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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 2018

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Image of Jesus Christ enthroned from Viborg Cathedral, Denmark

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.” (Heb 4:15-16)

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

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** *Marion Carew* (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)

Monday (10/22)

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

Tuesday (10/23)

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

Wednesday (10/24)

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

Thursday (10/25)

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

Friday (10/26)

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

Saturday (10/27)

4:00pm **IC** *For the intentions of John O' Connor & Ellen Meade, Stanley Jancewicz, Mary Finneran, John E. Kelley & Katherine Doyle Kelley, Bartley "Bart" Welch* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (10/28)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Luella LeBlanc* (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Sean Perkins, David M. Jones, Katherine A. Fudge, 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,

Many years ago when I was newly-ordained, an older priest-friend of mine invited me to go out to Notre Dame University in Indiana to take in a football game. This was a highly-ritualized, highly-scripted event, beginning with the rally the night before, parade, and eventually the sacred game itself, held in the shadow of "Touch-Down Jesus." Some pub-crawling and tailgating were also required activities to round off the weekend. Can't mess with the ritual, you know!

In addition to all of the above, we also spent some time touring the area and visiting a number of churches, including a few a little further away in Michigan. While there, I had the occasion to meet a very humble and genuine bishop named Ken Untener. He was the Bishop of the Saginaw Diocese. I'd have to say that he was the most down-to-earth person, never mind, bishop, that I have ever met. There was absolutely no pretense about the man. At his invitation, everyone called him "Ken." He was a sports fanatic, a phenomenal preacher, he enjoyed a good joke as much as anyone and loved to be with people—any people who care to spend some time with him. He basically lived out of his car, travelling from one rectory to the next across the patchwork of parishes that made up his diocese. While he had many qualities that could impress even the harshest skeptic, one that stood out for me one night was his insistence of cleaning up after a late-night parish meeting.

After the sacred football rituals were satisfied (Notre Dame creamed USC that weekend, as I recall) we attended a talk that Ken was giving at an area parish. I don't remember anything of what he said, only that after what had to have been a very long day of masses, diocesan meetings, appointments, and more, he insisted on helping the hospitality people in this parish wipe down tables and clean coffee urns. Given his position and many weighty responsibilities, it would have been more than understandable if he had left shortly after his presentation that evening. But he wouldn't leave until the last person had turned off the lights and locked the door. From what I have been told by many who knew him well, he always did this, was always the last one to go home, no matter how late it was or how tired he might have been. Oh, and he only had one leg. He was fitted with an artificial knee and lower leg, having lost one limb when he was a young man. As tired as any of us with two good legs might have been at the end of a long day, I can't imagine how exhausted he must have been with only one good leg. If it did bother him, he never let on, though. Ken served the people of Saginaw until his death from leukemia in 2004.

I think of Ken when I hear today's Gospel story about the greatest among us being the servant of all. I am ashamed to say that I have failed miserably at imitating his example of humble service, at least in this regard. While I have certainly done my share of locking doors and putting out lights over the years, there have been just as many



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, October 22

AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall
IC Religious Ed., Grade 2 Parent Mtg. 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
HR Activities Committee Meeting 6:45pm, St. Ann Hall
HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, October 23

Reunion Prayer Group 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209
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
HR Religious Ed., Grades 7 & 8 6:00pm, Nativity Hall
HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory

Wednesday, October 24

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

Thursday, October 25

HR Holiday Fair Bulk Mailing 3:00pm, Nativity Hall
Pastoral Plan Discipleship Priority ChristLife Meeting 6:15pm,
IC Charity Dining Room
Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

Friday, October 26

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
Ultreya 7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/Charity Dining Room

Saturday, October 27

HR Religious Ed., Grade 1 Activity Day 1:00pm, St. Ann Hall
Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, October 28

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
Spiritual Adoption Champagne Breakfast 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
IC Religious Ed., Confirmation Years 1 & 2 1:00pm, IC Church

Mysteries of Icons Unveiled

The Greek Orthodox Church invites us to attend a presentation on Icons on **October 26**. 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)

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moments when a crazy schedule, sheer fatigue, or personal needs have seen me leaving an event early. I don't know how Ken was able to do what he did with all of the other burdens in his life, but I think this Gospel passage must have been a powerful motivator and guidepost in his ministry to the people of Saginaw. The measure of true greatness is found in the totality of humble service to the little ones that surround us in life, Jesus teaches. True greatness is experienced in an emptying of the self, a profound simplicity of orienting our lives towards the needs of others.

It is found, I think, in the grandparent who rearranges their day at the last minute to care for a sick grandchild, or a neighbor who stays up all night with a despondent friend following a divorce, or a first-responder who leaves spouse and children at home to rush into a burning building or confront an armed felon. True greatness is found, I think, in those who get up at 2am to go and prepare food for strangers at a shelter. It is seen in abundance in the consistency of patience that newly-minted parents muster while nurturing a newborn. It is experienced in significant measure whenever a nurse or home health aid listens attentively to yet one more rendition of an oft-told-tale from decades ago. It is witnessed in the classroom every day in every city, town, and village when a teacher goes the extra mile to help one of their students "get it."

You see, greatness is meant to be part of our daily lives—not something that we have to travel far and wide to see. It is supposed to be part of our everyday journey with the Lord. It comes, I think, when our prayer for others' needs is so focused, it can't help but overflow into action. We are great when we serve up a healthy portion of Jesus Christ to those who so desperately hunger for his love, need his compassion, and pine for his mercy.

Without doing anything different today, where do you find true greatness in your life? How might it be something that you can share with others in Christ's name?

Wishing you and your family an abundance of everyday greatness this week! Please keep those of us travelling on our Pilgrimage to Northern Italy in your prayers, as we will be carrying all of you in our hearts. I look forward to being with you soon.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Collaborative Baptisms

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

Dillon Lorraine Brown • Conlon Wolfe Gentry • Addison Lucille D'Agostino • Kasey Hudson Gravel • Emilie Turke Morrone • Evan James Murphy • Isla Brooke Muzerall • Jack Patrick O'Toole • Lola Ryan Rizzo • Jacob Brady Sullivan • Ainsley Paige Swallow

Bulletin Information

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

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

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, at 2:00 p.m.

Watch the bulletin for additional information coming soon.

Mass Scripture Readings: Oct. 21–Oct. 28, 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 21: Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 33; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45
- Monday, Oct 22: Ephesians 2:1-10; Psalm 100, Luke 12:13-21
- Tuesday, Oct 23: Ephesians 2:12-22; Psalm 85; Luke 12:35-38
- Wednesday, Oct 24: Ephesians 3:2-12; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Luke 12:39-48
- Thursday, Oct 25: Ephesians 3:14-21; Psalm 33; Luke 12:49-53
- Friday, Oct 26: Ephesians 4:1-6; Psalm 24; Luke 12:54-59
- Saturday, Oct 27: Ephesians 4:7-16; Psalm 122; Luke 13:1-9
- Sunday, Oct 28: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

The Mass Video Series

Four new adults attended the Oct. 10 lesson (43 participants to date). Peer discussions have been candid and lively for those who choose to speak or for those who choose to actively listen. Two lessons remain which focus on the final elements of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Seeing even one 23-minute video is well worthwhile, so please drop in for this informal lecture series hosted on DVD by Bishop Robert Barron. And stay for the yummy refreshments (last week: pizzelles, coffee, brownies, and home-made macaroons!)

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 24: **Preparing for Sacrifice**

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

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

Voice of the Faithful Speaker

Anne Barrett Doyle, of Bishop Accountability, www.bishopaccountability.org will speak on "Documenting the Abuse in the Roman Catholic Church" on **Sunday, Oct. 28** from 2–4pm at St. Rose of Lima Church, 12 Park Street, Topsfield. Refreshments will be served. Free will offering. For more information, contact: John & Barbara Gould, by phone: 978-535-2321 or by email: jagbag30@verizon.net.



Deacon Paul Dow preaching at Immaculate Conception Church this past weekend



COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Immaculate Conception School

Teaching children to be good role models is a top priority

Donating to local food banks is important to our students



Kindness, caring and respectful behavior are reflected in every aspect of the learning environment at the IC... and that's what makes us such a special school!

Visit us!

- **OPEN HOUSE ~ 9-11am:** October 24, November 27, December 18, January 8 & 16
Sunday 1-2 pm: January 27 (Catholic Schools Week)
- **November 7, 6:30 - 8 pm:** Meet our Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers at the Early Education Fair, Newburyport City Hall
- Call Kelley Pappalardo (978) 465-7780 for a private tour

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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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, October 13–14 \$3,559.00
 Holy Father & Missionary Efforts \$ 775.00

HR Grand Annual

This weekend is our Grand Annual Collection

Today is our Grand Annual Collection. All parishioners have been asked to return their pledge card to church this weekend. If you did not receive a Grand Annual pledge card in the mail there are extras available at the entrances to the churches.

If you did not bring your pledge card to Mass with you this weekend please bring it next weekend or mail it to the parish office this week. Your participation in the Grand Annual Collection is sincerely appreciated.

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 Walk

Our Walk for the Poor raised over **\$3,700.00!** This would not have been possible without your support and encouragement. Thank you to all of our contributors.

Our Conference has recently helped clients with overdue electric bills, rent payments, and obtaining new beds. The Conference has also distributed food and gasoline cards.

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



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.** Please call Helen Kelley 978-771-4673 or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099 for a shawl or more information.

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., 10/21 **Grades 3–6** at Merrimac Hall, 9–10 a.m.
Grade 2 class at Nativity Church 9–10 a.m.
Grade 10 class: "Rules & Relationships" with Jaymie Stuart Wolfe 6:00–7:30 p.m. at Merrimac Hall. *Students are to be accompanied by an adult, his/her Sponsor, if possible.*

Tues., 10/23 Grades 7 & 8 at Merrimac Hall, 6–7:30 p.m.

Sat., 10/27 **Our 1st Grade Activity Day** in WN (lower hall of St. Ann Church) 1–3 p.m. Please bring a snack to share, water and juice boxes will be provided. A wonderful team of ninth graders will be helping!

Sun., 11/4 **Grades 3–6** at Merrimac Hall, 9–10 a.m.
Grade 9 class at Merrimac Hall, 6–7:30 p.m.

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. **Our champagne breakfast is complementary.** We ask that you make a donation to the pregnancy care center, so 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 HR Sandwich Program delivers sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry twice a 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 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 24.** Contact Dotty (978-363-2909) with questions.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, October 13–14 \$9,117.00
Holy Father & Missionary Efforts \$1,473.00

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

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	\$ 0.00
Poor Box	\$285.00
Total	\$285.00

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 barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.



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Immaculate Conception School



Students at the IC are presented with leadership opportunities at every grade level. Catholic traditions, celebrations, and service projects are an integral part of the school experience, often lead by a particular grade or group within our school family. The Leadership Team is a group of students in grades 6–8 who wish to be leaders at the IC. The 2018–19 team is forty-seven students strong, with four elected members who make up the Leadership Council. The Council members will make formal proposals to Mrs. Sullivan for service projects and activities. Identifying the benefit of projects and developing plans for completion will clarify how the Council will involve team members to collectively make a difference. Time spent together to help others is valued and enjoyed by IC students. The Leadership Team was celebrated on Friday morning with a ceremony in the church where each member received a leadership pin to be worn as part of their school uniform. We know they each will lead with pride!



IC Haiti Update

Over the summer, thanks to the generosity of parishioners, we were able to send a check for \$61,928 to fund the 2018–19 school year budget for the Fr. Marc Piché Elementary School in Puit Chacha, to provide scholarships for all students moving on to the seventh grade in Fondes Blanc, and to finance a dental program for the entire school community. Again, thanks to your continued support, we plan to provide further scholarships for those students who will be moving on to eighth grade next year.

Unfortunately, there was a 5.9-magnitude earthquake that hit the north coast of Haiti a few weeks ago. There were no effects of the quake felt in the southern peninsula near Puit Chacha. However, this is a reminder that natural disasters (earthquakes, hurricanes, and floods) can strike at any time, and we need to be prepared to support our school community with relief funds. For this purpose, we have established a fund balance to maintain a threshold level so we can be prepared to respond quickly in an emergency while continuing to preserve sufficient funds to honor our long-term commitment to the school community.

Questions of the Week

Adult: Who or what controls your life and how you act toward others?

Child: Name some of the people that you help and tell what you do. Are there people you do not like to do things for?



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IC Religious Education

Fall Programs

If you have not as yet registered your child for Religious Education classes, please don't hesitate! It is never too late to register. Classes are held Sunday mornings from 10:05 to 11:05. Forms can be found on our Collaborative website at www.hricatholic.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.

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.hricatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish> or by contacting the Religious Ed. office.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Baptism information: www.hricatholic.org/Baptism

The next scheduled Baptism class is **Sunday, November 4 at 1:00pm**. Please call the Parish office at 978-462-2724 to pre-register.

November 11 is the date for the next group Baptism.

Reconciliation / First Eucharist

We are beginning the process of preparing students for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Please contact the Religious Ed. office at 978-462-2724 to register your child or for more information. Forms to register are available on the website at <http://www.hricatholic.org/First-Eucharist--First-Reconciliation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>.

Liturgical Ministers

CORI Forms Are Still Outstanding

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!

IC St. Vincent de Paul Walk

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to our very generous parishioners and supporters of the St. Vincent de Paul's "Annual Walk for the Poor." Our walk was blessed with beautiful weather and happy, faith filled participants on Saturday, Sept. 29. Because of your generosity online, in person, on the day of the walk, and donations received in the envelopes given out at Masses, our Immaculate Conception Conference was able to raise **\$13,044.16**.

Special thanks to the Newburyport Five Cents Bank and Stonewall Kitchen for their Corporate donations to the Walk. We are thankful for these community-minded local businesses.

Our neighbors and the disadvantaged in our community thank you so that our St. Vincent de Paul Society can continue to assist them in times of need.

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: \$25 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.

Florida Hurricane Relief

Dear Parishioners,

We have been made aware of an individual family's need in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. This family (a relative of a parishioner) lives in Panama City and lost everything in the storm. They are asking for our help both through a request for donated items as well as through a GoFundMe page. A list of needed items can be found on our website and Facebook pages, but they include basic items for a husband, wife, grandmother, and 3 boys, ages 10, 15, & 17. Maria Hale, a parishioner, will be collecting the donated items in baskets in the foyer of Immaculate Conception Church. Thank you for your generosity in helping our brothers and sisters in need. www.gofundme.com/gxv84-hurricane-michael-relief.

Knights of Columbus

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