

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 7, 2018

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The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." (Gn 2:22-23)

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

St. Ann

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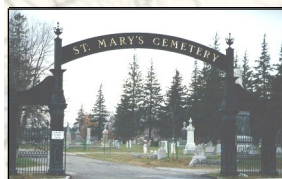
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/6)

4:00pm **IC** Rita Snow, Thomas Lyons, Noreen Driscoll and Parents, Robert Clements Thomas (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (10/7)

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

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

9:00am **IC** Paul D. Turbide, Mary Dwyer (Fr. McLaughlin)

10:15am **St. Ann** Helen & Paul Ringenbach (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** Gordon P. Mitchell, Sr. & Catherine L. Mitchell, Robert Filomia, Matt Bagley (Fr. Morin)

Monday (10/8)

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

Tuesday (10/9)

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

Wednesday (10/10)

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

Thursday (10/11)

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

Friday (10/12)

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

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

Saturday (10/13)

4:00pm **IC** Louis Paul Dubuc, Cornelius Currier, William Moore, Bob & Oscar (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (10/14)

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

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

9:00am **IC** William L. Plante, Jr., Elizabeth Ramsay (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am **IC** Eugene E. Bucco, Armand Gonzales (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Charles J. Bashaw and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Columbus Day Holiday

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, October 8 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, October 9 at 8:00 a.m.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I have some exciting news to share with all of you. This past week, I received a letter from Cardinal Sean O'Malley indicating that he was assigning a Permanent Deacon to our Collaborative! Effective immediately, Deacon Paul Dow will now be serving among the 3 churches and 4 communities of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Parishes. It is a joy to welcome Deacon Paul and his wife, Maureen, to our Collaborative! In the coming weeks, there will be a number of opportunities to meet them at different weekend masses. In the months to follow, Deacon Paul and Maureen will become involved in various liturgies and ministries within our parishes. When you see them, please make a point to welcome them! Below is a picture of them from a recent trip as well as a letter of introduction from Deacon Paul.

God is good!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



Hello Holy Redeemer, Immaculate Conception, Collaborative.

Wow! That is a mouthful. I guess I need to get used to saying it, for our Archbishop Cardinal Sean has assigned me to be your Permanent Deacon.

My Name is Deacon Paul Dow and I have been

married to my wonderful wife, Maureen, for 49 years. I have been a Permanent Deacon since Cardinal Sean ordained me September 9, 2006. On that day, 16 men were made Deacons by the Holy Spirit. Of those men were Deacon Richard Siebert and Carl Roberts. Both have gone home to the Lord and I ask for their prayers. You may remember Deacon Siebert as he served Immaculate Conception Parish until his passing. I miss them both dearly.

Maureen and I are the proud parents of two adult children, Kelly and Scott, who live in Lynn. Maureen and I are also the grandparents of four grandchildren, Nora Ann, George, Paul, and Nicholas. So life is very good, and very full. As your Deacon it is my joy to serve at God's Holy Altar at Mass, Preach on God's Holy Word from the Ambo, and minister Sacraments. We also lead public prayer such as Adoration and Benediction, and Funerals. The Deacon's ministry is also one of charity as you might notice he reads the Gospel and the prayers of the faithful at Mass. More important than what the Deacon does is who the Deacon is. If you allow me, it is my hope to become a part of this community, and to serve you. Being part of the Church, or more importantly the Body of Christ, is a cornerstone of my life. It is a blessing to have friends to worship with.

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, October 8, Columbus Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Tuesday, October 9

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

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Pastoral Plan Vocation Priority 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory

IC-Haiti Meeting 7:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Knights of Columbus 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Wednesday, October 10

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall

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

"The Mass" Video Series 1:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

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

Thursday, October 11

Pastoral Plan Discipleship Priority ChristLife Meeting 6:15pm,
IC Charity Dining Room

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

Friday, October 12

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

Saturday, October 13

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, October 14

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. & Baby Shower 10:00am, IC Charity Dining
Room

RCIA 10:15am IC Parish Center Room G19

Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church

**IC Religious Ed., 1st Eucharist/Reconciliation Parent
Orientation** 2:30pm, IC Church

HR Religious Ed., Grade 9 with parent 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

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This is a very difficult time for our Church as we all feel the pain and confusion of things we don't understand. As a member of the Clergy I feel the shame cast over the Church by a few. Rest assured it is not me I ask you to follow, it is our Lord Jesus whom we follow together.

May the Lord guide us for he is the same Yesterday Today and Tomorrow.

Humbly yours in Christ,

Deacon Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Walk



Beautiful day, lots of walkers, lots of funds raised to help those in need in our communities.

The Mass Like You've Never Known It!

The series of 5 exquisite lectures on the beauty of the Mass continues Wednesday at IC St. Louis Hall. We gather at 1:00pm, the 30-minute video presentation begins at 1:15pm and fellowship, discussion and refreshments continue until 2:30pm. To date, 37 parishioners have participated in this series. **All are welcome.** Each lesson stands alone, so come for one, several, or all! This series will change how you experience Liturgy.

If you missed a lesson, repeat viewings can be made available. Call Mary Schmidt (978-462-6191) to secure a time slot at the Parish Center.

October 10: **God Speaks Our Story**

October 17: **Responding to God**

October 24: **Preparing for Sacrifice**

October 31: **The Real Presence Creates Communion**

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

Online Resources

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our **calendar**, **Twitter**, and **Facebook** pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, see our Get Involved tab to see how your talents can be utilized, or check out the photos section. We have so much happening in our Collaborative.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

Mass Scripture Readings: Oct. 7–Oct. 14, 2018

In praying with the Scriptures, we have the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord while discerning His ever-gracious invitation to love as He loves us. 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.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Oct 7: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 128; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16
- Monday, Oct 8: Galatians 1:6-12; Psalm 111, Luke 10:25-37
- Tuesday, Oct 9: Galatians 1:13-24; Psalm 139; Luke 10:38-42
- Wednesday, Oct 10: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Psalm 117; Luke 11:1-4
- Thursday, Oct 11: Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 1:69-75; Luke 11:5-13
- Friday, Oct 12: Galatians 3:7-14; Psalm 111; Luke 11:15-26
- Saturday, Oct 13: Galatians 3:22-29; Psalm 105; Luke 11:27-28
- Sunday, Oct 14: Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 90; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

Discovering Christ

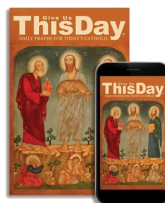
In the spring of 2019, the Discipleship Team of the Collaborative will be offering everyone a unique opportunity to deepen their relationship with Our Lord through an experience known as Discovering Christ. This offering is linked to the second priority of the Collaborative Pastoral Plan: forming ever more intentional disciples of Christ. (The Plan is available electronically on our website: hriccatholic.org.) To prepare for this, the team will undergo its own experience of Discovering Christ, ending the week before Thanksgiving. We ask for your supportive prayers. More information about the Discovering Christ experience scheduled for the spring will be made available in the bulletin in January.

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

Give Us This Day

Daily Prayer for Today's Catholic



The October monthly edition is available free in the back of the churches.

Your invitation to daily prayer. Whether you have only a few minutes or a half hour, *Give Us This Day* supports your desire to pray. This exquisite daily devotional evokes the classic personal missal—printed and bound so that it lays open in the hand. Morning prayer, profiles of saintly witnesses, Mass texts, reflections, evening prayer—experience firsthand how *Give Us This Day* nourishes you.

Please consider a subscription for yourself or give it as a gift. Visit <https://giveusthisday.org>.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Who are the children in your life who teach you about God? How does your inner child help you to know God?

Child: Jesus loved the children and welcomed them. How does it feel to be loved by Jesus?

VIRTUS Training

VIRTUS training for all volunteers within our Collaborative will be held at the hall at Nativity Church in Merrimac, on **Thursday, October 18** beginning at 6:30 p.m. You need only to attend this training once. All volunteers and staff need to fill out a CORI form each year.

Ecumenical Candlelight Taizé

The Groveland Congregational Church cordially invites the community to a candlelight meditation service modeled on the services held at the Taizé community in France. The service will take place on Sunday evening, October 14 at 7:00pm at 4 King St., Groveland.

Taizé prayer emerged from the prayer life of an ecumenical group of monks living in Taizé, France. Each summer, thousands of young people from around the world come to the little village of Taizé to pray and live a retreat experience with the monks. Our service consists of scripture, silence, and song. It involves singing and listening to the word of God in an atmosphere of silence and peace. The worship space is illuminated with a multitude of candles; the music consists of simple repeated refrains, enabling the worshipers to enter into prayer. There will be readings from scripture, petitions, and a time of silent prayer. In this type of service, the community gathers to listen to God. By singing simple songs of prayer over and over, the mind calms and the soul opens up; God speaks and the heart hears. At this month's service, we will reflect on and give thanks for God's indwelling Spirit in each of us.

Come and give yourself the gift of silence, reflection and prayer in the beautiful candlelit sanctuary. For further information, contact Groveland Congregational Church at 978-372-3463 or visit www.grovelanducc.org.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

The Mysteries of Icons Unveiled

The expanse of religious art available to Catholics as a means to inspire and teach are treasures in our own community!

The Greek Orthodox Church invites us to attend a presentation on Icons on October 27. IC will expand on this lecture by including a separate talk on Russian icons also, how artists "write" them and how viewers read them. Watch the bulletin for dates and sign-up for the road trip to the Clinton Icon Museum and a mini food fest of ethnic Russian & Greek cuisine!

(Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team)

New England Tenors

Save the Date: November 25, 2:00 p.m.

The New England Tenors will be performing a Christmas Concert at Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport.



Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Watch the bulletin for additional information coming soon.

R.C.I.A

**RCIA classes meet at 10:15 in
IC Parish Center Room G19**

The R.C.I.A. program is for people interested in joining the Catholic Church and/or learning about the Catholic faith. Anyone over the age of seven who wishes to become baptized, or has been baptized in another Christian Church, and/or is interested in the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation is welcome. If you have a friend or family member who might be interested, please have them contact Marin Fortune: fortune@newburyportcatholic.org.

Pelican Intervention Fund Fundraiser

The Traveling Pelican quilt begins its tour on Columbus Day weekend, October 7–8 at the Newburyport Harvest Festival. The quilt will be traveling to the communities the Pelican Intervention Fund serves from Columbus Day until Saturday, November 24.

The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the Wreath and Trees event at the Old South Presbyterian Church in November.

The quilt will travel to churches, libraries, Senior Centers, and festivals in the communities we serve. We will keep you posted on the locations in future bulletins.



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HR PARISH

HR Fair Mailing Help Needed

The Fair Committee is looking for volunteers to prepare the Fair mailing on Thursday, October 25 at 3:00 p.m. in the parish hall in Merrimac. This could take 1–2 hours—depending on how many volunteers. This is also a great opportunity for Confirmation candidates to earn service hours. Many hands make light work!! Any questions contact Barbara Boucher at 978-346-7116 or email babsnboo1@verizon.net.

Activities Committee Meeting

The HR Activities Committee will meet Monday, October 22 at 6:45pm at St. Ann Hall. We will be making final plans for a champagne breakfast and continued organization for our parish fair. We would love to have more volunteers. Would you please consider attending this meeting and helping us out in our activities? All are welcome.

Champagne Breakfast for Spiritual Adoption Program

We are hosting a champagne breakfast on October 28 after the 8:00 Mass at Nativity to celebrate the Spiritual Adoption Program that our Collaborative started 9 months ago. We are incorporating the baby bottle campaign for the Pregnancy Care Center of The Merrimack Valley & Southern New Hampshire (PCC). Parishioner Mary McCarthy will speak at the breakfast about services the Center is able to provide as a result of our donations.



Don't forget to fill your **baby bottles** with checks (made payable to PCC), cash, or coins and return them to the church no later than at our breakfast on October 28. You will see from the insert in the bottle, you may list the name and address of someone you may wish to honor. The center will send them a card to acknowledge the gift.

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, October 10.**

See the Collaborative calendar at www.hricatholic.org for the schedule. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

The second collection **this** weekend is the **Monthly**.

Next week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief and for Catholic World Missions that support pastoral and evangelization efforts in mission dioceses. This collection will also provide support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests and lay people for ministry and for the Inner City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various missionary efforts at home and abroad.

For information on these collections, go to:

1. www.usccb.org/ppc
2. www.propfaithboston.org
3. www.cua.edu
4. www.BostonCatholic.org

HR Grand Annual

Grand Annual Collection to Begin

This week a special Grand Annual letter from Father Harrison will be mailed to all registered parishioners. Included will be a pledge card to assist in making your annual gift. You may mail it back to the parish office or place it in the collection at Mass on **October 20 & 21**. Additional pledge cards will be available next weekend.

The Grand Annual allows us to continue regular ongoing maintenance at the parish as well as support our operating budget by supplementing our Offertory income.

Last year, we raised over \$17,000 through the Grand Annual. Our hope is that we can surpass this success and raise a minimum of \$25,000 to keep our parish financially sound. If possible, **we ask you to consider a gift of \$350 or more**. We realize some of you have already pledged to the capital campaign, so we appreciate your additional generosity. If you did not pledge to the capital campaign, your gift to the Grand Annual this year is more important than ever.

We truly appreciate any assistance you can give. We understand that some households face financial difficulties. We are counting on the many who are able to support our parish in the 2018 Grand Annual drive, at any level of giving. Thank you for your generous support.

HR Holiday Fair Updates



Plans are being made for our annual **Holiday Fair**. This year, our fair will be Saturday, November 17.

Donations Needed

White tags with requested basket donations for items needed for the popular gift baskets are now available on the little trees in the backs of both churches.

Silent Auction Items Requested

We are looking for Silent Auction items. Do you have something to donate? Questions? Call Carole 978-346-9031.

HR Religious Education

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

Sun., 10/14 Grades 3–6 at Merrimac Hall, 9–10 a.m.
Grade 9 student & parent at Merrimac Hall, 6–1:30 p.m.

Tues., 10/16 Grades 7 & 8 at Merrimac Hall, 6–7 p.m.

Thurs., 10/18 **VIRTUS Training** at Merrimac Hall, 6:30pm



Congratulations to our newly confirmed Catholics. And congratulations to their parents and sponsors for a wonderful celebration presided by our Regional Bishop Robert F. Hennessey.

Veterans Gift Bags

50 gift bags, for male and female veterans, will be put together on Sunday, November 11 for Veteran's NE Outreach Center—Haverhill. We are asking for donations: travel size personal hygiene items, perfume, cosmetics, playing cards, socks, mints, notepads, pens, Dunkin' Donuts gift cards, candy, gum, hat, gloves, etc. Please label your bag "Veterans Donations" and leave in the back of either church.

HR Prayer Shawl



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

Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, November 7**.

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **Nativity** in Merrimac on **October 6**.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, September 29–30 **\$10,113.00**
Merrimack Region Explosions **\$ 2,128.00**

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Offertory Envelopes Correction

There was an envelope date misprint for our IC Monthly Collection. The monthly collection will take place this weekend, October 7, not October 14, as the printed envelope states.

The second collection for October 14 is Holy Father Missionary Efforts.

IC Grand Annual

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Can we surpass last year's success?

Last year, we raised over \$80,000 through the Grand Annual. Our hope is that we can surpass this success and raise a minimum of \$100,000 to keep our parish financially sound. If possible, **please consider a pledge of \$350 or more**. This could be done with 2 monthly payments of \$175 each. Some have the ability to do much more and some less. We ask only that you give to the best of your ability.

We truly appreciate any assistance you can give. We understand that some households face financial difficulties. We are counting on the many who are able to support our parish in the 2018 Grand Annual drive, at any level of giving. Thank you for your generous support.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 5.00
Poor Box	\$532.00
Total	\$537.00

Immaculate Conception School



The IC held its first PTO fundraising event with a **Fun Run**; an event that combines physical fitness with fundraising. Since August, students have been seeking family and friends from near and far to support our school through online donations. The school's **Fun**

Run web page charted each grade's fundraising progress, creating a healthy competition within the school community. The **Fun Run** was held in the school gym on September 28. Parent volunteers and our energetic 8th grade students lead the students in calisthenics, stretches, laps around the gym, and overall fun. Each class also made a **Fun Run** 2018 banner, (pictured here).

At the end of the day we celebrated the fundraising success of each class and the total for the school of \$28,000. The PTO, which supports the education of all IC students, will use these funds to provide academic experiences that expand classroom learning. Monthly PTO meetings, which are posted on our school website, are a great way for parents to become involved in the IC. Thank you to organizers Mary Boddy and Kerry Davis, and to all who contributed to the success of **Fun Run** 2018!



Coffee & Baked Goods Sunday



The Pastoral Plan Welcoming Priority will sponsor a Coffee and Baked Goods Sunday at IC St. Louis Hall **this Sunday, October 7**, at 10:00 a.m. (between the 9:00 and 11:30 Masses). All are invited.

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 at

Maureenc@monumentmortgage.com.

Adoration

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Fall Programs

Classes have begun for Grades **K–8**, but it isn't too late to register! Forms can be found on our Collaborative website at www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education or by getting in touch with the Religious Ed Office.

We would love to have a list of **substitutes** to call upon should one of our catechists not be available. Please consider helping us in this capacity.

Please remember there is no class this weekend, October 7, due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

The Religious Education classes will be celebrating the birth of our Spiritually Adopted Babies on Sunday, October 14 with a **Baby Shower**. All baby items collected will be donated to the Pregnancy Care Center.

Confirmation

Confirmation 1 and 2 will meet Sunday, **October 28** at 1:00 p.m. in the Church. Please remember: your candidate must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration forms can be found on the Parish website at <http://www.hriccatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish> or by contacting the Religious Ed. office.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Baptism information: www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism

Sunday, October 14 Group Baptisms 1:00 p.m.

Next scheduled Baptism class is **Sunday, November 4.**

Pre-register by calling the IC Parish Office at 978 462-2724

Reconciliation / First Eucharist

Parent Orientation is Sunday, **October 14**, 2:30 p.m. in the IC Church.

Forms to register are available on the website at <http://www.hriccatholic.org/First-Eucharist--First-Reconciliation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish> or by contacting the Religious Ed office at 978-462-2724.

Liturgical Ministers

Don't forget CORI Forms Are Due

Please complete and submit your CORI to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Forms are available in the sacristy. Please be aware that the Archdiocese **will not** accept copies so please submit your form in person or by mail. Thank you!

ICP Boosters Yard Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped the Boosters with this first community event. The variety and quantity of items donated was spectacular. Thank you to all those volunteers who donated their time to help make it a success.

Monday Night Religious Ed.

Due to a very low number of registrants for Monday evening Religious Education, we will not be able to offer Monday evening as an option this year. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:05. If that time is not possible please reach out to us regarding a Home School option.

K of C Tootsie Roll Drive



The Newburyport Knights of Columbus will be conducting its annual Tootsie Roll Drive benefiting people with intellectual disabilities after weekend masses on October 6–7. Join online at www.kofc.org.

Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, October 9** 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, (978) 572-0231.

IC Parish Boosters

Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 1, 2018 9am–2pm., IC School Gym. (Setup Friday, November 30, 2018 5:30–8:30pm.)

Contact: Melinda Burrell, 978-462-2724 or email burrell@newburyportcatholic.org

Call for vendors and crafters: Cost: \$35 for space and table. (Those selling personal items are to take with them what does not sell.)

The parish will host a 50/50 raffle and a table for **any items that people would like to donate to the Fair**. We are asking for the following:

- Donated candies, homemade baked goods, penny candy for children
- Items for children to go shopping for their parents
- Craft items
- Books
- DVDs
- Be creative!

Children's Area

Face painting, temporary tattoos, shopping, etc.

(Teen volunteers to assist with children's area and gift wrapping.)

Food

Chili and cornbread, coffee, pastries, hot dogs, chips, soda, bottled water, desserts

Silent Auction

We are looking for donated items to support the Silent Auction. Vendors and crafters will also donate items for the raffle table.

Visit "North Shore Vendor Events" on Facebook to see our Christmas Fair ad.

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.