

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2017

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*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt. 5:2 )*

*All Are Welcome*

# OUR COLLABORATIVE

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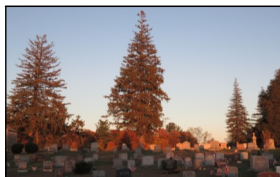
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (1/28)

4:00pm **IC** *For the intentions of Peter D'Ambrosio*  
(Fr. Morin)

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

### Sunday (1/29)

7:15am **IC** *Robin Herlihy Follansbee, Henry Reslewic* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

9:00am **IC** *Lillian Casey, Patricia Casey, Edith Ryan* (Fr. Broderick)

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

11:30am **IC** *For the continued vitality, excellence, and influence of Immaculate Conception School*  
(Fr. Harrison)

### Monday (1/30)

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

### Tuesday (1/31)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge* (Fr. Harrison)

### Wednesday (2/1)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge* (Fr. Morin)

### Thursday (2/2)

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

### Friday (2/3)

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

### Saturday (2/4)

4:00pm **IC** *Ellen Kiernan, Ted LoPreste, Edna & Edith Messina, Philip Toscano, Mary Cunha*  
(Fr. Morin)

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

### Sunday (2/5)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Betty Parisi* (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am **IC** *Stanley Baikewicz, Stephen & Catherine Bogue* (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Alan J. White, Denise McBeth, Ranie Riley Bisson, and all the faithful departed.

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

*IC—Immaculate Conception*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

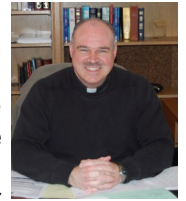
## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

More than ten years ago, I travelled with a group of parishioners from a former parish that I served in to a small community in the countryside of the Dominican Republic. We brought with us a doctor, a nurse, and as much medicines, toothbrushes, and other supplies as we could fit into our luggage. Over the course of a week, we ran several "clinics" and enabled hundreds of desperately poor people to receive basic medical care to which they would otherwise have had no access. It was a very moving, and some ways, deeply disturbing week. I had never seen poverty on that level before. Although there are many resorts and modern cities along the coast of this tropical island paradise, inland the people lack electricity, sanitation, adequate shelter, and proper nutrition. Many live in crumbling cinderblock homes and leaky straw shacks with tin roofs. Because of an always-contentious political environment, public service projects like hospitals and clinics are often started by one political party while they are in office, and later discontinued and abandoned when the other party takes their place. It is a crippling dysfunction that leaves many vulnerable citizens without anyplace to turn.

I guess in some ways, we went down to this third world country to help "the poor." We brought our expertise, our supplies, our treasure, and our great big beating hearts to help those in need. And so, I think, on one level, we did a lot of good. But returning from my first encounter with all of this, I couldn't help but be struck by how unexpectedly happy the people of this little community were. Compared to everything we enjoy and take for granted here in the United States, they were desperately poor. But they were happy! And in a moment of bitter honesty, I had to admit,

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## 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.

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** Which one of the Beatitudes was most meaningful for you when you heard it today? Why?

**Child:** Which of the Beatitudes is your favorite? Why?

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) for more events and details

### Monday, January 30

AA 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205  
 Voice of the Faithful 11:00am, IC Conference Room 209  
 IC Religious Ed., Grades 1–6 6:00pm, IC Parish Center  
 Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall  
 HR PFC Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory

### Tuesday, January 31

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209  
 Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
 HR Religious Ed., Grade 8 6:00pm, Nativity Hall  
 HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory  
 PPC Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

### Wednesday, February 1

Holy Quilters 2:30pm, Nativity Hall  
 IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church  
 Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel  
 Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room  
 Book Discussion Group 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room  
 IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

### Thursday, February 2

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall  
 Fatima Pilgrimage Meeting & Dinner 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
 Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

### Friday, February 3

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

### Saturday, February 4

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

### Sunday, February 5

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church  
 HR Religious Ed., Grades 3–6 9:00am, Nativity Hall  
 St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church  
 IC Religious Ed., Grades K–6 10:05am, IC Parish Center  
 RCIA 10:15am, IC Youth Ministry Room  
 Collaborative Baptism Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room  
 IC Religious Ed., Grades 7 & 8 1:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
 Scripture Study 2:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

## Preparing for Mass

Visit <http://liturgy.slu.edu> 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.

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they were happier than we were. We went down there to help "the poor," but maybe we were the ones steeped in a different kind of poverty—a lack of joy, a deficit of trust in God, a failure to properly see our place in God's world. I don't know...it was a feeling of personal, spiritual poverty that still haunts me. We were the rich, wealthy, powerful "Americanos," but compared to them, were we really "the poor?" Did they know of a different kind of wealth that makes our standards fade and pale in comparison? Maybe....

This weekend's Gospel raises up many in our world who are found in situations that have brought them to low, thankless places. The crushed in spirit, those in mourning, the meek of the land, those pining for righteousness when none is to be found, those who opt for mercy when the crowd roars for revenge, the ones who miraculously are free from guile, the precious few peacemakers of our time, those who stand up for what they believe is right and those crazy, wonderful lunatics who dare to profess their faith in Christ...these are blessed by God! Not because of what they do not have, but because of what they have not given up: their enduring hope in their relationship with God, that God is the One who will preserve their honor, their dreams, their dignity, and their very lives! They are blessed because they have not surrendered the three things that St. Paul tells us we can take with us into eternal life: Faith, Hope, and Love. They are blessed because God will not abandon them, even if countless others have. And in the end, it is all about what God will do, not about what we human beings have accomplished.

I still think about the people of the little town of Cevicos and wonder if all of our efforts to help them were not somehow used by God's purposes to speak to us, to call us to conversion of heart, to bless us as we were trying to bring blessings to others. I invite you to ponder this familiar Gospel with me, and be unafraid to let the Lord bless us in this present moment in our own moments of lowliness and need. It might surprise us to experience God's tender mercy in our vulnerability.

Wishing you and your families many blessings in the days ahead,

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

## Bulletin Information

Please supply bulletin information by Monday noon to the collaborative bulletin email: [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

## Youth Masses

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, March 12 at Immaculate Conception.

### Other Youth Masses (5:00pm) for the Year

March 12	Immaculate Conception
April 2	Holy Redeemer, Church of the Nativity
May 7	Immaculate Conception

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on February 5, 2017



Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on Sunday, February 5 at 2:00pm in the IC Parish Center. This would be an ideal time for interested members of the Collaborative to join the study group. We will be reading and discussing the beginning of the *Acts of the Apostles*.

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.

## 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.

## 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 [fortune@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:fortune@newburyportcatholic.org) if you would like to learn more about this program.



## Lenten Events

Mark your calendars for these Collaborative Lenten events.

- **2nd Annual Lenten Series & Fellowship Meals**

Thursdays, 6:30–8:00pm, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at Nativity

Fridays, noon–1:30pm, March, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at IC

*Presented by the Adult Faith Formation Team (AFFT)*

- **Annual Lenten Mission**

Sunday–Wednesday, April 2, 3, 4, & 5, 7:00–8:00pm, at IC

*Presented by former pastors & priests of our Collaborative*

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## Collaborative Town Hall

Mark your calendars for the next Collaborative Town Hall on February 26 immediately following the 11:30 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception.



Join Father Tim and the Writing Team in a review of the current draft of the HRIC Collaborative Plan.

Watch the bulletin for more information.



Disciples in Mission  
Archdiocese of Boston

## 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 Wednesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm, in the IC Charity Dining Room. For information contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or visit [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org).

## Invitation Night Open Forum

**Lent is just around the corner.**

**Let's make it your best Lent ever.**

**What:** Join the Adult Faith Formation Team (AFFT) for an Invitation Night open forum.

**Why:** To help AFFT create a quality Lenten series for our Collaborative

**Where:** IC Charity Dining Room

**When:** Tuesday, February 7, 2017 from 7:00pm–8:00pm

**How:** a) critique, expand, or edit the Team's (tentative) 5-night series

b) craft 5 dynamic discussion questions

c) nominate parishioners as guest presenters

d) no sign-up required—just come!

**Who:** Any adult with a desire to deepen his/her Catholic faith.

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### Immaculate Conception School Open House

Sunday, January 29, 2017 • 12:30–2:00pm

The IC is a private Catholic school in the heart of Newburyport where students receive an outstanding academic education in a faith-based, fun, and safe environment, where the emphasis is on respect, personal growth, and developing individual potential. See if the Immaculate Conception School is the right choice for you and your family. Read Principal Reardon's column on page 8 of this bulletin for more details.

### Scripture for the Week

- 29 Sun Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
- 30 Mon Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
- 31 Tue Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
- 1 Wed Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
- 2 Thu Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- 3 Fri Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
- 4 Sat Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
- 5 Sun Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

### 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, Salisbury, and Byfield. 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.

### National Marriage Week 2017

Celebrate National Marriage Week 2017  
with *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love)

*"The word of God tells us that the family is entrusted to a man, a woman and their children, so that they may become a communion of persons in the image of the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" (no. 29).*

National Marriage Week, February 7–14, is an opportunity to promote, celebrate and strengthen marriage. Pope Francis's exhortation *"The Joy of Love,"* (April 2016) is about marriage and family life.

For more resources on *Amoris Laetitia*, visit [usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/amoris-laetitia.cfm](http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/amoris-laetitia.cfm)  
For resources to prepare for marriage or strengthen your marriage and family, visit [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org).

### Mardi Gras Celebration

A Mardi Gras celebration is coming on **Monday, February 27** in the IC Parish Hall. Dinner is being served in two seatings—4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

We have begun selling Mardi Gras dinner tickets to benefit the Pelican Intervention Fund. \$12/adult and \$5 for children. Ages 5 and under are free. Dinner is being served in two seatings: 4:00pm and 6:00pm.

The celebration will include traditional foods of New Orleans, crafts, raffles, and more. Everyone is welcome



### Cursillo & Ultreya

A **Cursillo** retreat is a three-day weekend of intensive spiritual reflection and exploration at St. Basils, Methuen, that offers us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ. 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.

**Ultreya**, the Spanish word for "onward" or "to persevere," is a gathering that unites us in prayer and fellowship. It is a reunion of those who have experienced a Cursillo retreat, but all are welcome to attend Ultreya meetings on the Friday of each Cursillo weekend. Questions about Cursillo or Ultreya? Contact Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

#### 2017 Ultreya / Cursillo Calendar

Ultreya Dates	Cursillo Weekends
February 3	February 9-12 (Men)
February 24	March 4-6 (Women)
March 31	April 6-9 (Men)
April 28	May 4-6 (Women)
June 2	June 1-4 (Women)

### Collaborative Book Discussion

Save the dates: February 1, 8, 15, & 22

The Collaborative of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception will host a book discussion on Wednesday evenings during February from 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m. in the IC Charity Dining Room. The book discussion will be Christopher Pramuk's *Hope Sings So Beautiful: Graced Encounters across the Color Line*. Christopher Pramuk offers a mosaic of images and sketches for thinking and praying through difficult questions about race. The reader will encounter the perspectives of artists, poets, and theologians from many different ethnic and racial communities. All are welcome.



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# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Offertory Collection

Offertory, January 14–15	\$3,706.00
Urban Parishes	\$ 628.00
Offertory, January 21–22	\$3,501.00
Roofing Expenses	\$ 750.00

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please visit [www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm) for more information.

Next weekend's second collection is fuel.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



Without your help, we would be unable to assist our many clients.

Please be aware that the Society is always interested in learning about used automobiles that you are getting rid of and might wish to donate; several of our clients are looking for used automobiles, as their autos have reached the end of their useful lives. Thank you for your consideration.

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

## HR Boy Scouts

Scouting builds more than just campfires. Scouting builds character, values, community, and family. Holy Redeemer charts 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](mailto:msf4087@gmail.com). All faiths welcome. Please see the Parish website calendar for meeting dates, [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org).



## Coffee After Mass



Coffee will be served after the 8:00 Mass at Nativity on Sunday, February 19. Plan on coming and, if possible, bring your favorite treat to share.

## EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has got you covered. Check this link daily for news about the Catholic Church, and the latest issues in Catholicism. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource.

<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

## HR Religious Education

*Sunday, January 29*

**Grade 2 class (Student & Parent)**, W. Newbury 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. We will be doing Chapter 4 together.

**Grade 10 class (Student & Parent/Sponsor)**, Merrimac 6:00–7:30 p.m.

*Tuesday, January 31*

**Grade 8 class**, Merrimac 6:00–7:30 p.m.

*Sunday, February 5*

**Grades 3–6**, Merrimac 9:00–10:00 a.m.

**Please note these special February events on your calendar now**

*Saturday, February 11*

**Grade 4 Activity Day**, Merrimac 1:00 p.m.

*Monday, February 27*

**Mardi Gras Dinner**, IC St. Louis Hall, This event will raise funds for the Pelican Intervention Fund. Tickets will be on sale over the next two weekends. Come, enjoy!

### New Email Address

The Office of Religious Education at Holy Redeemer has a new email address: [reledhrp@gmail.com](mailto:reledhrp@gmail.com).

## Holy Redeemer Events

**Raffle Night** is held in the Spring at the Nativity Parish Hall. Those attending the evening buy raffle tickets to win a variety of items. Homemade dinners are available. Planning starts in January. The 2017 Raffle Night is tentatively planned for Saturday, April 29 from 5:00–9:00 p.m.

**The Holiday Fair** is a long-running tradition at Holy Redeemer. It is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving at the Nativity Hall. Gift baskets, homemade soups, silent auction items, and nearly new items are available. The 2017 Fair will be November 18 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

## HR Prayer Shawl

**Would you like to help those in need this winter without it costing you anything?**

Come join us at 1:00 p.m. on **Thursday, February 2**, at Nativity Hall in Merrimac. We will knit/crochet hats, scarves, & mittens for Merrimack Valley Hope Mission, the group supported by our Parish youth. We will provide yarn, knitting needles & crochet hooks, and patterns. We can even teach you to knit/crochet. Can't make it on February 2? Gather your own group at a time convenient for you, give us a call, and we'll provide you with everything you'll need.

If you need information or a blessed prayer shawl, they are free, please call: Helen Kelley 978-771-4673 or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099.



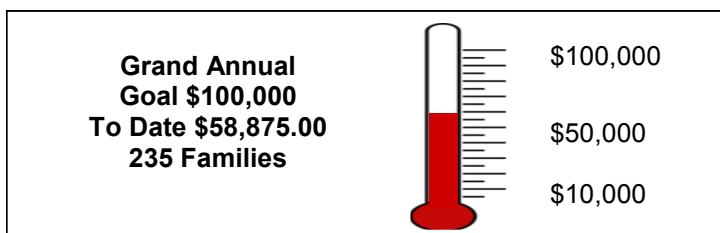
# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

Offertory, January 22–23      \$10,259.00

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please visit [www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm) for more information.

Next weekend's second collection is Restoration/Renovation.



## Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

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

## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$ 439.00
Collection	\$ 16.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 455.00</b>

## Christmas Flowers

Thomas F. Fallon, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Sheehan,  
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Fallon, Edward (Sunny) Sheehan,  
 Mildred Theresa Sheehan, and Bain Campbell

## Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897. We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. If you are interested in helping those in 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.

Contact us at (978) 572-0231, [membership@kofc231.org](mailto:membership@kofc231.org).

## Immaculate Conception School

Greetings Friends,

It is my fervent hope that you will join us after the 11:30 Liturgy this Sunday, as we open Catholic Schools Week at Immaculate Conception School! Refreshments will be served and you will have an opportunity to visit the classrooms. As you walk through the door, the first thing I hope you will sense is a culture of welcome and warmth. You will be greeted by happy faces and students eager to tell you about their experience at IC.



Beginning with this letter, I would like to highlight some of the amazing learning going on in our classrooms and throughout the school.

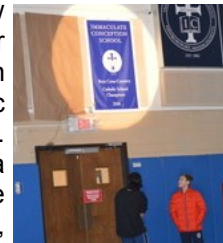
### *This Week's Visit to Immaculate Conception School:*

Ms. Erica Rivera, our third grade teacher, shares with us that her class is eagerly learning their multiplication facts! During math lessons, her students represented multiplication as repeated addition using arrays of equal rows and columns. Then, they searched for arrays around them, both at school and at home. Many third graders noticed how windows are often arranged in arrays.



This week, each member of the class was assigned a multiplication sentence to incorporate into a skyscraper of their own design! Skyscrapers were named after the students themselves using their knowledge of alliteration. The buildings were then arranged into the third grade's very own "Array City" that displayed their new math skills and third grade's artistic talents.

During our regular Morning Meeting on January 18, the Cross Country Team Captains, Carlos Jones and Christopher Thoreson, unveiled a new banner in the gymnasium. This banner represents IC as the 2016–2017 season champions of the North Shore Catholic School Boys Cross Country League. The banner was uncovered against a backdrop of cheers from the whole student body. Speeches by the Captains, Coaches, Dale Eckert, Ted Jones, and Athletic Director Mike Doyle highlighted the event. We are proud of this team's sportsmanship and hard work!



Sincerely, Mary Reardon, Principal

### Upcoming Events

**Open House ~ Today**, Sunday, January 29, 12:30–2 pm

**Fashion Show ~ Sunday**, March 5, 1–3 pm

**135<sup>th</sup> Gala ~ Friday**, May 19, 7–10 pm

**Tuesday Tours ~ IC school tours**, including classroom visits, second Tuesday of each month, 9–11 am.

For more information about the school events please call our office at (978) 465-7780.



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## 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, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) and click the Online Giving picture at the bottom of our home page to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose contribute to. If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made. Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

## IC Knitting Ministry



We meet every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. from September–June at the IC Parish Center, Room 209. We knit prayer 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 have also made and distributed hats and scarves to the hundreds of homeless children in our area.

Please come and help us to keep these boys and girls warm this winter and to send joy to our friends who are experiencing illness at this time. We are happy to help you brush up on your knitting or we can teach you to knit or crochet. 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.

## Breaking Bread

St. Vincent de Paul's Breaking Bread dinner program invites you to share a little of your time and talents by volunteering to prepare and cook for our guests. For more information, contact Bunny Chiasson, 978-465-5810 or [sandbunnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:sandbunnyc@yahoo.com).

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please join us for Adoration in IC's St. James Chapel in the Parish Center on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

## Communion Calls

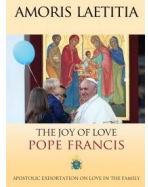
If you or a loved one is homebound, in the hospital, or have transitioned to a rehab/nursing facility and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact Sandy at 978-462-4842 to arrange a home visit.

## IC Religious Education

### *Amoris Laetitia*...Pope Francis

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

The Sacrament of Matrimony—In #75—In the Church's Latin tradition, the ministers of the sacrament of marriage are the man and the woman who marry; by manifesting their consent and expressing it physically, they receive a great gift. Their consent and their bodily union are the divinely appointed means whereby they become 'one flesh.' By their baptismal consecration, they were enabled to join in marriage as the Lord's ministers and thus to respond to God's call. Hence, when two non-Christian spouses receive baptism, they need not renew their marriage vows; they need simply not reject them, since by the reception of baptism their union automatically becomes sacramental. Canon Law also recognizes the validity of certain unions celebrated with the presence of an ordained minister. The natural order has been so imbued with the redemptive grace of Jesus that "a valid matrimonial contract cannot exist between the baptized without it being by that fact a sacrament." The Church can require that the wedding be celebrated publicly, with the presence of witnesses and other conditions that have varied over the course of time, but this does not detract from the fact that the couple who marry are the ministers of the sacrament. Nor does it affect the centrality of the consent given by the man and the woman, which of itself establishes the sacramental bond. This having been said, there is a need for further reflection on God's action in the marriage rite; this is clearly manifested in the Oriental Churches through the importance of the blessing that the couple receive as a sign of the gift of the Spirit.



### Religious Education Classes

School Year Classes: 1/29 and 1/30.

Grades K–6: Next classes: 2/5 and 2/6.

Grades 7–8: Next class 2/5.

### Baptism

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

Feb. 5 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

Feb. 12 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

### Confirmation

The next Confirmation session is Sunday, January 29 from 3:00–5:00pm in the IC Church for Years 1 & 2. The candidate and his/her sponsor, parent, or another adult are to attend the session.

### First Eucharist

Our next First Eucharist session will be Sunday, April 2 at 1:00-3:00pm in the Church. We will have a tour of the church with an opportunity to go behind the scenes and see what happens within the many spaces. Candidates and parents are to attend the session.

### Youth Mass—March 12

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, March 12 at IC.