

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
June 24, 2018**

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*"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation
may reach to the ends of the earth." (Is 49:6)*

All Are Welcome

Happy Anniversary

Our Pastoral Plan is One Year Old!

In June 2017, Cardinal Sean O'Malley approved the **Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative (HRIC) Pastoral Plan**. The Plan was developed by a committed group of HRIC parishioners and included feedback from parishioners who participated in facilitated discussions and multiple town halls. The Plan outlines the purpose, vision, values, and priorities of the Collaborative of Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury.

The foundational work of implementing the Plan is underway. This work is focused on our four priorities: **Welcoming Community, Forming Intentional Disciples, Discerning Vocations, and Commitment to Service and Ministry**. These priorities were developed in response to the comments provided by parishioners who completed the Archdiocese's Disciple Maker Index survey in 2016.



For those of you who have not had a chance to read the Plan, you can find it in its entirety on the HRIC website, www.hricatholic.org.

We have an active Collaborative with many vibrant ministries. But there is more to be done. In his book, *Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church*, author Chris Lowney calls upon all Catholics to become "holy entrepreneurs," taking a leadership role in the future of their parishes and the Church at large.

The work of our Plan represents the future of our Collaborative. I encourage each of you to stop by and chat with volunteers after each Mass this weekend to explore those areas where your "time and talents" can help us bring to life our Collaborative purpose, vision, values, and priorities.

God bless and Happy Anniversary!

Father Tim Harrison

Prayer for our Collaborative

Loving God,
Thank you for the gift of Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer.
Enlighten us with your Holy Spirit and enrich us at the table of the Lord.

Relying upon Your grace, may we joyfully embrace our vocation
to become ever more intentional disciples of Jesus.

Empower us today and every day of our lives to proclaim
and bear witness to the Gospel by word and deed.

Guide us as individuals, and as a faith community, to discern the particular gifts
You have given us to build Your Kingdom.
We humbly ask Your blessing to use these gifts to serve others.

We entrust our Collaborative family to the care
and intercession of Mary, our Mother,
As we strive to fulfill Jesus' commandment to
love one another as He has loved us.

Amen

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/23)

4:00pm **IC** *Ron Jean, Elizabeth J. Hanlon, Paul L. Hanlon* (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (6/24)

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

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

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

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

11:00am **IC** *John J. Deneumoustier, Donald Dunleavy* (Fr. Morin)

Monday (6/25)

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

Tuesday (6/26)

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

Wednesday (6/27)

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

Thursday (6/28)

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

Friday (6/29)

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

Saturday (6/30)

4:00pm **IC** *Lillian M. Foley, Lucy Vincent* (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (7/1)

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

8:00am **Nativity** (Missionary Priest)

9:00am **IC** *Frederick C. Paradis* (Fr. Harrison)

10:15am **St. Ann** (Missionary Priest)

11:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Nellie P. Horr 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,

This weekend, we are taking a moment to mark the completion of our first year working with the Pastoral Plan that was approved by Cardinal O'Malley in 2017. At each mass this weekend, a member of one of our "Priority Teams" will share a brief update on what has been accomplished and what we hope to achieve in the months to come. I can tell you, it has been a very exciting process to be a part of!



Just to recap, back in 2015, Cardinal O'Malley formed the Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative as part of Phase III of the Archdiocesan pastoral planning process called, "Disciples in Mission." At that time, I was named as Pastor of both parishes, and Fr. George Morin was named as the Parochial Vicar. Together with our Collaborative Staff, we have been tasked with serving both parishes simultaneously and in such a way as to best serve and most efficiently utilize the clergy and lay resources of each parish within the Collaborative. The parishes retain their individual identity and finances, but share priests, staff, and resources wherever possible. At the heart of this process, we were asked to draw together parishioners from both parishes to draft a Local Pastoral Plan that would serve as a guiding document for many of our pastoral efforts moving forward. Over the course of a year, approximately 30 parishioners and myself met at various times with facilitators from the Archdiocese to draft our Local Pastoral Plan and highlight a number of "Priorities" that we wanted to work on in greater depth. This Plan was ultimately approved last summer, and since then even more parishioners have been coming together in "Teams" to support and implement the ideas contained within each of these Priorities. If you have not yet taken the time to read the Plan in its entirety, it is available online at: www.hriccatholic.org. Just follow the link that says, "Pastoral Plan."

As the result of much thought and prayer, our Plan Writing Team lifted up the following areas as the Priorities for our Collaborative to work on in the next three years:

1. To become more **welcoming** parishes
2. To strengthen our own commitment to **discipleship**
3. To better support **vocations** to the priesthood, religious life, marriage, and the single life within our communities
4. To strengthen the ways that we reach out to and **serve** those in need within our area.

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes



Questions of the Week

Adult: Name a time when you placed your trust in God even though those around you did not believe.

Child: A prophet is someone who is so filled with God that others can see God acting through that person. Do you know any prophets?

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Although in some ways, our Plan is very ambitious, it is meant to be implemented organically as we move forward. Here are a few ways that we have begun to make this real for each Priority so far, and a few initiatives we hope to embrace in the months ahead:

To become more welcoming: we have introduced greeters at Masses—present on Palm Sunday, Easter, and Pentecost; developed and distributed a Welcoming Outreach brochure, Pentecost prayer cards, and Mass schedule cards for the Chamber of Commerce, local Hotels, and B&Bs; and organized a Father's Day Coffee Social—after the 9am Mass at IC. Still to come: offer a Yankee Homecoming Ice Cream Sundae Social and monthly IC Coffee Hour, organize Newcomer Gatherings, produce a Welcome Information Packet and plan “High Tea” gatherings with outreach to seniors in the Collaborative and community.

To strengthen our commitment to discipleship: we have introduced Lectio Divina to Collaborative parishioners and various ministries, designed and hosted introductory Lectio Divina Information and Prayer Services, developed Lectio Divina Information Sheets—available at the churches and online, and have assessed external Faith Formation Programs—for future Collaborative participation. Still to come: host ongoing Lectio Divina training exercises across Collaborative ministries, the rollout of varied external Faith Formation Program(s), and create small faith-sharing communities throughout the Collaborative.

To better support vocations within our Collaborative: we have established a better relationship with the Archdiocese and better access to resources available to parishes, attended a Vocations workshop sponsored by the Archdiocese and reviewed benchmarked Best Practices which support the encouragement of those considering vocations. Still to come: a rollout of a Vocations Banner to raise awareness and promote vocations in each church and offer a variety of Vocations Prayer Cards corresponding to the interests of different audiences.

To better serve those in need in our communities: we have collected over 400 “Care Packs for our Homeless” and distributed them to those in need in Lynn and Boston, involved youth from Boy Scout Troop 41 of HR Merrimac/West Newbury and Troop 21 of IC Newburyport/Newbury to sort, build, and deliver the “Care Packs,” met Priority Goal #1 (from the Plan) of increasing ministry participation by over 50 people, introduced an Adult Altar Server Pilot program and included 15 new adults and youth trained to serve throughout the Collaborative. Still to come: development of a Ministry Catalog—group listing of all Collaborative ministries with contacts, offer a Mission Week—support Religious Ed. in developing a service/study program for teens/adults as well as create liaisons/teams to support community agencies, and Collaborative ministries for outreach to the homeless.

As I hope you can see from all of the above, a lot has been happening and even more is still in the works. This a very

exciting time to get involved in one of the many different opportunities that our Local Pastoral Plan is providing for our parishioners and those in the wider communities of which we are a part. Following Mass today, representatives from the Priority Implementation Teams will be available to answer questions as well as invite you to participate in any number of upcoming initiatives that will be taking place in both of our Collaborative parishes in the months ahead. I would strongly encourage everyone to consider at least one way to become involved in a ministry, activity, or outreach that is the fruit of our Local Plan. This is a wonderful moment in time to be Catholic and to share our faith with others. As Isaiah proclaimed in our First Reading this weekend: “I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.” (Is 49:6). So, too, will God work through us if we open our hearts to do His will.

May God bless us all in the months ahead!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, June 25

IC Summer Religious Ed. 9:00am, *IC Parish Center*

HR Boy Scout Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, *Nativity Hall*

Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, *IC Conference Room 209*

Tuesday, June 26

IC Summer Religious Ed. 9:00am, *IC Parish Center*

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

Bereavement Group 5:30pm, *IC Conference Room 209*

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, *Nativity Rectory*

Wednesday, June 27

IC Summer Religious Ed. 9:00am, *IC Parish Center*

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, *St. Ann Hall*

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, *Nativity Hall*

Adoration 6:00pm, *IC St. James Chapel*

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, *IC Conference Room 209*

Thursday, June 28

IC Summer Religious Ed. 9:00am, *IC Parish Center*

IC Summer Religious Ed. Cookout 5:00pm, *IC School Cafeteria*

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

Friday, June 29

Adoration 8:00am, *IC St. James Chapel*

IC Summer Religious Ed. 9:00am, *IC Parish Center*

AA Meeting 7:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*

Saturday, June 30

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, *St. Ann Church*

Sunday, July 1

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, *Nativity Church*

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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 offices 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.

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.

Bulletin Information

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

Pelican Intervention Fund Summer Fundraising Event

Join us for a fun family outing, with a purpose, at Maple Crest Farm, 102 Moulton St., West Newbury.

John & Carol Elwell, owners of Maple Crest Farm, have generously pledged to donate 20% of the proceeds to the Pelican Intervention Fund. Please join us for a day of fun that supports local men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery.

Strawberry picking all day

Wagon rides every hour

Sundays: June 24 and July 1

Open 9:00–4:00

Dogs welcome but must be leashed.

For more information please contact: Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483



Ask A Priest

“Ask A Priest” hits the Boardwalk in Newburyport



Fr. George and 7 lay Team Members left St. James Chapel after a commissioning and a prayer written by Dennis Gonzales (see below). At the Boardwalk, 9 more HRIC parishioners joined in greeting passersby on a weather-perfect evening on 6/15/18. We shared, took photos and took in the fabulous water views and the wedding music wafting from a nearby reception. When the midgies came at 8:15 p.m., we dispersed. Experience Pope Francis' simple idea of street evangelization for yourself! We hang near the Harbormaster's hut from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Fridays through Aug 17. All are welcome! The venue is A+ and the company is too!

PRAYER: Lord, we thank You as we begin the 2nd season of our collaborative outreach, “Ask A Priest.” We hear Your call to go forth. Send us, Lord. Open our hearts to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, for we cannot do this on our own. Fill us with courage so we may share the gift of our faith with those we meet tonight, giving witness to Your love and saving grace. May the seeds we plant bear lasting fruit. Oh Lord, by Your grace, help us to welcome brothers and sisters, who have wandered from the Sacraments, to return to Your table. We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.

New Lecture Series in August

Save the Dates

3-part lecture series for August

Come for an educational and inspirational 3 evenings focused on the Eucharist: what It is, what It presumes, what It calls us to be!

Dates: Tuesdays on August 7, 14, and 21

Time: 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m. (Aug. 14 will be after the Vigil)

Location: St. Ann Hall, 300 Main Street, W. Newbury

To become intentional Catholic disciples, the laity benefits from a deeper understanding of the source and summit of our sacramental life. We look forward to engaging you in three evenings of presentations and discussions led by Fr. George Morin and AFFT (the Adult Faith Formation Team).

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in May:

Savina Ray Bavaro • Caleb Charles Capstick-Dempsey
• Thea Ann Gilmartin • Riley Richard Gibbons • Alexis
Victoria Hensher • Jack Everett Lemire • Parker Charles
Loree • Michael Milton Macaulay • Olivia Elena Novak
• Adalyn Nancy Wile • Lillian Marie Wile

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.

Free Hair Cuts

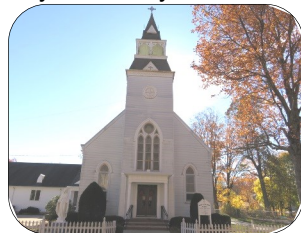
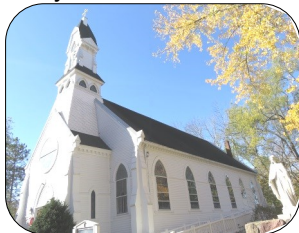


Donna Koen, a parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is: (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

Our Collaborative

Holy Redeemer: St. Ann, W. Newbury & Nativity, Merrimac



Immaculate Conception, Newburyport



Pilgrimage Information

We had a very successful Travel Night this past week highlighting the upcoming Pilgrimage to Northern Italy that leaves in October of this year as well as the Passion Play Pilgrimage in June of 2020. Excitement is building for both of these amazing experiences! There are still a few places left on both of these trips. However, the window is closing fast on these wonderful excursions. Our next Travel Night will be Monday, July 30 and will offer final sign-up opportunities before important deadlines and cut-offs for each of these adventures. If you are interested in more information about either trip, please contact Paul Blanchette at 978-500-5661 or look online at: www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric.

Come on a Faith-Journey with us!

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Offertory Envelopes

You can attend Mass at any worship site in our Collaborative and use your usual offertory envelope. Drop it in the collection and we will deliver it to your home Parish.

All Care Hospice

Did you know that All Care Hospice provides free grief support services to the community and volunteer opportunities to support our hospice program? To learn more about our grief groups and workshops, please contact our Bereavement Coordinator at 781-244-1198. Registration is mandatory for all programs. To learn more about volunteer opportunities in our office providing administrative support or with our patients and families providing companionship, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 781-244-1129. Opportunities available close to home! Visit our website, allcare.org to download a volunteer form.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

The second collection next weekend is the Mission Cooperative.

Grand Annual Wrap-Up

As our fiscal year comes to a close, it is not too late to make a contribution to our Grand Annual Collection if you have not already done so. So far, parishioners have contributed **\$17,135.00**. All contributions are tax-deductible and help strengthen our parish in its mission of prayer and outreach to our community. Thank you for your generosity!



Catholic Appeal

Goal **\$22,862.00**
To Date **\$19,835.00**



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

We are pleased to share that Holy Redeemer has raised \$19,835.00 toward the parish goal of \$22,862.00. Thank you to all who have already pledged support. If you have yet to give, we need your help! Please give today to help us reach our goal. Gifts can be made online at bostoncatholicappeal.org or by completing a pledge form available in the backs of the churches.

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, July 5**.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



The Conference has recently paid a past-due propane bill for a client and service has not been terminated.

Another client received Market Basket gift cards to help feed her family, while a third client received gasoline cards to enable her to drive to various, far-flung medical appointments each week.

Thank you for supporting our clients.

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

HR Religious Education

Religious Ed. News

2018–19 registration forms are now online: hricatholic.org.

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.

Confirmation

Our **Confirmation retreat** is set for Sunday, September 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the hall at Merrimac. Our Candidates will be measured for their rental robes for our Confirmation Mass, and are asked to bring a check for \$25.00 to cover the cost. We will share a wonderful meal as part of our day. The attendance for this retreat is mandatory.

Our **rehearsal for Confirmation** is Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church, with your Sponsor, if possible, or a parent. Robe pick up at this time.

Confirmation will be Saturday, September 29 at 1:00 p.m., or at the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann, West Newbury. You will **sign up** for either Mass on **retreat day**.

Class schedules are being worked on and will be ready soon. There are some registration forms in the lobbies of St. Ann and Nativity, if any one has trouble downloading the form from the Website.

Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

Doreen O'Leary (Rel. Ed. email: reledhrp@gmail.com)

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **Nativity** in Merrimac on **July 14**.

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, June 27**.

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, June 9–10	\$9,795.00
Promoting the Gospel	\$1,528.00

The second collection this weekend is Restoration/Renovation.

Grand Annual Wrap-Up

As our fiscal year comes to a close, it is not too late to make a contribution to our Grand Annual Collection if you have not already done so. Help us work towards meeting our goal of \$100,000! So far, parishioners have contributed \$76,588.00. All contributions are tax-deductible and help strengthen our parish in its mission of prayer and outreach to our community. Thank you for your generosity!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 11.50
Poor Box	\$ 121.00
Total	\$ 132.50

IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. (At this time, Online Giving is available for only IC members.) Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then click on “Online Giving” to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to. If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made. Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause.

Our monthly support meetings are held in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting is **June 25**.

Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at (617) 410-6309 or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

Immaculate Conception School



The integration of technology at the IC will be at a premium in September, as we become a 1:1 building. This benchmark for schools—one device for every student—maximizes the opportunity to differentiate instruction, speak to different learning styles, foster student voice, and engage students. The arrival of 142 additional student devices, thanks to a very generous gift to the school, will make this possible. The current iPads will filter down to the youngest students, as additional Chromebooks are added for students in grades 3–8. A Technology Coach will promote the faculty’s understanding of how to incorporate technology into daily instruction and enhance the student experience. All good things await our students in September!



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897. 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, July 10** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

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.

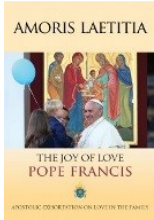
We are a “family” of happy and caring volunteers. **You** would be blessed to be a part of our group. We always leave the Parish Center happy to be a part of such a wonderful group of “kitchen angels.” Please join us!

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

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.

Being Brothers and Sisters: In #194: Relationships between brothers and sisters deepen with the passing of time, and “the bond of fraternity that forms in the family between children, if consolidated by an educational atmosphere of openness to others, is a great school of freedom and peace. In the family, we learn how to live as one. Perhaps we do not always think about this, but the family itself introduces fraternity into the world. From this initial experience of fraternity, nourished by affection and education at home, the style of fraternity radiates like a promise upon the whole of society.

Summer Religious Programs Religious Education is here!!!

This week we begin our first session of our Summer program. Please pray for our students and catechists as we begin our study of the Creed.

Next session is July 23–27. Monday–Wednesday 9:00am–3:00pm, Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm (includes 4:00pm Family Mass followed by a cookout). and Friday 9:00am–2:00pm. Cost: \$175/person. Parent Letter and registration online: hricatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education

Our **Collaborative MS Mission week** for grades 7–8 is full. We will be working together the week of July 16–20 from 9:00am–4:00pm. Time will flex with visits to different agencies. We are doing a wait list for enrollment. This is an alternative Religious Education and service learning experience for IC youth. Cost: \$200/include transportation to and from agencies. hricatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education.

Baptism

Baptism info.: www.hricatholic.org/Baptism

Please pre-register for the class.

July 15 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room	1:00pm
July 22 Group Baptism—IC Church	1:00pm

Confirmation

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

Confirmation Orientation for Parents for the Summer process: Sunday, July 8 from 10–11am in St. Louis Hall.

This meeting is for Year 1 parents, Year 2 Catholic School parents, and Year 2 parents new to the process at IC. If your candidate was the in the IC process last year, you do not need to attend the orientation again.

Summer Confirmation Sessions for Years 1 and 2 are scheduled for July 9–12 from 5:30–8:00pm. Cost: Year 1—\$175 and Year 2—\$200 includes retreat. Registration information is found on online:

hricatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish.

IC Coffee Hour

At the 9:00 Mass at IC before the Coffee Hour, Fr. Bill gave children mustard seeds, a small flower pot, potting soil, and directions how to plant. He then demonstrated the process and told them they are like mustard seeds and they will grow and spread love.



The coffee hour was a success!



Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary's 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.

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.