your donations will be at the doors of the IC Church. Donations will support children up to 14 years of age. Thank you for your generosity.



## RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or youth that have not received the sacraments in the traditional years. Have you been considering it? Please contact Marin Fortune, 978-462-2724 or [fortune@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:fortune@newburyportcatholic.org) if you would like to learn more about this program.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Religious Education

*Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis*

Pope Francis released the Exhortation on the Family. We continue to review the various statements from the Holy Father.

**Love believes all things.** In #114: *Panta pisteúei*. Love believes all things. Here “belief” is not to be taken in its strict theological meaning, but more in the sense of what we mean by “trust.” This goes beyond simply presuming that the other is not lying or cheating. Such basic trust recognizes God’s light shining beyond the darkness, like an ember glowing beneath the ash.

115: This trust enables a relationship to be free. It means we do not have to control the other person, to follow their every step lest they escape our grip. Love trusts, it sets free, it does not try to control, possess and dominate everything. This freedom, which fosters independence, an openness to the world around us and to new experiences, can only enrich and expand relationships. The spouses then share with one another the joy of all they have received and learned outside the family circle. At the same time, this freedom makes for sincerity and transparency, for those who know that they are trusted and appreciated can be open and hide nothing. Those who know that their spouse is always suspicious, judgmental and lacking unconditional love, will tend to keep secrets, conceal their failings and weaknesses, and pretend to be someone other than who they are. On the other hand, a family marked by loving trust, come what may, helps its members to be themselves and spontaneously to reject deceit, falsehood, and lies.

## Knights of Columbus



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

572-0231.

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus is **Tuesday, September 12** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

## The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause.

Our monthly support meetings are held in Room 209 of the IC Parish Center at 7:30 to 9:00pm on the fourth Monday of the month. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. **Please note our September 25 meeting will be held at TCF Chapter leader Barbara Hopkinson’s home, 64 Northern Blvd., Plum Island, Newbury.**

Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at (617) 410-6309 or [info@abutterflysjourney.org](mailto:info@abutterflysjourney.org).

## School Year IC Religious Education Classes

Registration for the School Year Religious Education Class is ongoing. Registration form:

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

Please register by Friday, September 8.

**Catechists are needed for the following grades:**

Sunday: 4 and 6 and Monday: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

First class:

- Sunday, September 17 10:05–11:05am for Gr. K–8
  - Monday, September 18 6:00–7:10pm for Gr. 1–8
- Please note: We have added grades 7–8 to our Sunday and Monday programs.

Catechist Meeting for grades K–8: Sunday, September 10, 10:15–11:15am in St. Louis Hall.

### Baptism

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

Please pre-register for the class.

Sep. 10 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

Sep. 17 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

### Confirmation

**Confirmation Parent Orientation** is for parents of Year 1 candidates and parents of new Year 2 candidates and Year 2 Parents of Catholic School candidates: Sunday, Sept. 10 at 1:00pm in the IC church. The meeting is for both the Summer and School year processes.

**School Year Confirmation monthly sessions** begin Sunday, October 22 at 1:00–3:00pm in the IC church. Reminder: candidate and adult (sponsor, parent, or another adult) to attend each session.

For information and registration go online:

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

### First Eucharist

Registrations for 2017–2018 First Reconciliation and Eucharist is posted on the website: <http://www.hricatholic.org/First-Eucharist--First-Reconciliation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>.

Please register by Friday, September 29.

### Youth Mass—Sunday, September 24, 2017

Our next Youth Mass is Sept. 24 at Nativity, Merrimac at 5:00pm. Collection: Children’s Pajamas and bedtime books for Emmaus House, Haverhill. Details to follow.

### Catechetical Sunday

This year, the Church will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday on September 17**. The 2017 theme will be “Living as Missionary Disciples.” 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.

Catechists will be commissioned at the Sunday, September 17 9:00am Liturgy.

## 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.



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Offertory Collection

August 26–27

\$3,075.00

The second collection this weekend is Catholic University of America. The second collection next weekend is Hurricane Harvey relief. **See page 5 for details.**

Anyone wishing to make an offering to the “Monthly Collection” which was previously scheduled for the weekend of 9/10, may simply include it in the first or Offertory collection. Your generosity is most appreciated.

## “With One Voice” Capital Campaign

Thank you for your pledge of support. Our capital campaign is off to a great start with many families pledging their support. Please place your “Commitment Envelope” in the regular collection at Mass. If you forgot to bring your pledge envelope to Mass this weekend, please mail it to the parish office this week or bring it with you to Mass next weekend. Additional brochures and pledge envelopes are available at the entrances to the churches.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be sponsoring bake sales on the weekend of September 9–10 after all Masses at Nativity and St. Ann. Stop by and purchase something sweet and help our neighbors in need. Thank you for your support and 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 or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099 for a shawl or more information.



We would love for you to join us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac, at 1:00pm. Don't know how to crochet or knit, we will teach you and give you yarn. **Our next meeting is Thursday, September 7 at 1:00 p.m.**

## Wine Tasting Social



Join us for the HR Wine Tasting Social on Saturday, September 30 from 6:30pm –9:30pm in the Nativity Hall. 25 different wines, appetizers, and desserts will be served.

**Our next planning meeting is Thursday, September 7 at 7:00** in the Nativity Hall, Merrimac. Please join us in our planning.

Tickets will be sold at the door **but also after Masses in September.** Invite your friends. Tell your neighbors. Tickets are \$20 per person. You must be 21 or older to attend. The Social is in partnership with West Newbury Food Mart.

## HR Religious Education

Sunday, 9/10: **Book Pick Up** for Grades 3-6, Merrimac Hall, 9–10am

**Grade 10** class with Students and Parent/ Sponsor, Merrimac Hall, 6–7:30pm

Tuesday, 9/12: **Grade 7** Students and Parent, Merrimac Hall, 6–7:30pm

Sunday, 9/17: **Grades 3–6** Class, Merrimac Hall, 9:00am

**Grade 2** class with Parents and Students, Nativity Church, 9am,

**Grade 9** class, Merrimac Hall, 6–7:30pm

Tuesday, 9/19: **Grade 8** Parents and Students, Merrimac Hall, 6–7:30pm

Please note: our **Confirmation Retreat** for all candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, October 28, **must** attend our **Retreat Day** on Sunday, September 24 beginning at 11am in Merrimac Hall.

Our retreat day ends with the **Youth Mass** at Church of the Nativity at 5pm (all parishioners of the collaborative invited).

Our Youth Masses will be at 5pm (next date: Oct. 29 at IC).

**Contact info: Office of Religious Education**

Doreen O'Leary (Rel. Ed. email: [reledhrp@gmail.com](mailto:reledhrp@gmail.com), or for forms to register for the fall: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) (click the Faith Formation tab, then the Holy Redeemer tab).

## Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

**The Holiday Fair** is a long-running tradition at Holy Redeemer. It is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving at the Nativity Hall. Gift baskets, homemade soups, silent auction items, and nearly new items are available. The 2017 Fair will be November 18 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now for this fun event.



**Empty Baskets Needed**

If anyone has empty baskets that are in good condition to be used for the fair, please leave in the back of either church no later than Sunday, September 17. That will give the committee time to spray paint baskets “outside” with matching colors!

## Coffee and Donuts Sunday

Stop by for coffee and donuts after the 8:00 Mass at Nativity on Sunday, **September 3**. Please plan on stopping in Nativity Hall to enjoy a cup of coffee with “old friends” and perhaps meet a new one!



## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** How do you bear the burdens of life in a faithful way?

**Child:** When is it difficult to follow Jesus?