HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Matthew 22:21

All Are Welcome

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Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

"Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters..."

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NEWBURY

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/21)

4:00pm **IC** *Robert Cynewski, Donaldine Hamill, George & Veronica Blaikie, Hank & Jean Marie Caron, Daniel R. Johnston* (Fr. Harrison) 4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (10/22)

7:15am IC (Fr. Broderick)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison) 9:00am **IC** *Eleanor Rose, Mass of Thanksgiving for Rochelle E. Rose, James Harrington, Sean Harrington* (Fr. Morin)

10:15am **St. Ann** *Paul & Helen Ringenbach, Fr. John Leonard* (Fr. McLaughlin)

11:30am IC Gordon McLachlan, Stanley Baikewicz, Joseph Baikewicz, Robert, Josephine, & George Bogue, Rachael Taggart, For the intentions of Michael Taggart (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (10/23)

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

Tuesday (10/24)

7:15am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (10/25)

7:15am IC David Taylor (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (10/26)

7:15am IC (Fr. Morin)

Friday (10/27)

9:00am Nativity (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (10/28)

10:30am **Country Rehab** (Fr. Broderick) 1:00pm **Nativity** Confirmation (Bishop Hennessey) 4:00pm **IC** *William Lindquist, Anna F. Robinson, The O'Connor Family, In memory of Mary, Lawrence, Michael, Patricia, William, Daniel, & Jeanne Twomey, the Grenier Family, Frank Lombardi, Tom Smolski* (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm Nativity Confirmation (Bishop Hennessey)

Sunday (10/29)

7:15am IC (Fr. Harrison)
8:00am Nativity (Fr. Morin)
9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)
10:15am St. Ann Avalanna Routh (Fr. McLaughlin)
11:30am IC (Fr. Broderick)
5:00pm IC Youth Mass (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Charles & Deanna Mazza and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport Nativity—Merrimac St. Ann—West Newbury



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative serving Merrimac. Newbury. Newburyport & West Newbury

Join Us!

Pastoral Plan Information Night

We are now moving into the Implementation Phase for our newly blessed Pastoral Plan!

All HRIC parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend a **Pastoral Plan Information Night** on **November 6, 2017** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church in West Newbury. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following our discussion.

As we begin to explore ways to bring the Collaborative Purpose, Values, Vision, and Priorities to life, we will rely on your thoughts and active participation to bring these worthwhile goals to fruition—goals which will enrich our personal and Collaborative spiritual life. We can't do it without you!

Please let us know if you would like to attend the information night.

To register by phone, please call Sheila Cruise at 978-462-2724 at the IC Parish Center, Weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To register online, please visit the HRIC website at <u>www.hricatholic.org</u> and follow the dropdown link to "Registration—Pastoral Plan Information Night."

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our work together will bear a bountiful harvest!

Looking forward to seeing you on November 6.

"When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you." Psalm 128:2

Local Young Adult Event

Join JESUS aCROSS the Border for our monthly event on October 27 at St. Patrick's Church, Lowell, 7:30–11:00 p.m. We begin with Eucharistic Adoration and Praise & Worship. Mass begins at 9:00 p.m. Following Mass is a pizza social. Email Billy Beauchesne, <u>JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com</u> with questions or visit us on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/JESUSaCROSStheBorder.

Speaker on "Conscience"

Professor Mary Jo lozzio will speak on "Formation of Conscience" on Sunday, October 22 at Our Lady of Hope, Ipswich from 2:00–4:00pm. Everyone is invited. Free will offering is appreciated and refreshments will be served. The lecture is sponsored by VOTF North Shore Seacoast Affiliate. For more information, contact Barbara & John Gould, 978-535-2321.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Questions of the Week



Adult: When they arise, how do you handle dilemmas between church values and teachings and civil values and teachings?

Child: Name some ways you show God the respect that is due Him.

Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on November 5

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on November 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Parish Center, on the regular schedule of the first Sunday of the month. Interested

members of the Collaborative are invited to join the study group as we read and discuss The Acts of the Apostles, Chapters 21–24. In this second book, written between 80 and 90 A.D., Luke continues



the story of Christianity in the first century. These chapters focus on St. Paul's return to Jerusalem and his appearance before the council of elders to defend his faithfulness as a Jew, which was contested by some. He was taken into custody by the Roman soldiers. He appeared before the Sanhedrin and again was taken into Roman protection. When a plot to kill Paul was reported, he was transported to Caesarea to the custody of the Roman governor, Felix, where Paul remained for the two years Felix was in charge.

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.

Our Collaborative

Holy Redeemer: St. Ann, W. Newbury & Nativity, Merrimac





Immaculate Conception, Newburyport



This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit our website for a full list of activities and Masses:

hriccatholic.org

Monday, October 23

AA Meeting 10:30am & 7:30pm, *IC Nazareth Library Room 205* IC Religious Ed., Grades 1–8 6:00pm, *IC Parish Center* HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 7:00pm, *Nativity Hall* Landings 7:15pm, *IC Charity Dining Room* Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, October 24

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, *IC Conference Room 209* Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* IC St. Vincent de Paul 6:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* HR Religious Ed., Grade 7 6:00pm, *Nativity Hall*

Wednesday, October 25

Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Church Holy Quilters 2:30pm, Nativity Hall IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205 IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church HR Confirmation Rehearsal 7:00pm, Nativity Church

Thursday, October 26

HR Holiday Fair Mailing Prep. 3:00pm, *Nativity Hall* Rosary for Life 6:30pm, *IC St. James Chapel* HR Religious Ed. Sandwich Making, Gr. 7 6:30pm, *Nativity Hall*

Friday, October 27

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel Staff Meeting 8:30am, IC Charity Dining Room AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205 Ultreya 7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/IC Charity Dining Room

Saturday, October 28

Writing Team Breakfast 8:30am, *IC Charity Dining Room* Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, *St. Ann Church*

Sunday, October 29

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church HR Religious Ed., Grades 3–6 9:00am, Nativity Hall St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church IC Religious Ed., Grades K–8 10:05am, IC Parish Center Eagle Scout Ceremony 10:30am, Nativity Church IC Religious Ed., Catholic School Confirmation Candidates 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room IC Religious Ed., 1st Reconciliation Candidates + Parent 4:00pm, IC Church

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 <u>www.hriccatholic.org</u> or you can call the Parish offices.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Scripture for the Week

- 22 Sun Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
- 23 Mon Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21
- **24 Tue** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38
- 25 Wed Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48
- **26 Thu** Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53
- **27 Fri** Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59
- **28 Sat** Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
- **29 Sun** Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Youth Masses

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

Next Youth Mass: October 29

October 29 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

We will be collecting for Pettengill House: Items include cereal, juice and juice boxes, jelly, canned fruits, canned ravioli and Spaghetti-o's, rice, pasta sides, baking goods.

Healthy snacks for children: granola bars, Nutri-Grain bars, peanut butter and cheese crackers, pretzels with sea salt, Cliff bars, graham crackers, raisins, yogurt raisins, fruit snacks, trail mix, pistachios, dried fruit snacks, cheese sticks, Smartfood popcorn, Goldfish.

Personal Care Products: shampoo, conditioner, bathroom tissue, deodorant, soap, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes, paper towels, tissues, dish detergent, laundry detergent, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6 and Pull-Ups, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, razors.

Nutrition drinks, shakes for clients with special health needs: Boost, Ensure, Glucerna.

Cursillo

A new season of Cursillo is upon us and we are looking forward to another year of community. Cursillo is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love and joy into your daily life.

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

2017/2018 Ultreya/Cursillo Calendar

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



Our Pilgrims before a Papal audience

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer, resting silently in God, facilitates the process of inner transformation. Our prayer without words is one of intention to surrender to God's presence and action in our lives and desire for a closer relationship with God. Join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm, in the **IC Nazareth Library**. Join us as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of this prayer in our own spiritual journey. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.



Walk to Defeat ALS

On October 14, nearly 40 intrepid walkers from HRIC and beyond shooed away the showers and completed the 5K North Shore ALS walk at Beverly High School. Encouraged by the presence of Father Broderick, who blessed us on our way, Team Sandy, honoring our beloved Sandy Lambert, raised \$9,000 toward its \$10,000 goal and the pledges continue to come in. We are grateful to all who came to honor Sandy's memory and to work together to eradicate this devastating disease. Thank you.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

October 14–15 Restoration/Renovation \$9,037.00 \$1,626.00

This week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society.

Please visit <u>www.propfaithboston.org</u> for more information.

2017 Grand Annual

Grand Annual a Success!

This initial results of our 2017 Grand Annual Appeal are extremely encouraging! Many parishioners have already pledged their support.

If you did not bring your pledge card with you to Mass this weekend, please mail back to the parish office or place it in the collection next weekend.

Thank you for your support.



Offertory Renewal Program

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

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal, provided by volunteers, is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Inform the funeral director that you request this service when making arrangements.

Immaculate Conception School

We Are a Family

There is such joy in watching the caring dynamic that is cultivated between students through our Buddy Program. Younger students are

paired with older students for a variety of activities throughout the school year. Pre-K and Kindergarten students have older Prayer Buddies that sit with them in church. At a recent school mass I had the pleasure of sitting amongst the 5th grade and their Pre-K friends, who were attending mass for the first time this year. It was hard



Prayer Buddies

to tell who felt prouder! Fostering connections between the different ages within our building strengthens our school family and develops caring individuals.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Collection Poor Box Total

n \$ 5.00 c \$106.00 \$111.00

Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

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

The Compassionate Friends

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

Our monthly support meetings are held in Room 209 of the IC Parish Center at 7:30 to 9:00pm on the fourth Monday of the month. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. **Our next meeting is October 23.**

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

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



MORE LATITA Joy and beauty: In #126: In marriage, the joy of love needs to be cultivated. When the search for pleasure becomes obsessive, it holds us in thrall and keeps us from experiencing other satisfactions.

Joy, on the other hand, increases our pleasure and helps us find fulfilment in any number of things, even at those times of life when physical pleasure has ebbed. Saint Thomas Aquinas said that the word "joy" refers to an expansion of the heart. Marital joy can be experienced even amid sorrow; it involves accepting that marriage is an inevitable mixture of enjoyment and struggles, tensions and repose, pain and relief, satisfactions and longings, annovances and pleasures, but always on the path of friendship, which inspires married couples to care for one another: "they help and serve each other."

School Year IC Religious Education Classes

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

http://www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education

Make up materials can be provided by the catechists for missed lessons.

Next Classes:

- Gr. K-8 Sunday, October 29, 10:05-11:05am.
- Gr. 1-8 Monday, October 30, 6:00-7:10pm.

Baptism

Baptism info: http://www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism Please pre-register for the class. Nov. 5 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm Nov.12 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

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Co	onfirn	nation

Confirmation monthly sessions begin Sunday, October 22 at 1:00-3:00pm in the IC church. Reminder: candidate and adult (sponsor, parent, or another adult) to attend each session. For information and registration go online:

http://www.hriccatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish.

First Eucharist

Information/registration for 2017-2018 First Reconciliation Eucharist is posted on our website: and http:// www.hriccatholic.org/First-Eucharist--First-Reconciliation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish. Please register as soon as possible.

Our next session is Sunday, October 29 at 4:00pm in the Church; followed by the 5:00pm Youth Mass.

Landings

Landings session for Returning Catholics: Next session is on Baptism and Confirmation on Monday, October 23 from 7:15–9:00pm in the Charity Dining Room, Room 114.

Youth Mass—Sunday, October 29

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, October 29 at Immaculate Conception at 5:00pm. Charity: Pettengill House. See bulletin page 5 for a list of suggested donations.

IC Knitting Ministry



We meet Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the IC Parish Center, Room 209. We knit shawls, hats, mittens, and scarves and bring prayers and hope to people who are sick and to their

caregivers and to celebrate happy occasions. We also distribute hats and scarves to homeless children. Our membership is open to all. Please join us for knitting, fellowship, and tea (and goodies).

If you know anyone who needs a prayer shawl or for more information please call Frances Ronan 978-462-4972 or Julia O'Connor at 978-465-3350.

Baptisms

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

Colin Robert Manning

Chloe Alexandra Sherr

Jayden Carter Sydney

IC Online Giving

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

All Saints/Souls Celebration



On Sunday, October 29 (10:50am) Un Sunday, October 29 (10:50am) and Monday, October 30 (6:50pm), IC Religious Education will host a prayer celebration of compared of the second souls in heaven for the parish.

(Good weather, we will gather around the Mary statute on Green St. If rainy, cold, or dark, we will gather in the hall.)

The young people in religious education will create their prayer chains to be joined to one another during the prayer service that will form one large chain. For those not in religious education, a table with strips of paper and pens will be in the hall for you to create (write your favorite saint or deceased loved one on it) and join the strip to the large chain at prayer time.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

October 7–8	\$3,680.25
Monthly, Oct. 7–8	\$1,543.00
October 14–15	\$3,278.00

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"With One Voice" Capital Campaign

Thank you for your pledge of support! Our capital campaign is off to a great start with many families pledging their support. **To date, we have raised over \$238,000.** While the support has been tremendous, we will not reach our goal without your support.

Would you please consider supporting this effort?

As you are aware, our hope is to raise \$350,000 to complete needed updates to our parish facilities. Both St. Ann Church and The Church of the Nativity have several deferred maintenance issues that need our immediate attention.

Please place your "Commitment Envelope" in the regular collection at Mass. If you forgot to bring your pledge envelope to Mass this weekend, please mail it to the parish office this week or bring it with you to Mass next weekend. Additional brochures and pledge envelopes are available at the entrances to the churches.

Campaign Pledge Reminders

Beginning this month, pledge reminders will be mailed to parishioners who pledged to the capital campaign. Monthly reminders will be mailed by the middle of each month. Quarterly reminders will be sent each January, April, July, and October. Semi-Annual will be sent January and July. Annual reminders will be mailed each December (allowing for year-end gifts). You may also make payments at your convenience or on the anniversary of your pledge.

Please be sure to include your payment coupon along with your check to ensure proper credit to the capital campaign. If there is an error with your statement, please make a note of it and your account will be updated.

Coffee after Mass at Nativity



Stop by for coffee after the 8:00 Mass at Nativity on **Sunday**, **November 12**. Relax with a cup of coffee and friends.

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **Nativity** in Merrimac on **October 28.**

HR Religious Education

Sunday, Oct. 22: Grades 3–6 class at Nativity Hall, 9:00– 10:00 a.m.

Grade 2 (First Penance students) at Nativity 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Grade 9 class at Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

- *Tuesday, Oct. 24*: **Grade 7 class** at Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 25: Confirmation Rehearsal at Nativity Church, Merrimac at 7:00 p.m. All students need to attend with sponsor or a Parent. Your robes will be distributed at this meeting.
- Thursday Oct. 26: Grade 7 Sandwich Making for Merrimack Valley Hope Mission at the hall/ kitchen at Nativity beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend!
- Saturday, Oct. 28: Confirmation at 1:00 p.m. (dedicated Mass) and also at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at Church of the Nativity, Merrimac. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers. Bishop Hennessey will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Sunday, Oct. 29: Grades 3–6 class at Nativity Hall, 9:00– 10:00 a.m.

Youth Mass at 5:00 p.m. at IC. All of our Religious Ed. families are encouraged to attend. The offertory special collection will benefit Pettengill House. Items needed are: toiletries, canned food, cereals...a more detailed list is posted on the bulletin board at Merrimac's hall and on page 5 of the bulletin.

Community Service

Volunteer opportunities for Parish/community service are often available as sign up sheets in Nativity Hall. Please check out the need and give of your time and talents! Current service opportunities for the Holiday Fair include baked goods, soup, silent auction, baskets, and clean up.



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR St. Vincent de Paul

We recently received this note from a client:

"I'm getting my car fixed tomorrow. I am so excited. I sure do appreciate all that you have done for me. God bless."

Our client now has reliable transportation to her job in a neighboring town.

HR SVdP Walk for the Poor

We thank the following local businesses for their generous sponsorship of our 2017 Walk for the Poor. Their caring and support for our local clients and their needs are appreciated and applauded.

> Chow Dental West Newbury Food Mart Paul C. Rogers and Sons Funeral Home

Merrimac Santa Parade

Holy Redeemer will be represented this year in Merrimac's Santa Parade on Sunday, December 3. The Activities Committee is organizing a float. Our float will feature the Nativity Scene. Anyone, young or old, interested in riding on the float may sign up and choose their "character." Costumes will be provided. Sign up sheet will be in Nativity Hall. Contact person: Cindy Quinn, 978-346-0072.

Deadline to commit to the parade is Sunday, November 19.

HR Prayer Shawl

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

Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, November 2.**

Volunteer for the Fair Mailing

The HR Holiday Fair Committee is looking for volunteers to help prepare the Fair mailing on Thursday, October 26 from 3:00–5:00pm. Many hands make light work! It's also a great opportunity for Confirmation candidates to earn service hours. Come join the fun. Any questions call Barbara Boucher <u>978-346-7116</u>.

Wine Tasting Update

The Wine Tasting Social continues to be a success. All wines that were ordered at the social have arrived at West Newbury Food Mart and are ready for pick up. The Food Mart has graciously given 20% of sales from the Social to be added to our fundraising for the Capital Campaign fund! Please stop by the Food Mart and thank the Fowler family.

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 **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday**, **October 25**. See the Collaborative calendar at <u>www.hriccatholic.org</u> for the schedule or contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair Saturday, November 18

The Fair Committee is underway organizing for this year's Fair. The committee needs your help in many ways. Please contact the coordinators if you can help out the Parish:

Roberta Homan (<u>rhoman1980@aol.com</u>) **Themed Gift Baskets**: new donated items grouped together in decorative baskets

Pauline Duhamel (pduhamel2@yahoo.com) Bake Table: homemade goodies of all types

Carole Sokolowski (carole.sokolowski@merrimack.edu) Silent Auction Items: anything of value that would interest bidders

Barbara Boucher (<u>babsnboo1@verizon.net</u>) **Raffle Tickets**: selling tickets for our \$ raffles

Maryellen LaPointe (<u>LaPointeMel7@gmail.com</u>) **Nearly New**: any item that is clean and in working order

Marie Greeley (<u>regr3@outlook.com</u>) **Soups**: homemade soups, delivered hot the morning of the fair in a crock pot, to serve for lunch

Cindy Quinn (978-346-0072) "coordinator"

The next Fair Committee meeting is **Thursday**, **November 9** at 7:00pm in the Nativity Hall. All are invited.

Raffle Ticket Sales

We will be selling raffle tickets for the holiday fair on the weekends of **November 4 and 11** after all Holy Redeemer Masses.

Nearly New Table

Consider donating items to the Nearly New Table. We are looking for donations of housewares, home and holiday decor, toys, etc. Please no books, furniture, clothes, or broken items. Donation boxes are located at both Nativity & St. Ann churches.