

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 2018

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“Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” (Mk 10:24-25)

All Are Welcome



Immaculate Conception School

P R E S E N T S

The 18th Annual IC North Pole Express!

It's a magical journey to the North Pole



This truly unique adventure departs

Saturday, December 1st

from the Newburyport Commuter Rail Station.

This experience includes:

- ❖ 70-minute journey to the North Pole
- ❖ Rendition of the children's book, *The Night Before Christmas*
- ❖ Hot cocoa and treats
- ❖ Letter writing to Santa
- ❖ Playing games led by the conductor
- ❖ Singing Christmas carols
- ❖ A sea of elves, Rudolph, Frosty, the Christmas Mouse and of course **Santa** himself will be visiting the train!

Don't forget to wear your pajamas!

Departure Times:

11:35 am Train
1:15 pm Train
3:15 pm Train
5:30 pm Train
7:30 pm Train

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Tickets on Sale Saturday, October 20 at 7am!

- ❖ **Tickets sell out in hours!**
- ❖ **Tickets \$39 each plus fees**
All riders over the age of one year need a ticket.
- ❖ **Tickets are nonrefundable**
Reselling tickets for more than face value plus fees is prohibited. Maximum number of tickets per order is 10.

Purchase tickets online at icsnorthpoleexpress.eventbrite.com

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Proceeds of this event benefit the Immaculate Conception School. We appreciate your support!

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/13)

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

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

Sunday (10/14)

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

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison, Dc. Dow)

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, Dc. Dow)

Monday (10/15)

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

Tuesday (10/16)

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

Wednesday (10/17)

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

Thursday (10/18)

7:15am **IC** *May Murray, Anna Murray Crall* (Fr. Morin)

Friday (10/19)

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

10:30am **Port Rehab** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (10/20)

4:00pm **IC** *Robert W. Cynewski, Michael Harrington, Sr., Michael Harrington, Jr., Cori Harrington, George & Veronica Blaikie, Hank & Jean Marie Caron* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Gertrude (McCarron) Bishop* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (10/21)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Mass of Thanksgiving for Rochelle Rose, Eleanor Rose, Dr. Arthur L. Plouff & Mrs. Annetta M. Plouff, Gordon McLachlan* (Fr. Harrison)

10:15am **St. Ann** *Carol Derro* (Fr. George)

11:30am **IC** *Louis Guarracina* (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Sean Perkins 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,

As we enjoy the bursts of color that are the hallmark of our New England autumn, we also are reminded of the Creator, who has arranged for the changing of times and seasons, who beckons to us constantly, always calling us to new life. This call comes in many forms.

Sometimes it is found in bursts of creativity and new-found energy to begin something different. Or it could be found in the stillness of quiet that reminds us of the many present blessings in our life. And, occasionally, it confronts us with the need to let go of things that perhaps have gotten in the way of our best response to God's invitation to life.

The young man in this weekend's Gospel seems to have fallen into this latter category. He was conscientious, sincere, and also maybe a bit distracted by his many possessions. Jesus sees the goodness that is present in his heart and looks upon him with love. Jesus also calls him to a deeper experience of God's love by inviting him to let go of the "things" of his life, and to focus instead on the people who are part of his journey, especially the poor. He can't take any of his things with him into Heaven, but he can benefit from using those things to help alleviate suffering, of caring for those who are in need.

This past weekend, I had the occasion to celebrate two weddings, both at St. Ann's Church in West Newbury. One of the blessing prayers we use in sending forth a newly-married couple into the world has this line:

"May you always bear witness to the love of God in this world so that the afflicted and needy will find in you generous friends, and one day welcome you into the joys of heaven." (from the Rite of Marriage)

What a beautiful image of marriage—that a couple's love for one another will be so strong that it will overflow into their caring for and loving those around them. The prayer is that this will happen to such a great extent that those who benefitted from their generosity in this world will be the ones to welcome them into eternal life! Our call to holiness of life always extends outward and engages our relationship with God through our interactions and care for others.

But we all know that this can be challenging and hard to accomplish at times. The young man in today's Gospel passage went away sad because he had many possessions. There was a lot of stuff he needed to clear out and reorganize in order to really get his life with God in proper shape. As our bulletin cover reminds us, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mk 10:25) Over the centuries, many have struggled with this Scriptural injunction. In fact, centuries ago, some monks copying the lines of the Gospel in monasteries (before the age of the printing press) even changed the word in Greek for "camel" (kamelon) to (kamilon) which means, "rope."

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, October 15

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

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

Tuesday, October 16

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

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

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

K of C Assembly 391 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Wednesday, October 17

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

Thursday, October 18

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

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

VIRTUS Training 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

Pastoral Plan Service Priority Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth
Library Room 205

Friday, October 19

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

Saturday, October 20

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, October 21

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

HR Religious Ed, Grade 2 w/Parent 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. 10:00am, IC Parish Center

RCIA 10:15am IC Parish Center Room G19

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

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.

Questions of the Week

Adult: What is your most important possession? Would you be willing to sell everything you own and give the proceeds to the poor?

Child: What do you think Jesus wants you to do so you can be happy with Him?

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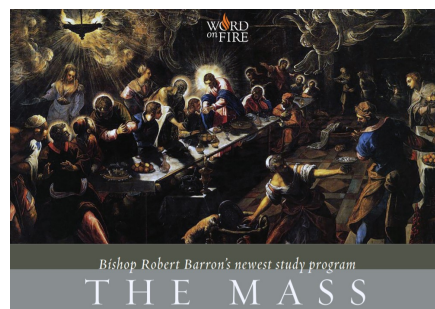
Perhaps they thought that surely Jesus must have meant that it was challenging to get into God's Kingdom if you were wealthy, but not impossible. We can almost imagine a very small piece of rope being carefully threaded through a very large needle. Difficult and time-consuming, yes... but not impossible. However, most Scripture Scholars seem to regard this only as an anomaly. Others have conjectured that perhaps there was a very narrow gate on a city or a wind-blown rock formation on a desert path that resembled a needle's eye that was being referenced. But the hard truth is that Jesus meant this with the full force of this imagery: a big, hairy, smelly beast being squeezed through a tiny, narrow slit. A bad day for the camel, and a worse one for any one of us who fails to give this Gospel passage serious consideration.

As sobering as this imagery is, we have great confidence in the steadfast love of God given to us in Jesus Christ. Remember the opening line from the Gospel, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Mk 10:17) Eternal life, then, is an inheritance—something given to us based on our relationship with the giver, not something earned or merited. A better way to consider our situation before God is: Now that I have been given the promise and pledge of eternal life, what must I do to properly give thanks to God for so great a gift? How ought I live my life in gratitude to the Giver? An open and docile heart will respond generously to these questions, yielding a rich harvest in the lives of those around them.

Autumnal Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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 and the 30-minute video presentation begins at 1:15pm. Last week we had fellowship, excellent

whole-group discussion, good coffee, great homemade chocolate chip cookies, and decadent Lindt chocolates until 2:30pm. **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 17: **Responding to God**

October 24: **Preparing for Sacrifice**

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

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Pilgrimage to Ireland

Join us for an enriching journey through the Emerald Isle in 2019! We depart May 13, 2019 for a memorable pilgrimage through various sites of unparalleled beauty, historic significance, and religious importance. Our tour will include visits to Dublin, Galway, the Dingle Peninsula, Kilarney, the Ring of Kerry, Clonmacnoise, Knock, and more. For more information, please visit: www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric or contact Paul Blanchette at (978) 500-5661. An early-bird discount is available for those who sign-up by October 31. Come on a Faith Journey with us!

Photo: Rock of Cashel

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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Mass Scripture Readings: Oct. 14–Oct. 21, 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.hricatholic.org/blog/lectio-divina> or to www.HRICatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Oct 14: Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 90; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30
- Monday, Oct 15: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Psalm 113, Luke 11:29-32
- Tuesday, Oct 16: Galatians 5:1-6; Psalm 119; Luke 11:37-41
- Wednesday, Oct 17: Galatians 5:18-25; Psalm 1; Luke 11:42-46
- Thursday, Oct 18: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Psalm 145; Luke 10:1-9
- Friday, Oct 19: Ephesians 1:11-14; Psalm 33; Luke 12:1-7
- Saturday, Oct 20: Ephesians 1:15-23; Psalm 8; Luke 12:8-12
- Sunday, Oct 21: Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 33; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

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, October 14 at 7:00pm at 4 King St., Groveland.

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.

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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, IC Parish Center, 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.

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>.

High School Open Houses

Bishop Fenwick Open House 2018

99 Margin Street, Peabody, Wednesday, October 17 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Visit our website at www.Fenwick.org or call 978-587-8300.

St. Thomas Aquinas HS Open House

197 Dover Point Road, Dover, NH, Sunday, November 4 at 1:00pm and Monday, November 5 at 6:00pm.

HR HOLIDAY FAIR

Only 1 Month until Our Fair: Saturday, November 17

For many, many years our **Holiday Fair** has been an important fundraiser for our parish. It has been an opportunity for us to build our church family and welcome the larger community to our parish. Each volunteer does his or her part through baking, basket donations, volunteering at the fair, selling raffle tickets, making soup, set up, etc. Each contributes according to ability and, as a result, our parish community benefits from the work—whether great or small—of all.

Please consider helping out this year. Contact our group leaders to help out.

- **Themed Gift Baskets:** Roberta Homan (Rhoman1980@aol.com)
- **Bake Table:** Pauline Duhamel (Pduhamel2@yahoo.com)
- **Silent Auction Items:** Carole Sokolowski (Carole.sokolowski@merrimack.edu)
- **Raffle Tickets:** Barbara Boucher (babsnboo1@verizon.net)
- **Nearly New Items:** Stefania Zak (stefZ0717@verizon.net)
- **Homemade Soups:** Marie Greeley (regr3@outlook.com)
- **Fair Coordinator:** Cindy Quinn (cynwinquinn@aol.com), 978-346-0072



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.

Holiday Fair Donations

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.

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HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, September 29–30	\$2,619.00
Merrimack Region Explosions	\$ 822.00
Offertory, October 6–7	\$3,019.00
Monthly	\$1,404.00

This 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 that educates priests and lay people for ministry and for the Inner City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity and prayers will assist the Holy Father and 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

Next weekend is our Grand Annual Collection

A special Grand Annual letter from Father Harrison has been mailed to all registered parishioners. Included was 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**.

The Grand Annual allows us to continue regular on-going 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 St. Vincent de Paul Society

There is a wonderful way to honor someone who has requested "No gifts, please." You can send a check to Holy Redeemer Saint Vincent de Paul at 4 Green Street in Merrimac. Your donation will honor someone's celebration and will also help those in need. A note will be sent to let that someone know about the donor's meaningful gift. Donations can be made to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant occasions.

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

HR Religious Education

All families can find registration forms, class schedules, and calendar events online at: hricatholic.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 Upper & Lower Halls, 9–10 a.m.
Grade 9 student & parent at Merrimac Hall, 6:00p.m.

Tues., 10/16 Grades 7 & 8 at Merrimac Hall, 6–7:30 p.m.

Thurs., 10/18 **VIRTUS Training** at Merrimac Hall, 6:30pm for all new volunteers in ministries in our Collaborative. If you plan to attend, please email Doreen O'Leary at: reledhrp@gmail.com

Champagne Breakfast for Spiritual Adoption Program

We are hosting a champagne breakfast on October 28 after the 8:00am 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.

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**.

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IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, October 6-7 \$8,851.00
Monthly \$ 710.00

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

The second collection **next** weekend is **Restoration/Renovation**.

IC Grand Annual

Grand Annual collection is next Weekend

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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	\$ 79.00
Poor Box	\$302.00
Total	\$381.00

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal, provided by volunteers, is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Inform the funeral director that you request this service when making arrangements.

Immaculate Conception School



Students at the IC are offered ongoing opportunities to serve as role models for others in the community. It is amazing to watch a daily routine such as morning drop-off or afternoon dismissal to see the care that our older students offer to children in the younger grades, often without prompting from an adult. Our students play an integral part of leading our school during morning announcements and communal prayer. Every grade leads a school mass by year's end, giving students the opportunity to participate in meaningful community and church traditions. We celebrate the accomplishments of our students, our teams and our school. Whether alone in the spot-light or standing among many, the impact our students have on each other is important and valued. Developing role models is a priority at the IC. We want our students to be good people as well as hard-working.

Take a tour of the IC on October 24 from 9-11 a.m. or call for an appointment.

Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary's 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.

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.

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website at tcfnewburyport.org.

Our monthly support meetings are held in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30-9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting is **October 22**.

Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at barbarahopkinson@gmail.com.

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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.

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: Please note **change of time and location** Sunday, **October 14** at **10:15** in **St. Louis Hall (Parish Center)**.

Please contact the Religious Ed Office to register your child for these sacraments. 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



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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.

Adoration

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

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 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.