

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

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OUR COLLABORATIVE

Holy Redeemer Parish



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Nativity

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Immaculate Conception Parish



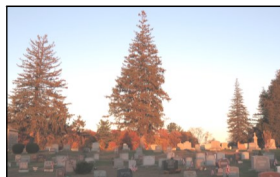
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/20)

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

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

Sunday (5/21)

7:15am **IC** *For the intentions of Lubica Benca*
(Fr. Harrison)

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

9:00am **IC** *Leonidas "Leon" Chetsas*
(Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:30am **IC** *David Taylor, Marc J. Kasabian*
(Fr. Broderick)

Monday (5/22)

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

Tuesday (5/23)

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

Wednesday (5/24)

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

Thursday (5/25) The Ascension of the Lord

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

9:00am **IC School liturgy** *Edward Blouin,
George E. Goodrich* (Fr. Harrison)

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

7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Morin)

7:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Friday (5/26)

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

Saturday (5/27)

2:00pm **Country Manor** (Fr. Broderick)

4:00pm **IC** *Charlotte McAllister Donlin*
(Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Daniel L. Brodie* (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (5/28)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Neil N. Wile* (Fr. Broderick)

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

11:30am **IC** Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember John H. J. Cashman and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Botticelli and the Search for the Divine

There are 15 seats still available should you like to attend a world-class, limited-time exhibition at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts (MFA). Be part of this HRIC spirit-filled local excursion to see 15th century Renaissance art and absorb the spiritual breadth of Florentine masters—Botticelli and others—in their artistic renderings of Biblical themes at the new exhibit, **Botticelli and the Search for the Divine**.

Additionally, two artifacts—Lorenzo D'Medici's death mask and Botticelli's final commissioning, a book of engravings depicting "The Divine Comedy"—encourage seekers to also ponder Death as a portal of the transcendent and divine.

Visit www.mfa.org, for more information.

Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017

Mass for the Feast of the Ascension: 9:00am at Immaculate Conception Church (optional)

Departure from IC parking lot via Salter Bus: 10:15 am*

Signup: Call or email Mary Bragg, 978-465-8779, csbraggjr@comcast.net to hold your space and receive information you may like to have to make your visit to the exhibit more meaningful.

MFA Exhibit Fee: \$20 per person, payable on arrival at the MFA

Bus Returns to IC parking lot: at 3:15 pm

*Bus Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, May 23 (Call Mary Bragg, 978-465-8779)

Bus payment: \$15 cash or check (payable to IC Church) delivered to IC Parish Center by 5/23/17 (If unreserved seats are still available on 5/25/17, bus fare will be accepted at time of boarding).

Planned by AFFT (Adult Faith Formation Team)

Forming Disciples in Mission

In the busyness of today's culture, sometimes we need a little help in learning how to share Jesus' message with others. The Archdiocese of Boston has a workshop that helps us do that. **Forming Disciples in Mission** is a workshop that provides great tools to be able to evangelize the message of Jesus Christ. For more information and dates for workshops go to their website: www.disciplesinmission.com.

Collaborative Website

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

You can find information about many Collaborative organizations, Religious Ed., Mass times, our calendar events, and much, much more.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, May 22

AA 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205
HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, May 23

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory

Wednesday, May 24

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
IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church
Women's Evening of Prayer 7:00pm, St. Ann Church

Thursday, May 25, Ascension

Trip to MFA: Botticelli 10:15am, IC Parking Lot
Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel
IC Brownie Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony, 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Friday, May 26, Collaborative offices close at noon

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
Staff Meeting 8:30am, IC Charity Dining Room
ICS New Principal Meet and Greet 1:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

Saturday, May 27

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, May 28

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Join Fr. Tim on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi on October 8–17, 2017. During the 10-day tour, we will visit Rome where we will attend a Papal audience and tour St. Peter's as well as other sites in Rome. The trip includes two days in Assisi also.

To reserve your space or for more information, visit www.pilgrimages.com/FatherTim_RomeAssisi2017 or call 206 Tours at 800-206-8687, and ask for Amanda or Bika.



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Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 25 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times for the Holy Day are listed below.

7:15am **Immaculate Conception, Newburyport**
9:00am **IC School Liturgy**
9:00am **St. Ann, W. Newbury**
7:00pm **Immaculate Conception, Newburyport**
7:00pm **Nativity, Merrimac**

Memorial Day Mass

Mass will be offered on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29 at St. Mary's Cemetery, 36 Storey Avenue (Rte. 113), Newburyport. The Mass will begin at 9:00am.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather and pray for all those who have given their lives in service to our country as well as remember all who have been interred here at our local Catholic Cemetery. Please bring a chair, sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat if you need them. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be moved to Immaculate Conception Church. Please check our web site for any updates: hricatholic.org.

Please note that there will be no 9:00am Mass at St. Ann in West Newbury that day.

IC Travel Night

Join us on June 12 for a travel presentation about upcoming pilgrimage trips as well as information about possible future trips. The evening begins with 6:30pm Mass at IC's St. James Chapel. Refreshments and meeting begin at 7:00pm in IC's St. Louis Hall. Watch the bulletin for more details. Everyone is welcome.

Pope Francis at Fatima

Pope Francis arrives for the 100th Anniversary celebration at Fatima, Portugal.

Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Collaborative pilgrims are there!



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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Women's Evening of Prayer



Join us on **Wednesday, May 24** at 7:00pm at St. Ann Church for an evening of prayer. The theme is "Being in the presence of God." All are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Canada

Join Fr. George on a pilgrimage to Canada on August 21–26, 2017. During the six-day tour of Montreal and Quebec City, we will visit shrines, churches, cathedrals, museums, chapels, monasteries, and much more.

To reserve your space or for more information, visit www.pilgrimages.com/frgeorgemorin or call 206 Tours at 800-206-8687, and ask for Amanda or Bika.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue in Amesbury

Arrival: May 21, 3:00pm **Departure 9:00pm**

The Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be present at Holy Family Church, 11 Sparhawk Street, Amesbury on **Sunday, May 21**. You are cordially invited to come.

This statue is an image of the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima as she appeared in 1929 to Sister Lucia in Tuy, Spain.

This statue was blessed by Pope Francis at the Vatican on 10/23/13, ten days after his Consecration of the World to Our Lady of Fatima. It was formally introduced at the 2014 March for Life in Washington, D.C.

The World Apostolate of Fatima will provide rosaries, brown scapulars and Fatima materials for this event.

Schedule:

3:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary
4:00pm	Veneration of Statue
5:30pm	Mass
6:30pm	Benediction & Adoration
7:30pm	Talk, Message of Fatima
8:00pm	Veneration of Statue

Skydive New England Fundraiser

Lebanon ME , June 3, 2017, 10:00am

Our team, "Leap of Faith," shares a common bond. We are committed to raise awareness of the opioid epidemic in our communities and the affect it is having on families. In addition, we want to raise money for a nonprofit organization that supports funding for young adults suffering with addiction to attend a long-term residential, twelve-step program. Five amazing people joined "Leap of Faith" to skydive for this very challenging and rewarding experience. We are donating the money raised to The Pelican Intervention Fund which provides funding for adults to attend a long- term, 12 step-based sober living program that achieves our goal. They have raised \$90,000 in one year and have placed 14 adults in residential programs.

Please make a donation: pelicaninterventionfund.org.

Note: The Pelican Intervention Fund is not endorsing or sponsoring this event.

Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will resume on its regular third Sunday of the month, **May 21, 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*, Chapters 3–6. 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.

Cursillo & Ultreya

A **Cursillo** retreat is a three-day weekend of intensive spiritual reflection and exploration at St. Basils, Methuen, that offers us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ. 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.

Ultreya, the Spanish word for "onward" or "to persevere," is a gathering that unites us in prayer and fellowship. It is a reunion of those who have experienced a Cursillo retreat, but all are welcome to attend Ultreya meetings on the Friday of each Cursillo weekend. Questions about Cursillo or Ultreya? Contact Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

2017 Ultreya / Cursillo Calendar

Ultreya Dates	Cursillo Weekends
June 2	June 1–4 (Women)



IC School principal, Mary Reardon, was interviewed on May 13 on radio station WNBZ. Mary and Joe DiBiase, pictured here, discussed the 135th Gala, the history of the school, the school today, and what's planned in the future. Hear the full interview at localpulserradio.com.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Gospel Night at the Pops



Five members of the Immaculate Conception Adult Choir will be singing with the Boston Pops at Symphony Hall on **June 17** to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Gospel Night at the Pops.

Jonathan Temple, Pat Forbes, Krista LaForte, Kate Prescott, and Emily Rosetti will be among 80 gospel singers from around the Commonwealth for a rousing night of praise and celebration.

Those interested in attending can take advantage of the “friends and family” discount offered by calling 617-266-1200 or visit bostonpops.org/gospel50 to get your tickets. You will be dancing in the aisles as you join this amazing choir in praising God through this singularly American art form. Come and *get your praise on!*

C.A.M.P.S. 2017—34th Year

July 31–August 5, 2017 for High School Youth grade 9 and recently graduated seniors at Lakeside Christian Camp and Retreat Center, Pittsfield, MA.

What is C.A.M.P.S.?

C.A.M.P.S. is a ministry to youth with a three-fold mission:

1. That all participants come to a saving, personal relationship with Jesus Christ;
2. That Christian community be formed and lived; and
3. That continued spiritual growth and commitment be fostered.

For more information and registration, visit:

<http://www.campsministry.com/application.html>

Cost: \$478 registration and bus. PayPal available for an extra fee.

Questions of the Week



Adult: How do you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit?

Child: When do you feel most like the Holy Spirit is guiding you?

Scripture for the Week

- 21 Sun** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
22 Mon Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
23 Tue Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
24 Wed Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
25 Thu Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
26 Fri Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
27 Sat Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
28 Sun Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

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Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer, resting silently in God, facilitates the process of inner transformation. Our prayer without words is one of intention to surrender to God’s presence and action in our lives and desire for a closer relationship with God. Join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm, in the **IC Nazareth Library**. Join us as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of this prayer in our own spiritual journey. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483. or visit www.hriccatholic.org.

Volunteer Needed for Avita of Newburyport

Every Sunday Avita brings senior citizens to Mass at Holy Redeemer. They are in need of a volunteer to help with this project. Please contact Deb Shapiro, 978-225-700, deb@avitaofnewburyport.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.

Bulletin Information

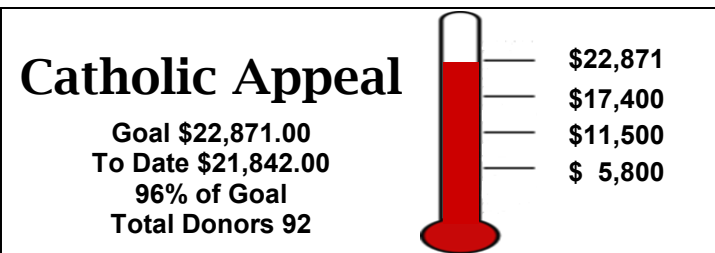
Please supply bulletin information by Monday noon to the collaborative bulletin email: hricbulletin@gmail.com.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory, May 13–14 **\$3,572.00**

The second collection next weekend is Catholic Relief Services.



Holy Redeemer Scholarship for High School Seniors

Holy Redeemer Parish is offering a scholarship, to any graduating senior, who plans on furthering their education after high school. The senior must have been confirmed through the Holy Redeemer religious education program. An essay stating “**How I live a Catholic life as a member of Holy Redeemer Parish**” must be received at 4 Green Street, Merrimac by Sunday, June 11 to be considered.

VBS at Nativity



Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer, July 10–14 from 9:00–12:00. The theme is *Maker Fun Factory*. Children ages 5–11 can sign up to be participants. Teens and adults can sign up to volunteer.

Visit vbspro.events/p/nativity2017 to sign up.

For more information contact Jen Acorn, 978-697-1082.

HR Boy Scouts

Scouting builds more than just campfires. Scouting builds character, values, community, and family. Holy Redeemer charts Boy Scout Troop 41. The troop meets Monday evenings in Nativity Hall, Merrimac from 7:00–8:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in learning more about the troop or joining, contact the scoutmaster, Mark Friend at msf4087@gmail.com. All faiths welcome. Please see the Parish website calendar for meeting dates, www.hricatholic.org.



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.

We would love for you to join us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac, at 1:00pm. Don't know how to crochet or knit, we will teach you and give you yarn. **Our next meeting is Thursday, June 1 at 1:00 p.m.**



HR Religious Education

2017–18 Religious Ed.

Registration Forms for the 2017–2018 year of Religious Ed. may be found on the website: hricatholic.org.

Also, the form for our incoming 7th and 8th graders to participate in our “Middle School Mission Week” (July 10–14, 2017) is available online at the above website. This week is in collaboration with IC Parish and will take place in Newburyport and different locations throughout the week.

Confirmation

Bishop Hennessey will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, October 28 at Nativity, Merrimac at 1:00pm and also within the 4:00pm Mass.

Confirmation Retreat is Sunday, September 24 at Merrimac beginning at 11:00am and ending with our Youth Mass at 5:00pm. All Candidates are expected to attend. Sponsors, families, and friends are invited to attend this Mass.

Confirmation Rehearsal: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 7:00pm at Merrimac. Candidates and sponsors need to attend this rehearsal. **If the sponsor cannot attend, a parent must come with the Candidate.**

Grade 9 Next Class

The next and last class for **Grade 9** is Sunday, May 21 from 6–7:30pm at Merrimac.

New Email Address

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

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, May 24.**

Please see the Collaborative calendar at www.hricatholic.org for the schedule or contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.



HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



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

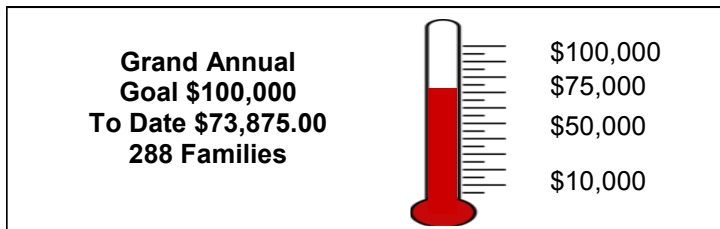
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory, May 6–7 \$9,929.50
 Monthly \$2,084.00

The second collection this weekend is IC-Haiti. **Please make checks payable to IC-Haiti.**

The second collection next weekend is Catholic Relief Services.



IC-Haiti

The second collection **this weekend**, May 20–21, will be taken up for IC-Haiti. We thank you in advance for your continued support for the Fr. Marc Piché elementary school, the food program associated with the school, and the health, nutrition, dental, and medical programs run through the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation Hospital. We also thank Immaculate Conception 6th grader Margot Anderson-Song and her parents for their ongoing commitment to raise funds for IC-Haiti by holding a “Cookies for Haiti” bake sale on the weekend of May 6–7.

Recently, Stuart Meurer, the President of IC-Haiti, traveled to Puit Chacha where the school is located and to Fondes Blanc where the hospital is located. He was deeply impressed by the constant and sincerely expressed gratitude of the people for the resources, services, and opportunities that IC-Haiti has made available to them. Thank you, the parishioners and supporters of IC-Haiti, for choosing to “see” and support our brothers and sisters in Haiti and for continuing to offer them the gift of hope.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$105.00
Poor Box	\$270.00
Total	\$375.00

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.

Adoration

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

Dear Friends,

Recently Immaculate Conception School held its annual Science Fair. The Classrooms, pre-kindergarten through grade four, were open for visitors to see evidence of students’ learning. The Kindergarteners planted sunflowers and are watching the root systems develop.



Jasmine Al Khatib presents her project on a self-inflating balloon.

They are also excitedly monitoring the progress of their caterpillars. Pre-Kindergartners are studying the water cycle and the life cycle of the frog. Second grade has become very familiar with the scientific process as they have experimented with simple machines. Third grade showed off crystals they had created. Fourth grade exhibited rainforest dioramas and paper mache models.



Visitors, parents, and the younger students were invited into the gymnasium where students in grades five through eight displayed the results of their many weeks of work. Projects this year ranged from graphic displays of the circulatory, respiratory, and digestive systems to The Effects of Electromagnetic Radiation on Our Health, Lyme Disease, and The Musical Tesla Coil to an Armed Intruder Detection System. All the projects were quite creative and sophisticated. Students earning the highest number of points on an assigned rubric were awarded ribbons.

This was a great evening of celebration!

Sincerely, Mary Reardon, Principal

*Lily Papatola, Mrs. Reardon,
 Will Massey, Michael Spero,
 Rudy Pryor, Lucas Michals
 and Chase Van Doorne*



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 **May 22**. Questions? Contact Barbara J. Hopkinson, founder and chapter leader, 617-410-6309, or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

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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 is not boastful. In #97: The following word, *perpereúetai*, denotes vainglory, the need to be haughty, pedantic and somewhat pushy. Those who love not only refrain from speaking too much about themselves, but are focused on others; they do not need to be the centre of attention. The word that comes next—*physioutai*—is similar, indicating that love is not arrogant. Literally, it means that we do not become “puffed up” before others. It also points to something more subtle: an obsession with showing off and a loss of a sense of reality. Such people think that, because they are more “spiritual” or “wise”, they are more important than they really are. Paul uses this verb on other occasions, as when he says that “knowledge puffs up”, whereas “love builds up” (1 Cor 8:1). Some think that they are important because they are more knowledgeable than others; they want to lord it over them. Yet what really makes us important is a love that understands, shows concern, and embraces the weak. Elsewhere the word is used to criticize those who are “inflated” with their own importance (cf., 1 Cor 4:18) but in fact are filled more with empty words than the real “power” of the Spirit (cf., 1 Cor 4:19).

Summer Religious Education Classes

Grades 1–8: Summer registration is available. Forms can be downloaded from the website:

Gr 1–6: <http://www.hricatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education>

Gr 7–8: <http://www.hricatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education>

Please be sure to complete a *Catechetical Events Log Sheet* to be eligible to participate in the Summer program. It needs to be submitted prior to the start of the program.

We are offering **2 programs for Grades 1–8**: June 26–30 and July 24–28. Monday–Thursday 9:00am–3:00pm and Friday 9:00am–1:00pm. Cost: \$175/student.

We are also introducing **new this summer**: a **Collaborative MS Mission Week** July 10–14 for grades 7–8 youth. Schedule is as follows: Monday 10am–4pm, Tuesday 9am–4pm, Wednesday 8am–4pm, Thursday 10am–4pm, and Friday 10:00am–6:00pm. We have limited enrollment. It will combine catechesis and service and for IC youth it can be done in place of regular Summer Religious Education. Learning how to live our faith in service to those in need. Cost: \$200 includes transportation to agencies that serve the poor.

Baptism

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

June 4 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

June 11 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

Summer Confirmation session is July 17–20 from 5:30–8:00pm for Grades 9 and 10. More information and registration is available online:

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

School Year Confirmation sessions will begin in the fall once a month on Sunday 1:00–3:00pm. For information and registration go online:

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

First Eucharist

Registrations for 2017–2018 First Reconciliation and Eucharist will be available on the website in August 2017.

Collaborative Altar Server Training

Anyone from the Collaborative parishes can join in our training sessions for Altar Servers. There are 3 Training sessions—all sessions are required (different skills are taught at each session.) We are looking for young people: Rising grade 4 through grade 12. Training sessions will be on Monday, June 5, Thursday June 8, and Monday, June 12 at 3:30–4:30pm in IC Church. To sign up, please contact: Dr Mag mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org or 978-462-2724 ext 7405.

Youth Mass—September 24, 2017

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, September 24 at Nativity, Merrimac at 5:00pm.

Peter Pan Jr.



Join us for a night of entertainment at Immaculate Conception School's production of Peter Pan Jr. on Thursday, June 1 and Friday, June 2 at 6:30pm in the IC School Auditorium. Admission is free. Donations accepted at the door.

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.

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.

