



*“Behold, I see the heavens opened  
and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”*

*From Acts 7 and the Martyrdom of St. Stephen*

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

**SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 8, 2016**

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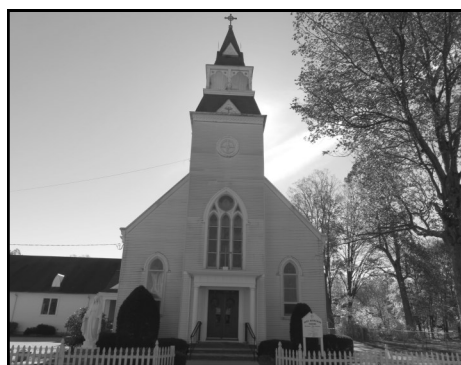
# OUR COLLABORATIVE

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## Immaculate Conception Parish



### Immaculate Conception

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42 Green St., Newburyport 01950  
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (5/7)

11:00am **IC First Communion** (Fr. Harrison)  
 4:00pm **IC Rita Snow, James McInerney, Dorothy Cruise** (Fr. Harrison)  
 4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (5/8)

7:15am **IC Anna F. Robinson, Diane LeSage, Evelyn Sweeney, Patricia MacKinnon, For the intentions of Adolf Benca, Jr.** (Fr. Broderick)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 9:00am **IC John F. Cutter, III, Roger Gaumont, Catherine Bogue, Mary Baikewicz, Stanley Baikewicz, For the intentions of Peter D'Ambrosio** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 10:15am **St. Ann Marion Landry and Joyce McCallister** (Fr. Morin)  
 11:30am **IC Mary Razza, Lena Filomia, Elizabeth Finneran, Lillian Pecht, For the intentions of Samuel McLachlan and Family** (Fr. Harrison)

### Monday (5/9)

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

### Tuesday (5/10)

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

### Wednesday (5/11)

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

### Thursday (5/12)

7:15am **IC Regina M. Stronge** (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (5/13)

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

### Saturday (5/14)

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

### Sunday (5/15)

7:15am **IC Audrey Melican, Charlie Lagasse** (Fr. Morin)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
 9:00am **IC Nelson & Grace Tsai, David Loring** (Fr. Broderick)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 11:30am **IC Louise M. Moynihan, Luke Picillo** (Fr. Harrison)  
 6:00pm **Nativity Youth Mass** (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers please remember Anthony Raven, Mary Swain, Thomas White, Ruth Ryan, and all the faithful departed.

**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

**IC**—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

**Nativity**—Merrimack

**St. Ann**—West Newbury

## Celebrating the Sacraments

### Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm, and by appointment.  
 HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass, and by appt.

### Baptism

Call the Parish Office for information and to register.

### Marriage

Archdiocesan guidelines request that couples planning to marry in the Church contact the church at least six months prior to the wedding date.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Call the Parish Office if someone in your family is ill and you feel the grace and power of the Sacrament would be helpful. This Sacrament should not be seen as only administered when there is danger of death. Please call us if someone is in the hospital, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.

## Cursillo

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

The next Ultreya is June 3, 2016.

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

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

## Collaborative Web Site

Visit the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception web site at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org)

## Youth Ministry

### High School Students

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

**C.A.M.P.S (Christ as my personal savior) retreat,** August 1–6, 2016. [www.campsministry.com](http://www.campsministry.com)

**Teen Encounter Weekend retreat,** May 20–22  
 St. Basil, Methuen [www.teenencounter.org](http://www.teenencounter.org)

## Bulletin Information

Please supply bulletin information by Monday noon to the collaborative bulletin email: [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com)

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

#### Monday, May 9

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

IC Confirmation Rehearsal (11:00am Liturgy) 6:30pm,  
Immaculate Conception Church

IC High School Reunion Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Conference  
Room 209

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

#### Tuesday, May 10

Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Collaborative Parish Council Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining  
Room

IC Knights of Columbus 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

#### Wednesday, May 11

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

GAP 6:30pm, IC Youth Room

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

#### Thursday, May 12

Parish offices close at 12:00noon for Collaborative training

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

IC Confirmation Rehearsal (1:30pm Liturgy) 6:30pm,  
Immaculate Conception Church

Catholic News and Views 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

IC-Haiti Board Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Scripture Study 7:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

#### Friday, May 13

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

AA 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

#### Saturday, May 14

IC Confirmation Liturgies 11:00am & 1:30pm, Immaculate  
Conception Church

#### Sunday, May 15

HR Outdoor Mass/Picnic Organizational Mtg. after 10:15 Mass,  
St. Ann Church, W. Newbury

Scripture Study 2:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

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

Youth Mass 6:00pm, Nativity, Merrimac

### Parish Membership

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

### Thursday's Office Hours

Parish offices will be closed at 12:00noon on Thursday, May 12, 2016 for Collaborative training. We will reopen at 8:00am on Friday, May 13.

### Centering Prayer

Wednesday 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

The daily practice of Centering Prayer, resting silently in God, facilitates the process of inner transformation. Our prayer without words is one of intention to surrender to God's presence and action in our lives and desire for a closer relationship with God. As God moves us closer to him, through our daily discipline of silent prayer, we find our focus turns from self to God and we are blessed with the fruits of Centering Prayer.

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

Please consider joining us as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of the prayer in our own spiritual journey. For more information, contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483.

### Online Bulletin

Visit [www.TheBostonPilot.com/bcd](http://www.TheBostonPilot.com/bcd) to view the bulletin online. Find your parish in the alphabetical list of parishes where you can download the bulletin or even sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox every week.

You can also view a copy of the bulletin by visiting our **Collaborative Web site**, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) and clicking on the bulletins tab.

### Happy Mother's Day A Mother's Prayer

*Thank you, Lord, for bringing my children into my life.*

*Help me guide them and teach them through example to lead lives of wisdom and strong, loving faith.*

*Please let them learn to serve you always in thought and deed.*

*And remind me, Lord, to always be there for my family as you are always there for me.*

*Amen*



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Offertory Collection

April 30–May 1	\$3,547.00
Monthly	\$1,604 .00
<b>Grand Annual</b>	<b>\$22,035.00 (Goal \$40,000)</b>

This week's second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). If Jesus Christ were on earth today, how would he spread his message of salvation? Wouldn't he use all communication vehicles to share the Good News? The CCC believes Jesus would use as many means as possible, and that is why it supports projects that use the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. Please visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm) for more information. 50% of the collection remains at the parish to promote local communication efforts, such as web site technology and bulletins.

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## HR Religious Education

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

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

### Holy Redeemer Confirmation Students

Please mark your calendars with the following important dates:

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

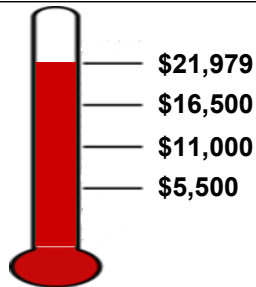
Confirmation Retreat—Sunday, September 25, 2016 at the Nativity Hall, Merrimac beginning at 1:00pm.

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

Our Collaborative website will have all the latest updates, changes, and information about Holy Redeemer Religious Education programming. Check it out: [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org)

## Catholic Appeal

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



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

## Holy Redeemer Scholarship for High School Seniors

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

## HR 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 **9:00am on Wednesday, May 11**. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions or delivery date schedule.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

This week the HR Poor Box Collection amounted to \$84.10. Thank you for your help with our mission.



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

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Vacation Bible School at Holy Redeemer

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

## Scouting

Any boy, 6th grade to age 18, can join scouting any time of the year. Holy Redeemer sponsors Merrimac and West Newbury Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

**Troop 41** meets on Mondays from 7:00–8:30pm at Nativity Parish Center, Merrimac. Contact Gary Burak at [garyburak61@gmail.com](mailto:garyburak61@gmail.com) or Jennifer Mailhot at [mailhottech@gmail.com](mailto:mailhottech@gmail.com).

**Troop 26** meets on Wednesdays from 7:00–8:30pm at the Grange Hall, 21 Garden St., W. Newbury. Contact William Sergeant at [wmsgt@comcast.net](mailto:wmsgt@comcast.net).

## Parish Picnic Quilt on Display

The Parish Picnic Quilt will be on display this weekend after the 10:15 Mass in W. Newbury. Please take a moment to admire the wonderful colors and nautical theme. The quilt was made and donated by the quilting group that sews at our Parish. Next week the quilt will be displayed at Immaculate Conception Church. Please take a chance for \$5.00 to win. Chances may be “cut out” of the bulletin and placed in the collection basket at Mass. See below for details.

## Holy Redeemer Quilt Raffle

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



**Holy Redeemer Parish Picnic  
Quilt Raffle  
Sunday, June 12, 2016**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$5.00 a chance**



*Fr. Tim poses with some of the Quilters from Holy Redeemer Parish as they displayed their handiwork at the coffee hour after Mass last weekend.*

## HR Prayer Shawl

Do you know of any woman, man, or child who needs comfort and could use a Blessed Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket? Please call Helen Kelley 978-771-4673, Connie Cormier 978-363-2020 or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099 for a shawl or more information. Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Next meeting is **Thursday, June 9.**



## Offertory Envelopes

Did you know that you can attend Mass at any worship site in our collaborative and use your usual offertory envelopes? Just drop your envelope in the collection and we will make sure it gets delivered to your home Parish.

## Outdoor Mass/Parish Picnic

**Sunday, June 12**

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

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

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

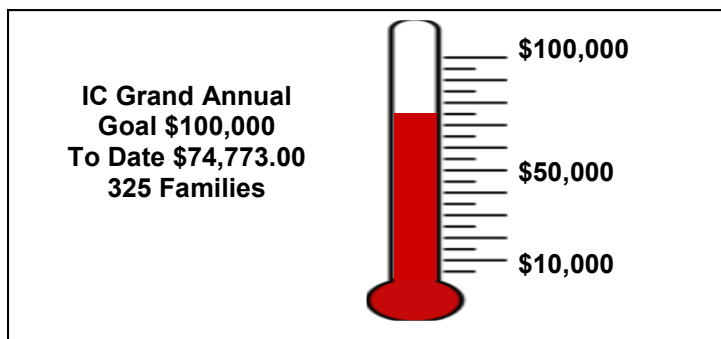
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Restoration	\$ 1,970.00

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## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$ 169.00
Collection	\$ 171.00
Total	\$ 340.00

## Breaking Bread

St. Vincent de Paul's Breaking Bread dinner program 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](mailto:sandbunnyc@yahoo.com).

## Immaculate Conception School

*Empowering Students for Success in a Caring Environment*

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

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

**(978) 465-7780** • [www.icsnewburyport.com](http://www.icsnewburyport.com)

## IC Concert and Raffle

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

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

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

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

## Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant, 978-462-2724 x7404

## Catholic Scripture Study

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

## Knights of Columbus



The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, May 10** at 7:30pm in the Nazareth Library, Room 205.

## Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community is pleased to offer a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and 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 if you wish to do that. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** Name a moment when you were one with God this past week.

**Child:** Name a time this past week when you knew that God was with you in a special way.

## Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

### Scripture Study Will Meet on May 15

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

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

Our beloved teacher, Father Broderick, not only explains the meaning of the Scripture passages, but also presents rich description of the period and places cited, as well as the culture and practices of the people involved. He connects the events in the New Testament to Old Testament prophecies and events, as well as to our own time. This is a worthwhile way to spend an hour and fifteen minutes on a Sunday afternoon. All are invited to attend these sessions and grow in knowledge and faith.

## IC Knitting Ministry



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

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

## IC High School Graduates

### School Reunion

Plans are underway for a school reunion for IC High School graduates. Please join us for a planning meeting on Monday, May 9 at 7:00pm at the IC Parish Center, Conference Room 209. If you need additional information, call Richie Eaton at 978-462-4090 or Bunny Chiasson at 978-465-5810.

## IC Religious Education

### Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis



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

In #8, The Bible is full of families, birth, love stories and family crises. This is true from its very first page, with the appearance of Adam and Eve's family with all its burden of violence but also its enduring strength (cf Gen 4) to its very last page, where we behold the wedding feast of the Bride and the Lamb (Rev 21: 2, 9). Jesus' description of the two houses, one built on rock and other on sand (cf. Mt 7: 24–27), symbolizes any number of family situations shaped by the exercise of their members' freedom, for, as the poet says, "ever home is a lampstand" (Jorge Luis Borges, "Calle Desconocida," in *Fervor de Bueonos Aires*, 2001, 23).

### Religious Education Classes

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

#### Baptism

May 8	Group Baptisms	1:00pm
June 5	Class for parents	1:00pm

#### Confirmation

May 14 Confirmation Liturgies 11am & 1:30pm

#### 1st Eucharist

May 8 1st Eucharist at 11:30am

#### Youth Mass—Last One!

May 15 Church of the Nativity-Merrimac 6:00pm

Potluck dinner to follow the Mass. If you can cook, contact Doreen O'Leary at reledhrp@verizon.net and let her know the dish you will bring. (Baked goods, casseroles, crock pot meals, salads, etc. are needed.) All are invited to dinner.

### Pope Francis: Year of Mercy



For Matthew and for all who have felt the gaze of Jesus, other people are no longer to be "lived off," used and abused. The gaze of Jesus gives rise to missionary activity, service, self-giving. Other people are those whom Jesus serves. His love heals our short-sightedness and pushes us to look beyond, not to be satisfied with appearances or with what is politically correct. (9/21/15, Homily) (USCCB Dept. of Justice, Peace and Human Development)

## Communion Calls

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



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### St. Andrew Dinner Date

The Archdiocesan vocation office invites all high school-age young men to join us for an evening of prayer, an informal dinner (with Cardinal Seán O'Malley), and conversation. Following dinner, you and your parents, youth ministers, priests, and chaperones will be welcomed to a causal discussion with Cardinal Seán about vocations, prayer, and the call to holiness that God places on each of our hearts. Each young man will have the opportunity to meet Cardinal Seán. The event includes evening prayer, dinner, conversation with seminarians, and vocation witness stories.

**May 10**, 6:00pm–8:00pm, St. Augustine, Andover

For information, contact Fr. Eric Cadin, [ecadin@rcab.org](mailto:ecadin@rcab.org) or sign up online: <http://vocationsboston.org/events/st-andrew-dinner-3>

### Scripture for the Week

8	Sun	Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/ Jn 17:20-26
9	Mon	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
10	Tue	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
11	Wed	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
12	Thu	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
13	Fri	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
14	Sat	Feast: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17; Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

### Become a Hospice Volunteer

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." ~Mahatma Gandhi*

All Care Hospice is currently seeking compassionate, caring people to offer comfort and support to our patients and families. As part of the care team, volunteers serve a vital role in affecting the quality of our patients' lives. Each volunteer opportunity is unique and varies depending on the needs of the patient and family as well as the volunteer's availability and interests. Patient care may include companionship through conversation, reading aloud, reminiscing, or even just holding their hand. Other duties help alleviate stress for the caregiver such as running errands like grocery shopping and trips to the pharmacy, light housekeeping or meal preparation. Administrative tasks involve assembling admission packets, assisting with mailings, photocopying, and special event preparation. All Care Hospice serves the North Shore, Merrimack Valley and Greater Boston. For more information or to enroll in a training, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Maureen Burge at 781-244-1129. Visit our web site: <http://www.allcare.org/hospice/>

### Catholic TV

Visit [www.catholicstv.com](http://www.catholicstv.com) for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

### LIFT Worship Night

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

### Preparing for Mass

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

### Daily Masses in the Area

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

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

#### Thursday

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

#### Friday

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

#### Saturday

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

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