

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

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*“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.” (John 4:13-14)*

*All Are Welcome*

# Mission Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 5, 6, 7  
7:00–8:30 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

God LOVES You!

**GOD LOVES YOU!**

**God REALLY LOVES You!**



Above: Sr. Lisa on one of her mission trips.

**Speaker:** Sr. Lisa  
Valentini



All are welcome!

Mission Theme:  
*God LOVES you! God LOVES you! God REALLY LOVES you!*

Sr. Lisa is a Missionary Sister of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. She has spent much of her life as a missionary in Mexico, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic. She is full of stories, songs, and the love of Jesus, which permeate her presentations. Why not attend all three sessions? Come with openness of heart and leave knowing you are beloved by God!

*Our Collaborative Mission is sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team (AFFT).*

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (3/3)

- 2:00pm **Atria** (Fr. Broderick)  
 4:00pm **IC Brandon Lafata** (Fr. Morin)  
 4:00pm **St. Ann Nell Kaczynski** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (3/4)

- 7:15am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Broderick)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 11:30am **IC Kevin Funchion** (Fr. Harrison)  
 5:00pm **Youth Mass at IC** (Fr. Harrison)

### Monday (3/5)

- 9:00am **St. Ann**

### Tuesday (3/6)

- 9:00am **IC School Liturgy Brian Dwyer**

### Wednesday (3/7)

- 9:00am **IC**

### Thursday (3/8)

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

### Friday (3/9)

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

### Saturday (3/10)

- 4:00pm **IC Rita M. Snow, Antonio Luigi Zannella, Thomas Burton** (Fr. Broderick)  
 4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (3/11)

- 7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
 9:00am **IC Elaine Murphy, For the intentions of Gregory D'Ambrosio** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
 11:30am **IC John Powell** (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Patrick Griffin and all the faithful departed.

**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

**IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport**

**Nativity—Merrimac**

**St. Ann—West Newbury**

## Collaborative Baptisms

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

- Luke Andrew Armano • Amelia Claire Breton • Mason James Joyce • Emily Jean Kilduff • Colin Arthur McCarthy • June Everly McCorkell • Emily Marie Nazzaro • Savannah Elizabeth Sousa

## Daily Mass Time Change for Mission Week

Please note that our daily Mass will be changed to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6 and Wednesday, March 7 due to the Collaborative Mission. This time change is for just those two days. All other daily Masses will follow the regular schedule.

## Scripture Study

### Scripture Study will meet on March 4

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on the regular scheduled first Sunday of the month, March 4, 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.

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## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** What kinds of anger are justified for a follower of Jesus?

**Child:** Why was Jesus angry? How do you show respect for God's house?

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### HRIC Lenten Mission/Daily Mass Schedule

All are welcome to hear Sr. Lisa Valentini speak this week on Monday–Wednesday, March 5–7 at 7:00pm–8:30pm at Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport. See page 2 for details.

#### **Daily Mass schedule changes for the Mission:**

Monday, March 5, St. Ann at 9:00am

Tuesday, March 6, Immaculate Conception at 9:00am

Wednesday, March 7, Immaculate Conception at 9:00am

Note that Tuesday and Wednesday Masses at IC will be at 9:00am for the Mission week only.

### 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. **Sr. Lisa, our Lenten Mission speaker, will be addressing the assembly at the end of this Mass on March 4. Please join us for this celebration.**

#### **Youth Mass Schedule**

March 4 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

March 25 at Nativity, Merrimac

May 20 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

### The Resurrection of Jesus and the Resurrection of Believers

#### **Lecture for Lent**

Everyone is invited to hear Father Thomas L. Leclerc, La Salette Missionary priest, speak on Sunday, March 11, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at St. Agnes Church in Middleton. His lecture is "**The Resurrection of Jesus and the Resurrection of Believers.**" This presentation will examine how belief in the resurrection of the body emerged in the Old Testament; the earliest account of the resurrection of Jesus; 1 Corinthians 15; similarities and differences of the four gospel accounts of the resurrection of Jesus; the role of women witnesses; and the implications of the resurrection for believers today. Refreshments will be served. Free will offering appreciated.

For further information you may call Barbara and John Gould, 978-535-2321.

Sponsored by the North Shore-Seacoast Affiliate of Voice of The Faithful.

Watch for information in next week's bulletin about how you can help your parish (IC or HR) with the Newburyport App/VIP Card Program.

### This Week in Our Collaborative

See our calendar at [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) for more activities.

#### **Monday, March 5**

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

Collaborative Lenten Mission 7:00pm, IC Church

#### **Tuesday, March 6**

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

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

Collaborative Lenten Mission 7:00pm, IC Church

#### **Wednesday, March 7**

Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Religious Ed., 1st Eucharist Makeup Tour of the Church 3:30pm, IC Church

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Collaborative Lenten Mission 7:00pm, IC Church

#### **Thursday, March 8**

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

#### **Friday, March 9**

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Lenten "Simple Supper" before Stations 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm, Nativity Church

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm, IC Church

#### **Saturday, March 10**

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

#### **Sunday, March 11**

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

HR Religious Ed., Grades 3–6 9:00am, Nativity Hall

HR Religious Ed., Grad 2 Parent + Student 9:00am, Nativity Church

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

IC Religious Ed., Grades K–8 10:05am, IC Parish Center

IC Religious Ed., 1st Eucharist: The Mass 1:00pm, IC Church

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

### Italy 2 Pilgrimage

Join Fr. Tim for **Italy 2**, a Pilgrimage to Northern Italy. Enjoy 12 amazing days in Italy touring Lake Como, Milan, Padua (St. Anthony), Venice, Florence, Siena, and Assisi (St. Francis). The dates are October 21–November 1. Cost is \$4,799 from Boston.

Book by March 31, 2018 and receive a \$150 Early Bird discount. For more information, visit [www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric](http://www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric).



# LENT IN THE COLLABORATIVE

## 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](http://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)

March 14 Penance Service, IC 7:00 p.m.

March 21 Saint Ann

March 28 IC



## 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](mailto: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	Disposable face cloths
Razor	Disposable face cloths	<b>No mouthwash or loose items please</b>
Socks	Kleenex packs	
Gloves	Hand sanitizer	
Shaving Cream		

## Lenten Regulations

All **Fridays** during Lent are days of abstinence.

**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.

## Women’s Evening of Prayer



Join us for a Women’s Evening of Prayer on Wednesday, March 14 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.

## 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.

Through prayer Jesus, strengthened and moved by his Father’s love for him, could willingly surrender his human life for love and reveal our God to us. Through the Paschal Mystery Jesus of Nazareth was transformed to become Jesus the Christ. We, too, can be transformed through prayer that unites us to God. Lent is the time to pray as Jesus taught us and enter into the Paschal Mystery, receiving new life in God through death to self.

Centering Prayer is an ancient Christian practice available to all who seek transformation through a more intimate relationship with God. This daily practice deepens our faith as we come to better know our God as one who loves us unconditionally just as we are and trust God has plans to give us a future of hope.

Centering Prayer helps us say to the Father, “Not my will but yours be done” (Lk. 22: 42). Please consider joining us for weekly group Centering Prayer and let God move you closer to him. If you are unable to attend on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in Conference Room 209, you are welcome to contact me to explore this simple prayer of resting in God. Elizabeth McCarthy 978 462-7483

## 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.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour next weekend. **Daylight Saving Time** begins next Sunday, March 11.

## 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.

### 2017–2018 Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
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 Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

## 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](http://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.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Activities Committee Updates

HR Activities Committee is planning ahead:

**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. We want to clean the benches, walls, statues, and windows. 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, 9:00.

Contact: Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

## Ham Dinner/BINGO Night Thank You

The Activities Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make our Ham Dinner/BINGO night a huge success!

We served over 100 meals! **Thank you** to all who were able to bake pies. They were truly delicious. The strawberry chiffon pie was a crowd favorite!

Our winners of the bingo games:

- 1- MaryEllen LaPointe—Market Basket gift card
- 2- Max Petry—Gourmet Gift Basket
- 3- Ginny Seely—\$100.00

Everyone seemed to have such a fun time that we plan on having it again next year.

*Right: Many people, good food, and much fun at the Ham Dinner/BINGO*



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Offertory Collection

Offertory February 24–25      \$3,108.00  
Catholic Charities, 2-14-18      \$ 899.00

The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.

## 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.

## 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.



**We are asking for help.** Please consider volunteering to make your family’s favorite casserole or crock pot meal to be served at Raffle Night. Sign up sheets are in the back of **both** churches. (Foil pans will be provided to fit our sterno flame stands.)

**Donations** for our Raffle Night are now being collected. Please leave your **new** item (of any type or value) at the back of either church.

## Sanctuary Candle



For the week of March 11, the Sanctuary Candle at Nativity Church, Merrimac is donated for a Special Intention.

## Easter Flowers

We are now taking donations and memorials toward the purchase of Easter flowers. Simply mail in or place an envelope in the offertory basket with the names of those you wish to be remembered or make a donation for the flowers. We have provided envelopes for you at the entrances to the Churches. Please make sure your gift is received by noon on **Monday, March 12** so that the names can be included in our Easter bulletin

## 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, April 5**.

## HR Religious Education

Friday, Mar. 2, **Stations of the Cross**, Nativity Church, Merrimac, 7:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, Mar. 4, **Grades 3–6 classes**, Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

**Youth Mass, Immaculate Conception Church**, Newburyport, 5:00 p.m. The collection is for 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 and of course, our weekly monetary offerings for our parishes.

Our **speaker** for this Youth Mass is Sr. Lisa, the speaker for the Parish Mission this week: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings at IC, Newburyport 7–8:30 p.m.

**Our Tuesday, Mar. 6, Grade 7 class is cancelled so that we may all attend the Mission.**

### Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday evening this month, concluding on Good Friday (3/30). The Stations begin at 7:00 p.m.

A Simple Supper precedes the Stations at the hall in Merrimac at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

### Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

Doreen O’Leary (Rel. Ed. email: [reledhrp@gmail.com](mailto:reledhrp@gmail.com))



On February 22, our 8th graders participated in sandwich making. Sandwiches were delivered to the needy in GAR Park, Haverhill.

## 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.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

February 24–25

\$10,042.00

The second collection this weekend is Utility and Energy. The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.

Grand Annual Goal \$100,000  
To Date \$75,450.00  
311 Families



## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 10.00
Poor Box	\$659.00
Total	\$669.00

## 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, [hriccatholic.org](http://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.



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## 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.

## 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

Our musical production for 2018 will be *Seussical JR.*—the whimsical story that brings beloved Dr. Seuss characters onstage. Some IC students will audition for parts while others will chose to join the chorus. It is wonderful that students as young as Grade 1 are invited to join the production. Moments onstage are not so common in life, but can have a powerful impact—fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment. Including students in all grades promotes a sense of community and Pelican Pride!



## Immaculate Conception School

### Auction Raffle



Please help support Immaculate Conception School by purchasing a raffle ticket for a chance to win an emerald and diamond pendant (retail value \$2,300), donated by M.K. Benatti Jewelers. The raffle tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at M.K. Benatti Jewelers, 1 State St., Newburyport. The necklace is on display at the jewelers. The raffle will be held on March 17. Winner need not be present. 100% of money raised goes directly to IC School.

## Easter Flowers

We are now taking donations and memorials toward the purchase of Easter flowers. Simply mail in or place an envelope in the offertory basket with the names of those you wish to be remembered or make a donation for the flowers. We have provided envelopes for you at the entrances to the Church. Please make sure your gift is received by noon on **Monday, March 12** so that the names can be included in our Easter bulletin

## Adoration

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

## 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.



# 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 #171: With great affection I urge all future mothers: keep happy and let nothing rob you of the interior joy of motherhood. Your child deserves your happiness. Don't let fears, worries, other people's comments or problems lessen your joy at being God's means of bringing a new life to the world. Prepare yourself for the birth of your child, but without obsessing, and join in Mary's song of joy: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Savior, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant" (Lk 1:46-48). Try to experience this serene excitement amid all your many concerns, and ask the Lord to preserve your joy, so that you can pass it on to your child.

### 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: March 4 and 5.
- In place of Religious Education classes on March 4 and 5—we have the **Collaborative Lenten Mission—God Loves You. God Loves You. God Really Loves You. with Sr. Lisa Valentini, Missionary Sister of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.** She will be our Mission Speaker and is asking 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. Hope you will join us!

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

### 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>.

**Please join in the Lenten Mission on Monday, March 5 at 7:00pm. This evening is focused on families.**

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, March 12 from 7:30–9:00 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](mailto:mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org).

*IC Religious Ed., Continued*

### Confirmation

We are inviting all confirmation candidates and families from the school year and summer processes to please join us at the **Lenten Mission** on Monday, March 5 at 7:00pm.

**Confirmation Year 2 for Summer & School year candidates: Public, Private, and 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.

School year Candidates and sponsor/parent who missed the February 11 session are welcome to make it up with the March 4 session at 1:00–3:00pm in the Charity Dining Room 114.

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

**Please join us at the Lenten Mission on Monday, March 5 at 7:00pm.**

For information and registration go online:

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

### Youth Mass—March 4, 2018

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, March 4 at Immaculate Conception at 5:00pm. Sr. Lisa, our Lenten Mission speaker, will be addressing the assembly at the end of this Mass. Please join us for this celebration.

Charity: First Parish Church Food Pantry—Newbury Food: dry or canned, toiletry supplies, especially toothbrushes and toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, children's diapers, any size.

## 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.

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protections for you or your family, or just connecting with other Catholic men, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at (978) 572-0231, [membership@kofc231.org](mailto:membership@kofc231.org).

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, March 13** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.