

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

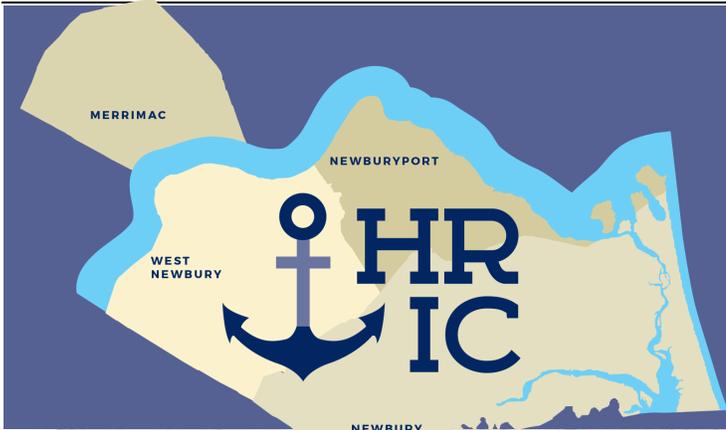
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Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." (Jn 15: 9-10)

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

“Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...”

St. Ann

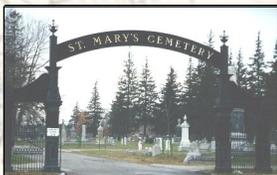
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/5)

11:00am **IC First Communion** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 4:00pm **IC Dale Deveau, Jr., Joseph & Jeannette Donahue** (Fr. Harrison)
 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (5/6)

7:15am **IC Adolf Benca** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
 9:00am **IC Joseph Anastasio**
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
 11:30am **IC Mary Razza, Lena Filomia, Luke Picillo** (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (5/7)

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

Tuesday (5/8)

7:15am **IC For the intentions of Peter D'Ambrosio** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (5/9)

7:15am **IC James McInerney & Dorothy Cruise** (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (5/10) The Ascension of the Lord

7:15am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC School Liturgy** (Fr. Morin)
 7:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
 7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Friday (5/11)

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

Saturday (5/12)

11:00am **IC First Communion** (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **IC Rita M. Snow, For the intentions of Mary D'Ambrosio** (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (5/13)

7:15am **IC Regina M. Stronge, Rita Decaire, For the intentions of Lubica Benca**
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC Nelson & Grace Tsai, Gloria Keefe, Ava Bartfay-Szabo** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 10:15am **St. Ann Marion Landry** (Fr. Harrison)
 11:30am **IC Burt Baptiste, Maryanne Coleman, Lillian Pecht** (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers please remember Joel Eiserman and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 10 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times for the Holy Day are listed below.

7:15am Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

9:00am St. Ann, W. Newbury

9:00am, Immaculate Conception, School Liturgy

7:00pm, Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

7:00pm, Nativity, Merrimac

Lectio Divina: An Invitation to Scripture-based Prayer

As part of the Collaborative Pastoral Plan, we have committed ourselves to becoming ever more intentional disciples of Christ. As a first step toward making this goal a reality, we are inviting you to join your fellow parishioners in making Scripture-based prayer a more integral part of our Collaborative's faith life and journey. To this purpose, we have chosen a method of prayer known as Lectio Divina to introduce to all parishioners throughout the Collaborative. Please accept this invitation to participate in a Lectio Divina prayer experience at one of the following times and places. We can assure you that your faith life and that of the parishes will be enriched and enlivened by this Scripture-based prayer.

	St. Ann	Nativity	Immaculate Conception
Mornings:	Mon. May 14 at 9:35 in Church	Fri. May 11 at 9:35 in Church	Tues. May 8 at 7:50 in Church
Evenings:	Wed. May 16 at 7:00 in Church	Mon. May 7 at 7:00 in Church	Wed. May 9 at 7:15 in St. James Chapel

Catholic TV

Visit www.catholicstv.com for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

Italy 2 Pilgrimage



Assisi at night

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. Visit www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric to learn more.

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This Week in Our Collaborative

See our calendar at hriccatholic.org for more activities.

Monday, May 7

AA Meetings 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC First Eucharist Rehearsal (for May 12, 11:00am) 4:30pm,
IC Church
HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
Landings Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room
Lectio Divina Service 7:00pm, Nativity Church

Tuesday, May 8

Lectio Divina Service 7:45am, IC Church
IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
IC First Eucharist Rehearsal (for May 12, 4:00pm) 4:30pm,
IC Church
Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
Knights of Columbus 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Wednesday, May 9

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall
Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209
Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall
Collaborative Altar Server Training 1 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
IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church
HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory
Lectio Divina Service 7:15pm, IC St. James Chapel

Thursday, May 10, Ascension

IC First Eucharist Rehearsal (for May 13, 11:30am) 4:30pm,
IC Church
Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

Friday, May 11

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
Lectio Divina Service 9:30am, Nativity Church
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, May 12

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, May 13, Mother's Day

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
Baptisms 2:00pm, IC Church

Collaborative Altar Server Training for Students Grades 4 through Adults

We are hosting 3 training sessions for new youth altar servers and 2 sessions for adults in our Collaborative. All sessions need to be attended. The sessions are from 3:30-4:30pm at the IC church:



- Wednesday, May 9 Session 1 for youth only
- Wednesday, May 16 Session 2 for youth and adults
- Monday, May 21 Session 3 for youth and adults with Fr. Tim.

Please RSVP if you are interested in becoming an Altar Server. Dr. Mag McKinnon 978-462-2724 ext. 7405 or mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org

All Care Hospice

All Care Hospice is currently seeking caring, compassionate people to offer comfort and support to our patients and families through companionship. As part of the care team, volunteers serve a vital role in affecting the quality of our patients' lives. All Care Hospice serves the North Shore, Merrimack Valley, and Greater Boston. Volunteer opportunities available close to home. For more information or to enroll in a training, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Maureen Burge at 781-244-1129 or visit our website, allcare.org to download a volunteer form.



The Holy Jammers is an impromptu group of musicians that meet on Wednesdays in the IC Pastoral Center, second floor, at 9:00am. Anyone is welcome. Bring your instrument.

Online Resources

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our **calendar**, **Twitter**, and **Facebook** pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, see our Get Involved tab to see how your talents can be utilized, or check out the photos section. We have so much happening in our Collaborative.

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

Questions of the Week

Adult: This week how can you show love for someone you consider offensive?

Child: To love means to care for another as Jesus cares for us. When have you shown love for someone you do not like?



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Save the Date

Celebrate Fr. Bill McLaughlin's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.



Sunday, June 3, 2018, the Feast of Corpus Christi

Mass at Immaculate Conception Church at 11:00 a.m.

Reception at IC St. Louis Hall (Parish Center) immediately following Liturgy. **All are invited.**

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 www.hriccatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices.



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. The next *Cursillo* weekend is May 3–6 (women).

2017–2018 Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
	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. Our next *Ultreya* is June 1. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

Cor Unum Ministry

Cor Unum Meal Center, located in South Lawrence at St. Patrick Church, is in need of volunteers to serve meals to the poor.

Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer Parishes serve breakfast to the poor of Lawrence on the first Saturday of every month. Volunteers meet in the IC parking lot at 5:00am on Saturday morning. The Center serves breakfast from 6:00am to 8:00am. If you are able to give a few hours of your time serving this meal, please contact Larry Lambert at (978) 462-4842 for further information.

Community Food Pantry

First Parish Church of Newbury Community Food Pantry, 20 High Road, Newbury, is open every Friday from 3:00pm–5:00pm for anyone in need in the Collaborative's towns as well as Georgetown, Rowley, and Salisbury. The volunteers are very welcoming and no one is made to feel uncomfortable when visiting. No registration or proof of residency required. Fresh fruit and vegetables, many types of frozen meats, pasta, and desserts, as well as an array of canned goods, toiletries, etc. are available.

If you would like to donate, nonperishable goods, personal hygiene products, and/or pet food may be dropped off on Sunday mornings from 9:30–11:30am. Grocery store gift cards as well as cash/checks (made out to "First Parish" and write "food pantry" in the memo) are always welcome.

Volunteers Needed for Avita of Newburyport

Every Sunday, Avita of Newburyport Assisted Living brings residents to Mass at Holy Redeemer. They are in need of volunteers to escort residents from Avita to church and back on the Avita bus at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Please contact Debra Shapiro at deb@avitaofnewburyport.com or 978-225-7000.

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.

Jesus aCROSS the Border Young Adult Gathering

Join Jesus aCROSS the Border, the umbrella organization which unites over 20 different young adult Catholic groups. The event is geared towards young adults, 18–35 years of age, but is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the Jesus aCROSS the Border mission. The next monthly gathering is Friday, May 18 at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 325 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, 7:30pm–12:00midnight and includes Eucharistic Adoration, acoustic Praise & Worship, young adult Mass, pizza social, and a Shalom Boston Party. This is a fantastic opportunity for over 20 Catholic young adult groups to network with one another and for you to get to know the many groups out there that are ready to support you in your faith journey. Email Billy Beauchesne at JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page for more information.

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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.

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. Our next youth Mass is **Sunday, May 20 at IC**.

For each youth Mass, a charity is chosen for donations. The May charity is St. Vincent de Paul Society. Donations: toiletries, lotions, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

Prior to Mass, a **beach clean up day** is scheduled from 2:00–4:00pm at the North End of Plum Island. Please bring trash bags and disposable gloves. This activity is open to families. A permission form is required for any teens not accompanied by an adult. Form to be posted to the website in Youth Mass section of page: hricatholic.org/Youth-Ministry.

Scripture for the Week

- 6 Sun Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
- 7 Mon Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- 8 Tue Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
- 9 Wed Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
- 10 Thu Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13/Mk 16:15-20
- 11 Fri Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
- 12 Sat Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
- 13 Sun Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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 Conference Room 209. 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.

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@newburyporthcatholic.org if you would like to learn more about this program.

Online Bulletin

Visit our **Collaborative website**, www.hricatholic.org and click on the bulletin picture on the home page to view the bulletin online.

This is an easy way to navigate to all of the online resources, websites, and email addresses. Simply click on the blue links on the online bulletin and you will be redirected to the link.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH



The **Activities Committee** would like to thank everyone who joined us for Raffle Night. We are happy to report that we had a record-breaking turn out. We raised \$1,170.00 from all the donated items. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We raised \$686.00 from the dinner buffet. Thank you to everyone who donated their family's favorite dish.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory April 28–29 \$ 3,286.00
Grand Annual \$16,755.00

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



Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,862.00
To Date \$16,025.00
68 Donors



\$22,862
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$5,000

The 2018 Catholic Appeal campaign is underway at Holy Redeemer. So far, we have raised \$16,025.00 toward our parish goal of \$22,862.00. Thank you to all who have already participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at bostoncatholicappeal.org or complete a pledge form available in the backs of the churches.

Church Cleanups Planned

Spring Church Yards Clean-up

Saturday, May 19, 9:00 at both HR sites. This is a great opportunity for community service. Anyone willing to supply refreshments for our hard-working volunteers please call Cindy.

Help Needed

We are looking for someone to coordinate the clean-up efforts for the St. Ann property. Please contact Cindy. Contact: Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

HR Scholarship for High School Seniors

The Holy Redeemer Activities Committee is happy to announce that they will be supporting a \$1000 scholarship to one graduating senior of Holy Redeemer. Any senior who plans on furthering their education after high school, in any higher education program, may apply. The applicant must have been confirmed through the Holy Redeemer Religious Ed. program. Applicants must submit an essay. The essay, "How I live a Catholic life as a member of Holy Redeemer," must be received at 4 Green Street, Merrimac no later than Sunday, June 10 to be considered.

Activities Committee Updates

The Activities Committee, with all that we do, are able to fund the coffee hours after Mass, buy the new refrigerator for the Parish Hall, buy a new wireless PA system, donate \$10,000.00 to our Capital Campaign Fund, sponsor the Holy Redeemer scholarship, represent our Parish in the Santa Parade, and so much more! **Thank you all** for supporting our activities.

HR Religious Education

Religious Ed. News

Online registrations for the fall will be available in June. Watch the bulletin for details.

A reminder for students who worked at home with their books to turn them in as soon as possible. Drop off for books is the white "mailbox" by the hall doors at Merrimac.

Youth Mass

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Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

Doreen O'Leary (Rel. Ed. email: 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 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 9.**

See the Collaborative calendar at www.hricatholic.org for the schedule. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

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, June 7.**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

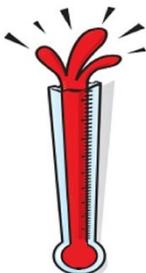
April 28–29 \$ 9,931.00
Grand Annual \$75,840.00

The second collection this weekend is the Restoration/ Renovation.
The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.



Catholic Appeal

Goal \$52,231.00
To Date \$54,103.00
207 Donors
104% of Goal



\$52,231
\$45,000
\$30,000
\$15,000

Congratulations! Immaculate Conception has surpassed its 2018 Catholic Appeal goal of \$52,231.00. The Catholic Appeal provides critical funding to hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs that impact tens of thousands throughout our Archdiocese. Thank you for responding to Cardinal Seán’s call to witness more clearly the depths of God’s love for each one of us through this important effort.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection \$ 181.00
Poor Box \$ 477.00
Total \$ 658.00

Breaking Bread

The Breaking Bread dinner program is in need of a dedicated volunteer to help in the kitchen once or twice per month. We serve every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. The time commitment would be no more than 2 hours. Cooks and servers are doing well, but the very small group that keeps the kitchen sink area clean and organized needs help.

We are a “family” of happy and caring volunteers. **You** would be blessed to be a part of our group. We always leave the Parish Center happy to be a part of such a wonderful group of “kitchen angels.” Please join us!

Contact: “Bunny” Chiasson, Co-ordinator for the St. Vincent de Paul Breaking Bread dinner. 978-465-5810 or sandbunnyc@yahoo.com.

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.

Immaculate Conception School



The 4th grade recently held a poetry reading after an in-depth study of the genre. Students studied famous poets, learned of how life’s circumstances influenced their writing, and recited favorite poems of the artists. Family members and schoolmates gathered to hear the 4th grade impress with their eloquent delivery of all that they had learned. Students also wrote original pieces that were submitted to the Amesbury Public Library for their 16th Annual Kid’s Poetry Contest.



Knights of Columbus

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.

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, May 8** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

Newburyport VIP Card

Help Support Immaculate Conception Church

We encourage folks to spend a few minutes to familiarize themselves with the 180 local businesses in Newburyport and surrounding towns that offer discounts through the Newburyport App/VIP Card Program. This is a great way to save money **every time** you visit participating businesses and it is a simplistic fundraising opportunity for our church. If you decide to make a purchase we ask that you please support Immaculate Conception. View discounts at <https://www.newburyport.com/newburyport-vip/> or you can download the Newburyport App, and select “VIP Discounts.” You can purchase one Card for \$25 or two for \$40, and \$10 of your purchase is donated to **Immaculate Conception Church**. Use the following link to make your purchase:

<https://www.newburyport.com/immaculate-conception-church/>.

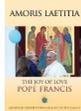
Adoration

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.

Life in the Body: In #186: The Eucharist demands that we be members of the one body of the Church. Those who approach the Body and Blood of Christ may not wound that same Body by creating scandalous distinctions and divisions among its members. This is what it means to “discern” the body of the Lord, to acknowledge it with faith and charity both in the sacramental signs and in the community; those who fail to do so eat and drink judgement against themselves (cf. v. 29). The celebration of the Eucharist thus becomes a constant summons for everyone “to examine himself or herself” (v. 28), to open the doors of the family to greater fellowship with the underprivileged, and in this way to receive the sacrament of that eucharistic love which makes us one body. We must not forget that “the ‘mysticism’ of the sacrament has a social character.” When those who receive it turn a blind eye to the poor and suffering, or consent to various forms of division, contempt and inequality, the Eucharist is received unworthily. On the other hand, families who are properly disposed and receive the Eucharist regularly, reinforce their desire for fraternity, their social consciousness and their commitment to those in need.

Baptism

Baptism info.: www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism

Please pre-register for the class.

May 6 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

May 13 Group Baptism—Church 2:00pm

Note: change of Group Baptism time for May only from 1:00pm to 2:00pm due to 1st Eucharist Mass.

Confirmation

Confirmation Years 1 and 2: Please be working on your service activities. You need 24 hours over a two-year period.

Landings

Our last session of Landings meets on Monday, May 7 from 7:00–8:30 in the IC Charity Dining Room 114. We will have another series in the Fall 2018. To find out more about Landings, please contact: Dr. Mag McKinnon 978-462-2724 ext. 7405, mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org

Youth Mass and Beach Cleanup

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, May 20 at IC at 5:00pm. Charity: St. Vincent de Paul Society. Donations: toiletries, lotions, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

Prior to Mass, a **beach clean up day** is scheduled from 2:00–4:00pm at the North End of Plum Island. Please bring trash bags and disposable gloves. This activity is open to families. A permission form is required for any teens not accompanied by an adult. Form to be posted to the website in Youth Mass section of page: hriccatholic.org/Youth-Ministry.

Boston Pops Gospel Choir

When the praises go up, the blessings come down!

Once again, cantors Jonathan Temple, Pat Forbes, Kate Prescott, and Krista LaForte will be praising God in song as part of the Boston Pops Gospel Choir performing at Gospel Night at the Pops at Boston’s Symphony Hall on June 2, 2018. A “friends and family discount” is available by ordering tickets online at the following link www.bostonpops.org/gospel50

Come support our cantors, enjoy an evening of joyful praise and exceptional entertainment and get your praise on!

IC Summer Religious Ed

Religious Education is coming this summer. The weeks of June 25–29 and July 23–27. Monday–Thursday, 9:00am–3:00pm and Friday 9:00am–2:00pm. Cost: \$175/person. Parent letter and registration online:

hriccatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education

We will also host our Collaborative MS Mission week for grades 7–8 the week of July 16–20 from 9:00am–4:00pm. Time will flex with visits to different agencies. This is an alternative Religious Education and service learning experience for IC youth.

hriccatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education

Confirmation

Summer Confirmation Sessions for Years 1 and 2 are scheduled for July 9–12 from 5:30–8:00pm. Registration information is found on online: hriccatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish.

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.

IC First Eucharist Rehearsals

Our 1st Eucharist Rehearsals are at 4:30pm in the church as follows:

- Monday, May 7 for May 12, 11:00am Mass.
- Tuesday, May 8 for May 12, 4:00pm Mass.
- Thursday, May 10 for May 13, 11:30am Mass.

Please pray for our candidates as they prepare for their reception of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.