HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2017

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"And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." (Mt. 10:42)



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OUR COLLABORATIVE

Holy Redeemer Parish



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Pastor

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Phone: 978-346-8604 Email: holyredeemer@verizon.net

Immaculate **Conception Parish**

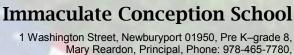


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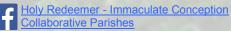
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/1)

2:00pm **Atria** (Fr. Broderick) 4:00pm **IC** *Lillian M. Foley, Lucy Vincent* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm St. Ann Armand Cormier (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (7/2)

7:15am IC Regina M. Stronge, Adolf Benca (Fr. Harrison)
8:00am Nativity (Fr. Morin)
9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)
10:15am St. Ann Michael Kirwan (Fr. Morin)
11:00am IC (Fr. Broderick)

Monday (7/3)

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

Tuesday (7/4)

7:15am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (7/5)

7:15am IC Eva Drozdowski (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (7/6)

7:15am IC (Fr. Morin)

Friday (7/7)

9:00am Nativity (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (7/8)

4:00pm IC *Ronald Lech* (Fr. Morin) 4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (7/9)

7:15am IC (Fr. Broderick)
8:00am Nativity (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am IC (Fr. Morin)
10:15am St. Ann Daniel F. Lynch (Fr. Harrison)
11:00am IC (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers please remember all the faithful departed. *The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.*

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

Flatbed, Truck Needed

The Pelican Intervention Fund will be marching in this year's Yankee Homecoming Parade on August 6. We are in need of a truck and flat bed to pull our float. If you can help us, please contact Nancy Laverty at <u>603 489-3751</u>.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Over the years, I have enjoyed many different kinds of beverages in a wide variety of situations. From that steaming cup of hot cocoa on a snowy winter's day, an ice cold



beer in the stands of Fenway Park, homemade iced tea at a family barbeque, an occasional cocktail with some brother priests, to the all-important "cup of joe" first thing in the morning...savoring liquid refreshment is a very human and social experience. But I have to say that there is nothing more satisfying than a glass of cold water when I am really thirsty. Fundamentally, water is a human need unlike any other. Our bodies are made up of approximately 60% water. So much so, it's no wonder we don't make great sloshing sounds when we move around! And when we're down a quart or two...quenching our thirst becomes a new and immediate obsession.

I remember being on the field for World Youth Day in the year 2000 with several other million pilgrims from around the world at Tor Vergatta University, just outside of Rome. That August afternoon, it was nearly 43 degrees Celsius (about 110 degrees Fahrenheit!). Yikes! Now that was hot! So hot, in fact, that we almost couldn't drink water fast enough to replace all that was evaporating from our bodies through sweat and perspiration. Mostly sweat, as I remember! Other than our joy at seeing the Pope, nothing was more important that day than drinking lots and lots of water.

It is no surprise, then, that Jesus uses this most basic and simple image to remind us that God notices everything and misses nothing. Offering someone a cup of water on a hot day may seem like the most miniscule act of hospitality, but it can be a hugely-appreciated gesture when it is needed the most. But Jesus takes note of even such tiny acts of kindness, reassuring us that when we take the first, tentative steps towards caring for one of the "little ones" in this world, God is intimately present in these encounters.

So, how do we offer a cup of cold water to someone today? Well, it might actually mean pouring out a bit of the good, old, H_2O for some thirsty soul one of these hot summer days. I hope we would all do that if needed. But souls are thirsty in other ways as well. Could we take the time to talk with someone who might be thirsting for a little company or conversation? In this age of profound connectivity, loneliness exists in far too many corners of our world. Could we visit someone who is sick? Could we offer a brief moment of help to someone who is struggling? Can we

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Holiday Office Hours

Parish offices will be closed July 3 and July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. Offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit <u>hriccatholic.org</u> and click on the calendar for details on all Collaborative activities.

Monday, July 3, Collaborative Offices Closed

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Wednesday, July 5

Holy Quilters 2:30pm, Nativity Hall Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205 IC-Haiti Board Meeting 7:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Thursday, July 6

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

Friday, July 7

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel Ask a Priest 6:00pm, Inn Street, Newburyport AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

Saturday, July 8

Holy Quilters 8:00am, *Nativity Hall* St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, *St. Ann Church*

Sunday, July 9

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church Scripture Study 2:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205



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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

C.A.M.P.S. 2017-34th Year

July 31–August 5, 2017 for High School Youth grade 9 through recently graduated seniors at Lakeside Christian Camp and Retreat Center, Pittsfield, MA.

What is C.A.M.P.S.?

C.A.M.P.S. is a ministry to youth with a three-fold mission:

- 1. That all participants come to a saving, personal relationship with Jesus Christ;
- 2. That Christian community be formed and lived; and
- 3. That continued spiritual growth and commitment be fostered.

C.A.M.P.S. Leadership

Fr. George Morin, 978-346-8604: Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, W. Newbury.

For more information and registration, visit: http://www.campsministry.com/application.html

Cost: \$478 registration and bus. PayPal available for an extra fee.

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anticipate when someone might need help with holding a door open, lifting a box, or carrying a package? Can we laugh with a perfect stranger, who might just need a little humanness, or offer a genuine smile to another? Can we offer empathy to the parent of a crying baby, sympathy to one who is feeling down, and apathy to the little insults that life just seems to randomly hurl at us all? And here's the kicker: can we do all of this and more because we are friends with Jesus? Maybe these are all "nice things to do" for someone else, and we might hope that someday someone will do them for us....But if we do them intentionally and on purpose today because we know and love Jesus Christ, they take on a new life and immediacy. God is a God of the present.

We believe in a personal and highly-attentive God who does not hesitate to involve Himself in the smallest details of our lives. Last week we were reminded of God's intimate care for even the common sparrow. This week it is a call to welcome and reverence one another as if we were doing these simple things for God Himself. And God never forgets these acts of love, great and small alike.

As we move into the summer months and celebrate our nation's independence this week, I hope that you enjoy many beverages with festivity and moderation in the days ahead. I also hope that as a community of faith we can find new and significant ways to share God's love with others, something that will quench the very deepest of thirsts. Remember, God is watching!

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

Rome Pilgrimage Information Night

Are you interested in finding out more about our Collaborative's planned pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi this fall? Join us on **Monday, July 10** for an evening of prayer, food and fun as we anticipate this upcoming adventure of faith. We will begin the evening with a brief Mass at 6:30 pm in St. James Chapel at the Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Center Building, followed by an Italian-themed pot-luck dinner and information session. Please



RSVP to Paul and Christine Blanchette at (978) 500-5661 if you are able to attend so we can plan for food. All are welcome! Come journey to the Eternal City and beyond with us!

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on July 9



Father Broderick's Scripture Study will not meet on its regular 1st and 3rd Sundays in July due to July 4th weekend but will meet at 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, July 9 and 23. We will continue to read and

discuss the Acts of the Apostles, Chapters 7 through 11.

A gifted 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 members of the Collaborative are invited to attend these sessions and grow in knowledge and faith.

Celebrating the Sacraments

Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm or by appointment. HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass or by appointment.

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

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.

Collaborative Online

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, <u>www.hriccatholic.org</u> for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., Mass times, and current events. See our new, expanded calendar; view our current and archived bulletins; link to other Catholic websites; or check out the updated photos section. We have so much happening.

Catholic Night at Fenway

Join other local Catholics at Fenway for Catholic Night on Tuesday, July 17 vs the Blue Jays. To order tickets, visit http://m.mlb.com/redsox/tickets/theme-tickets/catholic.

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.

Volunteers Needed for Avita of Newburyport

Every Sunday, Avita of Newburyport Assisted Living brings residents to Mass at Holy Redeemer. They are in need of volunteers to escort residents from Avita to church and back on the Avita bus at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Please contact Debra Shapiro at <u>deb@avitaofnewburyport.com</u> or 978-225-7000.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or youth that have not received the sacraments in the traditional years. Have you been considering it? Please contact Marin Fortune, 978-462-2724 or <u>fortune@newburyportcatholic.org</u> if you would like to learn more about this program.

Centering Prayer

Welcome All Members of Our Collaborative Family

Please join us on Wednesdays from 6:00pm–7:00pm in the IC Nazareth Library 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.

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 or visit our website at http://www.hriccatholic.org/Get-Involved.

"Ask a Priest"

You are needed on the Friday evenings of this coming summer, from June 30–September 1, 2017, from 6:00–8:30 p.m. on the Inn Street pedestrian way in Newburyport.



Our plan is to have a priest present to answer questions people might have in a one-on-one setting plus other members of the Parishes present to talk about their faith and to perhaps have some literature explaining all the many services and opportunities the Catholic Church has to offer.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Father George, 978-462-2724. Prayerfully consider becoming part of the outreach. We need you.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory, June 24–25 Peter's Pence \$12,233.00 \$ 1,363.00

The second collection this weekend is Restoration/ Renovation. The second Collection next weekend is the Monthly.

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.

Thank you again to those individuals and families who have participated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

New Liturgical Vessels for Immaculate Conception Parish

For many years now, we have been blessed with the use of several pewter and metal liturgical vessels that have been donated to our parish. They have been used very well to share the Lord's Body and Blood at thousands of masses over the years, but are now at the end of their useful life and must be retired.

We are inviting parishioners to help us purchase a new set of metal vessels that will hopefully serve us well in the decades ahead. Donations are now being received for memorials in the names of loved ones which can be inscribed on each vessel. For more information, please contact our office at 978-462-2724 for availability and pricing. Thank you for your generosity in helping our parish minister the Lord's presence to our community and beyond!





small ciborium/bowl

small chalice

large community paten

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

\$93.00

\$93.00

Collection Poor Box Total



Members of the first grade class are ready to sing during the recent first grade Mass for Immaculate Conception School.

IC Church Hours

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

Adoration

Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in IC's St. James Chapel on Fridays from 8:00am– 12:00noon.

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 website, <u>hriccatholic.org</u> and click the "Linkks" page,, 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.

Baptisms

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

Margot Savage Couture • Anthony Paul Dumas Preston James Edinger • Charlotte Louise Fulmer Briar Rose Joyce • Sloane Elizabeth Joyce Russell James Leahy • Rory Edmund McLachlan Theo James Muzerall • Cohle John Pilla Nolan Patrick Prendergast • Luke Patrick Terrien Ryan Michael Vostok

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.

Love is not irritable or resentful. In #103: If the first word of Paul's hymn spoke of the need for a patience that does not immediately react harshly to the weaknesses and faults of others, the word he uses next—paroxýnetai—



AMORIS LAETITIA

has to do more with an interior indignation provoked by something from without. It refers to a violent reaction within, a hidden irritation that sets us on edge where others are concerned, as if they were troublesome or threatening and thus to be avoided. To nurture such interior hostility helps no one. It only causes hurt and alienation. Indignation is only healthy when it makes us react to a grave injustice; when it permeates our attitude towards others it is harmful.

Baptism

Baptism info: http://www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism

July 9	Parent Class–Charity Dining Room	1:00pm

July 16 Group Baptism—IC Church	1:00pm
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Confirmation

Summer Confirmation session is July 17–20 from 5:30– 8:00pm for Grades 9 and 10. More information and registration is available online:

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

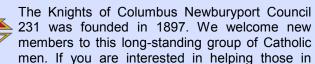
School Year Confirmation sessions will begin in the fall once a month on Sunday 1:00–3:00pm. For information and registration go online:

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

First Eucharist

Registrations for 2017–2018 First Reconciliation and Eucharist will be available on the website in August.

Knights of Columbus



need, serving our parish, growing in faith, obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protections for you or your family, or just connecting with other Catholic men, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

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

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, July 11** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

IC Summer Religious Education Classes

Grades 1–8: Summer registration is available. Forms can be downloaded from the website:

Gr. 1–6: <u>http://www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education</u>

Gr. 7-8: http://www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education

Please be sure to complete a *Catechetical Events Log Sheet* to be eligible to participate in the Summer program. Our next session **for Grades 1–8** is July 24–28. Monday–Thursday 9:00am–3:00pm and Friday 9:00am–1:00pm. Cost: \$175/student. Deadline is July 9 for July session.

New this summer: a Collaborative MS Mission Week July 10–14 for grades 7–8 youth. Schedule is as follows: Monday 10am–4pm, Tuesday 9am–4pm, Wednesday 8am –4pm, Thursday 10am–4pm, and Friday 10:00am–6:00pm. We have limited enrollment. It will combine catechesis and service and for IC youth it can be done in place of regular Summer Religious Education. Learning how to live our faith in service to those in need. Cost: \$200 includes transportation to agencies that serve the poor.

Youth Mass—September 24, 2017

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, September 24 at Nativity, Merrimac at 5:00pm.

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.

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.

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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

\$3,380.00

\$ 946.00

Offertory, June 24–25 Peter's Pence

This week's second collection is the monthly.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

The final total collected from Lenten mite boxes was \$546.00. This money will be used to help defray rental and utility arrears for our clients and will boost our ability to help those in need. Assistance calls have been up during the past two months. Thank you for these donations that will make a difference in local lives.

If you are writing a check for us, please write the check to HR Saint Vincent de Paul to help expedite our banking.

VBS at Nativity

Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer, July 10–14 from 9:00–12:00. The theme is *Maker Fun Factory*. Children ages 5–11 can sign up to be participants. Teens and adults can sign up to volunteer.



Visit <u>vbspro.events/p/nativity2017</u> to sign up.

For more information contact Jen Acorn, 978-697-1082.

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.

We would love for you to join us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac, at 1:00pm. Don't know how to crochet or knit, we will teach you and give you yarn. **Our next meeting is Thursday**, **July 6 at 1:00 p.m**.

HR Boy Scouts

Scouting builds more than just campfires. Scouting builds character, values, community, and family. Holy Redeemer charters Boy Scout Troop 41. The troop meets Monday evenings in Nativity Hall, Merrimac from 7:00–8:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in learning more about the troop or joining, contact the scoutmaster, Mark Friend at msf4087@gmail.com. All faiths welcome. Please see the Parish website calendar for meeting dates, www.hriccatholic.org.

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit <u>www.bostoncatholic.org</u> for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

"With One Voice" HR Capital Campaign

On Pentecost Sunday, Father Tim spoke before all the Masses, highlighting the need to make some substantial repairs and improvements to both of our church properties. Many of you are aware that for some time now, we have had a number of maintenance needs that have gone unaddressed, and it is now time that we attend to these before they become much larger and more expensive projects.

Our community will be hosting a series of capital campaign **receptions** to share more personally with you the work to be completed and our fundraising plan. Watch for a special invitation to be sent to all registered parishioners in the weeks ahead. Please select a location, date, and time that is most convenient for you.

Upcoming Receptions Save the Date

Tuesday, July 11

4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Nativity Church)

Saturday, July 15

9:00 a.m. (Nativity Church)

Thursday, July 20

4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (St. Ann Church)

HR Religious Education

2017–18 Religious Ed.

Needed for the Rel. Ed. Program: A 3rd Grade teacher is needed for Sunday morning classes beginning in September, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass in Merrimac. Please contact Doreen O'Leary if you have any questions, or to volunteer. Thanks.

The class schedules and each class syllabus will be online on the collaborative calendar soon.

Incoming **First Graders** need to be registered for the Holy Redeemer Religious Ed. program. Please download our registration form online: <u>hriccatholic.org</u>, click Faith Formation, then the Holy Redeemer tab.

Group emails have been sent to all of our Religious Ed. families to register now for the fall.

The Registration Forms for Religious Ed. are one per family. Please include your Confirmation Candidate (if applicable) on the family form. (Remember this student need only pay \$25 for their robe rental fee.)

Contact info: Office of Religious Education

Doreen O'Leary (Rel. Ed. email: <u>reledhrp@gmail.com</u>, or for forms to register for the fall: <u>hriccatholic.org</u>. (click the Faith Formation tab, then the Holy Redeemer tab).

EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has you covered. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource. http://www.ewtnnews.com/

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Local Young Adult Event

1st Annual Beach Day with JESUS aCROSS the Border

Join us Friday, August 18, 2017 at Star of the Sea Beach Chapel, Salisbury, from 8:00am–midnight. All adults, age 18–35 are invited.

JESUS aCROSS the Border, the umbrella organization which unites over 17 different young adult Catholic groups, hosts this entire day at the beach. The church is providing free parking, access to the beach, and facilities starting at 8:00am.

Our usual evening event begins at 7:30pm with Eucharist Adoration, and Praise & Worship lead by Soulfest musician, Kyle Erickson and Angelique Bolduc of LIFT Ministries. Fr. Chris Wallace joins us again as the main Mass celebrant at 9:00pm and following Mass we will have a beach pizza social. This is a fantastic opportunity for the over 17 Catholic young adult groups to network with one another.

Please email Billy Beauchesne at

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Questions of the Week



Adult: What does it cost you to be a follower of Jesus Christ?

Child: How do others see that you know and love Jesus in your life?

"Irish in Newburyport" and "Joppa Girls" Videos

Watch Jean Foley Doyle's videos by Port Media. The "Irish in Newburyport" includes some history of the IC Parish, School, and its parishioners.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KikBD0J-p_8&feature=youtu.be "Joppa Girls" has pictures and interviews about this unique Newburyport neighborhood.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrsjcPKCEes

Scripture for the Week

- **2 Sun** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
- **3 Mon** Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
- 4 Tue Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
- **5 Wed** Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34
- 6 Thu Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
- **7 Fri** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13
- 8 Sat Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17
- 9 Sun Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Preparing for Mass

Visit <u>http://liturgy.slu.edu</u> to read this weekend's Scripture, historical and theological commentaries, and prayerful reflections. It is a great way to get ready to hear and respond to God's Word.

Virtus: Protecting God's Children

Now is the time to reserve a place in one of the upcoming Virtus classes in the Archdiocese.

Local summer and fall classes are listed below. To register for any of these classes or to see a list of other locations, visit <u>www.virtus.org</u>. Click on "First Time Registrant" and then "View a List of Sessions."

Sacred Hearts Church Hall (Bradford/Haverhill)

Sunday, August 27, 12:45–2:45pm Wednesday, September 6, 6:00–8:00pm Tuesday, September 19, 6:00–8:00pm Thursday, September 28, 9:30–11:30am

St. Lucy (Methuen)

Saturday, September 9, 9:00am–12:00noon Thursday, October 12, 6:30–9:30pm

Community Food Pantry

First Parish Church of Newbury Community Food Pantry, 20 High Road, Newbury, is open every Friday from 3:00pm–5:00pm for anyone in need in the Collaborative's towns as well as Georgetown, Rowley, and Salisbury. The volunteers are very welcoming and no one is made to feel uncomfortable when visiting. No registration or proof of residency required. Fresh fruit and vegetables, many types of frozen meats, pasta, and desserts, as well as an array of canned goods, toiletries, etc. are available.

If you would like to donate, nonperishable goods, personal hygiene products, and/or pet food may be dropped off on Sunday mornings from 9:30–11:30am. Grocery store gift cards as well as cash/checks (made out to "First Parish" and write "food pantry" in the memo) are always welcome.

LIFT Ministries

Join LIFT Ministries for their 11 year anniversary celebration on Saturday, August 19 at the Outdoor Chapel of the La Salette Shrine, 947 Park Street, Attleboro. Mass begins at 4:00pm, followed by a BBQ. LIFT celebration begins at 7:00pm.

Mass and LIFT are free to attend. BBQ is\$10/person and can be ordered at <u>liftedhigher.yapsody.com</u>. A limited number of BBQ tickets will be on sale onsite the day of the event.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Set off your own fireworks by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are September 16–17 in Medway and October 21–22 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at https://wwmema.org/.