

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

**SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 21, 2018**

**[hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org)**



*“Jesus said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’  
Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.” (Mk 1:17-18)*

*All Are Welcome*



# DISCOVER WHAT'S NEW Immaculate Conception School

*Celebrating 135 Years 1882 - 2017*



OUR NEW PRINCIPAL



OUR NEW PRE-K TEACHER



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OUR NEW STREAM PROGRAM

**Please join us, Sunday, January 28, 12:30 - 2:00 pm  
to celebrate the start of Catholic Schools Week  
and to **DISCOVER WHAT'S NEW** at the IC!**

Parents, students, grandparents, parishioners, etc., are all welcome to visit the Immaculate Conception School to celebrate the start of Catholic Schools Week, following the 11:30 mass in the IC's newly renovated gymnasium/auditorium. Enjoy a refreshment, visit classrooms and see student projects and mingle with IC families, principal, faculty and staff.

**OPEN HOUSES (9 - 10 am) • Thursday, February 8 • Friday, March 9 • Wednesday, April 11**

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (1/20)

4:00pm **IC** *Josephine Bridges, Ruth Connors, Rose Campiola* (Fr. Broderick)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Madeline Brodie* (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Sunday (1/21)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Ruth Connors, Shirley Erhard* (Fr. Broderick)

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

11:30am **IC** *Alan White, Paul M. Doyle, Theodore C. Hamblet, Jr.* (Fr. Harrison)

### Monday (1/22)

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

### Tuesday (1/23)

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

### Wednesday (1/24)

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

### Thursday (1/25)

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

### Friday (1/26)

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

### Saturday (1/27)

2:00pm **Country Manor** (Fr. Broderick)

4:00pm **IC** *Emmi Spitzbarth, Lillie Muldoon* (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Robert Murdock* (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (1/28)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Al Paciulan* (Fr. Harrison)

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

11:30am **IC** *John Deneumoustier* (Fr. Harrison)

5:00pm **Youth Mass at Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Stephen F. Cahoon, III and all the faithful departed.

**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

What does it mean to receive a call? Let's face it: many calls we get, we don't want to take. Telemarketers seem to have an infinite number of ways to reach us, despite "do not call" lists. Our doctor calls with the unwelcome news, "lose more weight, exercise more." Our tax-preparer calls to tell us to raise our withholdings or we'll owe more taxes at the end of the year. Our neighbor calls, complaining that we shoveled too much snow on their sidewalk. When the phone rings, do we ever want to answer it? Just let it go to voicemail and sort out who we really want to talk to later.... Sound even a little familiar?

It might surprise us to hear in today's Gospel account that Simon and Andrew, James, and John all responded immediately to Jesus' invitation, "Come follow me." They dropped their nets, abandoned their father on the beach, and went after this Jesus whom they didn't even know. Maybe they had heard a few rumors or possibly had seen him preaching the day before. But they left their employment, their families, all that was familiar to them, and responded to a call to be part of something new. There was not even a debate. They just acted immediately. How amazing is that! Would we even stand a chance of giving Jesus a hearing today, never mind find ourselves travelling with him, cold-turkey, on a journey to unknown places and challenges.

In this cynical age, do we ever make room for a genuine, spontaneous, heart-felt response to God's initiatives? Jonah, from our first reading, certainly didn't. He never expected the people of Nineveh to respond to God's call to repentance. In fact, he really didn't want them to. Nothing would have pleased Jonah more than to see Nineveh smoldering in ashes from God's wrath. That he might not have given his required preaching of a call to repentance his full effort, goes without saying. But despite a lackluster messenger, the Ninevites did respond, going even so far as to have every man, woman, and child don sack-cloth and ashes...heck, even the cattle and animals were ordered to put on sack-cloth and do penance by the king, so seriously did they take Jonah's and God's call to repentance. And God relented from the punishment they deserved.

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## Scripture for the Week

21 Sun	Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
22 Mon	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
23 Tue	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
24 Wed	2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
25 Thu	Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18
26 Fri	2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:26-34
27 Sat	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
28 Sun	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** If you had to make a list of ways you show your belief in the Good News, what would be on it?

**Child:** What can you do this week to show your classmates that you believe in the Good News?

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

See our calendar at [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) for a complete listing of activities.

#### Monday, January 22

**AA Meeting** 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
**IC Religious Ed., Grades 1–8** 6:00pm, IC Parish Center  
**HR Boy Scouts Meeting** 7:00pm, Nativity Hall  
**Pastoral Plan Discipleship Priority Meeting** 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room  
**Compassionate Friends** 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

#### Tuesday, January 23

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

#### Wednesday, January 24

**HR Sandwich Program** 9:00am, St Ann Hall  
**Holy Quilters** 2:00pm, 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  
**IC Adult Choir Rehearsal** 7:00pm, IC Church

#### Thursday, January 25

**Rosary for Life** 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel  
**HR Grade 9 Sandwich Making** 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

#### Friday, January 26

**Adoration** 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel  
**AA Meeting** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

#### Saturday, January 27

**Nativity Choir Rehearsal** 3:30pm, Nativity Church

#### Sunday, January 28

**Nativity Choir Rehearsal** 7:45am, Nativity Church  
**HR Religious Ed., Grade 2 Parent + Student** 9:00am, 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  
**IC Religious Ed., Confirmation Yrs. 1 & 2** 1:00pm, IC Church

### Youth SNOWCAMPS

Snowcamps, a high-energy, activity-filled, spiritual growth experience weekend for 7–8 graders, is held at Camp Brookwoods, Alton, NH. Get ready for fun, friendships, music, games, and faith sharing from teens and adults. Join the fun with the 100+ junior high kids from several different parishes throughout the Archdiocese. There are two SNOWCAMPS weekends: February 23–25 or March 2–4. Cost for the weekend is \$183. To learn more or to download an application, visit [www.snowcampsparty.com](http://www.snowcampsparty.com). Contact Fr. George with questions, 978-462-2724.

Amazing! Do what God asks, and incredible things happen. Who knew?

The message our Scriptures offer us this weekend is a potent reminder as to how powerful God's words are. But we have to receive that call to be able to benefit from it. Last week, the Scriptures challenged us to listen more carefully for God's voice. This week, we are invited to respond to that call when it comes: Repent, Believe... Follow.

Will we take that call when it comes, and how will we respond today?

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



*The priests of our Collaborative enjoyed a nice Epiphany dinner with Bishop Hennessey to close out our Christmas Season.*

### 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.

For each Youth Mass, a charity is chosen for donations. Please watch the bulletin for details about that month's charity. The charity for January is Merrimack Valley Hope Mission. Donation suggestions: Winter hats, gloves, scarves, heavy socks, gently worn jackets, and travel-size toiletries.

#### Youth Mass Schedule

January 28 at Nativity, Merrimac  
March 4 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport  
March 25 at Nativity, Merrimac  
May 20 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week's Second Collection

This week's second collection will support Assistance for Urban Parishes to support the mission of our inner city parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston.

The Archdiocese of Boston currently provides financial assistance to urban parishes in particular geographic areas that historically have had a strong Catholic presence. Many of these urban parishes have a high population of newcomers to our country, are in areas of higher socio-economical risk and are deemed critical to the mission of the Church. This collection will help continue this support to urban parishes to provide resources for mission and ministry in these parishes and for the people in the communities they serve. Assistance is needed for such parishes experiencing financial hardship and who struggle to sustain their mission and meet their financial obligations.

Your support is needed to maintain a Catholic presence in areas where the economic realities of the parishioner base cannot fully support the expenses of a parish. This collection will help bridge the funding gap. We all share responsibility to proclaim God's Good News of Jesus Christ with all the people of the Archdiocese of Boston regardless of the parish's ability to pay. Your generous response to this collection will help sustain the vital work that occurs each day in these parishes.

Please visit [BostonCatholic.org](http://BostonCatholic.org) for information on parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

## Archdiocese Web Site

Visit [www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org) for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

## Scripture Study

### Scripture Study will meet on January 21

Father Broderick's Scripture Study, which was cancelled on January 7 due to frigid weather conditions, will meet on the regular scheduled third Sunday of the month, January 21, at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Parish Center.

This would be an ideal time for interested members of the Collaborative to join the study group as we begin reading St. Paul's *Epistle to the Romans*. This letter was probably written in Corinth several years prior to Paul's actual arduous voyage to Rome as a prisoner. This is Paul's longest letter and widely considered to be his masterpiece. We will read and discuss Chapters 1-3.

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.

## Landings

Last fall, we began a new ministry called LANDINGS, a program for Returning Catholics wanting to explore a more active return to the Catholic faith. We are pleased to report it was a success, not just for the two returning Catholics that we welcomed back to our church, but also for the active parishioners who participated as well. During this eight-week series of compassionate listening, the group prayed together, shared their faith journeys, and discussed their Catholic beliefs, all guided by the Holy Spirit.

A new eight-week LANDINGS will begin on Tuesday, January 30. One reason that many returning Catholics give for attending LANDINGS is that someone asked them. We urge you to think of someone you know who "used to be Catholic" or attends Mass only occasionally. God just asks us to invite them: the Holy Spirit will do the rest. What greater act of love this year than to reactivate your own faith, or invite someone back home to the church especially during the season of Lent? The full participation of every Catholic is a precious gift to our faith community. There is no pressure, just an invitation to explore the possibilities.

To find out more, contact: Dr. Mag McKinnon, 978-462-2724 ext. 7405, [mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org).

## Spiritual Adoption Program

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, the Collaborative of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Religious Education programs announce a spiritual adoption program for young and old alike.

The members of the Collaborative will have the opportunity to "spiritually" adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. We are praying for all babies and in particular babies in danger of death. We invite you to "adopt" and pray for God's special protection of them.

You may "adopt" a child individually or as a family by signing up during the weekend of Sunday, January 22 and Monday, January 23 as part of Religious Education classes. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great. Pledge cards with feet pins will be at the entrances of the church for you to sign up for the program. Pledge cards can be left at the church office and will be displayed on the Spiritual Adoption Board.

You will receive monthly reports through the parish bulletin and website describing your baby's development and your child will be born in October 2018. We will celebrate with a Baby Shower for Pregnancy Care Center's new moms and infants.

There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God have given you.?

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Cursillo

*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.

### 2017–2018 Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
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)

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

## Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if either Pentucket Regional or Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Religious Education classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at [boston.cbslocal.com](http://boston.cbslocal.com).

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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 Conference Room 209. 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.

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## Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our calendar and Facebook pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, or check out the photos section. We have so much happening in our Collaborative.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Offertory Collection

This week's second collection will support Assistance for Urban Parishes to support the mission of our inner city parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston. **See page 5 of the bulletin for more details.**

Next week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Latin America (CLA), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world.

**"With One Voice"**  
**Capital Campaign**  
**Goal \$350,000**  
**To Date \$263,951.00**  
**82 Families**

*All pledges and one-time donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated.*



## 2017 Grand Annual

The Holy Redeemer Grand Annual collection has raised **\$13,080.00** to date. Your participation in the Grand Annual Collection is sincerely appreciated.

## 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, February 1.**

## HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

One of our parishioners donated \$50.00 to SVdP and shared this story with us: She received a Christmas card with a note and a \$50.00 bill enclosed. The note read as follows, "Hello. I chose your name randomly out of the Merrimac telephone directory. At Christmas time each year my siblings and I choose a name for Secret Santa. We buy that sibling a small gift and also do a random act of kindness in that sibling's name. We then share our stories on Christmas Day. I have lived here in town for over 20 years with my husband and (now grown) children. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and that this brightens your day."

Because of the random act of kindness and our generous parishioner, our SVdP clients will benefit. Thank you one and all for thinking about others.

## HR Religious Education

**Sun., Jan. 21, Grades 3–6 Classes**, Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00am.

**Grade 9 Class**, Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30pm.

**Tues., Jan. 23, Grade 7 Class**, Nativity Hall 6:00–7:30pm.

**Thurs., Jan. 25, Grade 9 Sandwich Making, Nativity Hall, 6:30pm.**

**Sun., Jan. 28, Grades 3–6 Classes**, Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00am.

**Grade 2 Class**, Nativity Church, 9:00–10:00am.

**Youth Mass**, Nativity Church, 5:00 p.m.

**Tues., Jan. 30, Grade 8 Class**, Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30pm.

### Youth Mass

At our 5:00pm Youth Mass on **Sunday, January 28** at Nativity, Merrimac, we will be and collecting items for the Merrimack Valley Hope Mission. Items that can be donated include: Winter hats, gloves and heavy socks, gently worn jackets, travel-size toiletries. Thank you for your generosity to those in need.

## 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 Church, West Newbury, by **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, January 24.**

See the Collaborative calendar at [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org) for the schedule or contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

To our friends at Holy Redeemer—  
 Once again we are so blessed by your generosity! The Clients at the Pregnancy Care Center are so lucky to have people like you who care about their needs.  
 Thankyou for all that you do and may God Bless each of you in this coming year!  
 Larrie Salvi

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

**January 13–14** **\$9,441.00**  
**Monthly** **\$1,650.50**

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## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$156.50
Poor Box	\$622.00
Total	\$778.50

## IC Religious Ed. Fleece Project

We will be hosting another fleece-making project making scarves for the homeless that are served by Merrimack Valley Hope Mission on Sunday, January 21 from 11:15am –1:00pm. Pizza will be provided at the end of the program. You can sign up via this weblink: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0F4CAA72EAAFF2-making](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0F4CAA72EAAFF2-making)

At our 5:00pm Youth Mass on Sunday, January 28 at Nativity, Merrimack, we will be donating our scarves and collecting items for the Hope Valley Mission. Thank you for your generosity to those in need.

## 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 January 22.** Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at (617) 410-6309 or [info@abutterflysjourney.org](mailto:info@abutterflysjourney.org).

## Immaculate Conception School



The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are embarking on an exciting educational experience—a STREAM program! STREAM is an adaptation of STEM, which stands for Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math. This hands-on, engineering-based approach to problem solving will bring about a surge of creativity and the development of divergent thinking among the students. The students have been placed in groups with mixed grade levels, each with a unique design challenge. Every student will work to design and build a mini-model of his/her ideas made completely of recyclable materials. An impactful aspect of the STREAM program is to challenge the children to adapt materials to use in a new way. As a result, they will see ordinary objects in a whole new light—an expansion in thinking that the STREAM program aims to encourage in our students.

## 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 foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://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.

## 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.

## Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, February 13** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205. We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at [membership@kofc231.org](mailto:membership@kofc231.org), (978) 572-0231.



# 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.

*Dialogue:* In #141: Finally, let us acknowledge that for a worthwhile dialogue we have to have something to say. This can only be the fruit of an interior richness nourished by reading, personal reflection, prayer and openness to the world around us. Otherwise, conversations become boring and trivial. When neither of the spouses works at this, and has little real contact with other people, family life becomes stifling and dialogue impoverished.

### 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>

Classes: January 21 and 22

Next Classes:

- Gr. K–8 Sunday, January 28 10:05–11:05am.
- Gr. 1–8 Monday, January 29 6:00–7:10pm.

### Baptism

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

Please pre-register for the class.

Feb. 4 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm  
Feb. 11 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

### Confirmation

**Confirmation monthly session** is Sunday, January 28 at 1:00–3:00pm in the church. Reminder: candidate and adult (sponsor, parent, or another adult) to attend each session.

**Catholic School candidates and adults**—next session Sunday, February 4 at 1:00pm in the Charity Dining Room, Room 114.

For information and registration go online:

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

### First Eucharist

Information/registration for 2017–2018 First Reconciliation and Eucharist is posted on our website: <http://www.hriccatholic.org/First-Eucharist-First-Reconciliation-Immaculate-Conception-Parish>. Our next 1st Eucharist session for candidates and parents is Sunday, March 11 1:00–3:00pm. Walk through the Mass with Fr. George in the church.

**Note: change of date: not March 4.**

### Landings

Landings for Returning Catholics begins Tuesday, January 30 from 7:30–9:15pm at Church of the Nativity, Merrimac. If you know of anyone interested, please contact Dr. Mag McKinnon for more information 978-462-2724.

### Youth Mass—January 28

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, January 28 at Church of the Nativity, Merrimac at 5:00pm. Charity: Merrimack Valley Hope Mission. Donations: Winter hats, gloves, scarves, heavy socks, gently worn jackets, and travel-size toiletries.

## Mardi Gras Celebration

### Save the Date

Our Mardi Gras Celebration and Dinner will be held on Monday, February 12, 2018. Tickets will be on sale at the end of January and early February.



### Raffle Items

We are looking for donations for our Raffle. If you have any items, gift cards, services, etc. that you would like to donate to the raffle, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Dr. Mag McKinnon, DRE, [mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org) or Melinda Burrell [burrell@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:burrell@newburyportcatholic.org) 978-462-2724. Proceeds for the dinner and raffle to benefit IC Haiti and IC Religious Education. Come join us for the fun, food, and fellowship.

## Adoration

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

## Community Service of Newburyport Thank You

Dear IC School and IC Church,

*On behalf of the Board of Directors and those we serve, I want to offer a huge heartfelt thank you for honoring Community Service of Newburyport with an extraordinarily generous contribution to our organization for children, families, and seniors in need.*

*Community Service of Newburyport has been quietly serving the needs of the Greater Newburyport Community since 1912. We count on donors like you among our most important partners in this endeavor. We are so grateful for your support. We are also happy to share with you that we will be relocating to an expanded space at the Annex at St. Paul's Church on Summer Street in Newburyport in February 2018.*

*In gratitude, Rhonda-Lee M. Cameron*

To our friends at Immaculate Conception -  
Thankyou so much for your generous gifts to the Pregnancy Care Center.  
We are so blessed to have your support for our ministry to our clients.  
May God bless you in the coming year!  
Laurie Sakur