

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

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**Palm Sunday**  
March 20, 2016



*The Garden of Gethsemane as it is today.  
Some of the trees are reported to be 2000 years old.*

*"Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me still,  
not my will but yours be done." (Lk 22:42)*

## OUR COLLABORATIVE

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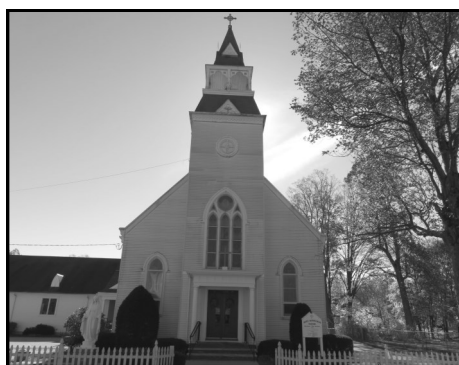


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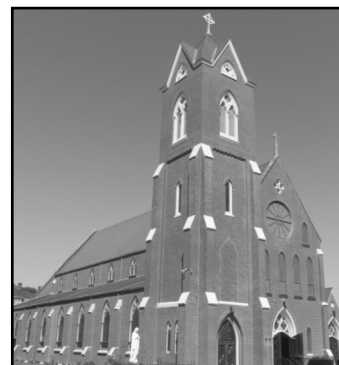
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#### Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:  
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (3/19)

4:00pm **IC** *Al Paciulan, Patrick O'Keefe, Valentina Perry, Laurel Wightman, Ted LoPreste, the Gravalles Family, the Messina Family, Albert & Mary Salerno* (Fr. Harrison)

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

### Sunday (3/20) Palm Sunday

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Note: Procession begins in IC School Gym at 9:00am John Walsh, John & Geraldine Sullivan* (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am **IC** *Deacon Richard Siebert, Fred & Lorraine Cameron, Robert & Eileen Siebert, Joseph Ward* (Fr. Broderick)

6:00pm **IC** *Youth Mass Robert Thumser* (Fr. Harrison)

### Monday (3/21)

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

### Tuesday (3/22)

7:15am **IC** *Florence Boschetti, For the intentions of Olivia D'Ambrosio* (Fr. Harrison)

### Wednesday (3/23)

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

### Thursday (3/24) Holy Thursday

7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (3/25) Good Friday

3:00pm **The Passion of the Lord, IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

3:00pm **The Passion of the Lord, St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

7:00pm **Stations of the Cross, IC**

7:00pm **Stations of the Cross, Nativity**

### Saturday (3/26) Holy Saturday

*Gather at:*

7:30pm **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (3/27) Easter Sunday

7:30am **IC** (Fr. Broderick)

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

8:45am **St. Ann** (Fr. Christiansen)

9:30am **IC Church** (Fr. Morin)

9:30am **IC School Gym** (Fr. McLaughlin)

9:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

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

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

In your prayers please remember all the faithful departed.

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

**IC**—Immaculate Conception

**Nativity**—Merrimac

**St. Ann**—West Newbury

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



In the Kidron Valley, not much more than a stone's-throw from the upslope that leads to the walls of Jerusalem, and in the shadow of the Mount of Olives, lies the Garden of Gethsemane. This is the traditional place mentioned in other Gospel accounts of where the "agony in the garden" took place. With Jerusalem arrayed in all of its glory before him, Jesus paused there to pray deep into the night, reflecting on all that was about to happen. In his humanness, he suffered profoundly as he prepared to follow God's will and offer himself in sacrifice for our sins.

While we look upon this event that took place millennia ago with the eyes of faith and with the benefit of many centuries of theological reflection and nuance, the account we hear in today's Gospel from Luke portrays the rawness of the event. Jesus agonized over what was about to befall him, experiencing so much grief and anxiety that "his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground." (from Lk 22). It got so bad that an angel had to come and give him strength to do what was becoming shockingly clear: die a shameful and painful death. Only God would know that more was to come. To add insult to injury, his own words that "there is no greater love than to give one's life for a friend" would be twisted and perverted when he was betrayed by the kiss of one of his closest followers. It was bad enough that Judas was unfaithful, but then Peter, who was supposed to be the "Rock" upon which everything that was to come would be built, Peter, too would deny he even knew Jesus. Three times. The crushing brutality of it all came over him like a tsunami of indignity and bitterness.

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## Holy Week Services

### Holy Thursday

7:00pm, IC

### Good Friday

#### The Passion of the Lord

3:00pm, IC

3:00pm, St. Ann

#### Stations of the Cross

7:00pm, IC

7:00pm, Nativity

### Easter Vigil

We will gather at 7:30pm, IC.

### Easter Sunday

7:30am, IC

8:00am, Nativity

8:45am, St. Ann

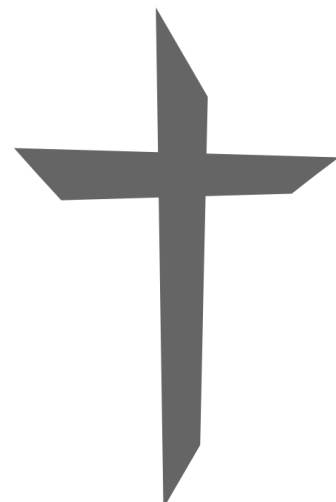
9:30am, IC

9:30am, IC School Gym

9:30am, Nativity

10:15am, St. Ann

11:30am, IC



## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

#### Monday, March 21

**AA** 10:30am & 7:30pm, *IC Nazareth Library Room 205*

**Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 41** 7:00pm, *Merrimac Church Hall*

#### Tuesday, March 22

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

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

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

#### Wednesday, March 23

**Adoration** 6:00pm, *IC St. James Chapel*

**Centering Prayer** 6:00pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*

**The Light Is on for You: Confessions** 6:30, *IC & Nativity*

**HR Religious Ed., Grade 7** 6:30pm, *W. Newbury*

**GAP** 6:30pm, *IC Youth Room*

**Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 26** 7:00pm, *W. Newbury Grange Hall*

#### Thursday, March 24

**Voice of the Faithful** 1:30pm, *IC Nazareth Library Room 205*

**Play Rehearsal** 3:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*

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

#### Friday, March 25

**Adoration** 8:00am, *IC St. James Chapel*

**Collaborative Offices close at noon**

**Stations of the Cross** 7:00pm, *IC Church*

**Stations of the Cross** 7:00pm, *Nativity Church*

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

#### Saturday, March 26, *Holy Saturday*

**Easter Vigil Mass** 7:30pm, *IC Church*

#### Sunday, March 27, *Easter Sunday*

*See Page 3 of this bulletin for the Mass schedule*

### Lenten Reconciliation Times

**IC:** Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm.

**HR:** Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass.

In addition to the weekly schedule for confessions, these times have been added during Lent.



**Wednesday nights from 6:30–8:00pm.**

March 23, *IC and Nativity*

### Bulletin Information

Please supply bulletin information by Monday noon to the collaborative bulletin email: [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com)

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It is important that we do not sterilize this event. To go from the joy of a triumphal entry into Jerusalem to being stripped naked, beaten to within inches of his life and then excruciatingly nailed to a piece of wood and left to die a criminal's death is high drama no matter what century we live in. As we move into this Holy Week, let us take time to ponder and pray over how great God's love is for us: that He didn't spare even His only Son, but handed Him over for the sake of us all. That's nothing short of amazing. We, the world, did our very worst to God's Son, and still, God loves us. Still, God calls us to new life in Christ. Still, God forgives our sins. Still, God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever. Still. . . .

As the hymn calls to us, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord, . . . sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble," this Holy Week should cause us to be filled with gratitude anew for all that God has done for us. A little trembling, perhaps, is in order as well.

May this, our holiest time of the year, be filled with the richness of God's love that has been poured out for us in Christ Jesus.

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

### Office Hours

Our offices will close at noon on Good Friday, March 25, and will be closed on Easter Monday, March 28. We will reopen on Tuesday, March 29 at 8:00am.

### Hunger for Justice

#### Sign up now for the 2015 Hunger for Justice

Hunger for Justice (also known as the 30-Hour Famine) is a two-day event on Good Friday and Holy Saturday (March 25–26) with hundreds of teens from North Shore parishes. This is an overnight event taking place primarily at St. Mary's High School, Lynn. It is co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston's Office for Lifelong Faith Formation. If you go:

- You will be challenged to fast from food for 30 hours straight (we eat a meal at 5:00pm Friday and then not again until the Easter Vigil party on Saturday night)
- You will participate in service projects like feeding the homeless in Boston Common
- You will meet teens from several other parishes/schools
- You will grow in your relationship with Christ
- You will get sponsors ahead of the event (start asking them now!) to help us raise money for a poor parish in a Third World country.

This is fun, hard, rewarding, and just a cool thing to do. You will get 8–10 service hours credit for your Confirmation requirements.

Contact Karen Finnegan, [Karen.finnegan@fmr.com](mailto:Karen.finnegan@fmr.com) or 978-270-0183. Even if you are not sure you will attend, please **contact Karen or Bill Brown** so we can send you more details. Note: Parent volunteers are welcome to help out at all or part of the retreat.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## *Catholic Theology and Economic Inequality Lecture*

**Sunday, March 20, 2016, 2:00–4:00pm at St. John the Baptist Church Hall, 19 Chestnut Street, Peabody, MA**  
Everyone is invited to hear Fr. Ken Himes, O.F.M., Ph.D., Boston College, speak on *Catholic Theology and Economic Inequality* at St. John the Baptist Church Hall in Peabody on Sunday, March 20, at 2:00pm.

This lecture will examine how the Catholic theological tradition thinks about economic inequality. First, background on contemporary economic inequality will be presented. Then, both the history on how economic inequality has been discussed in Catholic teaching and present day reflections on inequality will be provided. Both theological themes and ethical analysis will be drawn from Catholic theology and papal social teaching. It is a timely topic in light of the Year of Mercy. Refreshments and discussion follow the lecture. Financial contributions are welcome. For further information, contact John and Barbara Gould, 978-535-2321. This presentation is sponsored by the VOTF North Shore, Seacoast Affiliate in collaboration with Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

## Centering Prayer for Lent

Lent is a time to follow Jesus more closely and learn from the fully human Jesus how to pray. Centering Prayer is an ancient Christian practice available to all who seek transformation through a more intimate relationship with God. This daily practice deepens our faith as we come to better know our God as one who loves us unconditionally just as we are and trust God has plans to give us a future of hope. Centering Prayer helps us say to the Father, "Not my will but yours be done" (Lk. 22: 42). Please consider joining us for weekly group Centering Prayer and let God move you closer to him. If you are unable to attend on **Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm** in the IC Charity Dining Room, contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978 462-7483 to explore this simple prayer of resting in God.

## Lenten Regulations

**Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence.**

**Fasting** is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

**Abstinence** is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should take these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

## Youth Ministry

### High School Students

**GAP (God and Pizza)** Every Wednesday night in the IC Pastoral Center Youth Room from 6:30–8:30pm.

**C.A.M.P.S (Christ as my personal savior) retreat**

August 2016. [www.campsministry.com](http://www.campsministry.com)

**Hunger for Justice/30 Hour Famine**, March 25–26. See bulletin page 4 for details.

**Teen Encounter Weekend retreat**

St. Basil, Methuen [www.teenencounter.org](http://www.teenencounter.org)

For more information on any event, contact Bill Brown, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Holy Redeemer & Immaculate Conception, 978-376-6511, [youthministryhric@gmail.com](mailto:youthministryhric@gmail.com).

## Easter Offertory Collections

Next week, at all our **Easter Masses**, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical, and financial needs of our 614 active and senior priests in our Archdiocese, ensuring an appropriate level of care and quality of life for the men who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church of Boston. Our priests are there for us. Now, it is our turn to care for them. Please give generously to the collection next week. You can also make your gift online at [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org) or simply text PRIEST to 56512 (msg. and data rates may apply). Thank you in advance for your prayers and generous support of our priests.

The **Holy Thursday** collection is for St. Vincent DePaul Society. **Please make checks payable to St. Vincent De Paul.**

The **Good Friday** collections are for the Holy Land and are, in the words of Paul VI, "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities."

## Offertory Envelopes

Did you know that you can attend Mass at any worship site in our collaborative and use your usual offertory envelopes? Just drop your envelope in the collection and we will make sure it gets delivered to your home Parish.

## Online Bulletin

Visit [www.TheBostonPilot.com/bcd](http://www.TheBostonPilot.com/bcd) to view the bulletin online. Find your parish in the alphabetical list of parishes where you can download the bulletin or even sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox every week.

You can also view a copy of the bulletin by visiting our **Collaborative Web site**, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) and clicking on the bulletins tab.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

### Offertory Collection

**Grand Annual \$72,793.00 (Goal \$100,000)**

The second collection this weekend is Restoration/Renovation.

Please see **Offertory Collections** information for Holy Week on **page 5** of this bulletin.

### Immaculate Conception School

*Empowering Students for Success in a Caring Environment*

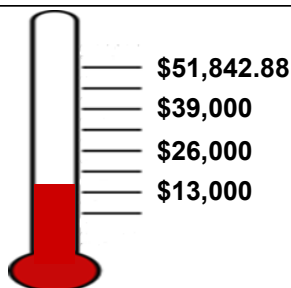
Immaculate Conception School (pre-kindergarten–eighth grade) has a limited number of openings for Fall, 2016.

Please call **Mrs. Kelley Pappalardo**, Admissions Director, today for more information and to schedule a visit.

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### Catholic Appeal

**Goal \$51,842.88**  
**To Date \$14,380.00**  
**(28% of Our Goal)**  
**50 Donors**



**Though we are many, we are one Church.** In making a gift to the 2016 Catholic Appeal, you will join hands with tens of thousands whose generosity brings the love of Christ to so many in our Archdiocese. Last weekend, our parish launched the 2016 Catholic Appeal. If you were unable to attend Mass last weekend and wish to make a pledge to the Catholic Appeal, please take a pledge form found at the entrances to the church. You can make a gift or pledge online at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org). Thank you for your support and for helping us reach our goal.

### Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our Web site, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) and click the Online Giving picture at the bottom of our home page to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose contribute to. If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made. Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404

### Breaking Bread

St. Vincent de Paul's Breaking Bread dinner program is hoping you will share a little of your time and talents as we need a team of two volunteers to prepare and cook for our guests on a Tuesday of your choice. A seasoned volunteer chef will work with you as you gain experience in our kitchen. This is a truly wonderful experience that you will share with a great team of volunteers. Call or email Bunny Chiasson, 978-465-5810 or [sandbunnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:sandbunnyc@yahoo.com).

### Immaculate Conception School Summer Camp

**July 11–15 Grades 5–8**

**July 18–22 Grades 1–4**

Both programs are 9:00am–12noon, \$75.00 per student. Complete program offerings will be announced soon. Space is limited and expected to fill up fast. Email Kelley Pappalardo at [kpappalardo@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:kpappalardo@newburyportcatholic.org) with any questions or to reserve your spot today.

### Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Award. If you would like an application, send a request to:

Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

P. O. Box 464

Newburyport, MA 01950

Or email [makscholarship@verizon.net](mailto:makscholarship@verizon.net)

Scholarship eligibility:

- Young man or woman parishioner of IC Parish
- High School graduate in pursuit of a scientific education

Completed applications must be postmarked and returned to the Trustees no later than Friday, April 15, 2016.

### Catholic Scripture Study

A series on Catholicism is being offered which is exciting, informative, and educational in our Catholic faith. Every Thursday at 7:00pm in the IC Conference Room 209, a half hour video will be shown with discussion following. Please come and bring your friends.

### Communion Calls

If you or a loved one is homebound, in the hospital, or have transitioned to a rehab/nursing facility and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact Sandy @ 978-462-4842 to arrange a home visit.

### Parish Membership

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

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

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

**Scripture Study will *Not* meet on March 20, 2016**

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will *not* meet on its regularly scheduled third Sunday of the month, March 20, Palm Sunday. The study group will return to its regular schedule of the first Sunday of the month on April 3.

## IC Religious Education

### The Four Ways to Dialogue



Dialogue is relational and active. It is a dynamic mode of being that requires relationship, indeed friendship, with the religious other. It is encounter; it is mercy. In the document Dialogue and Mission, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue outlines four ways of dialogue: (1)The dialogue of theological exchange is practiced among scholars and religious leaders from various traditions. It is a highly theological and nuanced way of practicing dialogue. (2)The dialogue of life is about attitude and the spirit that guides personal conduct. For the Christian it is about witnessing to the Gospel in all facets of life while engaging and living peacefully with the religious others. (3)The dialogue of common social action is emerging as an important form of dialogue. There are groups of varying religious backgrounds coming together to live out their faith commitments by working together to combat homelessness, hunger, the lack of workers' rights, and other social ills. The world today needs the common witness of people from all faith traditions; it needs mercy. (4)The dialogue of religious experience is when those who are deeply rooted in their own religious traditions share experiences of prayer, contemplation, faith, as well as religious expression.

### HRIC Evangelization and Catechesis Committee

Thursday, April 21 at 7:00pm—Charity Dining Room 114.

### Religious Education Classes

March 20, 27 Gr. K–6 No Class Holy Week & Easter Week

March 21, 28 Gr. 1–6 No Class Holy Week & Easter Week

Summer Religious Education registration has begun for Grades 1–8. (see website for registration form) Sessions: June 27–July 1 and July 25–29 from 9:00am–3:00pm.

### Baptism

April 3	Class for Parents	1:00pm
April 10	Group Baptisms	1:00pm

### Confirmation

April 10	Grade 9-year 1	1:00-3:00pm
March 19	Confirmation Retreat 2	9:30-2:30pm

Please pray for our candidates.

**Summer Confirmation** registration information on Website now. Year 2—Grade 10 July 10 Retreat and Sessions July 11–14 from 5:30–8:30pm. Year 1—Grade 9 Sessions July 18–21 from 5:30–8:30pm.

### 1st Eucharist

Families are to be completing sacrament workbooks between now and next April.

March 20	Mini-Retreat	1:00pm
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### Youth Mass

March 20	Immaculate Conception	6:00pm
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### Pope Francis: Year of Mercy



Mercy overcomes every wall, every barrier, and leads you to always seek the face of the man, of the person.

And it is mercy which changes the heart and the life, which can regenerate a person and allow him or her to integrate into society in a new way. (9/10/14) (USCCB Dept. of Justice, Peace and Human Development)

## The Compassionate Friends

Due to IC Building being closed on Easter Monday, the March 28 Compassionate Friends meeting will be held at chapter leader's home, 64 Northern Blvd, Plum Island, Newbury, MA, at 7:30pm. Please call 617-410-6309 if questions.



TCF of Greater Newburyport is a non-profit organization, donations (to PO Box 872, Newburyport, MA 01950) are tax deductible. National website:

[www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

## Celebrating the Sacraments

### Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm, and by appointment.

HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass, and by appt.

### Baptism

Call the Parish Office for information and to register.

### Marriage

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

### Sacrament of the Sick

Call your Parish Office if someone in your family is ill and you feel the grace and power of the Sacrament would be helpful. This Sacrament should not be seen as only administered when there is danger of death. Please call us if someone is in the hospital, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.

## IC Knitting Ministry



Meetings are every Tuesday from 1:00–3:00pm. If you are interested in learning to knit or need help getting started again we are happy to help. Join us for knitting, fellowship, and tea (and goodies). Membership is open to all.

We bring prayers and hope to people who are sick, caregivers, and others who are in need. Our knitted hats and scarves are given to Community Service at Christmas time and to other homeless children. If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl or for more information please call Frances Ronan 978-462-4972 or Frances Reslewic at 978-465-8452.

## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** What way would you most like to share your time with your family this week?

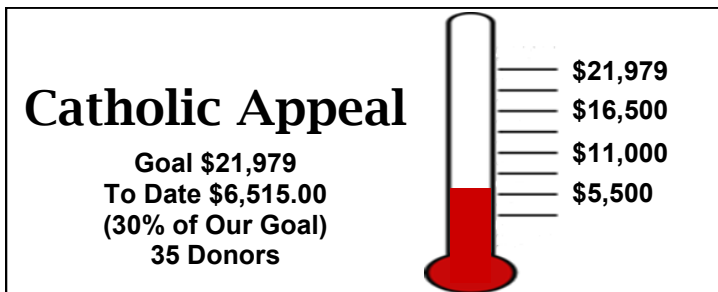
**Child:** How and when can you share your love for each member of your family this week?

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Offertory Collection

**Grand Annual \$22,035 (Goal \$40,000)**

Please see **Offertory Collections** information for Holy Week on **page 5** of this Bulletin.



**Though we are many, we are one Church.** In making a gift to the 2016 Catholic Appeal, you will join hands with tens of thousands whose generosity brings the love of Christ to so many in our Archdiocese. Last weekend, our parish launched the 2016 Catholic Appeal. If you were unable to attend Mass last weekend and wish to make a pledge to the Catholic Appeal, please take a pledge form found at the entrances to the church. You can make a gift or pledge online at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org). Thank you for your support and for helping us reach our goal.

## Save the Dates

**Raffle Night:** Saturday, April 9 in the Merrimac Hall. This has proven to be a fun parish social for all who have attended. Please plan on coming and bring your friends. We are asking for **donations**. Any kind of item can be donated as long as it is **new**. These donations will be used as our prizes. Donations may be left in the back of either church. Please label the item "raffle." Homemade crockpot dinners will be available to purchase starting at 5:00pm. The first raffle ticket will be drawn at 6:00pm. We expect to have over 100 items to raffle.

**Outdoor Mass/Parish Picnic:** Sunday, June 12.

## HR Easter Flower Envelopes

HR is accepting donations and memorials toward the purchase of Easter flowers. Flower Donation envelopes can be found at the doors of both churches. Please make sure your gift is received by **Sunday, March 20**.



## HR St. Vincent de Paul



Please return your Lenten mite boxes at your convenience. They can be left in the marked bins at the back of both churches starting on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your help. The conference recently received the following note from a client:

*I wanted to tell you "...how grateful I am for the \$300 you donated towards my [past due] water bill. It really helped me out tremendously. It is nice to know there are people like you.... Thanks."*

## HR Religious Education

### Religious Education Classes

March 20	Grades 3-6	After 8am Mass, Merrimac
March 20	Youth Mass	6:00pm at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
March 23	Grade 7	6:00-7:30pm W. Newbury

Good Friday, March 25 **Stations of the Cross**—led by our youth and their families begins at 7:00pm at Church of the Nativity in Merrimac.

Our Collaborative Website will have all the latest updates, changes, and information about Holy Redeemer Religious Education programming. Check it out: [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org)

## Coffee After Mass



Coffee will be served after the 8:00 Mass at Nativity on Palm Sunday, **March 20**. Come enjoy the company of your Parish Family. Plan on attending and, if possible, bring a treat to share.

## 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 Merrimac Parish Hall at 1:00pm. Next meeting is **Thursday, April 7**.



## 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 mornings. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions or delivery date schedule. This month, sandwiches are needed for delivery on **March 23**.

## Reconciliation Times

Additional times have been added for Confessions during Lent on **Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm**.

March 23, Nativity



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### Hot Meals in Newburyport & Amesbury

#### Monday–Friday

8:00am–9:30am Coffee+, Salvation Army, 40 Water Street, Newburyport

#### Monday

11:00am–1:00pm Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Harris Street, Newburyport

5:30pm–6:30pm St. Paul's Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport

#### Tuesday

11:30am–1:00pm St. Paul's Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport

5:00pm–6:00pm Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 42 Green Street, Newburyport

#### Wednesday

11:00am–12:30pm Salvation Army, 40 Water Street, Newburyport

4:00pm–6:00pm Congregational Church, Main St., Amesbury

#### Thursday

5:00pm–6:00pm Salvation Army, 40 Water Street, Newburyport

#### Friday

11:30am–1:00pm St. Paul's Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport

Meals are delivered Mon.–Fri. to home-bound elders. To sign up call Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc. at 1-800-892-0890.

### Taizé Prayer

Groveland Congregational Church, 4 King St., Groveland, invites the community to embrace the spirit of Lent by participating in an evening of contemplative Taizé Prayer on Sunday evening, March 20, at 7:00pm. Through the simple, meditative prayer chants of Taizé music, you will be drawn into a deeper prayer experience as we enter into Holy Week. This ecumenical service includes communal singing, scripture reading, and quiet mediation in the church's candlelit sanctuary. The Taizé service is based on a form of worship from the Taizé ecumenical monastic community in France. People of all ages and different faith traditions come together to participate in a community of prayer that is meditative and easily accessible for all. Everyone is invited to participate.

For more information, call 978-372-3463 or visit the Web site: [grovelanducc.org](http://grovelanducc.org).

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

### Become a Hospice Volunteer

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." ~Mahatma Gandhi*

All Care Hospice is currently seeking compassionate, caring people to offer comfort and support to our patients and families. As part of the care team, volunteers serve a vital role in affecting the quality of our patients' lives. Each volunteer opportunity is unique and varies depending on the needs of the patient and family as well as the volunteer's availability and interests. Patient care may include companionship through conversation, reading aloud, reminiscing, or even just holding their hand. Other duties help alleviate stress for the caregiver such as running errands like grocery shopping and trips to the pharmacy, light housekeeping or meal preparation. Administrative tasks involve assembling admission packets, assisting with mailings, photocopying, and special event preparation. All Care Hospice serves the North Shore, Merrimack Valley and Greater Boston. For more information or to enroll in a training, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Maureen Burge at 781-244-1129. Visit our Web site: <http://www.allcare.org/hospice/>

### Cursillo

Cursillo offers us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ. Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." (Rev 3:20, NKJV). A life lived in faith is a life lived in joy!

#### 2016 Cursillo Calendar

##### IC Ultreya

April 8, 2016  
April 29, 2016  
June 3, 2016

##### Cursillo Weekends

April 7-10 (Men)  
Apr. 28-May 1 (Women)  
June 2-5 (Women)

**All are welcome** to attend our IC Ultreya Meetings on the Friday of each Cursillo weekend in the St. James Chapel in the IC Parish Center at 7:00pm. If you need a ride, contact Valerie Murphy at 978-462-7534. Questions about Cursillo or Ultreya? Contact any of the following: Pat Forbes (978-462-1258), Valerie Murphy (978-462-7534), Kate Prescott (978-465-5783), Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

### Collaborative Web Site

Visit the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception Web site at [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org)

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated **April 3, 2016** at All Saints Church, 120 Bellevue Ave., Haverhill, MA, from **2:30pm–4:30pm**. The event includes Eucharistic Adoration, reflection, confessions, the Chaplet, and the Rosary. Fr. Andreas Davison will be leading the devotions.