

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

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“This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.” (From Genesis 9)





All Are Welcome



SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for an evening of fun and celebration at this year's auction!

Saturday, March 17, 2018

-  6 pm until 10 pm
-  Tickets \$40 per person, includes cheese and vegetable table, delicious food stations, dessert and one complimentary drink
-  Festive attire is encouraged!
-  Cash bar

Tickets can be purchased on-line at icsnewburyport.com

WE NEED YOU! BE A PART OF THE IC SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR!

How can you help?

- 1 Volunteer your time to help plan!** Contact Mary Boddy at boddymary@yahoo.com or Amy Salvati at amysalvati@comcast.net. Many hands make light work!
- 2 Donate** specialty items, vacation homes, sports memorabilia, sports/concert/theater tickets, goods, services, cash to "fund" special packages.
- 3 Join Us!** Please make your plans to join in the fun on the evening of the March 17th – it's a great time to socialize with your school community and support our school's operating budget.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (2/17)

4:00pm **IC** *Bill Lindquist* (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (2/18)

7:15am **IC** *Chris Riley* (Fr. Broderick)

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

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

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

11:30am **IC** *John, George & Catherine Bogue,
For the intentions of Patricia Baikewicz*
(Fr. Harrison)

Monday (2/19)

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

Tuesday (2/20)

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

Wednesday (2/21)

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

Thursday (2/22)

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

Friday (2/23)

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

Saturday (2/24)

10:30am **Country Rehab** (Fr. Broderick)

4:00pm **IC** *Mary O'Donnell* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (2/25)

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

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Broderick)

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

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

In your prayers, please remember Beatrice Jean Roy, Charles Fraley, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury



Landings meets on Monday, February 26 from 7:30–9:00 p.m. in the IC Charity Dining Room 114. To find out more about LANDINGS, please contact: Dr. Mag McKinnon mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org or 978-462-2724 ext. 7405.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Over the course of my life, I have seen rainbows hundreds of times. And yet, every time, it still takes my breath away and makes me pause. “How beautiful and amazing,” my heart cries out! Every time.



From my high school physics class, I know the mechanics of how it works—water droplets suspended in the air at a certain angle from the sunlight and...voila: instant rainbow. But knowing how they are made and why they show up at certain moments doesn't take away the beauty and wonder of it all. Rainbows do what they are supposed to do: make us pause and remember how wonderful our God is, and what a beautiful world God has created for us to live in. The Book of Genesis takes it one step further, seeing the rainbow as a reminder of God's covenant with us, that God will not allow the flood waters to overtake us, that God will bless and protect all who live on the earth.

It is fitting that we begin our Lenten journey this year with this colorful image etched in our hearts. Although we have much work left to do in confronting sin and death, righting wrongs, overcoming injustice, helping those in need...we begin not with an admonition, but a promise of God's enduring love and faithfulness. Maybe that is where we need to begin in our hearts as well. No matter what this Lenten journey will be for any one of us, no matter what inner conversion we need to embrace, no matter what penance we must perform, if we start with recognizing how much we are loved by the Lord, treasured by our God for simply who we are, then this becomes a time of joyfully turning our hearts to the Lord in an ever greater way.

When is the last time you saw a rainbow? What did the experience say to you about God? What response might we offer from it?

Lenten Blessings,

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

See our calendar at hriccatholic.org for more activities.

Monday, February 19, President's Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

No Religious Ed., Holiday Break

Tuesday, February 20

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

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

Pastoral Plan Vocation Priority Meeting 7:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

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

Wednesday, February 21

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

Confessions 6:30pm, IC Church

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, February 22

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

HR Grade 8 Sandwich Making 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

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

Pastoral Plan Welcoming Priority Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Friday, February 23

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Staff Meeting 8:30am, IC Charity Dining Room

Lenten "Simple Supper" before Stations 6:15pm, Nativity Hall

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

Ultreya 7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/Charity Dining Room

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm IC Church

Saturday, February 24

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

HR Dinner & Bingo Night 5:00pm, Nativity Hall

Sunday, February 25

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church

No Religious Ed., Holiday Break

Cursillo

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. The next *Cursillo* weekend is March 1–4 (Women)

Ultreya is held in the St. James Chapel in the IC Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. The next *Ultreya* is February 23. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on February 18



Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on the regular scheduled third Sunday of the month, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Parish Center.

This would be an ideal time for interested members of the Collaborative to join the study group as we continue reading St. 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 3–6.

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.

Travel Information Night

"Italia Due" a Pilgrimage to Northern Italy

Join Fr. Tim and our Travel Ministry Group

When: February 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Immaculate Conception Parish Center, Charity Dining Room

See & hear the highlights for our planned October 2018 Itinerary—*Lake Como, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Siena, and Assisi*.

Also, we are pre-planning info. for our Passion Play Pilgrimage to Oberammergau Germany in 2020.

Light Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend. All are welcome.



Florence —
the heart
of the
Renaissance

Skipper's Alley Performance

As part of the Belleville Roots Music Series, enjoy an evening of wonderful **traditional Irish music** from Skipper's Alley. Irish step dancers from Bracken School of Irish Dance, Salisbury, start the show (beginning at 7:15). Skipper's Alley, a modern Irish folk band with an old school approach, begins at 8:00. Tickets are \$35 at the door (cash or check only) or \$30 in advance.

When: Friday, March 2 at 8:00 p.m. (doors open at 7:00)

Where: Belleville Congregational, 300 High St., Nbpt.

More Info.: www.bellevilleroots.org

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

2018 Catholic Appeal



Hopefully, you received an email this week with a link to the 2018 **Catholic Appeal video**. If you have not seen this inspiring, brief video, a link is available at bostoncatholicappeal.org.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Winter Weather Mass Cancellations



Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if Immaculate Conception School, Pentucket Regional, or Newburyport Public Schools, are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Religious Education classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.

Questions of the Week

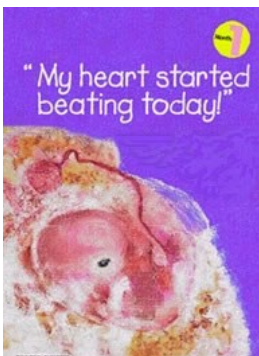
Adult: In what ways can you identify with Jesus in the desert during this Lenten period?

Child: What will you do this Lent to become more like Jesus?

Spiritual Adoption Program

Watch here each month for the **Baby's Development**

Thank you for participating in this Spiritual Adoption program! We hope you enjoy it.



First Month:

At fertilization a new human life begins, complete with his or her own unique set of DNA, which is present from the first moment of life. The new little person's sex is also determined from the moment of conception. During this first amazing month, the baby grows to 10,000 times his/her size at conception. By the third week, the baby's heart begins to beat.

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Youth SNOWCAMPS



Snowcamps, a high-energy, activity-filled, spiritual growth experience weekend for 7–8 graders, is held at Camp Brookwoods, Alton, NH. Get ready for fun, friendships, music, games, and faith sharing from teens and adults.

Join the fun with the 100+ junior high kids from several different parishes throughout the Archdiocese. There are two SNOWCAMPS weekends: February 23–25 or March 2–4. Cost for the weekend is \$183. To learn more or to download an application, visit www.snowcampsparty.com. Contact Fr. George with questions, 978-462-2724.

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. The charity for March is First Parish Church Food Pantry, Newbury. Donation suggestions include food (dry or canned), toiletry supplies (especially toothbrushes and toothpaste), toilet paper, paper towels, children's diapers any size.

Youth Mass Schedule

March 4 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
March 25 at Nativity, Merrimac
May 20 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport



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LENT IN THE COLLABORATIVE

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7:00pm at **both Immaculate Conception Church and Nativity Church.**

Stations of the Cross at **Nativity** will include a “Simple Supper” that will be served in the Nativity Hall beginning at 6:00. There is no cost for the meal.

Helping Our Homeless

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

The Newburyport YWCA has conducted its annual census of the homeless in our community. And, while statistics are not yet available, it is expected there are close to 500 homeless people in our community and over half of them are children! In an effort to ease the suffering and as a Collaborative-wide Lenten observance, we again will be collecting “Homeless Care Packs” in all three churches. A Homeless Care Pack is a one-gallon Ziploc bag filled with personal care items for men and women. They will be distributed to local agencies serving our homeless, including our own Pelican Intervention Fund, St. Vincent de Paul, Pettengill House, Salvation Army, and Community Service, as well as distributed by our youth attending the annual 20-hour famine. Travel-size personal care items are the best size and can be found in most pharmacies in the area. There will be a collection box at the entrance of each church. For more information or to help, please contact Jonathan Temple, 978-809-9337 or jntemple@comcast.net. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

Items needed:

Shampoo	Cough drops	Feminine hygiene products (Women)
Toothbrush	Protein bars	Umbrellas
Toothpaste	Soap	Antiseptic Wipes
Deodorant	Life Savers candy	
Razor	Disposable face cloths	No loose items, please
Socks	Kleenex packs	
Gloves	Hand sanitizer	
Shaving Cream		

Reconciliation During Lent

On all Wednesdays of Lent from 6:30–8:00pm, all parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for individual confession. To help prepare, visit TheLightIsOnForYou.org to see videos on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sheets on how to make a good confession, answers to frequently-asked questions, and more. Please make plans to come and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

Collaborative Confessions (6:30pm–8:00pm)

February 21 IC
 February 28 Nativity
 March 14 Penance Service, IC 7:00 p.m.
 March 21 Saint Ann
 March 28 IC



HRIC Lenten Mission

Save the Dates

Location: Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

Time: 7:00pm–8:30pm

Dates: Monday–Wednesday, March 5–7

Speaker: Sr. Lisa Valentini

Watch the bulletin for more details.

Centering Prayer for Lent

Our Lenten reflection on Jesus’ words and works reveals Jesus’ intimate relationship with his Father. We see the depth of Jesus’ faith, trust, and love for God. This relationship developed through prayer. Often we see Jesus withdraw from the crowds and even his apostles to pray alone in silence. Jesus tells us “When you pray, go into your private room, shut yourself in, and so pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you” (Matt 6:6). In Centering Prayer you enter your private room.

Lent is a time to follow Jesus more closely and learn from the fully human Jesus how to pray by entering your secret room, spending time that places God at the center of your life, opening yourself to a loving Father, surrendering your will and in trust allowing God to transform you. This is how we pray as we Center in silence.

Please join us for Centering Prayer Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the IC Conference Room 209.

Women’s Evening of Prayer



Join us for a Women’s Evening of Prayer on Wednesday, March 15 at St. Ann Church at 7:00pm. The theme for the evening is Strength and Courage. All women of the Collaborative are welcome to this evening filled with prayer and song.

Lenten Regulations

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. All **Fridays** during Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should take these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory February 10-11	\$3,157.00
Monthly	\$2,168.00

2017 Grand Annual

The Holy Redeemer Grand Annual collection has raised **\$16,255.00** to date with 51 families participating.

It is not too late to return your pledge card. Bring it to Mass next weekend or mail it to the parish office. Your participation in the Grand Annual Collection is sincerely appreciated.

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, March 1.**

Holy Redeemer Ham Dinner & Bingo Night

February 24, 5:00 p.m.

Join Holy Redeemer Parish for a fun night out: Dinner (ham, macaroni and cheese, salad, roll, and homemade pie) are included. Tickets are \$8 each. Three bingo games will follow dinner. Bingo cards are \$1 each. Prizes (gift basket, gift card, cash) will be awarded to the winners.

Bakers Needed



Would you help us by **baking a pie** for our ham dinner on Saturday, February 24. Sign up sheets are in the back of both churches.

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann** in W. Newbury on **March 3.**

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



Praying, fasting and abstinence, and almsgiving are cornerstone activities that are carried out during Lent.

Please take a mite box as you leave Mass, fill it, and return it at Easter. All donations will be used by SVdP to help local clients in need. Your generosity is appreciated.

Thank you for supporting and helping our clients. 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

No classes this week. Enjoy your vacation!

Stations of the Cross are being prayed every Friday evening at Church of the Nativity, Merrimac during Lent, all are invited. The stations begin at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to read a station, please arrive by 6:45 p.m. We encourage our Religious Education families to lead the stations.

A **Simple Supper** precedes the Stations of the Cross beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Merrimac Hall. Please join us.

Thursday, Feb. 22, Grade 8 Sandwich Making, Nativity Hall, 6:00 p.m. (during school vacation week) **Grade 8 students will be making sandwiches for the Merrimack Valley Hope Mission.** An email will be sent soon for the supplies needed to make the lunches to be delivered to GAR Park. *Bring a friend!*

Our next **First Graders' Activity Day** is Saturday, March 3 at Merrimac beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a snack to share. Our day will end at 3:30 p.m.

Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

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

Stations of the Cross/ Simple Supper

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7:00pm at Nativity. A **"Simple Supper"** will be served in the hall beginning at 6:00. There is no cost for the meal.

Activities Committee Updates

HR Activities Committee is planning ahead:

Ham Dinner Bakers Needed: Would you help us by **baking a pie** for our ham dinner on Saturday, February 24? Sign up sheets are in the back of both churches.

Easter Church Cleaning Helpers Needed: Would you help us **clean the inside of our churches** for Easter? We are organizing two crews for Saturday, March 24 at 9:00 a.m. Sign-up sheets are in the back of both churches.

Raffle Night Donations Needed: Would you donate a **new** item (of any type) for our **Raffle Night** on April 28?

Spring Church Yards Clean up: Saturday, May 19

Contact: Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

Holy Redeemer Raffle Night

Save the Date: April 28

Holy Redeemer will hold Raffle Night on Saturday, April 28 at Nativity Hall. Join us for dinner and raffles. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Watch the bulletin for details and for ways you can help out.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

February 10–11 \$8,843.00
Monthly \$2,153.00

This week's second collection is St. Vincent de Paul. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

Grand Annual Goal \$100,000
To Date \$75,250.00
310 Families



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 20.00
Poor Box	\$115.00
Total	\$135.00

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, riccatholic.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.

Stations of the Cross

Join us at 7:00pm every Friday during Lent at Immaculate Conception Church for Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to this traditional Lenten devotion.



Immaculate Conception School



Extra-curricular activities are an important part of the school experience for students at the IC. It is through opportunities outside the classroom that children can pursue a special interest or simply try something new. We are very fortunate to have a basketball program that provides even our youngest students with a team opportunity and a chance to shine in a very different way than in the classroom. Last weekend our 4th to 8th grade basketball teams played in the Merrimack Valley Catholic League playoffs. Championships were won by grade 7 boys and grade 5, 6, 7, and 8 girls! We have many dedicated parents who coach our teams and help the IC students to be the best they can be on the basketball court. What a fantastic effort and wonderful experience for our students.



*Pictured:
Grade 8
Varsity
Girls
Champions*

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 monthly support meetings are held in Room 209 of the IC Parish Center at 7:30 to 9:00pm on the fourth Monday of the month. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. **Our next meeting is February 26.** Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at (617) 410-6309 or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

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.



Adoration

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

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

Love and pregnancy In #169: A pregnant woman can participate in God's plan by dreaming of her child. "For nine months every mother and father dreams about their child...You can't have a family without dreams. Once a family loses the ability to dream, children do not grow, love does not grow, life shrivels up and dies." For Christian married couples, baptism necessarily appears as a part of that dream. With their prayers, parents prepare for baptism, entrusting their baby to Jesus even before he or she is born.

School Year IC Religious Education Classes

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

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

- No Classes: February 18–19, 25—Winter break and March 4–5.
- In place of Religious Education classes on March 4 and 5—we have the **Collaborative Lenten Mission with Sr. Lisa Valentini, Missionary Sister of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**. She will be our Mission Speaker and asks for all families in Religious Education (Summer and School year programs), First Eucharist and Confirmation (Summer and School year processes) to attend the Mission on Monday, March 5 from 7:00–8:30pm at IC Church. This evening will be focused on families and faith. We hope you can join us Tuesday and Wednesday as well.

Next Classes:

- Gr. K–8 Sunday, March 11 10:05–11:05am.
- Gr. 1–8 Monday, February 26 6:00–7:10pm.

Baptism

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

Please pre-register for the class. There are no classes or baptisms during Lent.

Apr. 8 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

Apr. 15 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

Confirmation Year 2 for Summer & School year candidates: Public, Private, & Catholic school candidates

Session is Sunday, March 18 at 1:00–3:00pm in the church. Reminder: candidate and adult (sponsor, parent, or another adult) to attend the session.

Catholic School candidates Year 2 and adults—next session Sunday, March 4 at 1:00–3:00pm in the Charity Dining Room 114.

For information and registration go online:

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

First Eucharist

Information/registration for 2017–2018 First Reconciliation and Eucharist is posted on our website: <http://www.hricatholic.org/First-Eucharist-First-Reconciliation-Immaculate-Conception-Parish>.

Our next 1st Eucharist session for candidates and parents is Sunday, March 11 from 1:00–3:00pm. Walk through the Mass with Fr. George in the church.

Landings

Landings meets on Monday, February 26 from 7:30–9:00pm in the IC Charity Dining Room 114. To find out more about LANDINGS, please contact: Dr. Mag McKinnon 978-462-2724 ext. 7405, mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org.

Mardi Gras Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported Mardi Gras this year. We hope all had a good time. Thank you to all who cooked and baked; who sold tickets, decorated the hall, served food, cleaned up, donated prizes for the raffle. We are very grateful to our many volunteers—you are a blessing to our community!



**Food, fun,
friendship,
and more at
Mardi Gras**