

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019

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“Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.” (Lk 6:42)

All Are Welcome



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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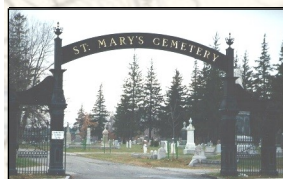
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Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (3/2)

4:00pm **IC** *Phyllis Packer, Cliff Moody, Tom Kelly*
(Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (3/3)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Faye M. Perkins-Santos* (Fr. O'Brien)

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

11:30am **IC** *Lorraine Sligh* (Fr. O'Brien)

Monday (3/4)

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

Tuesday (3/5)

7:15am **IC** *Beverly Canepa* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (3/6) Ash Wednesday

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

9:00am **IC School Liturgy** *Hugh Underhill*
(Fr. Harrison)

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

12 Noon Service **IC** (Deacon Dow)

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

7:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Thursday (3/7)

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

Friday (3/8)

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

Saturday (3/9)

4:00pm **IC** *Moise Djeutcha, The Gravallesse Family, Kay Bova, Thomas Burton* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (3/10)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *James Murphy* (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am **IC** *Lorraine Sligh* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As I am writing this, the heads of all the episcopal conferences from around the world are still meeting with the Pope in Rome to discuss the ongoing sexual abuse crisis within the Church. It is such a volatile topic that few headlines in the media are without explosive titles and an air of deep gravitas. Perhaps, finally, this deadly cancer within the life of the Church is being addressed with the seriousness that it merits. Perhaps....

It is hard to know what the outcome or eventual fallout from this much-hyped meeting will be. I hope and pray that it will lead to serious reforms and the necessary structural changes to prevent these crimes from re-occurring and especially to eliminate any possible cover-up of any future abuse, if it were to occur. Those who enabled and actively participated in past cover-ups must be held accountable for their crimes. It is beyond time that this be rectified. As a Church, we cannot be complicit with these crimes; we cannot allow deficient laws or structures to exist which enable such criminal behavior nor can we tolerate those in office who do. It is time for change.

One of the most difficult challenges that the Pope and bishops face in their meetings will be coming to universal agreement of the scope of this problem on a worldwide basis. What seems to us here in the United States as the most preeminent issue concerning our parishioners might be barely a blip on the radar to a bishop in Africa or the developing world, as they wrestle with war, poverty, famine, and genocide. That is not to say that abuse does not occur in every culture and every nation, it is only to say that there are different priorities and needs that demand attention and their own proper accountability and effort to resolve them. For some, this issue of clergy sexual abuse and its subsequent enablement and cover-up has been looked at as only a Western or first-world problem.

On a recent pilgrimage to Italy, it was barely talked about by the few priests or people with whom I had an opportunity to engage in conversation. No one seemed all that concerned about it or particularly interested in making it a top priority for change or action. That was a purely anecdotal experience, however, as I am sure there are powerful advocates for change who are working relentlessly behind the scenes to promote needed reform. In fact, multiple victim-advocate groups have received quite prominent news coverage during this week's summit at the Vatican compared to years past. So there is hope. But there is still so much work to do. Maybe the greatest thing that could come out of this meeting, in addition to raising much-needed awareness, are some universal norms that would apply to everyone everywhere without exception, while making any needed changes to Canon Law and episcopal policies along the way. Even this, however, may take time and more patience than most of us in this part of the world are willing to offer.

Back in December, I invited parishioners to attend a series of listening sessions in response to the ongoing sexual abuse crisis in the wider Church. These were held in each church in our Collaborative and led by outside facilitators. I was present in a listening posture, not commenting on what was said nor sharing my own thoughts and ideas. I really wanted and needed to hear what concerns people were harboring. In each

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Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour next weekend. **Daylight Saving Time** begins next Sunday, March 10.

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session, after a moment of song and prayer, it did not take long for some very vocal, passionate, and thoughtful responses to surface. Over the past few months I have spent many moments praying over and reflecting on the comments that were shared. Several common themes were repeated and echoed from all three sessions. These included: 1. A substantial loss of credibility of those in leadership along with a profound disappointment in the bishops' failure to protect the most vulnerable in our Church, 2. A very focused concern on how our young people today might be experiencing this crisis and what future they might possibly have in the life of the Church as a result, and 3. A repeated concern among parents of how they might talk about the present crisis with their children.

I heard, too, a great love for the Church expressed in sadness and lament over her failures. There was deep compassion expressed for those who had suffered the unthinkable. There was an awareness that this issue affects many people in their own families and among those in our wider communities. There was strength that was found in our common prayer. I think I also heard a resolve to push forward in our Church, fighting for necessary changes and improved accountability along the way. It was clear that no one could stomach a "business as usual" approach if we are to grow and thrive as the Body of Christ. Something has to give. Maybe many somethings....

So, I don't yet know how the meeting in Rome will end or what the spin on it will be in the worldwide media or how it will resonate in our own hearts. There's just too many variables at play in this moment to be certain of any particular outcome. But what I would like to invite you to consider are several things that are within our power as parishioners and faithful Catholics to bring about.

First, let's make sure that we are doing everything possible to support and care for those who have suffered either from an instance of abuse or as a result of a failure of proper leadership. Our communities need to welcome the wounded and despairing, the "bruised-reeds and smoldering wicks" of our day. Do we have room in our hearts to believe their stories, walk with them as they may allow us, and cheer for them when God brings about the many small miracles of hope and healing in their lives? Have we made it crystal clear that we care, and are we resolved to put that care into action and advocacy on their behalf?

Second, believe in the power of prayer. Not in a trite or sentimental kind of way, but with a raw, graphic, and brutal resolve to bare before the Lord our wounded hearts and battered spirits. Be unafraid to bring every ounce of anger and frustration that you may feel over the colossal failures of our Church to care for our young to your daily conversations with God. Again, again and again, share your hurt and pain with the Lord who loves you more than you will ever know. God can take it. God demands your honesty. God delights in your bluntness. It is the only way to deepen your relationship with the One who really can reshape the face of the Church and world.

Next, work forthrightly for our local churches and communities to be safe, supportive environments for everyone to flourish in—the young and old alike. The laity do not need to wait to be invited by the clergy to take on active roles to redirect and

reimagine the Church. Together, it is our Church—we are the Body of Christ! With the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we can make of it whatever God will bless, whatever God will cause to grow, whatever God will bring to fruition. This is not a later-on thing. Now is the time. Now is an acceptable time before the Lord to call one another to holiness and new life.

I have to tell you a little secret: although as a priest and pastor I am called to exercise certain leadership roles within our parish communities, the vast majority of the most successful ministries and outreach have not come from my own ideas or efforts, but from yours! Over and again, my greatest achievements often are found in the wisdom of blessing, supporting, and then getting out of the way of the good and holy initiatives that you put into motion. The passion, zeal, and sheer enthusiasm that you bring for following the Lord in all of the various forms of ministry and action in our Collaborative are breathtaking and awesome. How God will work through the simplest of gestures is truly inspiring. Be the good people that you are. Do the good work that you do. Follow the Lord's voice wherever it leads. Be unafraid to exercise your rightful role in our Church that comes from your Baptism. Don't stop until we all get to Heaven.

Finally, but not lastly, let us work to better support families who are struggling to make sense of their faith in the midst of crushing media reports, the never-ending challenges of raising children, and the sometimes overwhelming difficulties of daily life. How can we do this more effectively? Who might you know who is having a really hard time dealing with all of these needs? How can you connect with them to share your concerns? How might you affirm their goodness and encourage their faith? What compassion and understanding can you bring to their trials and doubts?

From the listening sessions, the Archdiocese has offered a number of links to resources that may be helpful to parishioners who continue to struggle with the vexing issues. These are published on page 5 of this bulletin. None of these are complete in and of themselves, but utilize them if you find them to be helpful. Let us keep each other in prayer in the days ahead. As always, please do not hesitate to approach me if I can help you in any way.

May God bless us and the Church we love with healing and hope in the months ahead.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Ash Wednesday Liturgies

Ash Wednesday is **Wednesday, March 6** and is a day of fasting (one full meal and two smaller meals) and abstinence (no meat). Visit our website (hricatholic.org) for more Lenten activities and information.

Ashes will be distributed at the following liturgies:

7:15am	Immaculate Conception
9:00am	Immaculate Conception (school liturgy)
9:00am	St. Ann
12:00noon	Immaculate Conception (service)
7:00pm	Immaculate Conception
7:00pm	Nativity



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Archdiocese Resources

Various resources from the Archdiocese that may assist parishioners in dealing with the ongoing sexual abuse crisis:

For talking to children, general guidelines—While this blog post is not about the scandal, it provides general guidelines one Catholic mother uses for talking to children about delicate subjects: catholicallyear.com/blog/touchy-subjects-and-kids-how-we-talk/

For talking to children about clerical sex abuse: pbgrace.com/respond-to-clerical-sex-abuse/

For talking to youth—This Life Night from LifeTeen is available free online for anyone at the link: lifeteen.com/cym/blog/cym-blog/a-time-such-as-%20this/.

For talking to youth—From a long-time Director of Youth Ministry in Virginia: cymessentials.com/youth-ministry/sexual-abuse-scandal/

For sharing with youth, a Lifeteen blog post—lifeteen.com/blog/darkness-scandal-light-christ/

For sharing with young adults—Here is a blog post from Anthem Philly, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia: <https://anthemphilly.com/content/thisiswhy>

For sharing with adults and young adults—From Dr. Edward Sri: focusoncampus.org/content/a-biblical-response-to-church-scandal-what-can-we-do

Various resources from Bishop Barron: www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/bishop-barrons-resources-on-the-sexual-abuse-crisis/5879/

Fr. Mike Schmitz videos—Repentance and Church Reform and The Pennsylvania Sex Abuse Scandal.

This Year's Catholic Appeal

Dear Parishioners,

Although many of you may have already received a contribution request from the Catholic Appeal, we are going to delay our in-pew presentation by several weeks due to a calendar scheduling conflict. I will look forward to sharing with you the 2019 Catholic Appeal video presentation (which is always very brief) and invite your participation in this annual fundraising initiative of the Archdiocese the weekend of March 9–10. If you have already made a contribution through the mail or would like to do so, that is terrific and much appreciated. I am thankful for all that you do to support your parish and the good works of our wider Church.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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FORMED yet?

It's **free** and **easy** to register:

- Go to hriccatholic.formed.org
- Click "Register" and enter your name, email address, and your desired password
- You're ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, March 4

AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

Discipleship Priority Meeting 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, March 5

ICS Auction Meeting 8:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

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

HR Religious Ed., Grades 7 & 8 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

Wednesday, March 6, Ash Wednesday

Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Thursday, March 7

The Lunch Bunch 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

"The Mass" Video Series 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Friday, March 8

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Stations of the Cross 3:30pm, IC Church

Lenten Simple Supper & Stations 6:00pm, Nativity Hall & Church

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, March 9

HR Religious Ed., Grades 3 & 4 Activity Day 1:00pm, St. Ann Hall

IC Religious Ed., Grade 2 Teaching of the Mass 1:00pm, IC Church

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

Sunday, March 10, Daylight Saving Time Begins

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. (featuring grade 3 presentation) 10:00am, IC Parish Center

HR Religious Ed., Grade 10 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

Collaborative Mission

March 25–27 is our annual Collaborative Mission.

This year's topic is *Holiness: a Lifestyle Change*. All are invited to attend.

7:00 p.m., IC Church, 42 Green Street, Newburyport.

Presented by Fr. Michael J. Alello (padrehooch.com)

Topics include:

- Rehydrate Your Life: Beginning the journey towards holiness
- Wrestling with God: Overcoming injury & experiencing healing
- Marathon Training: Practical ways to get into the race

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Weekly Scripture Readings

Please refer to the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures.

Go to <http://www.hriccatholic.org/blog/lectio-divina> or to www.HRICatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, March 3: Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45
- Monday, March 4: Sirach 17:20-24; Psalm 32; Mark 10:17-27
- Tuesday, March 5: Sirach 35:1-12; Psalm 50; Mark 10:28-31
- Wednesday, March 6: Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday, March 7: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Luke 9:22-25
- Friday, March 8: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 51; Matthew 9:14-15
- Saturday, March 9: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86; Luke 5:27-32
- Sunday, March 10: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

"The Mass" DVD Series

Whatever You Know about the Mass, It's Not This!

Bishop Barron's 6-part DVD on "The Mass" will keep you saying, "I didn't know that!" Experience superb preaching, imagery, music, and the wealth of our liturgy's sacred Tradition. Enter into the Mass's call-and-response in a more profound grasp of the sacred mysteries we take for granted. Sessions will be offered Thursdays (7:00–8:30 p.m.) at Nativity Hall, Merrimac. **Free** and life-changing!

March 7: The Real Presence Creates Communion*

{Facilitated by Fr. Morin and the Adult Faith Formation Team}

Centering Prayer for Lent

Our Lenten reflection on Jesus' words and works reveals Jesus' intimate relationship with his Father. Jesus tells us "When you pray, go into your private room, shut yourself in, and pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you." (Matt 6:6) Lent is a time to follow Jesus more closely and learn from the fully human Jesus how to pray by entering your secret room, spending time that places God at the center of your life, opening yourself to a loving Father, surrendering your will and in trust allowing God to transform you. This is how we pray as we Center in silence.

Centering Prayer helps us say to the Father, "Not my will but yours be done" (Lk. 22: 42). Please consider joining us for weekly group Centering Prayer and let God move you closer to him. We gather Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Conference Room 209 for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer and 30 minutes of Lectio Divina. All are welcome. Please contact Elizabeth McCarthy (978 462-7483) if you are interested in learning more about this simple prayer of resting in God.

Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in January and February.

Anthony Robert Barry • Christopher Joseph Barry • Nicholas Michael Barry • Samantha Marie Benson • Gabriella Rose Bermani • Bristol Deborah Bromby • Madison Anne Clark • Cole Vincent Dubois • Eleanor Rose Mills • John Mitchell Mills • Zachary Arnold Palenscar • James Joseph Philbin, VI • James Michael Santos • William Michael Sherr • John Robert Sullivan • Mia Ryan Troy

Ukrainian Egg-Painting

Get Fired up (Literally) Making a Painted Egg



This Eastern Orthodox Lenten tradition of meticulously decorating eggs is offered to adults only since it requires fire. Facilitators will direct the creative tradition of applying rich dyes to melted beeswax-applied designs.

No previous experience necessary. Limited to 24 participants.

Time: April 6, 9:30 a.m.–noon (snow date April 13)

Place: St Louis Hall, IC Parish Center

Fee: \$10.00

Door prizes, collation, and fellowship! All necessary equipment available for use. Your masterpiece to take home.

Sign-up required. Call Mary to reserve your seat (978-462-6191).

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

4th Annual Lenten Soup and Spirit Lecture Series

Join the Adult Faith Formation Team for a DVD/live lecture series on traditional Catholic moral teaching that refutes modern moral confusion. Ponder presentations on the 7 Deadly Sins and their contrasting 7 Virtues. Enjoy simple food, fellowship, and food for thought. Each of the four presentations will be offered twice: Thursday evenings at Nativity Hall, Merrimac (7:00–8:30pm) and repeated Fridays at IC's St Louis Hall, Newburyport (noon–1:30pm).

March 14 & 15: Introduction and Pride/Humility

March 21 & 22: Envy/Admiration and Anger/Forgiveness

April 4 & 5: Sloth/Zeal and Greed/Generosity

April 11 & 12: Gluttony/Asceticism and Lust/Chastity

Together let's make this HRIC's best Lent ever: clear teaching + practical advice + honest dialogue = conversion of heart and mind!

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IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, February 23–24 **\$8,241.50**
Church Around the World **\$1,358.00**

The second collection **this** weekend is Utility and Energy.
 The second collection **next** weekend is the Monthly.

The **Ash Wednesday** collection is Catholic Charities.

**IC Grand Annual
 Goal \$100,000
 To Date \$76,880.00**



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 25.00
Poor Box	\$ 287.00
Total	\$ 312.00

Thank You

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Newburyport is one of many charitable organizations in our city. Our organization has volunteers that personally meet with people in need of help. We gather information so that we may assist the person or family in the most efficient and productive manner for them. The basic and essential needs of food, shelter, utilities, clothing, and medical needs are most important in order to be leading stress-free lives.

As we are a Catholic society, we also provide our clients with uplifting hope that the Lord is always with them in their times of need. As we provide a weekly free dinner each Tuesday, this is a combination of food for the soul and food for the body. Our volunteers are true representatives of the Lord.

We thank each of you for your support in the recent special collection. Each donation, regardless of the amount, is necessary and truly appreciated.

Blessings to you,

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Immaculate Conception Parish

Adoration

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

Questions of the Week



Adult: What poor choices of our own should we focus on before focusing on others?

Child: When we do good deeds, we show others that we have the good, loving heart of a disciple. What will you do and say this week to show others that you have the heart of a disciple?

Immaculate Conception School



The Pre-K children study a variety of artists throughout the year. Learning about different techniques and mediums encourages the children to explore their own works of self expression.

Recently, the abstract expressionist works of Jackson Pollack inspired the children to create splatter paintings using large brushes and paint-filled turkey basters. Developing an appreciation for the arts is an integral part of learning at Immaculate Conception.



Collaborative Coffee Hour



The Welcoming Priority will be hosting a coffee hour for all parishioners and newcomers on March 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in IC St. Louis Hall. We will be featuring homemade sweets as well as coffee and other beverages. Please stop by and catch up with old friends or maybe meet some new friends. All are welcome.

Call for Bakers



We are in need of bakers for our monthly coffee hours. This could be a good service project for a student or maybe just a way to use your "Star Baker" talents. If you would like to help, email Maureen Catino.

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.

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IC Religious Education

Religious Ed. Office: 978-462-2724

School Year Programs

Classes for Grades K–8 are held Sunday mornings from 10:05–11:05.

There are only 6 weeks left and a lot of material yet to cover so please help us to have great attendance in every class!

Grades 1–8 Summer Program

At this time, we anticipate offering a week of Religious Education this summer for those students **entering** Grades 1–8 in September of 2019 **dependent on the availability of volunteers to teach and assist.**

There will only be (1) session this summer on the week of June 24–28 for this age group.

Registration forms are now available. If you have not yet received one or you are able to volunteer, please contact the Religious Ed. office.

Summer Volunteers

We are once again asking for assistance in making our Summer Program a reality.

Many families depend on this week of Faith Formation as classes during the school year are not feasible for them.

Please consider offering your time the week of June 24.

For more information as to what this would entail please contact the Religious Ed. Office.

Reconciliation / First Eucharist

Please Note: Due to a conflict in Fr. George's schedule, the "Teaching of the Mass" which was planned for Sunday, March 3 will now take place on **Saturday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m.** Please adjust your calendars.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please keep in mind that there are no Baptism classes scheduled until after the celebration of Easter which is April 21 this year. Please call the Parish office for information regarding the next **Baptism class** scheduled for **Sunday, May 5** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on May 12.

Confirmation

For those students who anticipate receiving the sacrament this fall, please note that Confirmation will take place on **Sunday, September 22** here at IC. More information will be provided as details become available.

Confirmation Summer Program

A summer session will be held the week of July 15 for those students **entering** Grade 9 in September.

For those students **entering** Grade 10 in September, classes will be held the week of July 22.

These summer confirmation classes will be held in the evenings from 5:30–8:00 p.m.

Registration forms are available. If you have not yet received one, please contact the Religious Ed. office.

IC Knitting Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets Tuesdays at 1:00pm in Room 209 in the IC Parish Center. We knit/crochet prayer shawls, hats, mittens, scarves for charity.

Come join us; we meet every Tuesday at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call Julia O'Connor 978-465-3350 or Frances Ronan 978-462-4972.

Documentary Presentation

Jean Foley Doyle's documentary on "Newburyport's French Canadian Community" will be presented on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Newburyport Senior Community Center, 331 High St.

A major portion of the program relates to the founding of St. Louis Church in Newburyport through the efforts of the original French Canadian immigrants. Memories of St. Louis/IC parishioners are captured in the documentary. There are great photos and artifacts of the history of St. Louis and its importance in the local community. Call 978-462-2681 for more information.

Free Hair Cuts



Donna Koen, a parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

Knights of Columbus

Local Knights are encouraged to ensure email addresses are on file so that volunteer opportunities can be communicated. Please contact us to update your information at membership@kofc231.org.

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

IC Liturgical Ministers

All liturgical ministers must fill out a CORI every year for us to submit to the Archdiocese. We are still missing some minister's CORIs. If you have not yet filled out your CORI, please complete and submit the form to the Parish Office as soon as possible as they are past due. Forms are available in the church sacristy.

Also, be aware that the Archdiocese **will not** accept copies so please submit your form in person or by mail.

Remember when submitting your CORI form by mail, a **picture ID** must also be submitted for verification purposes.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, February 23–24 \$2,520.00
Church Around the World \$ 574.00

The second collection **next** weekend is the Monthly.
The **Ash Wednesday** collection is Catholic Charities.

HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
To Date \$20,265.00



Women's Evening of Prayer



The next Women's Evening of Prayer will be Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church. All women of the collaborative are invited to attend this evening of prayer and song. Invite your friends.

Lenten Food Drive

We will be having a food drive during Lent to benefit the senior centers. We will start collecting donations from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday. We will be collecting nonperishable dry goods, canned goods (Please check expiration dates.) and gift certificates to local markets. Donations may be left in the backs of both churches.

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, March 7.**

On Saturday, February 28, Holy Redeemer held it's Ham Dinner and BINGO night. Delicious ham, fresh green beans, and homemade mac & cheese were on the menu—



and homemade apple crisp for dessert followed by 4 fun games of BINGO.



HR Religious Education

- Sun., 3/3** **Grade 2 Class** at Nativity Church 9–10 a.m.
Grades 3–6 classes at Nativity Hall 9–10 a.m.
Grade 9 class at Nativity Hall 6–7:30 p.m. Our speaker is Linda Thayer.
Students must attend with an adult.
- Tues., 3/5** **Grades 7 & 8** at Nativity Hall 6–7:30 p.m.
- Sat., 3/9** **Grades 3 & 4 Activity Day** at St. Ann Hall, 1–3:30 p.m. *Students are asked to bring a snack to share; water and juice will be provided.*
- Sun., 3/10** **Grades 3–6 classes** at Nativity Hall 9–10 a.m.
Grade 10 class at Nativity Hall 6–7:30 p.m. **Students must attend with an adult.**
- Sat., 3/16** **Grade 6 Activity Day** at St. Ann Hall 1–3:30pm. Please bring a snack to share. Water and juice boxes will be provided.

All families can find registration forms, class schedules, and calendar events online at: hriccatholic.org. Click on *Faith Formation*, then *Holy Redeemer* tab. Collaborative bulletins can be found on this site, too.

Grade 9 Sandwich making for Merrimack Valley Hope Mission. Sandwiches were delivered to GAR Park in Haverhill.



Activities Committee Open Enrollment & Meeting

Sign up with **no fee!** Our group organizes the **social events** of our Parish and, if we are lucky, we make some money. Come check us out at our next meeting, **Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.** at Nativity Hall, Merrimac. All are welcome to join.



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