

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

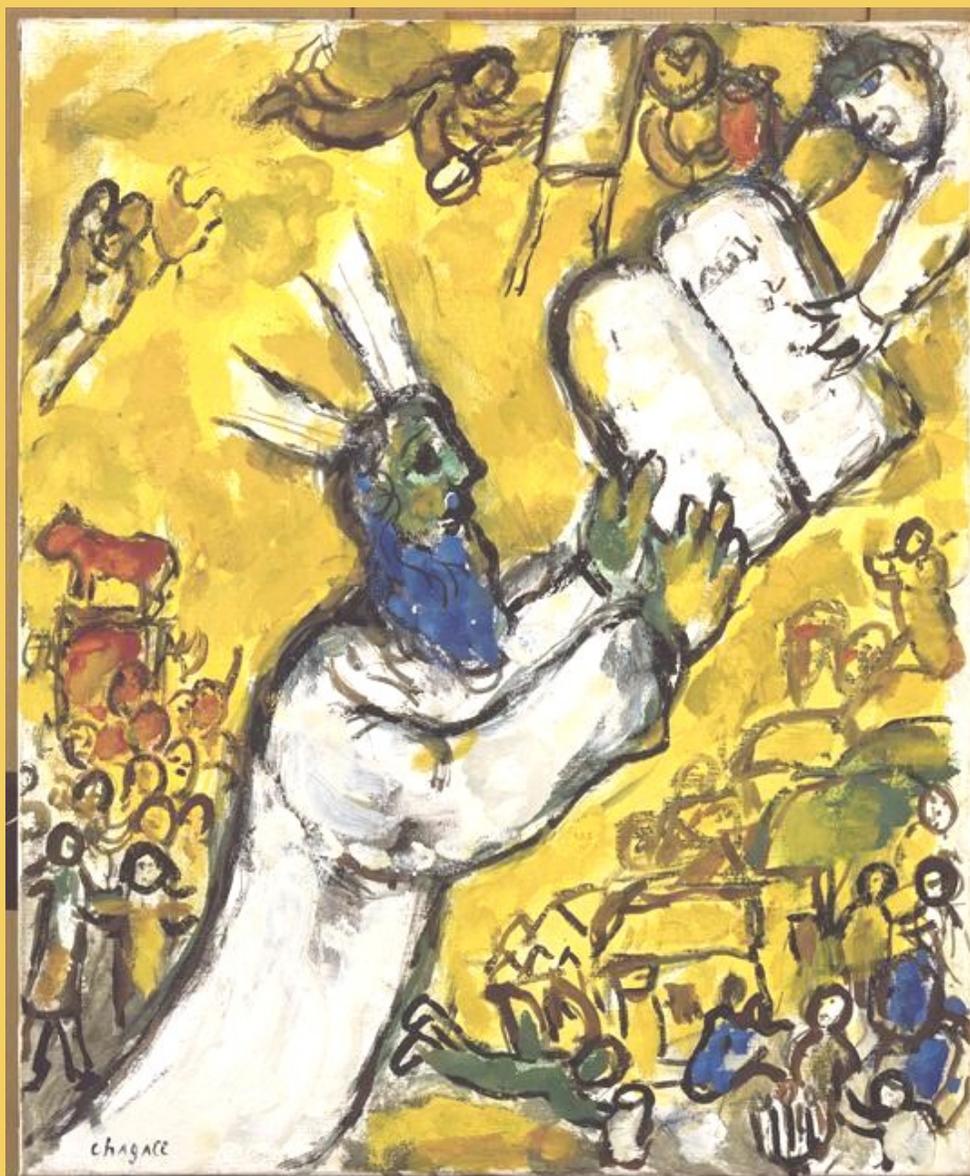
SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017

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All Are Welcome



“Moses Receives the Ten Commandments”

Marc Chagall
(1887–1985)

OUR COLLABORATIVE

Holy Redeemer Parish



St. Ann

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Immaculate Conception

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (2/18)

4:00pm **IC** *Peter Santa Maria, William Lindquist*
(Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (2/19)

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

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

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

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

11:30am **IC** *Edith Ryan, Lillian Pecht, Bill Powell*
(Fr. Broderick)

Monday (2/20)

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

Tuesday (2/21)

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

Wednesday (2/22)

7:15am **IC** *Joseph Brown, Jr.* (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (2/23)

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

Friday (2/24)

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

Saturday (2/25)

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

4:00pm **IC** *Sean Cooke* (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (2/26)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Betty Parisi, Pauline Lattener Kane & Family* (Fr. Broderick)

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

11:30am **IC** *Henry Reslewic, Joseph. H. Brown, Jr.*
(Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Joanne Brislin, Elizabeth "Betty" Ventura, Frederick Noone, Victoria Gibbs, Thomas A. Navarra, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Reflection

Dear Friends,

Father Tim is away on Retreat with a group of priests from the Archdiocese. I have been texting him regularly: "It's snowing!" I guess he picked a good time to be away. In his absence, let me share with you a few thoughts and some of the projects that I am working on in our Parish Collaborative.



Visiting the local synagogue, Congregation Ahavas Achim, I was drawn to beautiful art pieces portraying various events of the Hebrew Scriptures (parts of which we call the Old Testament). Several frames are reproductions of works by Marc Chagall who was born in Russia and much of his imagery is firmly rooted in the Jewish faith and culture in which he was raised. His style seems childlike, a blending of reality and a vivid imagination creating colorful compositions on canvas as well as stained glass, mosaics, and tapestries. The cover of our bulletin this week is an example of Chagall's art. It represents Moses receiving the Commandments directly from God. Moses, suspended mid-air, reaches forward to receive the tablets of stone from God himself, tablets on which God has etched the commandments of his new law and covenant. Moses is often represented in art as having horns. In this painting Chagall has streams of light coming out of Moses' head. The horns, or in this case, the streams of light refer to Exodus 34: 29–35. When Moses returned from his encounters with God, his face would shine so brightly that the people could hardly look at him because of his brilliance. In the first reading of today's Mass, God speaks to us through Moses: "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy." Then Moses, continuing to speak on God's behalf, tells us what this holiness is: "You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart" and "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." In our Gospel passage this week, which is a continuation of the Sermon on the Mount from the Evangelist Matthew, Jesus, whom we call the new Moses, calls us to be perfect

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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 either Pentucket Regional or Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Religious Education classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Chanel 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.

Women's Evening of Prayer



Join us for a Women's Evening of Prayer on Wednesday, March 8 at St. Ann Church at 7:00pm. The theme will be **Prayer**. All women in the Collaborative are welcome.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit www.hriccatholic.org for more events and details

Monday, February 20 President's Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

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

Tuesday, February 21

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

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

Plan Writing Team Subgroup Meeting 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Knights of Columbus, Assembly 391 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Wednesday, February 22

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

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 Nazareth Library Room 205

Book Discussion Group 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, February 23

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

Friday, February 24

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

AA 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

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

Saturday, February 25

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

Sunday, February 26

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

RCIA 10:15am, IC Youth Ministry Room

Collaborative Town Hall Meeting 12:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Baptisms 3:00pm, IC Church

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(Holy?! We might wonder what perfection consists of: "I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father...." As Lent approaches, (Ash Wednesday is March 1), we have a wonderful opportunity to consider "holiness" and "being perfect" and how we reflect the brilliance of God.

And speaking of Lent: For many months our Adult Faith Formation Team has been planning our Lenten Program. As we did last year, we invite you to join us on the Thursdays of Lent at 6:30 p.m. at Nativity in Merrimac and on the Fridays of Lent at 12:00 noon at the Parish Center in Newburyport. We will have a simple meal (soup and bread), enjoy fellowship, hear a talk on the Models of the Church (see Bulletin for topics to be discussed), enter into discussion, build community, and pray together. Last year 109 people joined us for one or more or all of the presentations! What a great response! Know that you are invited and that your presence is needed and valued.

And please keep the evenings of April 3, 4, and 5 open. It will be our Lenten Collaborative Mission. We will welcome priests who have served here in the past and have made a significant spiritual impact on many people. Here is a brief overview of the Lenten Mission: Monday with Father Robert Connors. His topic: Welcoming—Forming Welcoming Parishes. Tuesday with Father Matt Williams. His topic: Evangelization and Service—What is Evangelization all about? And what does it mean to me? Wednesday with Father Derek Borek. His topic: Forming Intentional Disciples—What does that mean? The time and location of the Lenten Mission is 7:00 p.m. each evening at Immaculate Conception Church. Last year our Lenten Mission had over 1,000 people attending. A Lenten Mission is an opportunity for personal spiritual growth and building up our Catholic community. Your presence is needed and valued.

The Lenten Mission will start with a special youth night on Sunday, April 2 at the Church of the Nativity, Merrimac with Andrea Alberti, who served as the Youth Minister in Newburyport. Andrea is a faith-filled person who shares her faith daily with the students at Saint Mary Junior High and Senior High in Lynn.

SnowCAMPS is coming real soon! SnowCAMPS is a program designed especially with the 7th and 8th grader in mind. It is fast moving, with games, music, talks, faith sharing, discussion, prayer, and Sunday Mass! As many young people have said to me, "this was the best weekend of my life!" There are many adults, high school and college age students who serve on the staff in what is a wonderful example of youth ministry. SnowCAMPS is held at Camp Brookwoods in Alton, NH from Friday night until Sunday afternoon on the weekends of February 24–26 and March 3–5. In all, there are about 250 junior high students who attend SnowCAMPS each year. We would love to have more of our youth attend—and perhaps some of our older young people and parents to serve on the CAMPS staff!

Have a Blessed Week! Father George

Preparing for Mass

Visit <http://liturgy.slu.edu> to read this weekend's Scripture, historical and theological commentaries, and prayerful reflections. It is a great way to get ready to hear and respond to God's Word.

Questions of the Week

Adult: What are some concrete ways you can "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"?

Child: Jesus tells us that He wants us to love others, even those who wrong us, the way that He did. How can you show your love to someone who has hurt you?



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

2nd Annual Collaborative Adult Lenten Series & Meal

The theme is Vatican II's Vision of
"The 5 Models of the Catholic Church"

Week 1: Fr George Morin presents Community

Thursday, March 2, Nativity Hall (6:30pm–8:00pm)
Friday, March 3, IC St. Louis Hall (noon–1:30pm)

Week 2: Mary Schmidt presents Institution

Thursday, March 9, Nativity Hall (6:30–8:00pm)
Friday, March 10, IC St. Louis Hall (noon–1:30pm)

Week 3: Fr Tim Harrison presents Sacrament

Thursday, March 16, Nativity Hall (6:30–8:00pm)
Friday, March 17, IC St. Louis Hall (noon–1:30pm)

Week 4: Dr. Mag McKinnon presents Herald

Thursday, March 23, Nativity Hall (6:30pm–8:00pm)
Friday, March 24, IC St. Louis Hall (noon–1:30pm)

Week 5: Joan Rossi presents Servant

Thursday, March 30, Nativity Hall (6:30–8:00pm)
Friday, March 31, IC St. Louis Hall (noon–1:30pm)

Presentations hope to highlight HRIC's Pastoral Plan for Disciples in Mission while fostering the formation of lay adults as intentional Catholics.

All sessions are **free**, include a light meal, a personal witness talk by a peer, and small-group discussion based on a faith-building question. Watch the bulletin for questions so you can ponder your response in advance; then see if your answer shifts or deepens after hearing the presenters' Models of the Church.

(Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team (AFFT))



Bulletin Information

Please supply bulletin information by Monday noon to the collaborative bulletin email: hricbulletin@gmail.com.

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.

Celebration of the Priesthood

Save the Date

Fr. Tim Harrison's 25th Anniversary to the Priesthood

Celebrate our wonderful Pastor and Laetare Sunday.

All are welcome on Sunday, March 26, 2017 for the 11:30 a.m. concelebrated Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport, followed by a reception at the IC School gym from 12:30–3:00 p.m.

Come together and rejoice in this Collaborative event with your presence and hospitality and gratitude.

2nd Annual HRIC Lenten Mission

Location: Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

Time: 7:00pm–8:00pm

Dates: Monday–Wednesday, April 3–5

Speakers:

Fr. Bob Connors (Monday, April 3) speaks about Hospitality: Forming Welcoming Parishes.

Fr. Matt Williams (Tuesday, April 4) speaks about Evangelization & Service: What It Means.

Fr. Derek Borek (Wednesday, April 5) speaks about Discipleship: Forming Intentional Disciples.

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 Wednesdays, 6:00–7:00pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205. For information contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or visit www.hriccatholic.org.

Youth SnowCAMPS

SnowCAMPS: A weekend specifically designed with the junior high student in mind with lots of fun, friendships, music, games, faith sharing witness talks by teens and adults. Sign up soon for the best weekend of your life! Join the fun with the 100+ junior high kids from several different parishes from throughout the Archdiocese. SnowCAMPS will be held this year on two weekends: February 24–26 and March 3–5 at Camp Brookwoods in Alton, NH. Questions? Call Father George at 978-462-2724 or click the snowflake at hriccatholic.org.



Cursillo & Ultreya

Cursillo The next Cursillo is March 2–5 (women) at St. Basils, Methuen.

Ultreya The next Ultreya is February 24, 7:00pm at IC.

Questions about Cursillo or Ultreya? Contact Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Second Pastoral Plan Town Hall

February 26, 2017 • All are invited



Join Father Tim and the Writing Team in St. Louis Hall immediately after the 11:30 am Mass at Immaculate Conception for a 1.5 hour review and discussion of our HRIC Pastoral Plan.

To request an advance *online* copy, go to the HRIC website, www.hriccatholic.org and on the HRIC Home Page, fill out the online form to request an online copy.

Pizza will be served. Your advance registration will help us gauge the number of attendees. There is no cost associated with attending.

God bless and see you then!

Scripture for the Week

- 19 Sun** Lv 19:1-2,17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
- 20 Mon** Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
- 21 Tue** Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
- 22 Wed** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
- 23 Thu** Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50
- 24 Fri** Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12
- 25 Sat** Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16
- 26 Sun** Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on February 19, 2017

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on its regular third Sunday of the month, February 19 at 2:00pm in the IC Parish Center. This would be an ideal time for interested members of the Collaborative to join the study group as we read and discuss *The Acts of the Apostles*, Chapter 2, verse 37–Chapter 5. In this second book, written between 80 and 90 A.D., Luke continues the story of Christianity in the first century. The early chapters, set in Jerusalem, describe the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the leadership of St. Peter after he is filled with the Holy Spirit, and the growth of the early Church there. As interested followers become believers and Peter heals a man crippled from birth in the name of Jesus Christ, Jewish Church leaders become concerned, arrest Peter and John, and bring them before the Sanhedrin. Their warnings do not deter the Christian community as members begin to live a communal life, sharing what they have with those in need.

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.

Mardi Gras Celebration

A Mardi Gras celebration is coming on **Monday, February 27** in the IC Parish Hall. Dinner is being served in two seatings—4:00 and 6:00 p.m. **Limited seating.**

We have begun selling Mardi Gras dinner tickets to benefit the Pelican Intervention Fund (Providing funds for 12 step residential treatment to addicts and alcoholics in the Greater Newburyport area) after weekend Collaborative Masses and at the IC Parish Center. \$10/adult and \$5 for children. Ages 5 and under are free. Limited seating.



The celebration will include traditional foods of New Orleans, crafts, raffles, and more. Everyone is welcome.

Youth Masses

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, March 12 at IC.

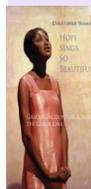
Other Youth Masses (5:00pm) for the Year

- March 12 Immaculate Conception
- April 2 Holy Redeemer, Church of the Nativity
- May 7 Immaculate Conception

Collaborative Book Discussion

Last meeting: February 22

Book Discussion continues on *Hope Sings, So Beautiful* by Christopher Pramuk on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00pm in the Charity Dining Room 114. This is our last session. Chapters 7-9. Pramuk offers a mosaic of images and sketches for thinking and praying through difficult questions about race. The reader will encounter the perspectives of artists, poets, and theologians from many different ethnic and racial communities.



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.

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 the IC Conference Room 209 from 7:30–9:00pm on the 4th Monday of the month. The next meeting is February 27.

Questions?

Contact Barbara J. Hopkinson, founder and chapter leader, 617-410-6309, or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory, February 11–12 \$7,314.00
 Monthly \$1,450.00

This week's second collection is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to IC Haiti.** Next weekend's second collection is St. Vincent DePaul. **Please make checks payable to St. Vincent DePaul.**

**Grand Annual
 Goal \$100,000
 To Date \$67,295.00
 249 Families**



\$100,000
 \$50,000
 \$10,000

IC Haiti

In order to carry out our mission to the people we are currently serving in Haiti, particularly the schoolchildren of the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school in Puit Chacha, IC-Haiti is permitted to take up four collections a year. You have demonstrated your ongoing support for our mission by your constant generosity both during these quarterly collection weekends and in response to emergency appeals following natural disasters and medical crises in Haiti.

The next IC-Haiti collection, the first one this year, will take place the weekend of February 18–19. Thanks to your generosity at the time of our December 2016 collection, we were able to meet the increased costs for the daily food program for the schoolchildren in Puit Chacha for the remainder of this school year. These dramatic cost increases for food products are directly related to the devastating effects the October hurricane had upon agriculture in the southern peninsula of Haiti.

Thank you for trusting IC-Haiti to use your kind donations wisely in service to our brothers and sisters in Christ in Haiti.

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.

Breaking Bread

St. Vincent de Paul's Breaking Bread dinner program invites you to share a little of your time and talents by volunteering to prepare and cook for our guests. For more information, contact Bunny Chiasson, 978-465-5810 or sandbunnyc@yahoo.com.

Immaculate Conception School

Dear Friends,

Between the Super Bowl, snow, and ice we have had quite an exciting time at IC lately.



The students were able to watch part of the Moving Rally as it was streamed live in the gymnasium. This was a wonderful way to spend a snowy morning!



This Week's Visit to Immaculate Conception School:

With our first full "snow day" for this school year, students and faculty were able to try out their new "Snow Bags!" In the fall, faculty prepared and sent home learning materials for five days of possible school cancellations. Students complete activities at home and bring in evidence of their learning to school the next day. This new program allows learning to continue and helps avoid make-up time in June.

Zero the Hero visited Immaculate Conception School to help celebrate 100 days of school. He sang songs and counted with the children. He also gave the students a tee shirt encouraging them to keep counting!



Sincerely, Mary Reardon, Principal

Upcoming Events

Fashion Show ~ Sunday, March 5, 1–3 pm

135th Gala ~ Friday, May 19, 7–10 pm

Tuesday Tours ~ IC school tours, including classroom visits, second Tuesday of each month, 9–11 am.

For more information about the school events please call our office at (978) 465-7780.

Congratulations to the 2016–2017 Calendar Winners

Monique Labrecque 12/23, Amy Fleisher 12/24, Gene Dean 12/25, Haley Lynch 12/26, Mary Dean 12/27, Audrey Clarkson 12/28, Gean Doyle 12/29, Mary Fraley 12/30, Mrs. Sheila LaCourse 12/31, Eric Langan 1/1, Anna Durning 1/2, Tricia Krupnick 1/3, Jon & Noelle Latorrella 1/4, Kathryn Shea 1/5, Helen A. McSweeney 1/6, Blake Wilcox 1/7, Cecile Plankey 1/8, Michael & Kathleen Volpone 1/9, Norma Dean 1/10, Leo & Debbie Burke 1/11, Trudy Lynch 1/12, Patricia & Dan Dunn 1/13, Katie Doumani 1/14, Susan K. Anderson 1/15, Ann Snell 1/16, Ann Federici 1/17, Maureen Doyle-Winn 1/18, Blake Wilcox 1/19, Jeanie Donovan 1/20, Grandpops c/o Sue McLaughlin 1/21, Phyllis Donovan 1/22, Jackson Gibbons 1/23, Helen Szymura 1/24, Diane Courturier 1/25, Janice Hayes 1/26, Mary Dean (for Timothy) 1/27, Ericka Shepard 1/28, Paula Vogel 1/29, Blake Wilcox 1/30, Amanda Kelcourse 1/31.

Thank you to parents, students and our community who helped support this fundraiser to make it a success!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Principal Job Announcement

Immaculate Conception School in Newburyport, MA is seeking a principal for the 2017–2018 school year. The principal is the spiritual, instructional, and administrative head of the school, and is responsible for the effective operation of the school as a Catholic educational institution. He/she is the primary agent for creating an environment that fosters academic excellence, Catholic faith formation, and vitality and viability. He/she is responsible for creating a welcoming atmosphere for all members of the school community (faculty, staff, students, parents, and donors) and a climate that encourages the engagement of each student in the learning process while fostering a love for learning. The principal reports directly to the pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish. The Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Boston will participate in reviewing candidates.

Qualifications:

The principal of Immaculate Conception School is a **practicing Catholic**, holds a Master's degree in education and current Mass. certification as a school principal, with significant teaching experience. Catholic school experience is preferred.

Interested candidates should email a cover letter, resume, copy of current MA certification and a list of references to apply@catholicschools@rcab.org. Deadline for applications is March 1.

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.

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.

Right: IC School students serving Mass at IC on January 29 during Catholic Schools Week.

Below: IC Youth Choir members praise God through song.

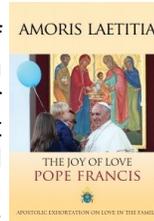


IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

Pope Francis released the Exhortation on the Family. In the weeks to come, you will be introduced to various statements from the Holy Father.

The Transmission of Life and the Rearing of Children—In #81. A child deserves to be born of that love, and not by any other means, for “he or she is not something owed to one, but is a gift”....Thus the Creator made man and woman to share in the work of his creation and, at the same time, made them instruments of his love, entrusting to them the responsibility for the future of mankind, through the transmission of human life.”



Religious Education Classes

Grades K–6: Next classes: 3/5 and 2/27.

Grades 7–8: Remaining schedule is as follows:

- Service Learning Project: Sunday February 26—Decorating the Parish Center for Mardi Gras dinner 4:00–7:00pm.
- Service Learning Project: Monday February 27 for Mardi Gras dinner (grades 7–8 student volunteers are needed for 4:00 and 6:00pm dinner seatings). Dinner to benefit Pelican Intervention Fund.
- Pizza and Bowling: Sunday March 19 12:30–2:30pm (Tentative) Fun Outing Pizza and Bowling: Leo's Super Bowl, 84 Haverhill Road, Amesbury, MA 01913 978-388-2010
- Service Learning Project: Sunday May 7 2:00–4:00pm—Beach Clean up project—Plum Island. 4:30pm St. Louis Hall to debrief experience.

Baptism (There are no Baptisms during Lent.)

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

May 7 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

May 14 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

The next Confirmation session is Sunday, March 12 from 3:00–5:00pm in the Church for Year 2 public, private, and Catholic school candidates. The candidate and his/her sponsor, parent, or another adult are to attend the session.

Confirmation candidates in Year 1 are to continue to do their monthly service activity until next fall.

First Eucharist

Our next First Eucharist session will be Sunday, April 2 at 1:00–3:00pm in the Church. We will have a tour of the church with an opportunity to go behind the scenes and see what happens within the many spaces. Candidates and parents are to attend the session.

Mardi Gras Dinner to Benefit the Pelican Intervention Fund—Monday, February 27

Please see page 6 for Mardi Gras details.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Sandwich Program

The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers soup/ salad and sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The sandwiches go to the Good Shepherd Center on Park Street in Lawrence. 200 sandwiches are needed each day to feed the hungry.



We are always in need of more sandwich donations. To help, please make sandwiches by using 1 loaf of bread and sandwich meat (**No condiments added**), individually wrap the sandwiches and place them back into the bread bag.

Deliver the bread bag to St. Ann's Church, West Newbury, by **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, February 22**. Please see the Collaborative calendar at www.hricatholic.org for the schedule or contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

HR Boy Scouts

Holy Redeemer charts Boy Scout Troop 41. We meet Monday evenings in Nativity Hall, Merrimac from 7:00–8:30 p.m. Interested in joining? Contact scoutmaster, Mark Friend, msf4087@gmail.com. See the website calendar for dates, www.hricatholic.org. All faiths welcome.



HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



The Conference has contributed toward a stay of several nights at a local motel for a homeless family that is looking for a permanent apartment. The family also received several Market Basket and gas cards.

The Conference also paid a propane bill and a past due electric bill for a family where one member is disabled and another has been laid off and is looking to return to full-time work.

Please be aware that the Society is always interested in learning about used automobiles that you are getting rid of and might wish to donate; several of our clients are looking for used automobiles, as their autos have reached the end of their useful lives. Thank you for your consideration.

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

Offertory Envelopes

Attend Mass at any worship site in our Collaborative and your usual offertory envelope can be used. Drop it in the collection and we make sure it is delivered to your home Parish.

HR Religious Education

No Classes for the weekends of *February 19 and 26* due to school vacation

Monday, February 27

Mardi Gras Dinner Don't forget to buy your Mardi Gras tickets. There are two seatings, 4:00pm and 6:00pm at IC. Come and enjoy our celebration with your whole family. Tickets are on sale now: \$10, adults, \$5, children, and children under 5 yrs.

Free. This collaborative event will benefit the Pelican Intervention Fund. Tickets are available for sale after every weekend Mass. Come, enjoy!

New Email Address

The Office of Religious Education at Holy Redeemer has a new email address: reledhrp@gmail.com.

Coffee After Mass



Coffee will be served after the 8:00 Mass at Nativity this weekend, **February 19**. Plan on coming and, if possible, bring your favorite treat to share.

Holy Redeemer Events

Raffle Night is held in the spring at the Nativity Parish Hall. Those attending the evening buy raffle tickets to win a variety of items. Homemade dinners are available. The 2017 Raffle Night is tentatively planned for Saturday, April 29 from 5:00–9:00 p.m.

The Holiday Fair is a long-running tradition at Holy Redeemer. It is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving at the Nativity Hall. Gift baskets, homemade soups, silent auction items, and nearly new items are available. The 2017 Fair will be November 18 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

HR Prayer Shawl

Would you like to help those in need this winter without it costing you anything?

Come join us at 1:00 p.m. on **Thursday, March 2**, at Nativity Hall in Merrimac. We will knit/crochet hats, scarves, and mittens for Merrimack Valley Hope Mission, the group supported by our Parish youth. We will provide yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks, and patterns. We can even teach you to knit/crochet. Can't make it on March 2? Gather your own group at a time convenient for you, give us a call, and we'll provide you with everything you'll need.

If you need information or a blessed prayer shawl, they are free, please call: Helen Kelley 978-771-4673 or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099.



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