



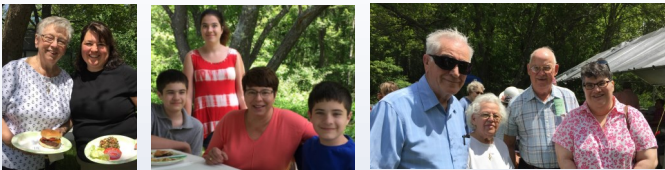
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HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2016



*Holy Redeemer Outdoor Mass
and Picnic*



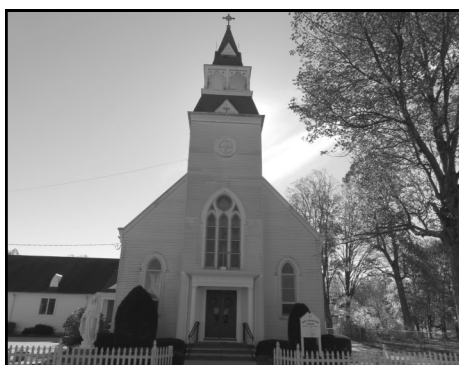
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Immaculate Conception

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/25)

4:00pm **IC** *Mary Reilly* (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (6/26)

7:15am **IC** *Adolf Benca, Sr., John Murray*
(Fr. Broderick)

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

9:00am **IC** *Ron Morris* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

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

Monday (6/27)

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

Tuesday (6/28)

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

Wednesday (6/29)

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

Thursday (6/30)

7:15am **IC** *Lillian M. Foley* (Fr. Harrison)

Friday (7/1)

9:00am **Nativity** *Regina M. Stronge, For the
special intention of Dorothy & Ralph Franzese*

Saturday (7/2)

4:00pm **IC** *Lucia Vincent, Jacquetta & Norton
Johnson*

4:00pm **Nativity** *Armand Cormier*

Sunday (7/3)

7:15am **IC** *Magda Javor*

8:00am **Nativity** *Armand Cormier*

9:00am **IC** *Virginia Tobin*

10:15am **St. Ann**

11:00am **IC**

In your prayers, please remember Thomas P. Puglisi and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to St. Ann's, W. Newbury on **July 9**.

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

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.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



Last week, I was invited to join with other members of the Newburyport Clergy Association and participate in a vigil service for the Orlando shooting victims that was being hosted by Mayor Donna Holaday in Market Square. About 300 people attended this gathering, including many parishioners that I saw from both of the parishes in our Collaborative. As part of the vigil, we read the names and ages of those who lost their lives in this senseless act of violence. It was profoundly sad to hear how young each of these victims were. The oldest was 50 years old. The youngest was only 18. As we were praying for these young men and women who died, as well as their families and community, it struck me how pervasive this plague of gun violence has become in our country, and that we can easily become numbed to the shock of it all. I struggled to remember some of the most recent tragedies: Newtown, CT; Virginia Tech; Aurora, CO; Fort Hood, TX; San Bernadino, CA; and of course, we all remember Columbine High School. But there were many others: too many to keep in mind, far too many to allow ourselves to forget. Even one death is too many.

But it also struck me that this problem is much bigger in scope than any election-year rhetoric will allow. I do not believe that this is something we can legislate our way out of. I know that politicians are under enormous pressure to “do something” to fix this. Certainly, common sense must prevail in these circumstances. But I do not think that we can “ban this” or “restrict that” as a way to solve this problem. We live in an open and free society, and as such, we will always be vulnerable in our freedom to these singular moments of madness. The alternative, of course, is to live in an increasingly totalitarian-state, hide in our homes and make any public areas more restrictive than prisons. Anyone who has flown on a commercial jet in recent years can see the beginnings of where this kind of mentality can take us. It is an illusion of security, at best. Those with an intent to kill will find a way.

True freedom, and the peace that is its fruit, comes not from laws and regulations, but from minds and hearts that are changed. I saw the seeds of this at the Vigil service as people from all walks of life came together to support not any political cause or agenda, but each other. We came together as members of a human community who were grieving, who were resolute in our confidence in the goodness of humanity and who valued and treasured each person who was present. It was a gathering to affirm life and our commitment to strengthen the bonds between one another. It is here that I think each of us can make a difference.

During the service, candles were distributed and lit. It was a breezy evening, and mine, along with many others', kept going out in the wind. Standing next to me was Rev. Chris Ney from Central Congregational Church and

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, June 27

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

AA 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

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

Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, June 28

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

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

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

Collaborative Purpose Committee 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

Wednesday, June 29

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

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, June 30

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

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

Friday, July 1

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

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

Sunday, July 3

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

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Fr. Costin Popescu from the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. Each of our candles went out at different moments, but working together and sharing the fragile and tiny flame between us, we were able to keep our candles going for the duration of the service. It was a simple lesson in what we Christians might call, *koinonia*, or community. It was a reminder that as individuals we will often falter and fall short, but together, in a right-relationship with one another and with God, we can endure and overcome all things. The evening also made it very clear that every one of us has a role to play in helping to bring this about. We can work to build these bridges, make these connections, overcome our lack of knowledge, listen more effectively, forgive more readily, and love more honestly.

Those who commit these unspeakable crimes are often so isolated from others and filled with such tremendous hatred. Imagine the difference that could be made if, as a community, we could win over even one individual who might otherwise go astray. Sound crazy, too “pie-in-the-sky”? Remember, it was how our Gospel was spread—one heart changed at a time. With God, I believe all things are possible. What can we do today?

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

Rediscover Catholicism

We are looking for copies of **Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscover Catholicism***. If you have a copy of the book and no longer need it, we ask that you bring it to Church and leave it on one of the tables in the vestibule. We invite others to feel free to avail themselves of these. We also invite you to come to our July 13, 20, 27 Wednesday evening gatherings (7:00pm, Nativity Hall, 4 Green Street, Merrimac) to share the main themes of the book.

Scripture for the Week

26	Sun	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/ Lk 9:51-62
27	Mon	Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22
28	Tue	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27
29	Wed	Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
30	Thu	Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8
1	Fri	Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13
2	Sat	Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17
3	Sun	Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Search for Treasure

Matthew Kelly, author of *Rediscover Catholicism*, writes, “Catholicism is a treasure map: It may be old, but it still leads to treasure. Let us rediscover it together, and help others do the same.” Please find a copy of the book in the church vestibules, the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, or on your very own bookshelf and start reading for our three Wednesday evenings in July. We hope you will join Father George Morin and friends.

Sign up by phone or email. Mary Bragg 978-465-8779, csbraggjr@comcast.net.

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>

Questions of the Week

Adult: When have you invited someone to pray or come to Mass with you?

Child: When do you pray as a family and when will you pray today?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Let's Revisit *Rediscover Catholicism*

About a year and a half ago, the Matthew Kelly book *Rediscover Catholicism* was widely distributed in both of the parishes of our collaborative for parishioners to read. It is our goal to revisit this book during the summer by inviting you to do some "summer reading!" Whether you read the book or not we invite you to join us on three Wednesday evenings, July 13, 20, and 27, at 7:00pm in the Nativity Parish Hall, 4 Green Street, Merrimac as we develop some of the main themes of the book. Please come and see this as an opportunity to invite someone who might be enriched in "Rediscovering Catholicism." Rumors are that strawberry shortcake will be served during the evening.

Youth Ministry GAP

Collaborative GAP—God and Pizza—meets every Wednesday from 6:30–8:30pm in the IC Parish Center Youth Room. All high schoolers are welcome.



Centering Prayer

Welcome All Members of Our Collaborative Family

The Centering Prayer group invites and encourages all members of our Collaborative family to join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm, at Immaculate Conception Parish Center Charity Dining Room to learn more about this simple yet powerful prayer practice.

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 God's love is our transformation to become 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 this prayer in our own spiritual journey. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

CAMPS

CAMPS, an acronym for Christ As My Personal Savior, is a weeklong "best week of your life" youth ministry designed with the high school-age youth in mind. Fast moving, community building, relationship forming, a week you will not soon forget. Father George invites all high school-age youth—those entering into and those graduating—to CAMPS from August 1–6.

CAMPS is held at Camp Lakeside in Pittsfield, MA. Bus transportation from our area is available on a first come, first served basis.

CAMPS Annual Mega Sports Raffle

On the weekend of **June 25–26** the CAMPS Raffle will be at Immaculate Conception in Newburyport. In addition to the raffle, youth will speak a word of endorsement of how CAMPS has helped them grow in their faith and to encourage more of our youth to attend. Thanks for your support of the CAMPS raffle.

Collaborative Web Site

Visit the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception web site at www.hricatholic.org

Bulletin Information

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

Celebrating the Sacraments

Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm, and by appt.

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.

Catholic TV

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

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Pelican Intervention Fund

Join the Pelican Intervention Fund at Upcoming Events

The Pelican Intervention Fund invites you to support our mission to provide funding for residential Twelve Step-based programs for economically challenged men and women struggling with heroin and other addictive substances and living within the Greater Newburyport Area.

Please visit our booth at The Vintage Bazaar in Salisbury at Pettingill Farm Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26 to purchase raffle tickets for wonderful gift baskets full of lovely items generously donated by local merchants and individuals and plan to share a meal at Not Your Average Joe's in Newburyport where we will receive 15% of the cost of your meal on Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 when you mention The Pelican Intervention Fund or bring the flyer found on our Facebook page. Both of these opportunities demonstrate the community's generosity and support of our mission and we are most grateful. We have more events planned for the months ahead and hope to be active at Yankee Homecoming.

Learn more about the Vintage Bazaar at:
www.facebook.com/TheVintageBazaar and

The Pelican Intervention Fund at:

www.facebook.com/PelicanInterventionFund or at:
Essex County Community Foundation at www.eccf.org.

For question or information please contact:

Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or
Kim Keene, 978-430-1408.

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.

Discipleship Week

June 26–30 at Northeast Catholic College

Equipping high school teens to become disciples in mission. Make new friends, hear great music and dynamic speakers, participate in prayer & Sacraments. The price is \$255 (scholarships available). For more information go to www.bostoncatholic.org/DiscipleshipWeek.

hricatholic.org News Feed

Visit hricatholic.org for the latest Catholic news feeds including catholic.org, the Vatican, the Archdiocese of Boston, The Pilot, and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Just click on the News tab on our homepage.

EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has got you covered. Check this link daily for news about the Catholic Church, and the latest issues in Catholicism. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource.
<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



In the second reading today we are told, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Our spouse is our closest neighbor. Are we striving everyday to love our spouse as Christ calls us to? Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter on September 17–18 and October 21–23. For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME, visit us on the web at www.wwme.org, or <https://www.facebook.com/Wwmema>.

Online Bulletin

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

Also, you can visit www.TheBostonPilot.com/bcd to view the bulletin online and to sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox every week. Just find your parish in the alphabetical list of parishes on the site. There you can download the bulletin and sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory June 11–12 \$4,103.00
 Grand Annual \$22,435.00 (Goal \$40,000)

This weekend's second collection, for the Peter's Pence, enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests for aid to needy throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please visit www.usccb.org/ppc for more information.

Next weekend's second collection is the **Monthly**.

HR Religious Education

Teachers/Adult Helpers Needed

Parents and interested adults who would like to help with the religious education classes in the fall, please contact Doreen at: reledhrp@verizon.net

Opportunities are: classroom teacher grades 3 and 5, adult helpers grades 7 and 8, and discussion leaders grade 9. Thank you for considering sharing your faith with our students.

Note: anyone 18 years of age and older must complete a CORI form and attend **one** Virtus training course in order to serve our youngsters. Keeping our children safe in all parish activities is most important.

Religious Ed. News

As class/work at home schedules are finalized they will be posted on our website: hricatholic.org.

Check out the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception Collaborative website: hricatholic.org. Click on the *Faith Formation* tab, and you can download the 2016–2017 Registration Form for Religious Education.

Registrations are due by early summer.

Confirmation

Confirmation Candidates need to compose the letter to Bishop Hennessey as **soon as possible** and send it by mail to me at 4 Green St., Merrimac, MA 01860, or email it as an attachment to: reledhrp@verizon.net. If you need the "how to write the letter" form, email Mrs. O'Leary and I'll email it to you or it is available for download on our web site under "Sacraments/Confirmation, Holy Redeemer Parish."

Also, service sheets are due from all of our Confirmation Students (Grades 9 and 10). You can drop them off at the white "mailbox" by the double doors in Merrimac.

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.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

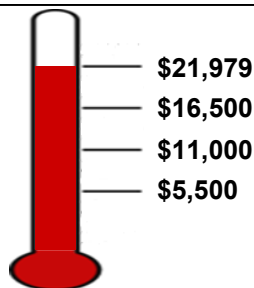
Bake Sale Update

The bake sales last weekend netted \$541.56. This money will be used to help our clients. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



Catholic Appeal

Goal \$21,979
 To Date \$21,635
 (98% of Our Goal)



Thank you to all who have participated in **Holy Redeemer's** 2016 Catholic Appeal campaign. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please visit bostoncatholicappeal.org or pick up a pledge form in the back of the church.

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

Save the Date
 Saturday, November 19, 2016

We will be having an organizational meeting for the upcoming Fair on **Thursday, July 14 at 7:00pm in the Nativity Church Hall**. Please plan on attending; help get this year's Fair started. We are always looking for new ideas and *new faces*. Call Cindy Quinn with any questions. 978-346-0072 or email, cynwinnquinn@aol.com.



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. Our next meeting is **Thursday, July 7**.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for Chester Sawicki and Janice Snowden and all the ill in our parish.

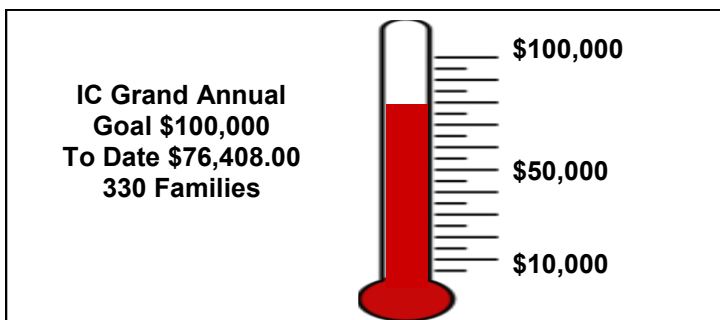
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory June 4–5 \$9373.50
Restoration/Renovation \$1769.00

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Next weekend's second collection is **Restoration/Renovation**.



Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

**Scripture Study Will Not Meet
on July 3 or July 17, 2016**

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will *not* meet on its regularly scheduled first and third Sundays of the month in July due to family gatherings for the Fourth of July, but will meet on the second and fourth Sundays, July 10 and July 24, 2016, in the IC Parish Center at 2:00pm. Please check upcoming bulletins for details on readings and discussion.

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. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our Web site, hricatholic.org, and click the Online Giving picture at the bottom of our home page to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose 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.

IC Church Hours

During the summer Immaculate Conception Church will remain open until 2:30pm Monday through Friday.

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

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$ 114.00
Collection	\$ 46.00
Total	\$ 160.00

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.

The Compassionate Friends



Our normal June support meeting will be held as usual on the 4th Monday, **June 27 at 7:30pm** in room 209 of the IC Parish Center. For more information, please contact Barbara Hopkinson at barhop@comcast.net or 978-697-1349.

TCF of Greater Newburyport is a non-profit organization, donations (to PO Box 872, Newburyport, MA 01950) are tax deductible. National website:

www.compassionatefriends.org

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.

Consolers Circle Meal

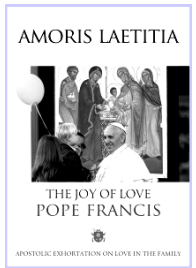
The IC community is pleased to offer a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted if you wish to do that. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

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IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

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



In #23—*The Work of Your Hands*: At the beginning of Ps 128, the father appears as a laborer who by the work of his hands sustains the physical well-being and tranquility of his family: “You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you” (Ps 128: 2). It is clear from the very first pages of the Bible that work is an essential part of human dignity; there we read that “the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it” (Gen 2: 15). Man is presented as a laborer who works the earth, harnesses the forces of nature and produces “the bread of anxious toil” (Ps 127: 2), in addition to cultivating his own gifts and talents.

Religious Education Classes

Registration for the Summer Religious Education for the June session is closed. It is still ongoing for July 25–29 from 9:00am–3:00pm for Grades 1–8. Website has registration information. Volunteers are needed to support this program.

Baptism

July 10	Class for parents	1:00pm
July 17	Group Baptism	1:00pm

Confirmation

Summer Confirmation registration is in progress. Parent letter and registration forms for Years 1 and 2 are on the website: www.hricatholic.org. We are meeting the week of July 10–14 for Year 2 and July 18–21 for Year 1 5:30–8:30pm.

Pope Francis: Year of Mercy

With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. “God is love” (1 Jn 4: 8, 16). This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus’ entire life. His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously. The relationships he forms with the people who approach him manifest something entirely unique and unrepeatable. The signs he works, especially in favor of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion.



(Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God’s Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others, Dynamic Catholic, pp. 9-11)



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