

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

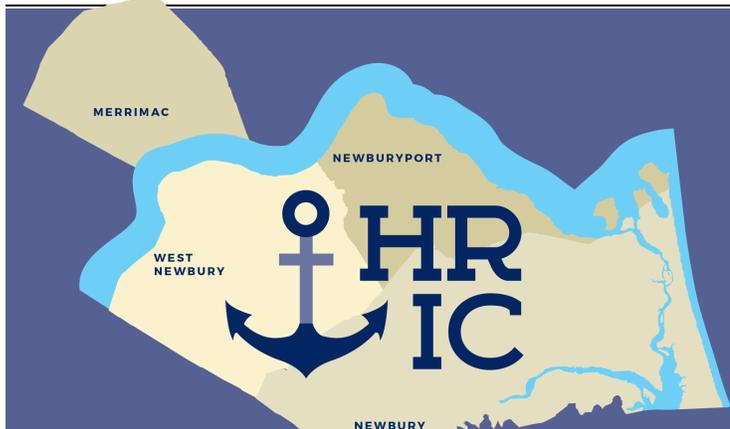
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“Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?” (Mt. 25:44)

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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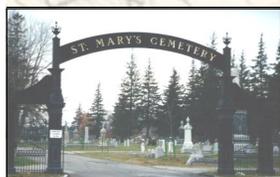
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (11/25)

- 10:30am **Country Manor** (Fr. Broderick)
 4:00pm **IC Robert Cynewski, Virginia DeAngelis, Josephine "Jo" Bridges** (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **Nativity Helen Noone** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (11/26)

- 7:15am **IC JoEllen Cox-Mulica** (Fr. Harrison)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
 9:00am **IC Alan Chu** (Fr. Broderick)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (11/27)

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

Tuesday (11/28)

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

Wednesday (11/29)

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

Thursday (11/30)

- 7:15am **IC William Belair** (Fr. Morin)

Friday (12/1)

- 9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 1:30pm **Avita** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 7:00pm **Ultreya** (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (12/2)

- 2:00pm **Atria** (Fr. Broderick)
 4:00 pm **IC Regina M. Stronge, Stephen M. Boy, Mary Martin, The Alice & George Currier Family, Louise & Charles MacLean, Walter & Stephen Oldak** (Fr. Harrison)
 4:00pm **Nativity Charlotte Zostautus** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (12/3)

- 7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC Helen & Nick Ebacher** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
 11:30am **IC** (Fr. Broderick)

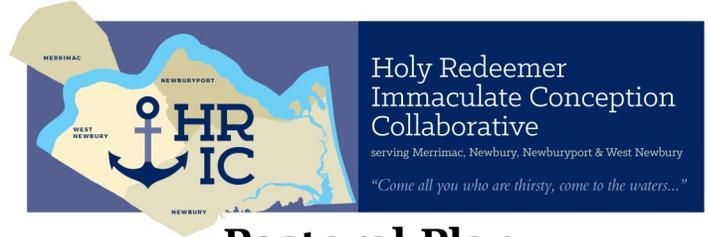
In your prayers, please remember Susanne K. Fleming, Jane A. King, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury



Pastoral Plan Orientation Night

December 4, 2017, 7:00 p.m., IC St. Louis Hall

Thanks to all the interested folks who attended the recent Information Night on the Pastoral Plan. An energetic and enthusiastic crowd turned out ready to bring the Plan into fruition.

An Orientation Program is scheduled for Monday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception St. Louis Hall for all who are interested in participating. All are welcome to join as we undertake the important work of the Welcoming, Discipleship, Vocations, and Service priorities.

To register by phone, please call [Sheila Cruise at 978-462-2724](tel:978-462-2724) at the IC Parish Center, Weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To register online, please visit the HRIC website at www.hriccatholic.org and follow the dropdown link to "Registration—Pastoral Plan Orientation Night."

Please join us for this important work.

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.

Celebrating the Sacraments

Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm or by appointment.

HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass or by appointment.

Baptism

Call the Parish Office for information and to register.

Marriage

Archdiocesan guidelines request that couples planning to marry in the Church contact the church at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick

This Sacrament should not be seen as only administered when there is danger of death. Please call us if someone is in the hospital, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit our website for a full list of activities and Masses

www.hriccatholic.org

Monday, November 27

AA Meeting 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC Religious Ed., Grades 1–8 6:00pm, IC Parish Center
HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
HR Parish Finance Committee Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory
Landings 7:15pm, IC Charity Dining Room
Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, November 28

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
HR St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory
Pastoral Plan Leadership Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Wednesday, November 29

HR Holy Quilters 2:30pm, Nativity Hall
IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church
Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel
Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, November 30

Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel
HR Holiday Fair Wrap-up Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Friday, December 1

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, December 2

ICS North Pole Express
HR Holy Quilters 8:00am, Nativity Hall
HR Religious Ed., First Penance Activity Day 1:30pm, Nativity Church

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

Sunday, December 3

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
HR Religious Ed., Grades 3–6 9:00am, Nativity Hall
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
IC Religious Ed, Grades K–8 10:05am, IC Parish Center
Scripture Study 2:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205
HR Religious Ed., Grade 10 Class 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

Women's Evening of Prayer



The next Women's Evening of Prayer will be Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church, West Newbury. The theme this month will be Mary—Mother of God.

All women of the Collaborative are welcome to this wonderful evening of reflection through prayer and music.

Our Collaborative

Holy Redeemer: St. Ann, W. Newbury & Nativity, Merrimac



Immaculate Conception, Newburyport



Community Food Pantry

First Parish Church of Newbury Community Food Pantry, 20 High Road, Newbury, is open every Friday from 3:00pm–5:00pm for anyone in need in the Collaborative's towns as well as Georgetown, Rowley, and Salisbury. The volunteers are very welcoming and no one is made to feel uncomfortable when visiting. No registration or proof of residency required. Fresh fruit and vegetables, many types of frozen meats, pasta, and desserts, as well as an array of canned goods, toiletries, etc. are available.

If you would like to donate, nonperishable goods, personal hygiene products, and/or pet food may be dropped off on Sunday mornings from 9:30–11:30am. Grocery store gift cards as well as cash/checks (made out to "First Parish" and write "food pantry" in the memo) are always welcome.

Advent Vespers Service

Save the Dates

2nd Annual Advent Vespers Service

Tuesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. at St. James Chapel (IC Parish Center, 2nd floor)

The speaker will be Fr. George Morin; the reflection theme is "Isaiah, Advent's Prophet."

Thursday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. at St. James Chapel (IC Parish Center, 2nd floor)

The speaker will be Mary Schmidt; the reflection theme is "The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mystical Rose."

Join in a Collaborative experience of the centuries-old prayer form in the Tradition of the Catholic Church: music, antiphonal prayer, reflection.

(Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team)



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Youth Masses

Youth Masses are celebrated as a collaborative. Students take part in the ministries during the Mass. Folk music, with guitar, is featured. Youth Masses begin at 5:00pm. All ages are welcome to this lively celebration.

For each Youth Mass, a charity is chosen for donations. Please watch the bulletin for details about that month's charity.

Our next Youth Mass is December 10 at IC, Newburyport

December's Charity: Pregnancy Care Center

For a full list of suggestions, visit our website

www.hriccatholic.org/Youth-Ministry.

Some items needed include:

Baby Gifts (New):

onesies (sizes small, medium, & large) • blanket sleepers: sizes NB to 24 months • new outfits: sizes 0 to 24 months • children's socks: infant to 24 months • stretch sleeper/PJs: sizes NB to 24 months • diapers/Pampers: sizes 1, 3, 4, 5 (no size 2 please) • hooded bath towels & washcloths • crib sheets • baby blankets & receiving blankets • baby wipes & Desitin ointment • baby bath/shampoo • lotion • formula: Similac, powdered • baby food, juices • baby bottles • infant toys and books • XL baby gift bags

Toiletries:

toothpaste • toothbrushes • adult shampoo, conditioner • bar soap, regular sizes

Office Supplies:

Staples/Walmart gift cards • copy paper, 8½ x 11, white & asst'd. colors • white address labels (size ½" x 2⅝") • cover/card stock • postage stamps (forever and postcard)

Bathroom/Kitchen Needs:

liquid hand soap • paper towels/toilet paper/tissues • lg. garbage bags • Ziploc bags, gallon & quart sizes • kitchen-size trash bags • cans of coffee—regular • bottled water • animal crackers—large containers or snack size • snack crackers: Cheez-Its & Wheat Thins—snack size pkgs. • light bulbs, 75 & 100 watt & 3 way • Wal-Mart gift cards

Gift Cards & Cash Donations Always Welcome!

Questions of the Week

Adult: What changes in lifestyle does today's Gospel call you to?

Child: When Jesus comes to judge us, what will He be looking for in our lives?

Volunteers Needed for Avita of Newburyport

Every Sunday, Avita of Newburyport Assisted Living brings residents to Mass at Holy Redeemer. They are in need of volunteers to escort residents from Avita to church and back on the Avita bus at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Please contact Debra Shapiro at deb@avitaofnewburyport.com or 978-225-7000.

Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on December 3

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on December 3 at 2:00 p.m. In the IC Parish Center on the regular scheduled first Sunday of the month. Interested members of the Collaborative are invited to join as we conclude reading the final chapter in *The Acts of the Apostles* and begin reading Paul's *Epistle to the Romans*. This letter was probably written in Corinth several years prior to Paul's actual arduous voyage to Rome as a prisoner. This is Paul's longest letter and widely considered to be his masterpiece. We will read and discuss Chapters 1–3.

Our beloved teacher, Father Broderick, not only explains the meaning of the Scripture passages, but also presents rich description of the period and places cited, as well as the culture and practices of the people involved. He connects the events in the New Testament to Old Testament prophecies and events, as well as to our own time. This is a worthwhile way to spend an hour and fifteen minutes on a Sunday afternoon. All are invited to attend these sessions and grow in knowledge and faith!



Cursillo is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love and joy into your daily life.

2017/2018 Ultreya/Cursillo Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
December 1	December 7–10 (Men)
December 29	January 4–7 (Women)
February 2	February 8–11 (Men)
February 23	March 1–4 (Women)
April 6	April 5–8 (Men)
April 27	May 3–6 (Women)
June 1	June 7–10 (Women)

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

Cor Unum Ministry

Cor Unum Meal Center, located in South Lawrence at St. Patrick Church, is in need of volunteers to serve meals to the poor.

Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer Parishes serve breakfast to the poor of Lawrence on the first Saturday of every month. Volunteers meet in the IC parking lot at 5:00am on Saturday morning. The Center serves breakfast from 6:00am to 8:00am. If you are able to give a few hours of your time serving this meal, please contact Larry Lambert at (978) 462-4842 for further information.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

2017 Grand Annual

A special Grand Annual letter from Father Harrison has been mailed to all registered parishioners. Included is a pledge card to assist in making your Grand Annual gift. You may mail it back to the parish office or place it in the collection at Mass on **December 9 & 10**. Additional pledge cards will be available next weekend.

This past fall, we embarked on an ambitious Capital Campaign, "With One Voice" with a goal of raising \$350,000. This campaign will allow us to address needed updates to our parish facilities. Both St. Ann Church and The Church of the Nativity have several deferred maintenance issues that need our immediate attention.

While the funds raised to date have been a tremendous help to maintaining each church facility, we still need to conduct the Grand Annual collection. 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. Last year we did not conduct a Grand Annual in anticipation of the Capital Campaign. This year it is all the more important that we do so.

We truly appreciate any assistance you can give. We are counting on the many who are able to support our parish in the 2017 Grand Annual drive, at any level of giving. Thank you for your generous support.

"With One Voice"
Capital Campaign
Goal \$350,000
To Date \$254,231.00
71 Families

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



Holy Redeemer Giving Trees

The Giving Trees are placed in the churches at the beginning of Advent to help us aid area programs for people in need during the Christmas season. We are currently giving to five programs: Emmaus, Inc. in Haverhill, The Holiday Helper Program for the Pentucket Area, Pregnancy Care Center in Haverhill and Newburyport areas, Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence, and our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Some of the tags on the trees are for specific items that the groups are requesting, including toys, clothing, and food pantry items. Please return the unwrapped gifts with the tags to the churches by the weekend of December 9–10. This allows time for us to deliver them to the programs to be distributed in time for Christmas. We would ask if you take a tag and can't find the specific item that you either return the tag as soon as possible or consider getting a gift card. Thank you for all your generosity in the past, present, and future. Questions? Call Dottie Carr, 978-363-2909.

Merrimac Santa Parade

This year's parade is Sunday, December 3 and HR will be represented. It has been 16 years since HR has been in the parade. Come to the parade and see our decorated float.

HR Religious Education

Saturday, Dec. 2: Activity Day and **Rehearsal** for Grade 2/ Penance Prep at Nativity Church/Hall, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 3. Grades 3–6 classes at Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Grade 10 class at Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 Grade 8 class at Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 9 Grades 4 and 5 Activity Day at Nativity Church/Hall, 1:00–3:30 p.m. Parents are asked to bring snacks for the students to share. The parish will provide water and juice boxes. Thanks!

Sunday, Dec 10 Grades 3–6 classes at Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Youth Mass: See p. 5 for Details

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport. Offertory collection (envelopes and items) for the Pregnancy Care Center.

Contact info: Office of Religious Education

Doreen O'Leary (Rel. Ed. email: reledhrp@gmail.com)

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



We delivered 15 Thanksgiving Day turkey dinners this weekend. Recipients are from Merrimac and West Newbury. Thank you for your financial support, as those funds allowed us to share Thanksgiving joy with 15 deserving families.

Holy Quilters

Do you like to sew? Join the Holy Quilters! We make quilts, pillowcases, hats, blankets, and so much more. We create and donate to many charitable organizations such as The Salem Pantry Backpack Program, Boys and Girls Club, Merrimack Valley Hope Mission, and many others. We meet in the Nativity Church Hall every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. and also one Saturday a month at 8:00 a.m. Our next Saturday meeting is **December 2**. Bring your sewing machine and join us. All are welcome.

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, December 7**.

HR PARISH



Holiday Fair Thank You

The activities committee is happy—and exhausted—to say that the Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair was very successful! **Thank you** to everyone who donated towards the great success of our fair. We have a nice following of “fairgoers” who look forward to coming each year. We even got a few fairgoers who were not aware of our fair but were enticed by our sign wavers: Meg Arnette, Paige DeBoyes, Cory Foster, Kate Kelly, Luke Kreuser, Anna Milne, Conor O’Neil, Cassandra Plisinski, Isabel Schutz, Katelyn Sudbay, and Lexi Heusser.

Our basket table looked amazing thanks to Roberta Homan, Ellen Colburn, Jackie Willis, Amy Friend and thanks to the gentlemen Peter McDowell, Noah Kreisler, and Ryan Shears who carried out the purchased baskets.

The raffle was organized and run by Barbara and Arnie Boucher. The winner of our \$500 prize was our own parishioner Mr. Flaherty!

When entering the hall you were pleasantly greeted by religious ed. students Hannah Grinnell, Peter McDowell, Kate Shears, Amanda Drislane, Maddie Conover, and Caleigh Beaton.

The nearly new table had so much merchandise...and was displayed so nicely by MaryEllen LaPointe, Stefania Zak, Bridie Hubley, Marie Sullivan, and Emily Boiselle. They had help selling the items from our students Maddie Conover, Megan Reading, Lily Friend, and Penny Friend.

The bake table displayed mountains of baked goods thanks to Pauline Duhamel, Leona Preble, Dorine Gorski, and Sue Crounce.

The kitchen served 14 choices for lunch. Thanks to Marie Greeley, Joyce Nevins, Patti Wendt, Patti Mullen, and Laura Hanlon. Our lunches were served by Laura Homan, Amanda Quinn, and Maureen Quinn

Our silent auction was run by Carole and Tony Sokolowski. There was amazing artwork up for bid!

Most importantly, thanks to the cleanup crew. Our daytime volunteers stayed after the fair to help clean up along with the addition of Albert Petry, Max Petry, Paige Willis, Nancy Foster, Griffin Young, and Boy Scout Troop 41.

The Fair is a “well oiled machine,” but some of our parts are wearing out and need replacing. We also have a need to keep updated, current, and new. Next year, please consider joining this fun group of workers.

- we need/want our entry door decorated
- we need a parking lot director
- we need/want an adult to make and deliver hot chocolate to our sign wavers

There are more Ideas and wants for our Parish Fair. Please consider joining our wrap-up meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, November 30 at Nativity Hall. We’ll discuss what worked, what didn’t work, and what may need changing.

IC PARISH

Baptisms

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

- Harper Marie Bowie • Finley James Crouch •
- Beatrix Belle Garrett • Belle Elise Glasheen •
- Emerson Quinn Lewis • Mikayla Marie Parks

IC Knitting Ministry

We meet Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the IC Parish Center, Room 209. We knit shawls, hats, mittens, and scarves and bring prayers and hope to people who are sick and to their caregivers and to celebrate happy occasions. We also distribute hats and scarves to homeless children. Our membership is open to all. Please join us for knitting, fellowship, and tea (and goodies).

If you know anyone who needs a prayer shawl or for more information please call Frances Ronan 978-462-4972 or Julia O’Connor at 978-465-3350.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive



The Newburyport Knights of Columbus will be conducting its annual Tootsie Roll Drive benefiting people with intellectual disabilities after Masses this weekend, November 25–26.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or youth that have not received the sacraments in the traditional years. Have you been considering it? Please contact Marin Fortune, 978-462-2724 or fortune@newburyportcatholic.org if you would like to learn more about this program.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

This weekend's and next weekend's second collections are Restoration/Renovation.

Grand Annual Goal \$100,000
To Date \$43,855.00
187 Families



2017 Grand Annual

If you did not bring your pledge card with you to Mass this weekend, please mail it back to the parish office or place it in the collection next weekend.

Thank you for your support.

Community Service of Newburyport

During the holidays, Immaculate Conception Church is collecting food for Community Service of Newburyport. Any non-perishable food and personal care products will be greatly appreciated. They especially need pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, Hamburger Helper, boxed potatoes, crackers, canned fruit, coffee, sugar, tuna, soup, etc. and personal care products such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Please, no expired non-perishable food. Please leave items in the IC church foyer. Thank you for your generosity.

Adoration

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



Autumn Events at IC School

Immaculate Conception School



The IC Leadership Team organized a collection of food to provide eleven area families with Thanksgiving dinner. The students in each class contributed to a basket full of all the fixings for breakfast and a delicious Thanksgiving meal. The PTO

provided a gift certificate for each family to purchase a turkey. Service to others, especially during the holiday season, generates such joy in our students and faculty. The students, faculty, staff, and I wish you and your family a most blessed Thanksgiving.



Christmas Flower Envelopes

We are taking monetary donations and memorials for the purchase of flowers for the church for Christmas. You can find the flower envelope in your envelope packet or in the back of the church. It is helpful if you do not have flowers delivered to the church but allow us to purchase them. The deadline for donations is December 11 at noon.

The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause.



Our next monthly support meeting is Monday, November 27 in Room 209 of the IC Parish Center at 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The **December meeting** is Christmas Day, so it will be held after the Annual Candle Lighting on Sunday, December 10.

Annual Candle Lighting is part of a Global memorial by TCF. Our local chapter's candle lighting:

Date: Sunday, December 10

Time: 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. (please arrive at 6:45 p.m.)

Place: Hopkinson home, 64 Northern Blvd, Plum Island, Newbury, MA

Optional: Followed by TCF December Chapter meeting 8:00–9:00 p.m.

Note: Memorial includes candles, music, and readings. Light refreshments served. Bring a photo of your child/grandchild/sibling and an ornament to hang on our Memory Tree. Candles provided.

Contact Barbara J Hopkinson, founder and chapter leader, for questions on either TCF or ABJ at (617) 410-6309 or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

Pope Francis released the Exhortation on the Family. We continue to review the various statements from the Holy Father.

A love that reveals itself and increases: In #133: The love of friendship unifies all aspects of marital life and helps family members to grow constantly. This love must be freely and generously expressed in words and acts. In the family, "three words need to be used. I want to repeat this! Three words: 'Please,' 'Thank you,' 'Sorry.' Three essential words!" "In our families when we are not overbearing and ask: 'May I?'; in our families when we are not selfish and can say: 'Thank you!'; and in our families when someone realizes that he or she did something wrong and is able to say 'Sorry!', our family experiences peace and joy." Let us not be stingy about using these words, but keep repeating them, day after day. For "certain silences are oppressive, even at times within families, between husbands and wives, between parents and children, among siblings." The right words, spoken at the right time, daily protect and nurture love.

School Year IC Religious Education Classes

Registration for the School Year Religious Education Class is ongoing. Registration form:

<http://www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education>

No Class on Sunday, Nov. 26—Holiday.

Next Classes:

- Gr. K–8 Sunday, December 3 10:05–11:05am.
- Gr. 1–8 Monday, November 27 6:00–7:10pm.

Baptism

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

Please pre-register for the class.

Dec. 3 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

Dec. 10 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

Confirmation monthly session is Sunday, December 17 at 1:00–3:00pm in the IC church. Reminder: candidate and adult (sponsor, parent, or another adult) to attend each session. **Catholic School candidates and adults**—next session Sunday, February 4 at 1:00pm in the Charity Dining Room, Room 114. For information and registration go online:

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

First Eucharist

Information/registration for 2017–2018 First Reconciliation and Eucharist is posted on our website: <http://www.hriccatholic.org/First-Eucharist-First-Reconciliation-Immaculate-Conception-Parish>. **Make up for Parent session** for Nov. 5 on **The Mass** will happen **Sunday Dec. 3 at 10:05am** in the hall.

Make up class for candidates on The Mass is on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 10:15am and Monday, Dec. 11 at 6:15pm.

Our next gathering is for **First Reconciliation Celebration** on **Saturday, Dec. 9** at 11:00am in the church.

Landings

Landings for Returning Catholics: Our last session is on The Catholic Life and Christian Prayer on Monday, November 27 from 7:15–9:00pm in the IC Charity Dining Room 114. The next Landings series will begin Tuesday, January 30 7–9pm at Church of the Nativity—Hall, Merrimac.

Youth Mass—Sunday, December 10: See p. 5 for Details

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, December 10 at IC at 5:00pm. Collection: donations to Pregnancy Care Center. Service activity after Mass: 6:00–7:30pm, Pizza and then creating fleece items for Pregnancy Care Center new moms and infants in the hall.

IC Religious Ed. Assembly

Our next assembly is for Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego



Sunday, December 10 (10:50 a.m.) and Monday, December 11 (6:50 p.m.), Religious Education will host a prayer celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, and St. Juan Diego, Patron of Indigenous Peoples, in St. Louis Hall. All are welcome to join in this gathering.

Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

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

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.

Scripture for the Week

26 Sun	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
27 Mon	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
28 Tue	Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
29 Wed	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
30 Thu	Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
1 Fri	Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
2 Sat	Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
3 Sun	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



The Holy Jammers is an impromptu group of musicians that meet on Wednesdays in the IC Pastoral Center, second floor, at 9:00am. Anyone is welcome. Bring your instrument.