

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

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Image of "Jesus Christ, Conquers" from the Abbey of the Dormition, Jerusalem

"Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." (Jn 17:3)

All Are Welcome

Join us for a night of entertainment at

Immaculate Conception School's production of

PETER PAN JR.



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Thursday, June 1 and Friday, June 2 at 6:30 pm

Immaculate Conception School Auditorium

1 Washington Street, Newburyport

Admission is free with donations accepted at the door

Directed by Deirdre Budzyna • Produced and Choreographed by Beth Anderson-Song

A Musical Based on the Play by Sir J.M. Barrie • Lyrics by Carolyn Leigh • Music by Morris (Moose) Charlap

Additional Lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green • Additional Music by Jule Styne • Originally Directed, Choreographed and Adapted by Jerome Robbins

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

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)

Monday (5/29)

- 9:00am **Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery**

Tuesday (5/30)

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

Wednesday (5/31)

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

Thursday (6/1)

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

Friday (6/2)

- 9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
 1:30pm **Avita** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (6/3)

- 2:00pm **Atria** (Fr. Broderick)
 4:00pm **IC Regina M. Stronge, Michael Twomey, Graciela Lablanca, David Tierney** (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **Nativity Rick Marshall** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (6/4)

- 7:15am **IC Jack MacKinnon** (Fr. Broderick)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC Dale V. Deveau, Jr.** (Fr. Morin)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
 11:00am **IC Domenico & Caterina Maiello**
 (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers please remember Mabel Kalashian, Patricia Caswell Gerbetz, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As we come towards the conclusion of our Easter Season, the readings coalesce to bring us to the climax of Jesus' mission: the sending of the Holy Spirit. It was always to be about more than simply what the Lord did Himself in His earthly ministry. Even the Resurrection was always about more than simply Christ rising from the dead. The Feast of the Ascension that we celebrated this past week pointed towards something more than Christ simply ascending to the Father, a returning to, from whence He came. These moments that we celebrate individually over these 7 weeks are really better understood and viewed as one mystery: the Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. If we look at these as one, larger "event," then we begin to grasp at the enormity of God's plan of salvation for our world. Everything was ordered to accomplish the bigger goal of reconciling all things in Christ.

But we also begin to see our place in this mystery: that the Holy Spirit dwells in us and if we are docile to the movements of the Spirit, then we will be part of God's plan as well. Christ ascending to the Father and sending the Holy Spirit means that we believers are now intimately involved in God's work. We are no longer mere observers or distant participants. The on-going work of salvation is accomplished in and through us. Heady stuff, that!

It is also comfortingly simple. During a recent baptismal ceremony, I asked the newly-minted parents a series of questions about how they cared for their infant child. "What do you do when the baby cries?" I asked. "Pick her up," was the answer. I continued, "What do you do when she is hungry?" "Feed her," was the obvious reply. "What do you do when her diapers need changing at 3 a.m.?" I ventured. . . . Without any hesitation, the mother quickly retorted, "Give her to daddy!" Now there is a marriage that will thrive! But the point of my questioning is to point out that this child's parents were already teaching her about the love of God by their very direct and physical care from these earliest, formative moments. They are, with no lack of profundity, God's direct and immediate instrument of care for this little baby. They are partners with God to help unfold the mystery of Salvation just a bit further in our world. God's love flows through them. And whether we are up in the wee hours of the morning changing diapers or not, we, too, must allow God's Spirit to work through us as well.

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IC Summer Mass Schedule

Please remember that the IC Sunday Mass schedule will be as follows: Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m., **11:00 a.m.**

The schedule will begin on Sunday, June 4 and remain in effect through September 3.

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, May 29, Memorial Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 30

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

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

Wednesday, May 31

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

Thursday, June 1

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

IC School Play 6:30pm, IC School Gym

Friday, June 2

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

IC School Play 6:30pm, IC School Gym

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

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

Saturday, June 3, Pentecost

Holy Quilters 8:00am, Nativity Hall

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, June 4

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

Collaborative Baptism Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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I don't believe that the events of our lives are random. I can't tell you how many times I have found myself interacting with a wide variety of people who just happen to be walking around a corner or are in a particular room that I enter, and find myself engaging in significant conversations with them. I couldn't plan to have even half of these encounters if I tried, but I also can't shake the feeling that these were not merely coincidental. I don't often know what comes from these encounters or how God might use them to help others, but it has happened so often that I just can't see them as random events. There is some One else, some Other, who is guiding these moments and using them to His purpose.

This is what it means in our baptism to be filled with the Holy Spirit. God works in and through our everyday lives to further God's Will and Plan. We don't have to figure it all out or know why or how every moment will fit in with the bigger picture. We simply need to be docile to what God is asking of us at any given point in time. Many years ago, Mother Teresa (now St. Teresa of Calcutta) was asked how she could see herself as being successful in helping a relative few when there were so many more millions who were suffering and would never be helped. Her reply was that, "God does not call us to be successful in this world, God only asks us to be faithful." We cannot overestimate what God can do with our everyday acts of faithfulness and love. Mother Teresa would go on to say, "I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that. But now I pray that He will guide me to do whatever I am supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I am praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things."

As the abbreviations and lettering on the cover image translate from the Greek, "Jesus Christ Conquers," so we are invited to draw great strength from the totality of His love for us, that we might be about His work every day until we enter the eternity of His presence.

May God Bless us all in the weeks ahead!

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

IC Travel Night

Join us on Monday, 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 St. James Chapel. Refreshments and meeting begin at 7:00pm in IC St. Louis Hall. Watch the bulletin for more details. Everyone is welcome.

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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 website for any updates: hriccatholic.org.

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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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Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study will Meet on June 11

Note Change in June Schedule

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will **not** meet on its regular first and third Sunday of the month, but will meet on June 11 and June 25 at 2:00pm in the Parish Center. Interested members of the Collaborative are invited to join the study group as we read and discuss *The Acts of the Apostles*, Chapters 5 through 8. 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.

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)

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.

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.

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.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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!*

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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: When you pray as Jesus did in this Gospel, what do you ask of the Father?

Child: How do you pray for others? For whom do you pray most often?

Scripture for the Week

28 Sun	Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
29 Mon	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
30 Tue	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
31 Wed	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
1 Thu	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
2 Fri	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
3 Sat	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

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.

LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00pm for an inspiring night of worship at St. Anthony Church in Cambridge, MA with guest 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**. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area.

C.A.M.P.S. 2017—34th Year

July 31–August 5, 2017 for High School Youth grade 9 through 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.

C.A.M.P.S. Leadership

Fr. George Morin, 978-346-8604: Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, W. Newbury

For more information and registration, visit:

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

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

“Voices of the Newburys”

Watch Jean Foley Doyle’s “Voices from the Newburys: Oral History Interviews” series from Port Media. Jean, local educator and historian, discusses what it was like growing up in Newburyport and Newbury during the Depression and World War II. It’s well worth a listen. The link can be found on our website and Facebook pages as well.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_oV4NAz-N6Q

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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory, May 20–21 **\$2,415.00**

The second collection this weekend is Catholic Relief Services. Next week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as 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.

Catholic Appeal

Goal **\$22,871.00**
To Date **\$21,842.00**
96% of Goal
Total Donors **92**



\$22,871
\$17,400
\$11,500
\$ 5,800

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.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



The HR SVdP conference recently helped pay one family's overdue rent. The family had medical issues that diverted funds and made it difficult to pay all of the household bills. Thank you for supporting families that are going through difficult times.

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

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.**



EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has you covered. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource. <http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

HR Religious Education

2017–18 Religious Ed.

It's time to register your children for Religious Education for the Fall of 2017 now. Registration Forms for the 2017–2018 year of Religious Ed. may be found on the website: hricatholic.org/Holy-Redeemer-Religious-Education. The syllabus for each grade will be online by mid-summer. 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.**

HR Boy Scouts

Scouting builds more than just campfires. Scouting builds character, values, community, and family. Holy Redeemer charters 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.



Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair



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. Mark your calendars now for this fun event.

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.

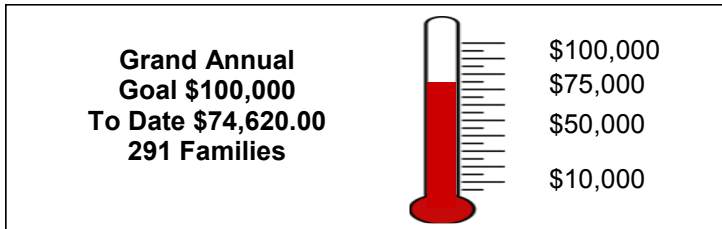


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

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 IC Haiti **\$4,629.00**

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The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 5.00
Poor Box	\$130.00
Total	\$135.00

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.

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.

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.

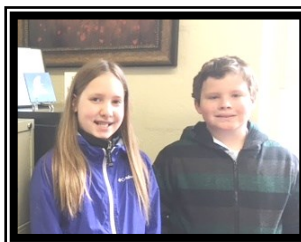
Immaculate Conception School

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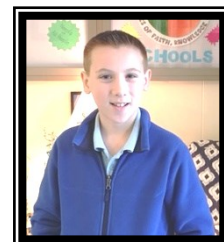
A few weeks ago I wrote about the Poetry Performance offered by our Fourth Grade. Students' original poems were submitted in April to the "15th Annual Kid's Poetry Contest" organized by the Amesbury Public Library. Three of our students won in their grade level. Kayley Simons won second place for her poem "The City." Zachary Bishopp and Maxwell Walker won Honorable Mention for their poems. Zach for a poem entitled "FIRE" and Max for a poem entitled "The First Snow."



Winners were invited to the Library Poetry Party on Friday, May 19. They read their poems and enjoyed refreshments. Prizes were awarded to the winners.



Congratulations Kayley, Max, and Zach!



Immaculate Conception School's Eighth Grade joined Newburyport Police Department for the Peace Officers Memorial Day Service. The 8th graders led in the pledge of allegiance at the beginning of the service.



The students are pictured here with the Police Honor Guard (L to R: Officer Wilichoski, Inspector McDonald, Sgt. Whitney, and Officer Sinclair) and City Marshal Mark Murray.



Declan McCarty shows off his raffle win at the Ice Cream Social held in conjunction with the recent Science Fair.

Sincerely,
 Mary Reardon, Principal

Adoration

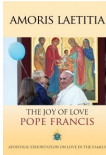
Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in IC's St. James Chapel on Fridays from 8:00am–12:00noon.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

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



Love is not boastful. In #98: It is important for Christians to show their love by the way they treat family members who are less knowledgeable about the faith, weak, or less sure in their convictions. At times the opposite occurs: the supposedly mature believers within the family become unbearably arrogant. Love, on the other hand, is marked by humility; if we are to understand, forgive and serve others from the heart, our pride has to be healed and our humility must increase. Jesus told his disciples that in a world where power prevails, each tries to dominate the other, but “it shall not be so among you” (Mt 20:26). The inner logic of Christian love is not about importance and power; rather, “whoever would be first among you must be your slave” (Mt 20:27). In family life, the logic of domination and competition about who is the most intelligent or powerful destroys love. Saint Peter’s admonition also applies to the family: “Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility towards one another, for ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble’” (1 Pet 5:5).

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. Deadline: June 1 for June session and July 1 for July session.

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

Youth Mass—September 24, 2017

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

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.

Cookies for Haiti



Thank you to everyone who supported Cookies for Haiti this year—those who baked and those who bought! Between the weekend’s proceeds and matching grants from a local company, we were able to raise \$7288.68! It is amazing what our community can do when we all pull together! Thank you so much for supporting this important cause once again.

Margot Anderson-Song

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.

Look who's back at IC!

