

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

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Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016

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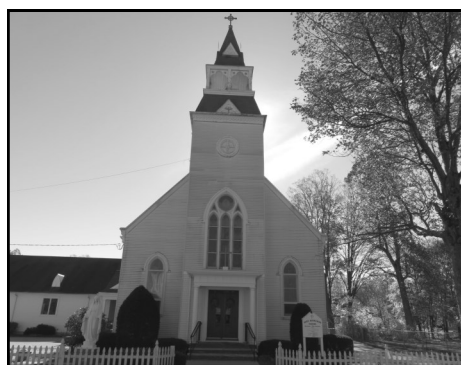
OUR COLLABORATIVE

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Immaculate Conception Parish



Immaculate Conception

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/14)

11:00am **IC Confirmation**
 1:30pm **IC Confirmation**
 4:00pm **IC** *William Lindquist, Jack Brislin, Charles Howard, Jr., Dorothea Van Dorpe* (Fr. Broderick)
 4:00pm **St. Ann** *Julie Brousseau* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (5/15)

7:15am **IC** *Audrey Melican, Charlie Lagasse* (Fr. Morin)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC** *Nelson & Grace Tsai, David Loring, David Kolman, For the intentions of Mary Ellen & Peter G. D'Ambrosio* (Fr. Broderick)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 11:30am **IC** *Louise M. Moynihan, Luke Picillo, For the intentions of Mary & Robert Kendall* (Fr. Harrison)
 6:00pm **Nativity Youth Mass** (Fr. Morin)

Monday (5/16)

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

Tuesday (5/17)

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

Wednesday (5/18)

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

Thursday (5/19)

7:15am **IC** *For a special intention* (Fr. Morin)

Friday (5/20)

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

Saturday (5/21)

4:00pm **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
 4:00pm **St. Ann** *Arthur LaBonte* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (5/22)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. George)
 9:00am **IC** *Katie Swochak, Margaret Duffy* (Fr. McLaughlin)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
 11:30am **IC** *Daniel & Irene Lynch, Anthony Raven* (Fr. Broderick)

In your prayers, please remember Patricia Garwich and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

The Pope App

Download **The Pope App** for Android or iPhone to get the latest news and information from Pope Francis.

Bulletin Information

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



This past weekend, we completed the last of our 8 scheduled First Communion celebrations within our Collaborative. Although it takes a great deal of effort to prepare for these moments, they are a lot of fun to be part of. The joy and innocence that the young people bring forward is a true gift in and of itself. At each of the masses that I celebrated this past weekend, I asked the children what was the greatest gift they ever received. While I got some expected answers like "my hamster," "my PlayStation," "my bicycle," etc., I was very pleasantly surprised to hear many of them immediately refer to their family or their parents or siblings along with their faith and, of course, Jesus! I always tell people, children and adults alike, that if a priest ever asks you a question in church, you can always say, "Jesus," and it will be right. And so it was.

This weekend, we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, which originally was known as the "Feast of Weeks," which was a festival corresponding to the grain harvest. When we think about it from an agricultural perspective, the sending of the Holy Spirit is indeed about reaping a crop for The Lord. The Spirit was sent to remind us of everything Jesus taught us and to empower us to go do the same good works in the world that he did, and even more. How appropriate, then, that we celebrate this weekend the Sacrament of Confirmation at Immaculate Conception Church. Being strengthened to do the things of God is what our vocation as Christians is all about. Once they were given a share in the Holy Spirit, the Disciples were enabled to leave the locked doors of their fear behind and boldly go out into the world and share the Good News of the Christ's Resurrection.

This past week, we began a new process within our Collaborative of writing a Local Pastoral Plan for the

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Celebrating the Sacraments

Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm, and by appointment.

HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass, and by appt.

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

Call the Parish Office if someone in your family is ill and you feel the grace and power of the Sacrament would be helpful. 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

Monday, May 16

AA 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

IC School New Parent Reception 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 41 7:00pm, Nativity Hall, Merrimac

Tuesday, May 17

Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

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

Wednesday, May 18

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

GAP 6:30pm, IC Youth Room

Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 26 7:00pm, W. Newbury Grange Hall

Thursday, May 19

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

Scripture Study 7:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Friday, May 20

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

AA 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Sunday, May 22

IC Concert, Raffle, & Potluck 2:30pm, Immaculate Conception Church

Boy Scouts Troop 21 5:30pm, IC School Cafeteria

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Catholic communities of Newbury, Newburyport, West Newbury, and Merrimac. This plan, once complete, will guide our efforts in the years to come to build up our parish communities and strengthen each of us to better share the Gospel with others. Please keep this process in your prayers in the months ahead that it might be both fruitful and successful. There is much work still ahead!

May the blessings of spring be with everyone this Pentecost weekend,

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer Welcomes All Members of Our Collaborative Family

The Centering Prayer group invites and encourages all members of our collaborative family to join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm to 7:00pm at Immaculate Conception Parish Center Charity Dining Room to learn more about this simple yet powerful prayer practice.

The daily practice of 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. As God moves us closer to him, through our daily discipline of silent prayer, we find our focus turns from self to God and we are blessed with the fruits of Centering Prayer.

These gifts are not often apparent immediately and may be first noticed by others. Receiving these gifts is not the goal of Centering Prayer. We bring no expectations to this daily prayer as we surrender our whole self to God and trust in his love for us. The gift of God's love is our transformation to become the persons he created us to be. Through the grace of this silent shared time with God we may become more open minded, less prone to judge others, aware of what really matters and able to let go of what doesn't, accepting of our own basic goodness, and filled with inner freedom to act for God.

Please consider joining 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.

Online Bulletin

There are many ways for you to view the online version of our weekly bulletin. You can view a copy of the bulletin by visiting our **Collaborative Web site**, www.hriccatholic.org and clicking on the bulletin picture on the home page.

Also, you can visit www.TheBostonPilot.com/bcd to view the bulletin online. Find your parish in the alphabetical list of parishes where you can download the bulletin or even sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox every week.

Collaborative Web Site

Visit the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception web site at www.hriccatholic.org

Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our Parish communities and hope you take an active part in parish life. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at hriccatholic.org.

Youth Ministry

High School Students

GAP (God and Pizza) Every Wednesday night in the IC Pastoral Center Youth Room from 6:30–8:30pm.

C.A.M.P.S (Christ as my personal savior) retreat, August 1–6, 2016. www.campsministry.com

Teen Encounter Weekend retreat, May 20–22
St. Basil, Methuen www.teenencounter.org

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

May 7-8 **\$3,455.00**
 Catholic Communications **\$ 633 .00**
 Grand Annual **\$22,435.00 (Goal \$40,000)**

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

HR Religious Education

Mark your calendars: *Final Youth Mass of this year is Sunday, May 15 at Nativity, Merrimac at 6:00pm.* The canned goods collection taken up will be delivered to "Our Neighbors' Table." Also, a pot luck dinner will follow **in our hall**. There is a sign-up sheet available, or email Mrs. O. to let me know what you are bringing to the table. (Baked goods, casseroles, crock pot meals, salads, etc. are the items needed.)

Also, at noon on the 15th, helpers are needed to "set the tables," let me know if you can help. Not to be missed! We look forward to this event every year, and our collaborative parish, Immaculate Conception Parish, will be joining us. Email me at: reledhrp@verizon.net if you are attending, cooking/baking, or are able to help set up our hall. Thanks.

Holy Redeemer Confirmation Students

Please mark your calendars with the following important dates:

Confirmation—Sunday, October 9, 2016 at St. Ann Church, West Newbury at 12:00noon and at 2:30pm.

Confirmation Retreat—Sunday, September 25, 2016 at the Nativity Hall, Merrimac beginning at 1:00pm.

Confirmation Rehearsal—Wednesday, October 5, 2016 (with confession) at 7:00pm at St. Ann Church, West Newbury (we'll meet in the hall, then proceed to the church for rehearsal and confession). Sponsors need to attend with the candidates, if possible. If your sponsor cannot attend, then a parent must attend for the sponsor.

Our Collaborative web site will have all the latest updates, changes, and information about Holy Redeemer Religious Education programming. Check it out: www.hriccatholic.org

Catholic Appeal

Goal **\$21,979**
 To Date **\$21,095**
 (96% of Our Goal)



Thank you to all who have participated in **Holy Redeemer's** 2016 Catholic Appeal campaign. Your support is the most effective way our parish community can join together in the Church's universal work to care for our neighbors. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please visit bostoncatholicappeal.org or pick up a pledge form available in the back of the church. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Holy Redeemer Scholarship for High School Seniors

A Holy Redeemer Scholarship is being offered to a graduating high school senior who attended our Religious Education program and was Confirmed. Any senior who will be furthering their education after High School may apply. Each applicant is asked to submit an essay about "How I Live a Catholic Life as a Member of Holy Redeemer Parish." All essays must be received at 4 Green Street, Merrimac by Sunday, June 19, 2016 to be considered for the scholarship. The winner of the scholarship will be contacted by the committee.

HR Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in May:
 Paul Angus Murphy

Music Boosters Bake Sale

The Pentucket Music Boosters invite you to our Bake Sale at West Newbury Food Mart on May 22 from 8:30am-12noon. The bake sale benefits all music programs. Hope you can come by and enjoy yummy pastry and baked goodies.

Holy Redeemer Quilt Raffle

Fill out the stub below, place it in an envelope *you* mark: "Quilt Raffle" along with your money (\$5.00 per chance) and drop it in the collection basket. (Checks may be made out to Holy Redeemer Parish.) The winner of the quilt will be drawn during the Parish Picnic on June 12.

Holy Redeemer Parish Picnic Quilt Raffle

Sunday, June 12, 2016

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

\$5.00 a chance

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Vacation Bible School at Holy Redeemer

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Nativity Church in Merrimac from August 15–19. The theme this year is *Cave Quest*. The hours are 9:00–12:00. Kids aged 5–11 can sign up to participate. The cost is \$40 per child. Teens 12 and older can volunteer and will receive 20 hrs. of community service. There is no charge for volunteers. Adults are also needed. If you have any questions contact Jen Acorn 978-697-1082. To sign up online go to www.groupvbapro.com/vbs/ez/Nativity2016.

Parish Picnic Quilt on Display

The Parish Picnic Quilt will be on display this weekend after Masses at Immaculate Conception in Newburyport. Please take a moment to admire the wonderful colors and nautical theme. The quilt was made and donated by the quilting group that sews at our Parish. Please take a chance for \$5.00 to win. Chances may be “cut out” of the bulletin and placed in the collection basket at Mass. See page 5 for details.



Outdoor Mass/Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 12

The Holy Redeemer Outdoor Mass and Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 12 at the church rectory, 46 Maple Street, W. Newbury. If rain, the 10:15 Mass will be at St. Ann Church, W. Newbury, and our picnic will be downstairs in the hall.

An **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING** will be held on **Sunday, May 15** after the 10:15 Mass at St. Ann, West Newbury. We will need people to volunteer to set up, cook, clean up, and more. Please plan on attending.

We have a Parish Picnic Quilt Raffle underway. Fill out the stub in the bulletin, place it in an envelope *you* mark: “**Quilt Raffle**” along with your money (\$5.00 per chance) and drop it in the collection basket. (Checks may be made out to Holy Redeemer Parish). The winner of the quilt will be drawn during our Picnic. (You need not be present to win.)

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, Connie Cormier 978-363-2020 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. Next meeting is **Thursday, June 9**.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Knitting Ministry



Meetings are every Tuesday from 1:00–3:00pm. If you are interested in learning to knit or need help getting started again we are happy to help. Join us for knitting, fellowship, and tea (and goodies). Membership is open to all.

We bring prayers and hope to people who are sick, caregivers, and others who are in need. Our knitted hats and scarves are given to Community Service at Christmas time and to other homeless children. If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl or for more information please call Frances Ronan 978-462-4972 or Frances Reslewic at 978-465-8452.

Catholic Scripture Study

A series on Catholicism is being offered which is exciting, informative, and educational in our Catholic faith. Every Thursday at 7:00pm in the IC Conference Room 209, a half hour video will be shown with discussion following. Please come and bring your friends.

Communion Calls

If you or a loved one is homebound, in the hospital, or have transitioned to a rehab/nursing facility and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact Sandy @ 978-462-4842 to arrange a home visit.

Cursillo

Cursillo offers us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ. Jesus said, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.” (Rev 3:20, NKJV). A life lived in faith is a life lived in joy!

The next Ultreya is June 3, 2016.

The next Cursillo weekend is June 2-5 (Women).

All are welcome to attend our Ultreya Meetings on the Friday of each Cursillo weekend in the St. James Chapel in the IC Parish Center at 7:00pm. If you need a ride, contact Valerie Murphy at 978-462-7534. Questions about Cursillo or Ultreya? Contact any of the following: Pat Forbes (978-462-1258), Valerie Murphy (978-462-7534), Kate Prescott (978-465-5783), or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

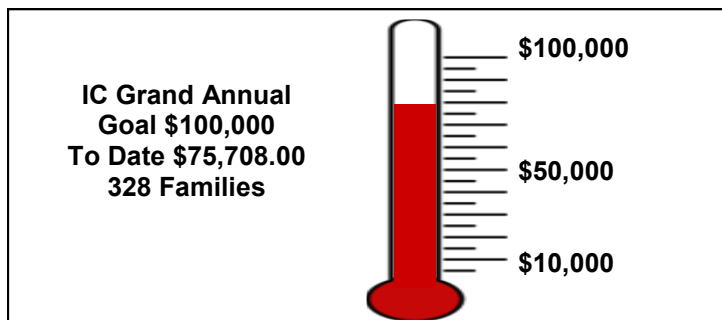
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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Offertory May 7-8 \$12,705.00
 Restoration \$ 1,607.00

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The Second collection next weekend is the **Monthly**.



IC-Haiti

The next parish collection for IC-Haiti will take place the weekend of May 28-29. We wish to thank Margot Anderson-Song, a student here at Immaculate Conception Elementary School, for holding a cookie sale in early April for IC-Haiti. Margot and her fellow cookie sellers raised \$2091.57. This total was matched by a generous anonymous donor. An additional donation of \$3000 was made by a parishioner who was deeply inspired by Margot's initiative and efforts. It certainly is inspirational for all of us to witness the dedication of this young disciple to a people far away yet close to her and to us in the heart of the Lord.

Through your continued support IC-Haiti has been able to make a huge difference in the education, health and well being of the people we serve in Haiti. As disciples of the Lord, may we never become despondent in our missionary efforts. Let us be mindful during the Eucharist and in our daily lives of the gratitude we owe to God for the many blessings we have received. In doing so, let us also remember to keep our Haitian brothers and sisters in our prayers and close to our hearts. We are all one in the Body of Christ, and as St. Paul reminds us, one part of the body cannot say it doesn't need another part. He also says, if one part of the body suffers, all the parts suffer with it. (1 Cor. 12:12-26) Pope Francis exhorts us, too, in our mission to the people of Haiti when he says, "We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it." (#229, *Laudato Si*) The needs of the people we are serving in Haiti are both great and ongoing. May we continue to offer them hope.

Immaculate Conception School

Empowering Students for Success in a Caring Environment

Immaculate Conception School (pre-kindergarten-eighth grade) has a limited number of openings for Fall, 2016.

Please call **Mrs. Kelley Pappalardo**, Admissions Director, today for more information and to schedule a visit.

(978) 465-7780 • www.icsnewburyport.com

IC Projects Update

This past week we started working on several long-awaited projects at Immaculate Conception Church. We began work on the completion of the heating and air conditioning system and major repairs to the two lower Church roofs and the Parish Center roof and Cupola. The next scheduled project will be the Rose Window repairs which we hope will begin in early summer. The reason for the delay is this restoration requires a highly skilled company and there are only a few glass studios that are available and they are in high demand. All this would not be possible without your generosity and private donations.

We thank you for your patience and understanding for any disruptions and inconvenience this may have caused.

IC Concert and Raffle

Join us for a free concert at Immaculate Conception Church on **Sunday, May 22 at 2:30pm**. The concert is sponsored by Immaculate Conception Choir Director Donna Postle. Performers include the Adult Choir, the Youth Choir, Ms. Postle's private students, Irish Step Dancers, and more. The concert is free and open to the public.

In addition to the concert, a raffle, including many donations from local businesses, will be held. All monies raised from the raffle go to support a new sound system for the IC Church. Raffle item donations as well as cash donations are always welcome.

After the concert and raffle, please join us in the IC Parish Center for a potluck dinner.

Contact Donna Postle at 978-317-8903 with any questions or if you have items you would like to donate to the raffle.

The Saint Vincent

de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$ 156.00
Collection	\$ 20.50
Total	\$ 176.50

National Peace Officer's Memorial Day

You and your family are invited to join in a brief Memorial Service to honor the lives of all Law Enforcement Personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice, especially those from Newburyport who have died in the line of duty.

When: **Friday May 16, 2016 8:30am**

Where: Brown's Square, Newburyport

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Questions of the Week

Adult: What one area in your life do you need forgiveness from yourself or another?

Child: Name one way that you can forgive a friend or classmate.

Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on May 15

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on its regularly scheduled third Sunday of the month, May 15, 2016, in the IC Parish Center at 2:00pm. We will be reading and discussing from the Old Testament, *The Book of Isaiah*, Chapters 28–32. In Chapter 28, Isaiah stresses the importance of religious and political leaders by his criticism of them. Chapter 29 deals with prophecies related to punishment, hope, and deliverance. Chapters 30–32 deal with the kingdom of Judah and its people who place trust in temporal leaders rather than God.

The consensus among biblical scholars is that this book is the product of three or more authors. Most of the first 39 chapters belong to an author who goes by the name of Isaiah of Jerusalem who was writing in the eighth century B.C. at a very turbulent time in the history of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah.

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.

Quilt Raffle

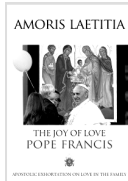
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Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our web site, hricatholic.org and click the Online Giving picture at the bottom of our home page to get to the site. If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant, 978-462-2724 x7404.

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis



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

In #11, The couple that loves and begets life is a true, living icon—not an idol like those of stone or gold prohibited by the Decalogue—capable of revealing God the Creator and Savior. For this reason, fruitful love becomes a symbol of God's inner life (cf Gen 1: 28; 9: 7; 17: 2-5; 16; 28: 3; 35: 11; 48: 3-4)...The ability of human couples to beget life is the path along which the history of salvation progresses. Seen this way, the couple's fruitful relationship becomes an image for understanding and describing the mystery of God..., for in the Christian vision of the Trinity, God is contemplated as Father, Son and Spirit of love. The triune God is a communion of love; the family is its living reflection.

Religious Education Classes

Registration for Summer Religious Education is ongoing: June 27–July 1 and July 25–29 from 9:00am–3:00pm for Grades 1–8. Web site has registration information. Volunteers are needed to support this program.

Baptism

June 5	Class for parents	1:00pm
June 12	Group Baptism	1:00pm

Confirmation

Congratulations to all our Confirmandi and their families.

Summer Confirmation registration is in progress. Parent letter and registration forms for Years 1 and 2 are on the web site: www.hricatholic.org. We are meeting the week of July 10–14 for Year 2 and July 18–21 for Year 1.

1st Eucharist

Congratulations to all our 1st Communicants and their families.

Youth Mass—Last One

May 15 Church of the Nativity, Merrimac 6:00pm
Potluck dinner to follow the Mass. Contact: Doreen O'Leary at reledhrp@verizon.net to let her know if you can contribute to the meal and the dish you will bring.

All are invited to dinner.

Pope Francis: Year of Mercy

Mercy overcomes every wall, every barrier, and leads you to always seek the face of the man, of the person. And it is mercy which changes the heart and the life, which can regenerate a person and allow him or her to integrate into society in a new way. (9/10/14)



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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Compassionate Friends

Our normal May support meeting will be held as usual on the 4th Monday, **May 23 at 7:30pm** in room 209 of the IC Parish Center. For more information, please contact Barbara Hopkinson at barhop@comcast.net or 978-697-1349.



TCF of Greater Newburyport is a non-profit organization, donations (to PO Box 872, Newburyport, MA 01950) are tax deductible. National website:

www.compassionatefriends.org

Daily Masses in the Area

Monday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley
9:00am St. Ann, West Newbury
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury

Tuesday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley
9:00am Holy Family, Amesbury

Wednesday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
8:00am St. Mary's, Rowley
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury

Thursday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
9:00am Holy Family, Amesbury

Friday

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
9:00am Nativity, Merrimac
9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury
9:00am St. Mary's, Georgetown

Saturday

8:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
9:00am St. Mary's, Georgetown

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Hampton, NH has a daily Mass at 6:45am & 9:00am Mon.-Fri.

Preparing for Mass

Are you looking for a helpful way to prepare for Sunday Mass? Follow the link below to find the weekend's Scripture Readings, historical and theological commentaries, and prayerful reflections. It is a great way to get ready to hear and respond to God's Word. <http://liturgy.slu.edu>

Holy Hour for Transitional Deacons

Please join in a Holy Hour for the Transitional Deacons who will be ordained Holy Priests of Jesus Christ: Chris Bae, Matthew Conley, Patrick Fiorillo, Tom Gignac, Stephen LeBlanc, Huan Ngo, Kevin Staley-Joyce, Thomas Sullivan, and Thomas Olson. The Holy Hour will be held at Holy Family Parish in Amesbury on **Friday, May 20, 7:00pm**. Our prayers will be joined to the prayers of those who are gathering for the Holy Hour at Saint John Seminary in Brighton.

LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on **Tuesday, May 17** at 7:00pm for an inspiring night of worship at St. Paul Church in Hingham with speaker Fr. Eric Cadin. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is free to attend and open to all ages. More information about LIFT, can be found on the web site at www.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area.

Breaking Bread

St. Vincent de Paul's Breaking Bread dinner program at Immaculate Conception is hoping you will share a little of your time and talents as we need a team of two volunteers to prepare and cook for our guests on a Tuesday of your choice. A seasoned volunteer chef will work with you as you gain experience in our kitchen. This is a truly wonderful experience that you will share with a great team of volunteers. Contact Bunny Chiasson, 978-465-5810 or sandbunnyc@yahoo.com.

EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has got you covered. Check this link daily for news about the Catholic Church, and the latest issues in Catholicism. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource.

<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

Scripture for the Week

15 Sun *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39; *Day*: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

16 Mon Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29

17 Tue Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

18 Wed Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40

19 Thu Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50

20 Fri Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12

21 Sat Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16

22 Sun Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15