

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES
SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018

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*Say to the fearful of heart: Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, he comes with vindication; With
divine recompense he comes to save you.
(Is 35:4)*

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 Mass Schedule

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)

Monday (9/10)

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

Tuesday (9/11)

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

Wednesday (9/12)

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

Thursday (9/13)

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

Friday (9/14)

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

9:00am **IC School Liturgy** (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (9/15)

4:00pm **IC** *Assunta "Sue" Termine* (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (9/16)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Mary Lou Gannon, Ann McGrath* (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am **IC** *Fred & Raymond Mitchell, Stanley Baikewicz* (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Michele M. Bradley, Cornelius E. Currier and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

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 (each with a 1/2 hr. video); 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. It's free. It's life-changing.

Sessions will be facilitated each **Wednesday** from 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. at IC's St. Louis Hall.

September 19: **Eucharist (1-hour video overview/preview of the next 6 sessions)**

September 26: **A Privileged Encounter**

October 3: **Called Out of the World**

October 10: **God Speaks Our Story**

October 17: **Responding to God**

October 24: **Preparing for Sacrifice**

October 31: **The Real Presence Creates Communion**

{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.

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)

Pelican Intervention Fund September Fundraiser

Please join us at **Flatbread Pizza Amesbury from 5pm to 9pm on Tuesday, September 18**. Dine in or take home pizza to enjoy with your family and friends.

A portion of the purchase price will assist us to provide funding for local men and women seeking sobriety through long-term Twelve Step-based residential treatment. We thank you for your continued generosity, support, and prayers.

For more information or to join the Pelican Intervention Fund please call: Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483
Kim Keene 978-430-1408

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This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, September 10

AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Boy Scout Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Coffee Hour Planning Group 6:00pm IC Conference Room 209

Pastoral Plan Discipleship Priority Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, September 11

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

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

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory

Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Wednesday, September 12

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall

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 13

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

Friday, September 14

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

ICS Principal/Parent Coffee 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Saturday, September 15

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

Sunday, September 16

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

HR Coffee Hour 9:00am, Nativity Hall

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

IC Religious Ed. 10:00am, IC Parish Center

RCIA 10:15am, IC Parish Center, Room G19

HR Confirmation Retreat 11:00am, Nativity Hall

Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church

IC Confirmation Parent Orientation 2:00pm, IC Church



Last Sunday, Father Broderick attended the 11:00 Mass at IC and enjoyed meeting with so many folks. Good to see you, Fr. Broderick!

Mass Scripture Readings: Sept. 9–16, 2018

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.

- **Sunday**, Sept. 9: Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37
- **Monday**, Sept. 10: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11
- **Tuesday**, Sept. 11: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19
- **Wednesday**, Sept. 12: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26
- **Thursday**, Sept. 13: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38
- **Friday**, Sept. 14: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17
- **Saturday**, Sept. 15: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; John 19:25-27
- **Sunday**, Sept. 16: Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

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

R.C.I.A

RCIA classes will begin on September 16 at 10:15 in IC Parish Center Room G19.

The R.C.I.A. program for people interested in joining the Catholic Church and/or learning about the Catholic faith will begin on September 16. 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: fortune@newburyportcatholic.org.

San Marcos Coffee Sale

September 15–16

Hopefully many of you were able to greet Fr. Ray Richard while he was at IC for 5 weeks visiting his home town of Newburyport as he does every year. He has now returned to his missionary work—serving the poor people of Honduras.

As Catholics, we are called to help the poor to rise out of poverty. Fr. Ray started “The Coffee Project” back in 2003 to help the farmers in his parish to receive a fair price for coffee beans grown on their small family-owned farms.

On September 15/16 you can buy fresh-roasted, whole-bean or ground San Marcos Coffee after most collaborative Masses (\$10/pound).

Thank you for your continued support of The Coffee Project. Call Karen Finnegan with any questions. 978-465-4173.

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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.

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, Amesbury and Star of the Sea Parish, 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).

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.

HOPE of the NATIONS

Hope Conferences, Lowell Memorial Auditorium

September 15, 2018, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

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 to get more information and to register.

Collaborative Baptisms

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

Allison Lee Beaton • Matteo Roberto Busca •
Greta Jane Grab • Henry Timothy Lee •
Xavier James Nelezen • Julia Marie Sawtelle

Women of Grace Program

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.

Questions of the Week

Adult: Do you ever speak on behalf of those who have no voice or are not heard?

Child: What do you think it would be like not to hear? How does Jesus help you to hear and to speak?

Annual High School Fair

Hosted by Immaculate Conception School

Are you exploring options for a High School? Parents and students from all communities are invited to take advantage of this great opportunity. Come join us on **Thursday, September 27, 2018 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** in the ICS Gymnasium, One Washington Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

For more information call 978-465-7780.

Representatives from Public High Schools, Catholic High Schools, and Prep Schools all over the North Shore and Seacoast will be in attendance to meet with parents and students in grades 6, 7, and 8.



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IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, September 1–2 \$9,678.00

The second collection **this** weekend is the Monthly. The second collection **next** weekend is Clergy Health & Retirement Trust.

Knights of Columbus

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. We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at membership@kofc231.org, (978) 572-0231.

IC Knitting Ministry

Time to Get the Knitting Needles Moving!



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group will meet **Tuesday, September 11** at 1:00pm in room 209 in the IC Parish Center. We knit/crochet prayer shawls, hats, mittens, scarves for charity.

Come join us; we meet every Tuesday at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call Julia O'Connor 978-465-3350 or Frances Ronan 978-462-4972.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 22.00
Poor Box	\$ 195.00
Total	\$ 21700

“Walk for the Poor”

Please join the St. Vincent DePaul - “Walk for the Poor” on Sat. September 29

New Location: **Cashman Park** on Merrimac St., Newburyport, Distance: 3K

Registration begins at **8:30 a.m.**

Walk starts at **9:30 a.m.**

All monies raised stays within our community to assist the needy with: food, clothing, assistance with utility payments and even rent assistance so no needy person is forced into homelessness.

St Vincent DePaul volunteers answer our help telephone line 365 days a year.

Our Conference receives **30 calls per month** from people needing assistance within Newbury, West Newbury, Merrimac and Newburyport.

We Need You to Help Us to Help Others!

You can register to walk, sponsor a walker already registered or support our Annual Fundraiser with a donation at: www.fopwalk.org/event/2258.



Immaculate Conception School



The IC school community was welcomed back on Tuesday for the start of the 2018–19 school year. We are all very excited! A newly renovated 2nd floor adds to the overall polish of the entire building. Five new teachers join our IC team. Mrs. Shayne Ostrowski teaches 2nd grade, Mrs. Melissa Shea teaches 3rd grade, and Mr. Patrick Brooks joins the IC as the Jr. High Social Studies teacher and 7th grade homeroom. Ms. Amy Sanz teaches Gym and is an Instructional Aide in Grade 2. Mrs. Anne Walsh is an Instructional Aide in Kindergarten. Father Morin will contribute to 8th grade Religion instruction. The Cross Country season starts next week with new coaches Meagan King and Ted Jones leading our students to team and individual success. The additional use of technology will support our expansion of instructional practices to better meet the needs of individual learners as well as prepare our graduates for success in high school and beyond. The daily schedule has been redesigned to allow for longer recess for all grades and provide an indoor play space during inclement weather. The lunch menu will include a Caesar salad option everyday. Seating times for the older students' lunch will provide opportunities to foster friendships across the grades. Our new website is mobile friendly, appears at the top of search lists, and has comprehensive security monitoring. This year's North Pole Express ticket sales and train ride check-in will be problem-free as we have taken steps to avoid the problems of the past. These are just a few of the changes made to enhance the IC experience for our students and school families. We also take comfort in the IC traditions that continually strengthen our school community. May God bless our students and staff as we learn and grow in His endless love.

St. Vincent de Paul “By the Numbers”—IC Conference

Volunteers answer the telephone daily (978-518-0728), meet with new clients, do an “intake” and assist in meeting their needs.

• Avg. Food Gift Card Given	\$50.00
• Avg. Rent (Paid Directly to Landlords)	\$600.00
• Avg. Utility Payments	\$350.00
• Avg. Total Monthly Disbursements (from May–July 2018)	\$3,930.00
• Avg. Number of Calls <i>Per Month</i>	29
• Requests for Food	14
• Requests for Rent Assistance (to Avoid Homelessness)	9
• Requests for Utility Payment Assistance (to Avoid “Shut Off”)	3
• Needing Somewhere to Sleep That Night (esp. in winter months)	3

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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.

Chapter 7: Towards a Better Education of Children

259 Parents always influence the moral development of their children, for better or for worse. It follows that they should take up this essential role and carry it out consciously, enthusiastically, reasonably, and appropriately. Since the educational role of families is so important, and increasingly complex, I would like to discuss it in detail.

Where are our children? 260 Families cannot help but be places of support, guidance, and direction, however much they may have to rethink their methods and discover new resources. Parents need to consider what they want their children to be exposed to, and this necessarily means being concerned about who is providing their entertainment, who is entering their rooms through television and electronic devices, and with whom they are spending their free time. Only if we devote time to our children, speaking of important things with simplicity and concern, and finding healthy ways for them to spend their time, will we be able to shield them from harm. Vigilance is always necessary and neglect is never beneficial. Parents have to help prepare children and adolescents to confront the risk, for example, of aggression, abuse, or drug addiction.

Fall Religious Programs

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

Catechist Meeting on Sunday, Sept. 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

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 theme is “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 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 Rehearsals are Thursday, September 20: 5:30pm for the Sunday, September 23 11:30am Mass and 7:00pm for the Sunday 2:30pm Mass.

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 or
Melinda Burrell 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, chips, dessert, 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>.

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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.



IC Online Giving

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

Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary’s Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

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.

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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, October 4.**

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!

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 Church, West Newbury, by **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, September 12.**

See the Collaborative calendar at www.hricatholic.org for the schedule. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

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!!

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, September 1–2 **\$2,641.00**

The second collection **this** weekend is the Monthly.
The second collection **next** weekend is the Clergy Health & Retirement Trust.



Catholic Appeal

Goal **\$22,862.00**
To Date **\$20,435.00**



We are pleased to share that Holy Redeemer has raised \$20,435.00 toward the parish goal of \$22,862.00. That's 89% of our goal! Thank you to all who have already pledged support. We need your help to reach our goal. Please give today to help us. Gifts can be made online at bostoncatholicappeal.org or by completing a pledge form available in the backs of the churches.

Sanctuary Candle



For the week of September 9, the Sanctuary Candle at Nativity Church, Merrimac is donated for a Special Intention.

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. Thank you for your support.



SVdP Raffle Fundraisers

Parishioner Ted Xenakis has generously agreed to donate the proceeds from two separate 50/50 raffles. The first raffle is associated with his "September to Remember" ice hockey tournament that he sponsors on September 15/16 in Haverhill. A single winner will take home half of the raffle sales and the other half will go to the HR St. Vincent DePaul conference. Tickets are 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5 and 20 for \$10.

The second 50/50 raffle will be for a round of golf at the Bradford Country Club. Tickets are \$10 each. Again, 50% of the proceeds will come back to the HR conference. Conference members will be selling tickets after the Masses on the weekends of September 8–9 and 15–16. Thanks Ted!

HR Religious Education

Rel. Ed. Families, all class schedules and registration forms are now online: 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.

SVdP Walk for the Poor

The annual Friends of the Poor walk is on **Saturday, September 29** (The Feast of St. Vincent DePaul!) Come join our conference members as we walk to raise awareness for the needs of the poor in the communities of our collaborative. The walk will start at Cashman Park in Newburyport at 9:00am and proceeds along the waterfront for a gentle 3K round trip. We will be distributing donation envelopes after Mass on September 22–23. Donations are important but your participation on Saturday the 29th is equally important to show to those we encounter on the walk that the Society is working to address the needs of the poor in our communities—and that you are part of that work.

Envelopes and instructions for check donations will be distributed after Mass on September 22–23.

Thank you for your interest and support.

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**.

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.