

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

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All Are Welcome



“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep...the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out...he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.” (Jn 10:2-4)

OUR COLLABORATIVE

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Immaculate Conception Parish



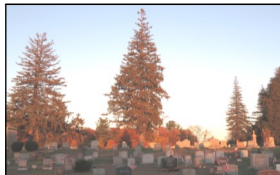
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/6)

10:30am **IC Confirmation**
 1:30pm **IC Confirmation**
 4:00pm **IC Edward Blouin** (Fr. Harrison)
 4:00pm **St. Ann Frederick T. & Helen Burke Jones**
 (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (5/7)

7:15am **IC Charlie Howard, Jr., Adolf Benca, Stefan Javor** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
 9:00am **IC Paul Hefron, Nelson & Grace Tsai, For the intentions of Peter D'Ambrosio** (Fr. Broderick)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
 11:30am **IC Mary Razza, Lena Filomia, Luke Picillo, James McInerney, Dorothy Cruise, Jamie Lynn Valente Richard** (Fr. Harrison)
 5:00pm **IC Youth Mass** (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (5/8)

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

Tuesday (5/9)

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

Wednesday (5/10)

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

Thursday (5/11)

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

Friday (5/12)

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

Saturday (5/13)

11:00am **IC First Communion** (Fr. Harrison)
 4:00pm **IC Regina M. Stronge, Rita M. Snow**
 (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **Nativity Julie Brousseau** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (5/14)

7:15am **IC Anna F. Robinson** (Fr. Broderick)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC Barbara McDermot** (Fr. Morin)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
 11:30am **IC Louise M. Moynihan, Irene deHerrero, Lillian Pecht** (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers please remember Margaret Lorraine Hager, William Deguio, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Parish Membership

Welcome all newcomers to our Collaborative! Parish registration forms are available online at hriccatholic.org.

From the Pastor

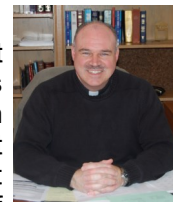
Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, across many different denominations of Christianity, is known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" as the common lectionary embraced by many different churches always features a passage about sheep and shepherds. God and Jesus, of course, are cast as the Good Shepherd who will always lead us sheep to food, water, and safety.

Sheep are a good image for us disciples, as they tend to embody several traits that we exhibit over and over again. To begin with, sheep are dependent on the shepherd to consistently find food and water. Left to their own, they will often wander around, somewhat aimlessly. Only occasionally will that successfully lead to good grazing and a fresh source of drinking water. Sheep, too, will get lost and can be easily scattered. We need to look no further than the Holy Week Gospels and look at the reaction of Jesus' closest followers after his arrest to see this clearly. Except for John and a few of the women, they all scattered and fled. Sheep indeed. And perhaps most poignantly, sheep are relatively defenseless. They are fairly helpless when attacked by a wolf or snatched away by a thief. How apt an image, for us, then, when we face temptations and sin. Left to our own, we fall victim to these quickly and often without much resistance. Or we just plain get lost. We certainly don't thrive.

But one of the most compelling aspects of sheep is that they learn from an early age to recognize the voice of their shepherd, knowing that if they follow this voice, they will have all of their needs met regularly. Ancient shepherds moved their flocks from place to place, knowing where there would be plenty of grass for grazing, an abundant source of water, and then at night would move them into these open-ended enclosures called sheepfolds. They might be circular in shape and consist of high hedgerows or rocky walls. An open gate at one end is where the shepherd would lay down, to keep any sheep from wandering out during the night, and to guard against any threat from easily coming in. Anyone or anything that came up over the wall was an enemy and not to be trusted. Because there were many shepherds, and many sheep, more than one flock would share a sheepfold at night. But

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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 a tour of St. Peter's, as well as other sites in Rome. The trip includes two days in Assisi as well.

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, May 8

AA 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205
IC First Communion Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church
HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
IC PFC Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, May 9

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
IC First Communion Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church
Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
BSA Troop 41 Committee Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Lower Hall
HR St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory
Knights of Columbus 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Wednesday, May 10

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

Thursday, May 11

IC First Communion Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church
Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

Friday, May 12

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

Saturday, May 13

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church

HR Raffle Night



Great prizes, tons of food, and guess who won a Mickey Mouse hat!



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the sheep would only follow their shepherd when he calls, so they would separate themselves in the morning and only go out to the voice they knew and recognized.

This weekend's Gospel portrays Christ as both the shepherd who leads his flock out through the gate, and as the gate itself. It is only through following his voice and trusting in the familiarity of his words that we will find all of our needs met, that we will thrive. While this is really a life-long process for us, we learn about who God is at an early age, from our parents, families and friends. We learn about love, forgiveness, mercy, and compassion. We are taught lessons about doing what is right and protecting those who are vulnerable. We are taught to care for those in need and to reach out to the lonely. We are taught to share and be a friend to all.

These are all moments when we respond to that inner voice of our gentle and Good Shepherd who calls us to holiness and life in abundance. May we listen attentively for his voice in our lives today, knowing that it is only through Christ that we will truly thrive.

Continued Easter Blessings for all,
Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study resumes on May 21



Scripture Study will resume on the third Sunday of the month, May 21, at 2:00pm in the Parish Center. Watch future bulletins for scripture passage information.

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!*

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

First Eucharist Photos



Congratulations to our children and their families as they celebrate their First Communion in our Collaborative. May God richly bless you.

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.hricatholic.org.

Scripture for the Week

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| 7 Sun | Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10 |
| 8 Mon | Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18 |
| 9 Tue | Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 |
| 10 Wed | Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50 |
| 11 Thu | Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20 |
| 12 Fri | Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 |
| 13 Sat | Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14 |
| 14 Sun | Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12 |

Questions of the Week

Adult: Who are the ones in your household or otherwise for whom you are a shepherd?

Child: Who are the ones who take care of you and help you grow?

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Bulletin Information

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

Pelican Intervention Fund Fundraiser Thank You

We thank the many members of our parish collaborative who attended our fund raising event April 30 at the Senior Center. We are also most grateful for the supportive presence of both Fr. Tim Harrison and Fr. George Morin and their continued generous gifts of time and encouragement. They have affirmed, supported, and shared our mission in sermons and through collaborative events. At last Sunday's event Fr. Harrison blessed and led in prayer a community gathering of over 100 people and we raised over \$2,400 to fund sober living residency for men and women struggling with the disease of addiction.

Our sincere thanks to all for assisting us to help these men and women in need,

Elizabeth McCarthy, Kim and Steve Keene
Pelican Intervention Fund

Pelican Intervention Fund Thank You

The Pelican Intervention Fund wishes to thank Fr. Tim Harrison for his continued generosity and affirmation of our mission most recently demonstrated by sharing a portion of gifts given him in celebration of his 25 years of service to others as a priest. From our founding, Fr. Harrison has offered his support, guidance, and encouragement and provided us with many opportunities to share our mission within our collaborative. We are blessed to have Fr. Harrison as our pastor and our friend and are grateful to be members of such a generous caring collaborative led by a pastor who listens and responds to the needs of his flock.

Elizabeth McCarthy, Kim and Steve Keene
Pelican Intervention Fund



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Newburyport Choral Society Spring Concert

Where: Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High Street

Dates: Saturday & Sunday, May 6 & 7

Times: Saturday: 8:00 p.m., Sunday: 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$22, Seniors/Students \$20

The 125-voice Newburyport Choral Society will perform James Whitbourn's powerful oratorio *Annelies*, based on Anne Frank's *Diary of a Young Girl*. Through its "hauntingly beautiful" score, *Annelies* commemorates Anne Frank's courage and spirit of hope under the horrors of oppression, and teaches the lesson of valuing and protecting our shared humanity. For tickets and information visit newburyportchoralsociety.org.

Tickets can also be purchased in Newburyport at the Chamber of Commerce, Jabberwocky Bookshop, The Book Rack, and The Natural Grocer, Conley's Drug Store (Ipswich), and Starbird Jewelers (Amesbury).

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.

Youth Masses

Youth Masses are celebrated as a collaborative. Students take part in the ministries during the Mass. Folk music, with guitar, is featured. Youth Masses begin at 5:00pm. All ages are welcome to this lively celebration.

For each Youth Mass, a charity is chosen for donations. Please watch the bulletin for details about that month's charity. The May 7 Youth Mass will include a service project from 2:00–4:00pm at Plum Island for beach cleanup. Bring disposable gloves to the beach. All are welcome to help out.

Youth Mass Schedule

May 7 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

September 24 at Nativity, Merrimac

October 29 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

December 10 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

January 21, 2018 at Nativity, Merrimac

March 4, 2018 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

May 20, 2018 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

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.

Botticelli and the Search for the Divine

Travel with us to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston to view masterpieces of Renaissance Italy's renowned painter, Sandro Botticelli (c1445-1510). A new exhibit, **Botticelli and the Search for the Divine** is the largest, most important display of Botticelli's works in the US, some never seen here before. Visit the MFA website for more information. Please join collaborative friends!

Where: Museum of Fine Arts in Boston

Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017

Time: Salter Bus departs IC parking lot at 10:15am and returns at 3:15pm.

Cost: Bus Fee \$15. Payment must be received no later than Monday, May 15.

Please make checks payable to IC Parish Newburyport and drop them in collection baskets next weekend or at the IC Parish Center offices during regular business hours. Mark envelope: **Museum Trip** and be sure to include your name and telephone number.

Museum Admission \$20 per person to be paid at the museum

Signup: Call or email Mary Bragg, 978-465-8779, csbraggjr@comcast.net to hold your space.

Planned by AFFT (Adult Faith Formation Team)

Search for Botticelli

Whether you make a trip with Collaborative members to the Botticelli Exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston on May 25 (see above), make a visit on your own before the exhibit ends on July 9, or not at all, join us on our own search for fascinating information about Sandro Botticelli. Two video lectures (1 hour total) by Professor William Kloss of the Smithsonian Institution will be shown at the **Nativity Church Hall, Green Street, Merrimac on Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m.** Wine and cheese and coffee and dessert will be part of the evening.

Informational handouts will be available to help make your museum visit more worthwhile.

Please register by calling or emailing Mary Bragg 978-465-8779, csbraggjr@comcast.net.

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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory, April 29–30 \$3156.00
Home Missions \$ 701.00

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly. The Catholic Communications collection has been moved to August 6.

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,871.00
To Date \$21,167.00
93% of Goal
Total Donors 90



\$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.

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 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 10**.

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **Nativity** in Merrimac on **May 13**.

HR Religious Education

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following students who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 30: Luke Beegan, Will Cacciapuoti, Ellie DeRosa, Robert Feudo, Penny Friend, Michaela Gabardi, Alex Hughey, Jacob LaCroix, Logan LaSala, Cooper LeColst, Gregory Plisinski, Tommy Rich, Michael Torrisi, and Jesse Wirwicz.

Youth Mass

The next Youth Mass is Sunday, May 7 at 5:00pm at IC.

2017–18 Religious Ed.

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

Raffle Night Thank You

Thank you to all who donated and came to Raffle Night. The hall was full of people and over 100 raffle items! Our dinners were delicious with Dorine Gorski's meatballs selling out first. (She made 70!). Roberta Homan's mac and cheese was a close favorite! The assortment of homemade baked goods at intermission were wonderful!

With the money raised at Raffle Night, we plan on replacing the old refrigerator in the Merrimac hall.

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.**

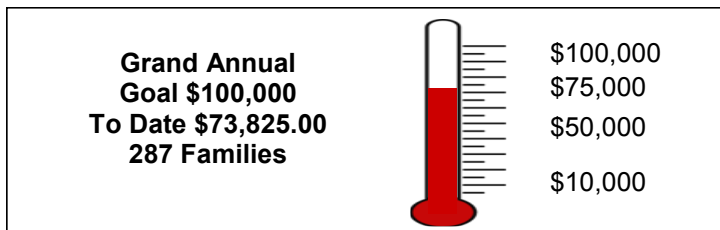


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory, April 29–30 **\$9,658.00**
Monthly **\$1,837.00**

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



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box \$121.00
Collection \$307.50
Total \$428.50

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.

Knights of Columbus



The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, May 9** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

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

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

Dear Friends,



Recently Mrs. Judy Doucette and I attended the Peace Prize Award Ceremony at Newburyport City Hall. Each year the Newburyport Human Rights Commission invites us to nominate a male and female student who exhibits the characteristics of peace maker. This year the nominees were Julianna Camozzi and Carlos Jones.

Carlos was a captain of the Cross Country Team this year. This position was voted on by his peers and approved by the Athletic Director and principal. Carlos is the epitome of a positive peer role model. He is humble, modest, and often stands up for other students. He has even been known to speak to another student about being disrespectful to a faculty member.

Carlos has academic talent and definite leadership qualities. Philips Exeter Academy recognized Carlos's exceptionality and he will be beginning as a freshman next year.

I have known Carlos for his time at our school. He stands out: he stands out as a leader, and he stands out as a student. He stands out as a young man who is grateful for what he has received and is eager to give back.

I think this quote from Carlos's community service essay speaks volumes about his acceptance of others and his willingness to give back to his community. "Overall, I found that doing community service is one of the most satisfying activities that one can do. The enjoyment that you feel from knowing you helped others is one that I hope everyone can experience in life, and I strongly encourage everyone to help out in their respective community. Whether by shoveling a neighbor's driveway, or by donating to a charity, there are many ways you can help." I have no doubt that Carlos has done both these activities and that he will continue to be a role model for all of us in his achievement of excellence, his humble leadership, and his service of others.



Julianna is an eighth grader at Immaculate Conception School. Julianna is generous. She is generous with her friendship, generous with her service, generous with her time. She is a peer role model, who has a positive impact on the behavior of others. She understands the importance of conflict resolution and will speak up for others.

Julianna helps out with the school's annual Halloween Party, and volunteers for the North Pole Express, our school's major fundraiser. She has walked against violence with the Jeanne Geiger Center, and has volunteered at the

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Masconomet Health Center, a nursing home in Topsfield, where she shares her help, joy, and friendship with the elders.

Julianna wrote in an essay about her community service that, "During all these activities, [she] enjoyed helping others with work that they couldn't do themselves." She reflected that this service helped her look at the world (with) a different perspective. Volunteering at Masconomet Health Care taught her not only how to take care of people with special needs, but the importance of living life to the fullest. She has learned that whether you are helping someone who is in a difficult situation or just saying "good morning" to someone you can make their day brighter.

Julianna often offers to help and is usually thinking of others. She gets along with a diversity of personalities. She is patient, does not get ruffled, and is level-headed. This young woman's generosity of spirit, and unconditional acceptance of people makes her a truly exceptional person and a remarkable nominee for the 2017 Peace Prize.

Julianna and Carlos are two of the many amazing young men and women that we will graduate this June.

Sincerely, Mary Reardon, Principal

Upcoming Events

135th Gala ~ Friday, May 19, 7–10pm
Visit gala.icsnewburyport.com for tickets.

Tuesday Tours ~ IC school tours, including classroom visits, second Tuesday of each month, 9–11am.

For more information about the school events please call our office at (978) 465-7780.

"Cookies for Haiti" Bake Sale

After Masses This Weekend: May 6 & 7

Hello,

My name is Margot Anderson-Song and I am a 6th grader at Immaculate Conception School. For the past 4 years I have conducted a bake sale raising money for I.C. Haiti. This year my annual "Cookies for Haiti" bake sale will be after every single IC Mass on the weekend of May 6 and 7. All you need to do to contribute is buy cookies or simply make a donation if you would prefer! It is great raising money for Haiti once again!

Sincerely, Margot Anderson-Song



Thank You!

Immaculate Conception Parish gratefully acknowledges the recent donation of \$7,456.21 from the Daughters of Isabella. Over the years, the Daughters have been involved in many important works of charity in our local area. We are grateful for their generosity and the witness of faith they have offered to our community. May God bless each of the former members in the years ahead!

IC Religious Education

Summer Religious Education Classes

Grades 1–8: Summer registration has begun. 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 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 Religious Education. Learning how to live our faith in service to those in need. Cost: \$200 includes transportation to agencies that serve the poor.

Service Learning Project—Beach Clean up

Anyone from the parish is welcome to join our Grades K–6 with a parent and grades 7–HS youth in this service project:

- *Service Learning Project*: Sunday, May 7 2:00–4:00pm—Beach Clean up Project—Plum Island. Return at 4:30pm, St. Louis Hall to debrief experience. Bring disposable gloves. Trash bags will be provided.

Baptism

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

May 7 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

May 14 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 can be found 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

1st Eucharist Rehearsals and Mass times:

Monday, May 8 at 4:30pm for Saturday, May 13 Mass at 11:00am.

Tuesday, May 9 at 4:30pm for Saturday, May 13 Mass at 4:00pm.

Thursday, May 11 at 4:30pm for Sunday, May 14 Mass at 11:30am.

Youth Mass—May 7

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, May 7 at Immaculate Conception at 5:00pm.