

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

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Modern-day Jerusalem

“The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.” (Rev. 21:10)

OUR COLLABORATIVE

Holy Redeemer Parish



St. Ann

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Nativity

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Immaculate Conception Parish



Immaculate Conception

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Immaculate Conception School

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (4/30)

11:00am **IC** First Communion (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **IC** *Joan O'Dwyer, Paul L. Hanlon, Jedrey Connors, & Charles Kelly, Anna Frances Robinson* (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **St. Ann** *James Joseph Powers, Jr.* (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (5/1)

7:15am **IC** *Adolf Benca, Sr.* (Fr. McLaughlin)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC** *Fr. Harold Paulsen* (Fr. Broderick)
 10:15am **St. Ann** *J. Patricia Spalding* (Fr. Harrison)
 11:30am **IC** *Jamie Lynn Valente Richard* (Fr. Morin)

Monday (5/2)

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

Tuesday (5/3)

7:15am **IC** *For the intentions of Melissa Benca* (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (5/4)

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

Thursday (5/5) The Ascension of the Lord

7:15am **IC** *Maria Belas* (Fr. George)
 9:00am **IC** School Liturgy *Teresa Aloise, Brian Caron, David Loring, George Dennis Goodrich* (Fr. Morin)
 9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 7:00pm **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 7:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Friday (5/6)

9:00am **Nativity** *Regina M. Stronge, Special Intention for Dorothy & Ralph Franzese* (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (5/7)

11:00am **IC First Communion** (Fr. Harrison)
 4:00pm **IC** *Rita Snow, James McInerney, Dorothy Cruise* (Fr. Harrison)
 4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (5/8)

7:15am **IC** *Anna Frances Robinson, Diane LeSage, For the intentions of Adolf Benca, Jr.* (Fr. Broderick)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
 9:00am **IC** *John F. Cutter, III* (Fr. McLaughlin)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
 11:30am **IC** *Mary Razza, Lena Filomia, Elizabeth Finneran, For the intentions of Samuel McLachlan and Family* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Stephen P. Shaw, Margaret M. Duffy 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 Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



All of a sudden, it was spring! Although there have been subtle signs all along, it seems that everything turned green this past week. It is a real promise fulfilled. Even amidst our latest snowstorm a few weeks ago, there were hints of new life sprouting all around us, and finally the weather, the grass, the trees, and the flowers all got in sync.

I think that is how God sometimes works in our world. We see and experience small signs of His presence, here and there—little reminders of a thread of grace running all through our day-to-day happenings, and, then, as if without warning, it all comes together in one big burst of grace.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises to send another Advocate to teach us everything and remind us of his words. I don't know about you, but I need some reminders! It is way too easy to go through life with spiritual tunnel-vision, just seeing what is right in front of us and missing the bigger picture. Sometimes, the Advocate will widen the view, or give a gentle nudge to look in another direction. I find this to be especially true when I feel as though I have hit a brick wall or dead end.

The early Church had this experience when it came to reconciling all of the demands of being faithful to the practice of Judaism and spreading the Gospel to the vast numbers of gentile peoples, who though readily accepted Christ, had no interest in converting to become Jews. It was here that we saw the Holy Spirit move powerfully among the early believers to find a new path of holiness that preserved the best of their Jewish roots while at the same time giving enough freedom to allow the Church to grow at a critical moment in its development.

Today, with the Holy Spirit still nudging us, we face our own challenges. We have too many churches, but not enough priests. We have lots of Catholics, but not many who worship on Sundays with regularity. We have many good works, but sometimes lack the faith to make them as fruitful as they can be. We have great hope for the future, but sometimes fail at being charitable in the present. We want the Risen Jesus more involved in our lives, but bristle when He gets TOO involved. It is humbling and frustrating, at times, following the Lord.

But we must not become discouraged! We are part of the Church, but it is always bigger than ourselves. It will always be incomplete in this world. There will always be more that can be done, more ways that we can grow, more sins to turn from, more opportunities to embrace for a brighter

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Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, May 2

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

IC First Eucharist Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

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

Tuesday, May 3

Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

IC First Eucharist Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

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

Wednesday, May 4

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

GAP 6:30pm, IC Youth Room

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

Thursday, May 5, Ascension of the Lord

IC School Professional Development Day 12:00noon,
IC St. Louis Hall

IC First Eucharist Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

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

Scripture Study 7:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Evangelization & Catechesis Committee 7:00pm, IC Parish Hall

Friday, May 6

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

AA 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Saturday, May 7

IC First Eucharist 11:00am & 4:00pm, IC Church

HR Baptisms 12:00noon, St. Ann Church, W. Newbury

Sunday, May 8 Mother's Day

IC First Eucharist 11:30am, IC Church

IC Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church

Boy Scouts Troop 21 5:30pm, IC School Cafeteria

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future. And that is at the very heart of what we believe: that Christ is among us, calling us to more.

And just as the springtime brings forward a burst of new growth and signs of life, so, too, will the Spirit, if we dare to open our hearts and believe. It is my fervent prayer that each of us experience spring, not only in our backyards, but in our faith and parish communities as well.

Continued Easter Blessings,

Fr. Tim Harrison

Pastor

Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 5, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times for the Holy Day are listed below.

7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

9:00am IC School Liturgy

9:00am St. Ann, W. Newbury

7:00pm Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

7:00pm Nativity, Merrimac

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 the 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.

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 1–6, 2016. www.campsministry.com

Teen Encounter Weekend retreat, May 20–22
St. Basil, Methuen 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.

Facebook: Youth Ministry Immaculate Conception Holy Redeemer

Moments of Mercy

“While Lent was a penitential season, the Easter season (which lasts longer than the Lenten season!) reminds us of the joy we have in the merciful love of God. The most obvious example of God’s merciful love was shown to us in the Paschal Mystery of Christ. The culmination of this Paschal Mystery, following the suffering and Death of Christ, is his Resurrection, which is our assurance that Christ triumphs over death. Not only do we rejoice in this eternal victory, we also rejoice that, through our faith and participation in the sacraments, we can share in Christ’s triumph as God extends his salvific mercy toward us. The Jubilee of Mercy reminds us that God ‘delights in mercy’ (Mi 7:18), and so should we!” *From: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org)*

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Centering Prayer

Wednesday 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

The daily practice of 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. As God moves us closer to him, through our daily discipline of silent prayer, we find our focus turns from self to God and we are blessed with the fruits of Centering Prayer.

These gifts are not often apparent immediately and may be first noticed by others. Receiving these gifts is not the goal of centering prayer. We bring no expectations to this daily prayer as we surrender our whole self to God and trust in his love for us. The gift of his love is our transformation to the persons he created us to be. Through the grace of this silent shared time with God we may become more open minded, less prone to judge others, aware of what really matters, and able to let go of what doesn't, accepting of our own basic goodness and filled with inner freedom to act for God.

Please consider joining us as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of the prayer in our own spiritual journey.

For more information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483

Collaborative Web Site

Visit the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception web site at www.hriccatholic.org

Visit www.catholictv.com for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

Online Bulletin

Visit 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 and clicking on the bulletins tab.

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. Only a few spots remaining in the Grade 5–8 session. The Grades 1–4 session is full; waiting list is available. Email Kelley Pappalardo, kpappalardo@newburyportcatholic.org with any questions or to reserve your spot today.

Vacation Bible School at Holy Redeemer

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Nativity Church in Merrimac from August 15–19. The theme this year is *Cave Quest*. The hours are 9:00–12:00. Kids aged 5–11 can sign up to participate. The cost is \$40 per child. Teens 12 and older can volunteer and will receive 20 hrs. of community service. There is no charge for volunteers. Adults are also needed. If you have any questions contact Jen Acorn 978-697-1082. To sign up online go to www.groupvbapro.com/vbs/ez/Nativity2016.

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Coffee After Mass



Coffee will be served after the 8:00am Mass at Nativity, Merrimac on **Sunday, May 1**. Please plan on coming. If possible, bring a treat to share. We will have the **Parish Picnic Quilt** on display. Along with the raffle quilt, the church quilters will also have their projects on display for all to see.

Raffle tickets will be available for \$5.00 a chance.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thus far, the Lenten mite box collection has amounted to \$1,423.91. That amount will be a wonderful help to our many clients. Thank you for your generosity. If you are writing a check for us, please write the check to HR Saint Vincent de Paul. That will help expedite our banking.



HR Prayer Shawl

Do you know of any woman, man, or child who needs comfort and could use a Blessed Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket? Please call Helen Kelley 978-771-4673, Connie Cormier 978-363-2020 or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099 for a shawl or more information. Come join us.



Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Next meeting is **Thursday, May 5**.

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.

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Offertory Collection

April 16–17 \$3,438.00
 Home Missions \$ 672.00
 Grand Annual \$22,035.00 (Goal \$40,000)

This week's second collection is the **Monthly**.

Next weekend's second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). CCC communicates the Gospel through various formats, including social media, podcasts, TV, radio, and print media. 50% of the collection will support this national programming. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm for more information. The other 50% of the collection will remain at the parish to support local communication efforts, such as web site technology and bulletins.



Thank you to all who have participated in **Holy Redeemer's** 2016 Catholic Appeal campaign. Your support is the most effective way our parish community can join together in the Church's universal work to care for our neighbors. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please visit bostoncatholicappeal.org or pick up a pledge form available in the back of the church. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Fill out the stub below, place it in an envelope *you* mark: "**Quilt Raffle**" along with your money (\$5.00 per chance) and drop it in the collection basket. (checks may be made out to Holy Redeemer Parish). The winner of the quilt will be drawn during the Parish Picnic on June 12.



**Holy Redeemer Parish Picnic
 Quilt Raffle
 Sunday, June 12, 2016**

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

\$5.00 a chance



HR Religious Education

Sunday, May 1: Grade 10 Class at Merrimac 6–7:30pm
 (this is the last class)

Mark your calendars: **Final Youth Mass** of this year is **Sunday, May 15** at *Nativity, Merrimac* at 6:00pm. A pot luck dinner to follow in **our hall**. There is a sign-up sheet available, or email Mrs. O. to let me know what you are bringing to the table. (Baked goods, casseroles, crock pot meals, salads, etc. are the items needed.)

Also, at noon on the 15th, helpers are needed to "set the tables," let me know if you can help. Not to be missed! We look forward to this event every year, and our collaborative parish, Immaculate Conception Parish, will be joining us. Email me at: reledhrp@verizon.net if you are attending, cooking/baking, or are able to help set up our hall. Thanks.

Holy Redeemer Confirmation Students

Please mark your calendars with the following important dates:

Confirmation—Sunday, October 9, 2016 at St. Ann Church, West Newbury at **12:00noon** and at **2:30pm**.

Confirmation Retreat—Sunday, September 25, 2016 at the Nativity Hall, Merrimac beginning at 1:00pm.

Confirmation Rehearsal—Wednesday, October 5, 2016 (with confession) at 7:00pm at St. Ann Church, West Newbury (we'll meet in the hall, then proceed to the church for rehearsal and confession). Sponsors need to attend with the candidates, if possible. If your sponsor cannot attend, then a parent must attend for the sponsor.

Our Collaborative website will have all the latest updates, changes, and information about Holy Redeemer Religious Education programming. Check it out: www.hriccatholic.org

Outdoor Mass/Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 12

The Holy Redeemer Outdoor Mass and Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 12 at the church rectory, 46 Maple Street, W. Newbury. If rain, the 10:15 Mass will be at St. Ann Church, W. Newbury, and our picnic will be downstairs in the hall.

An **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, May 15 after the 10:15 Mass at St. Ann, West Newbury. We will need people to volunteer to set up, cook, clean up, and more. Please plan on attending.

We have a Parish Picnic Quilt Raffle underway. Fill out the stub in the bulletin, place it in an envelope *you* mark: "**Quilt Raffle**" along with your money (\$5.00 per chance) and drop it in the collection basket. (checks may be made out to Holy Redeemer Parish). The winner of the quilt will be drawn during our Picnic. (You do not need to be present to win.)

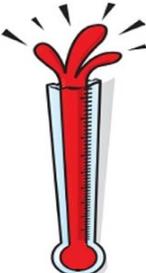
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory April 16–17	\$10,109.00
Home Missions	\$ 1,730.00
Grand Annual	\$74,773.00
325 Families (Goal \$100,000)	

The second collection this weekend is **Restoration/Renovation**.

Next weekend's second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). CCC communicates the Gospel through various formats, including social media, podcasts, TV, radio, and print media. 50% of the collection will support this national programming. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm for more information. The other 50% of the collection will remain at the parish to support local communication efforts, such as web site technology and bulletins.

<h3>Catholic Appeal</h3> <p>Goal \$51,842.88 To Date \$51,842.88 (100% of Our Goal!)</p>		<p>\$51,842.88</p> <p>\$39,000</p> <p>\$26,000</p> <p>\$13,000</p>
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Congratulations! **Immaculate Conception** has met its 2016 Catholic Appeal goal of **\$51,842.88**. We are truly grateful to the IC parishioners and families that helped us reach our goal. The Catholic Appeal provides critical funding to hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs that impact tens of thousands throughout our Archdiocese. Thank you for responding to Cardinal Seán's call to witness more clearly the depths of God's love for each one of us through this important effort.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$ 103.00
Collection	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 203.00

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. Contact Bunny Chiasson, 978-465-5810 or sandbunnyc@yahoo.com.

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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Cursillo

Cursillo offers us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ. A life lived in faith is a life lived in joy!

2016 Cursillo Calendar

IC Ultreya
June 3, 2016

Cursillo Weekends
June 2-5 (Women)

All are welcome to attend our 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), or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

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.

Knights of Columbus



The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, May 10** at 7:30pm in the Nazareth Library, Room 205.

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.

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community is pleased to offer a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and 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 if you wish to do that. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

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

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Questions of the Week

Adult: Name the time and place each day that you will sit in silence to listen to the Spirit guide your life.

Child: Name one time when you listened to and followed the Holy Spirit this week.



Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on May 1

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on its regularly scheduled first Sunday of the month, May 1, in the IC Parish Center at 2:00pm. We will be reading and discussing from the Old Testament, *The Book of Isaiah*, Chapter 25.

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!

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.

Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant, 978-462-2724 x7404

IC Religious Education

Confirmation

Continued from last week: Those who believed in the Apostles' preaching were baptized and received the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands. The Apostles baptized believers in water and the Spirit. Then they imparted the special gift of the Spirit through the laying on of hands. "The imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church" (CCC, no. 1288, citing Pope Paul VI, *Divinae Consortium Naturae*, no. 659).

By the second century, Confirmation was also conferred by anointing with holy oil, which came to be called sacred Chrism. "This anointing highlights the name 'Christian,' which means 'anointed' and derives from that of Christ himself whom God 'anointed with the Holy Spirit'" (CCC, no. 1289, citing Acts 10:38). <http://www.migrate.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/confirmation/index.cfm>

HRIC Evangelization and Catechesis Committee

Thursday, May 5 at 7:00pm — IC Parish Hall.

Religious Education Classes

Registration for the Summer Religious Education is ongoing: June 27–July 1 and July 25–29 from 9:00am–3:00 for Grades 1–8. Website has registration information. Volunteers are needed to support this program.

Baptism

May 1 Class for parents 1:00pm
May 8 Group Baptisms 1:00pm

Confirmation

May 14 Confirmation Liturgies 11am & 1:30pm

1st Eucharist

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

May 2 1st Eucharist Rehearsal at 4:30pm—Church for May 7 Mass at 11:00am

May 3 1st Eucharist Rehearsal at 4:30pm—Church for May 7 Mass at 4:00pm

May 5 1st Eucharist Rehearsal at 4:30pm—Church for May 8 Mass at 11:30am

Youth Mass—Last One!

May 15 Church of the Nativity, Merrimac 6:00pm
The final **Youth Mass** of this year is **Sunday, May 15** at Nativity, Merrimac at 6:00pm. A pot luck dinner to follow in **the Nativity Hall**. If you are able to contribute to the meal, email Mrs. Doreen O'Leary (reledhrp@verizon.net) to let her know what you are bringing. (Baked goods, casseroles, crock pot meals, salads, etc. are the items needed.)

Pope Francis: Year of Mercy

In this Holy Year, we look forward to the experience of opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes which modern society itself creates. How many uncertain and painful situations there are in the world today! How many are the wounds borne by the flesh of those who have no voice because their cry is muffled and drowned out by the indifference of the rich! During this Jubilee, the Church will be called even more to heal these wounds, to assuage them with the oil of consolation, to bind them with mercy and cure them with solidarity and vigilant care. Let us not fall into humiliating indifference or a monotonous routine that prevents us from discovering what is new! Let us ward off destructive cynicism! Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help! May we reach out to them and support them so they can feel the warmth of our presence, our friendship, and our fraternity! May their cry become our own, and together may we break down the barriers of indifference that too often reign supreme and mask our hypocrisy and egoism!

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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

St. Andrew Dinner Date

The Archdiocesan vocation office invites all high school-age young men to join us for an evening of prayer, an informal dinner (with Cardinal Seán O'Malley), and conversation. Following dinner, you and your parents, youth ministers, priests, and chaperones will be welcomed to a causal discussion with Cardinal Seán about vocations, prayer, and the call to holiness that God places on each of our hearts. Each young man will have the opportunity to meet Cardinal Seán. The event includes evening prayer, dinner, conversation with seminarians, and vocation witness stories.

May 10, 6:00pm–8:00pm, St. Augustine, Andover

For information, contact Fr. Eric Cadin, ecadin@rcab.org or sign up online: <http://vocationsboston.org/events/st-andrew-dinner-3>

Preparing for Mass

Are you looking for a helpful way to prepare for Sunday Mass? Follow the link below to find the weekend's Scripture Readings, historical and theological commentaries, and prayerful reflections. It is a great way to get ready to hear and respond to God's Word. <http://liturgy.slu.edu>

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/>

Scripture for the Week

- 1 Sun. Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
- 2 Mon. Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- 3 Tue. 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
- 4 Wed. Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
- 5 Thu. Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
- 6 Fri. Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
- 7 Sat. Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled because he has given us His peace; the peace that passes all understanding. We also have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us and our marriage. Sign up today to attend the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on June 10–12. For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME, visit our web page at www.wwme.org, or at <https://www.facebook.com/Wwmema>

Daily Masses in the Area

Monday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley
9:00am St. Ann, West Newbury
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury

Tuesday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley
9:00am Holy Family, Amesbury

Wednesday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury

Thursday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
9:00am Holy Family, Amesbury

Friday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
9:00am Nativity, Merrimac
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury
9:00am St. Mary's, Georgetown

Saturday

8:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
9:00am St. Mary's, Georgetown

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Hampton, NH has a daily Mass at 6:45am & 9:00am Mon.–Fri.

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