

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 10, 2016

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Immaculate Conception Parish



Immaculate Conception

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/9)

4:00pm **IC** Daniel P. Bradley, Carol Elizabeth Plumer, Derek Hines (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **St. Ann** Rick Marshall (Missionary Priest & Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (7/10)

7:15am **IC** Stefan Javor, For the intentions of Rozalia Benca on the occasion of her 80th birthday (Fr. Morin)

8:00am **Nativity** (Missionary Priest & Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** Willard Maker, Paul Hefron (Fr. McLaughlin)

10:15am **St. Ann** For the intentions of Marc Lucas (Missionary Priest)

11:00am **IC** Dan Herlihy, Stanley Baikewicz, Thomas L. Maxwell (Fr. Broderick)

Monday (7/11)

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

Tuesday (7/12)

7:15am **IC** Regina M. Stronge, J. J. Nicastro, For the intentions of Rozalia Benca on the occasion of her 80th birthday (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (7/13)

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

Thursday (7/14)

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

Friday (7/15)

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

Saturday (7/16)

4:00pm **IC** Paul K. Wallace, Albert Vincent, David Tierney, Ann Murphy Walsh, Patrick & Florence Murphy (Fr. Broderick)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Drew Christiansen)

Sunday (7/17)

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

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Drew Christiansen)

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

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

11:00am **IC** Luke Picillo, the Baikewicz & Bogue Families (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Ann Meehan, Rose C. Welch, 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,



There is a current commercial on TV these days that features a stiff, human-like “robot” that is being trained to “bank human.” In other words, the bank that is sponsoring the commercial is touting their brand as treating its customers more like human beings. There are human needs that demand a degree of flexibility for people to live and function well. Yes, there is the strict letter of the law, but then there is also need to help people who live in the real world. A measure of mercy and generosity go a long way...

It is in this same vein, that we encounter the familiar story of the Good Samaritan. The beginning of the passage is framed with the question, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus re-casts it in terms of what the Law (Torah) would ask. As I mentioned in last week’s column, steadfast love and unerring generosity were required for one’s immediate family and village...literally, one’s neighbors. Everyone else—all the strangers and outsiders, were to be offered hospitality, something that was limited in nature. It is a natural question, then, to ask who constitutes this “neighbor” in trying to understand one’s responsibilities.

But then, as always, Jesus introduces a significant twist to what many would have seen was required in the Law. Through sharing this parable, Jesus asks a different question: not “who is my neighbor?” but, “who am I to be neighbor for?” He turns it around. It’s not about who, out there, somewhere, might fall into a particular category and demand certain services or goods from us; it’s about us and how we will act, regardless of where we are and who we are dealing with. To make his point even more vivid, Jesus casts a Samaritan as the one who fulfills the role of being a “neighbor.” Now, there were few groups of people more despised and mistrusted than the Samaritans were to the Judeans at the time of Jesus. Although they believed in Yahweh, because of varied twists in history, the Samaritans worshipped differently and separately from the Jews. They were looked upon as outsiders who had perverted the true faith and were to be avoided and shunned.

The priest and the Levite (insiders) in this story were only following the common understanding of what the Law would require of them—the body lying on the side of the road could be dead. And if it’s dead, then they must not come into contact with it, else they would become “ritually impure” according to the Law and thus be prohibited from fulfilling their priestly functions of worship. So, they were just doing what they thought God would want of them, as the Law was written, as most understood it.

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Youth Ministry GAP

Collaborative GAP—God and Pizza—meets every Wednesday from 6:30–8:30pm in the IC Parish Center Youth Room. All high schoolers are welcome.



Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our Parish communities and hope you take an active part in parish life. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at hricatholic.org.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, July 11

IC School Summer Camp, Grades 5–8 9:00am, *IC School*
AA 10:30 am & 7:30pm, *IC Nazareth Library, Room 205*
IC Confirmation (Year 2) Class 5:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*
Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 41 7:00pm, *Nativity Hall, Merrimac*
IC High School Reunion 7:00pm, *IC Conference Room 209*

Tuesday, July 12

IC School Summer Camp, Grades 5–8 9:00am, *IC School*
Breaking Bread 5:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*
IC Confirmation (Year 2) Class 5:30pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*
IC St. Vincent de Paul 6:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*
IC Knights of Columbus 7:30pm, *Nazareth Library Room 205*

Wednesday, July 13

IC School Summer Camp, Grades 5–8 9:00am, *IC School*
IC Confirmation (Year 2) Class 5:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*
Adoration 6:00pm, *IC St. James Chapel*
Centering Prayer 6:00pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*
GAP 6:30pm, *IC Youth Room*
Rediscover Catholicism 7:00pm, *Nativity Church Hall*
Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 26 7:00pm, *W. Newbury Grange Hall*

Thursday, July 14

IC School Summer Camp, Grades 5–8 9:00am, *IC School*
IC Confirmation (Year 2) Class 5:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*
HR Holiday Fair Meeting 7:00, *Nativity Church Hall*
Rosary for Life 6:30pm, *IC St. James Chapel*

Friday, July 15

Adoration 8:00am, *IC St. James Chapel*
IC School Summer Camp, Grades 5–8 9:00am, *IC School*
AA 7:00pm, *IC Nazareth Library Room 205*

Sunday, July 17

IC Confirmation (Year 1) Class 12:00noon, *IC St. Louis Hall*
IC Baptisms 1:00pm, *IC Church*
Boy Scouts Troop 21 5:30pm, *IC School Cafeteria*

Scripture for the Week

10 Sun Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
 11 Mon Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1
 12 Tue Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
 13 Wed Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
 14 Thu Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
 15 Fri Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
 16 Sat Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
 17 Sun Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

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Here, in the person of the untrustworthy Samaritan, Jesus invites us to think outside the box and “live human.” He implicitly challenges and shames any who would try and explain-away or mute any human obligation we might feel towards a fellow human being. Any written law, even one written or inspired by God, needs to be something that is lived out in real flesh and blood, in the real world. And it needs to be human. We need to “pray human,” “act human,” “see human,” and “love human.” Throw the adverb in if it will help! After all, if a “mere” Samaritan can find a way to fulfill God’s Law and be a “neighbor” to a Judean, then how much more ought we feel an obligation to move outside of custom and habit and ritual and boundaries and do the same?

And, as the First reading from Deuteronomy reminds us, “For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you.... No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out.” (From Deuteronomy, chapter 30)

So, in this Year of Mercy, and with Jesus’ gentle words to inspire us, let go and “be human.” After all, eternal life is at stake!

Blessed Summer to all.

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

Let’s Revisit *Rediscover Catholicism*

About a year and a half ago, the Matthew Kelly book *Rediscover Catholicism* was widely distributed in both of the parishes of our collaborative for parishioners to read. It is our goal to revisit this book during the summer by inviting you to do some “summer reading!” Whether you read the book or not we invite you to join us on three Wednesday evenings, July 13, 20, and 27, at 7:00pm in the Nativity Church Hall, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, as we develop some of the main themes of the book. Please come and see this as an opportunity to invite someone who might be enriched in “Rediscovering Catholicism.” Rumors are that strawberry shortcake will be served during the evening.

Rediscover Catholicism

First Meeting This Wednesday, July 13

Please come and join 28+ members of our collaborative who will be meeting this Wednesday, July 13 at the Nativity Church in Merrimac at 7:00pm. **Love** is the topic for this first session and Father George Morin will focus on chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, and 18 of Matthew Kelly’s book, *Rediscover Catholicism*. There is still time to sign up and books are still available at our three churches and at the IC Parish Center in Newburyport. Please register so we will be sure to have enough dessert!

Sign up in the folder in church or phone or email Mary Bragg, 978-465-779, csbraggjr@comcast.net.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Centering Prayer

Welcome All Members of Our Collaborative Family

The Centering Prayer group invites and encourages all members of our Collaborative family to join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm, at Immaculate Conception Parish Center Charity Dining Room to learn more about this simple yet powerful prayer practice.

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 God's love is our transformation to become 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 this prayer in our own spiritual journey. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

CAMPS

CAMPS, an acronym for Christ As My Personal Savior, is a weeklong "best week of your life" youth ministry designed with the high school-age youth in mind. Fast moving, community building, relationship forming, a week you will not soon forget. Father George invites all high school-age youth—those entering into and those graduating—to CAMPS from August 1–6. CAMPS is held at Camp Lakeside in Pittsfield, MA. Bus transportation from our area is available on a first come, first served basis. Visit www.campsministry.com for more information or to register.

Online Bulletin

Visit our **Collaborative Web site**, www.hriccatholic.org and click on the bulletin picture on the home page to view the bulletin online.

Also, you can visit www.TheBostonPilot.com/bcd to view the bulletin online and to sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox every week. Just find your parish in the alphabetical list of parishes on the site. There you can download the bulletin and sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox.

Open Travel Night

Monday, July 25, 6:00pm

This invitation is for any and all interested parishioners and any friends of our Collaborative Communities: Nativity, St. Ann, and Immaculate Conception.

Open Travel Night will begin with Mass at 6:00–7:00pm in the air-conditioned Immaculate Conception Church and will be followed by fellowship, light refreshments in St. Louis Hall, and a travel info. meeting from 7:00–9:00pm.

Discussion points for the cruise departing October 28, 2016 include:

Animated itinerary review presentation, flights & hotel information, cruise ship information, airport (to & from Logan), C&J Bus transportation option, billing & payment schedule, open Q&A.

We will have a short trip preview of "Pilgrimage to Fatima, 100th Anniversary" which is 12 days and departs on May 10, 2017. Highlights will include Pope Francis celebrating the Mass on the Feast Day of May 13 and stops in Spain.

We will also discuss a Rome and Italy trip possibility for Fall 2017, based on how much interest we have for that destination.

Please call Christine Blanchette if you would like to help with refreshments at the meeting, 978-968-4140 or email her at christine.blanchette@me.com. Contact Paul Blanchette, 978-500-5661 or pblanchette@me.com, with questions.

Celebrating the Sacraments

Reconciliation

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

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.

Bulletin Information

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

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Holy Redeemer Parish Buildings and Grounds Update Summer 2016

This past week, work was begun to replace the crumbling roof on St. Ann Church in West Newbury. Given its age and condition, it was felt that this project could not wait any longer. As all homeowners know, keeping the leaks out is necessary maintenance to prevent much larger repairs later. The total cost for this repair is around \$37,000. Presently, these funds will be taken from several different parish accounts, but we will need to replace these funds going forward. In the weeks ahead, envelopes will be available in the pews marked "Roofing Expenses" for any parishioner who wishes to make a contribution to help offset these costs. We appreciate your generosity in helping to maintain our parish buildings and properties.

In the months ahead, a more comprehensive plan will be worked on to address a broader range of maintenance needs on both campuses. Stay tuned for more on this!

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, July 13**. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions or delivery date schedule.

HR St. Vincent de Paul



SVdP will contribute to the cost of a teenager going to **C.A.M.P.S.** this year. Those families with high school children who are interested in C.A.M.P.S. should call the SVdP access number 978-346-8604, option 8, and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

HR Prayer Shawl

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



Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, August 4**.

HR Religious Education

Teachers/Adult Helpers Needed

Grade 3 Teacher for our Sunday morning classes following the 8:00am Mass. If you are interested, please contact Doreen at reledhrp@verizon.net.

Note: anyone 18 years of age and older must complete a CORI form and attend **one** Virtus training course in order to serve our youngsters. Keeping our children safe in all parish activities is most important.

Religious Ed. News

As class/work at home schedules are finalized they will be posted on our website: hricatholic.org.

Confirmation

Confirmation Candidates need to compose the letter to Bishop Hennessey as **soon as possible** and send it by mail to me at 4 Green St., Merrimac, MA 01860, or email it as an attachment to: reledhrp@verizon.net. If you need the "how to write the letter" form, email Mrs. O'Leary and I'll email it to you or it is available for download on our web site under "Sacraments/Confirmation, Holy Redeemer Parish."

Also, service sheets are due from all of our Confirmation Students (Grades 9 and 10). You can drop them off at the white "mailbox" by the double doors in Merrimac.

Check out the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception Collaborative web site: hricatholic.org. Click on the *Faith Formation* tab, and you can download the 2016–2017 Registration Form for Religious Education.

Registrations are due by early summer.

Vacation Bible School at Holy Redeemer

August 15–19

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.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/Nativity2016.

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

Save the Date—Saturday, November 19, 2016

We will be having an organizational meeting for the upcoming Fair on **Thursday, July 14 at 7:00pm in the Nativity Church Hall**. Please plan on attending; help get this year's Fair started. We are always looking for new ideas and *new faces*. Call Cindy Quinn with any questions. 978-346-0072 or email, cynwinnquinn@aol.com.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory July 2-3	\$10,313.00
Restoration/Renovation	\$ 1,816.00

The second collection this weekend is the **Monthly**.

Immaculate Conception Parish Buildings and Grounds Update Summer 2016

We hope that everyone has been enjoying the air-conditioning as these warmer summer months unfold! Thank you again to everyone who helped contribute to the recent improvements in our HVAC system. Hopefully it will make everybody more comfortable in the church year-round.

We have been experiencing some unanticipated delays in getting the Rose Window project started. This type of work requires a highly-specialized craftsman who has been tied up with some unexpected delays in another church project. We hope that this work will begin in earnest by the end of August, and all things being equal, will take approximately three months to complete. We appreciate your patience in seeing this work done.

Recent work was completed to the church roof that was damaged in the winter storms of 2015. A generous contribution from the Knights of Columbus plus your regular contributions to the "Restoration/Renovation Fund" helped to pay for the approximately \$35,000 cost. In addition, approximately \$17,000 was spent for work done to fix leaks in the Pastoral Center cupola and to replace slate roofing tiles, as well as the rectory roof.

Several weeks ago, we began a long-anticipated replacement of the dilapidated wrought-iron fencing along Storey Avenue in front of St. Mary Cemetery which is owned and run by the parish. The replacement cost of the fence is \$32,000. Additional work to repair and improve the gate to the cemetery is also planned later this year as part of this project. Much of the funding for this will come from the cemetery's Perpetual Care Fund, which is established for such needs.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$ 79.00
Collection	\$ 60.00
Total	\$ 139.00

IC Church Summer Hours

During the summer, Immaculate Conception Church will remain open until 2:30pm Monday through Friday.

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.
(978) 465-7780 • www.icsnewburyport.com

Breaking Bread

St. Vincent de Paul's Breaking Bread dinner program at Immaculate Conception 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.

Knights of Columbus



The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, July 12** at 7:30pm in the Nazareth Library, Room 205.

New England Tenors Summer Concert in Newburyport

The New England Tenors will perform a special outdoor concert at Newburyport's Maudslay State Park on Sunday, July 10 at 2:00pm. The event is open to the public. The Tenors hope many of their friends and supporters will come and enjoy this beautiful outdoor venue. You can picnic at the park. To learn more about the venue and order tickets on line visit:
<http://thenewenglandtenors.weebly.com/>

You can also call Mike Fay at 978 476-6053 for more information.

Archdiocese Web Site

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

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on July 10

Note Change in Schedule

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will **not** meet on its regularly scheduled first and third Sundays in July, but will meet on the second and fourth Sundays, July 10 and July 24, 2016, in the IC Parish Center at 2:00pm. On July 10, we will conclude reading and discussing the first section of *The Book of Isaiah*: The Book of Judgment, Chapters 36 through 39 and begin the second section, The Book of Consolation, which is sometimes called the Deutero-Isaiah, Chapters 40 through 42. The second section is generally attributed to an anonymous poet who prophesied toward the end of the Babylonian exile and contains the great messianic oracles known as the Suffering Servant songs. This would be an ideal time for interested collaborative members to join the group as we begin study on a different period in Israel's history.

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!

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.

Online Giving

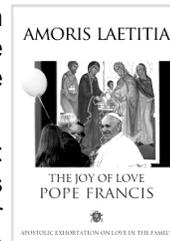
Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our Web site, hriccatholic.org 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

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

Pope Francis released the Exhortation on the Family. In the weeks to come, you will be introduced to various statements from the Holy Father.

In #27—*The Tenderness of An Embrace*: Christ proposed as the distinctive sign of his disciples the law of love and the gift of self for others (cf. Mt 22: 39; Jn 13: 34). He did so in stating a principle that fathers and mothers tend to embody in their own lives: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15; 13). Love also bears fruit in mercy and forgiveness. We see this in a particular way in the scene of the woman caught in adultery; in front of the Temple, the woman is surrounded by her accusers, but later, alone with Jesus she meets not condemnation but the admonition to lead a more worthy life (cf. Jn 8: 1-11).



Religious Education Classes

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

Baptism

July 10	Class for parents	1:00pm
July 17	Group Baptism	1:00pm

Confirmation

Summer Confirmation registration is in progress. Parent letter and registration forms for Years 1 and 2 are on the website: www.hriccatholic.org. We are meeting the week of July 10–14 for Year 2 and July 18–21 for Year 1, 5:30–8:30pm.

Pope Francis: Year of Mercy

As we can see in Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicates God's action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviors that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. He feels responsible; that is, he desires our well-being and he wants to see us happy, full of joy and peaceful. This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other.



(Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others, Dynamic Catholic, pp. 9-13-14)

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Pelican Intervention Fund

Join the Pelican Intervention Fund at Upcoming Events

The Pelican Intervention Fund invites you to support our mission to provide funding for residential Twelve Step-based programs for economically challenged men and women struggling with heroin and other addictive substances and living within the Greater Newburyport Area.

Plan to share a meal at Not Your Average Joe's in Newburyport where we will receive 15% of the cost of your meal on Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 when you mention The Pelican Intervention Fund or bring the flyer found on our Face Book page. Both of these opportunities demonstrate the community's generosity and support of our mission and we are most grateful. We have more events planned for the months ahead and hope to be active at Yankee Homecoming.

Learn more about The Pelican Intervention Fund at:

www.facebook.com/PelicanInterventionFund or at:

Essex County Community Foundation at www.eccf.org.

For question or information please contact:

Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or

Kim Keene, 978-430-1408.

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The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends was established in the United States and incorporated in 1978. Today TCF has about 660 chapters serving all 50 states plus Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and Guam offering friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved parents, siblings, grandparents, and other family members during the natural grieving process after a child has died. Around the world more than 30 countries have a Compassionate Friends presence, encircling the globe with support so desperately needed when the worst has happened. Our local chapter meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30pm in room 209 of the IC Parish Center. For more information, please contact Barbara Hopkinson at barhop@comcast.net or 978-697-1349.

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

Questions of the Week

Adult: When did you welcome Jesus into your home through the presence of a neighbor or a stranger?

Child: Name a time when you shared what you had with a friend or a classmate at school.

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.

Collaborative Web Site

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Jesus calls us to love the Lord and to love one another. He especially wants us to treat each other with compassion and kindness. Make the time to allow the love of God to strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on September 17–18 and October 21–23.

For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME, visit our webpage at www.wwme.org, or at <https://www.facebook.com/Wwmema>.