

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

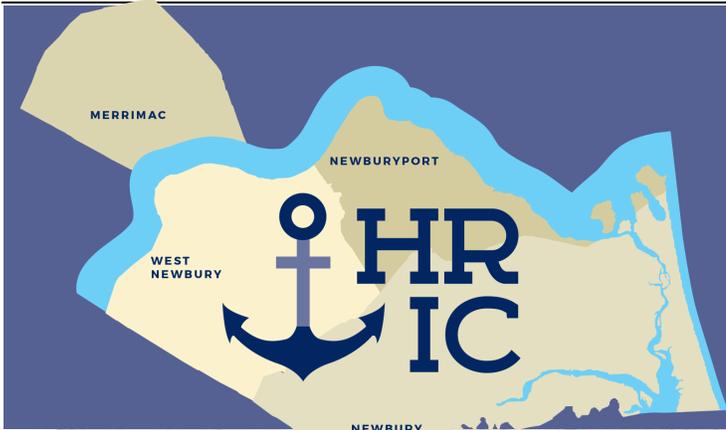
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 1, 2018**

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He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around." Mk 5:41-42

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

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

St. Ann

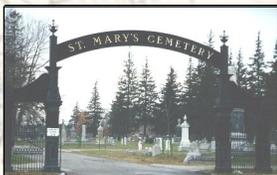
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

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)

Monday (7/2)

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

Tuesday (7/3)

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

Wednesday (7/4)

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

Thursday (7/5)

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

Friday (7/6)

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

1:30pm **Avita** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (7/7)

4:00pm **IC** *Sandy Lambert* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (7/8)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Sandy Lambert* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:00am **IC** *Sandy Lambert* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Sandra A. Bilodeau, Irene Lambert, John Heaton, Carol Lamothe, Cynthia Patton and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

July 4 Daily Mass

Please note that the daily Mass on Independence Day will be at 9:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church.



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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

As a priest, I shake a lot of hands. Before and after weekend masses, on the street, in the supermarket, downtown, at a wake or graveside, in the hospital or visiting a nursing home. It's just what happens—a polite way to interact with all sorts of people in all kinds of circumstances—some happy, some sad. These encounters are always brief, but I am often struck by the wide variety of hands I touch. Some are soft and gentle, others hard and calloused. I try and meet each grasp with what I receive, neither crushing the fragile or offering a loose handshake to the firm. Sometimes, it is hopeless. One of our choir members, for example, has the iron grip of a machine press! I never come close to matching his strength. Many of the elderly, however, offer such a delicate grip that I am sometimes afraid to do anything more than lightly touch their palms, lest I risk snapping bones. So far, I don't think any of us have suffered because of it one way or another. Little children seem to prefer a "high five" over a confident handshake. But this human contact is a bit of an art-form, I guess. How do you shake someone's hand to communicate a warm greeting with compassion, gentleness, and love? I am conscious that these encounters may be the only human touch a person might have that day. How important it is to get it right!

Jesus was a master at the art of human touch. He knew exactly how to connect with people in such a way that God's great love was offered and exchanged. This weekend's Gospel shows us the great healing power of those he touched, and the incredible faith of those who touched him. In the end, all of the miracles of Jesus are always about something bigger than the individuals who are healed. How can our hearts not be moved by the woman who suffered for years with what we can only guess might be some form of cancer? That she finally found the complete healing and relief she had been seeking was only part of the story. Now she could be restored whole and entire to her rightful place in her family and village. Now she could once again contribute to the greater society around her, to have the dignity of her work, to have her life-giving relationships restored. Jesus' healing miracle was felt by many more beyond this courageous woman who humbly thought, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." (Mk 5:28)

The healing of Jairus' daughter demonstrates Jesus' absolute mastery over our human condition. No disease, no illness, no suffering, no physical or emotional or psychological impairment can stand before the grace of God in Christ. What we perceive as death and a cause for mourning, Jesus only views as the briefest moment of sleep. This extreme encounter engaging the most palpable of emotions in the most dramatic of ways is nonetheless a



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, July 2

AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

Tuesday, July 3

Collaborative Offices Close at 12:00 noon

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

Wednesday, July 4, Independence Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Thursday, July 5

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

Friday, July 6

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

"Ask A Priest" 5:55pm, IC St. James Chapel or
6:15pm, Newburyport Boardwalk, Harbormaster's

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

Saturday, July 7

Holy Quilters 8:00am, Nativity Hall

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

Sunday, July 8

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

IC Confirmation Parent Orientation 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

Breaking Bread Meal

The Breaking Bread Meal on Tuesday, July 3 will be held at it's regular time (5:00pm) and place (IC St. Louis Hall).

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.

Volunteers Needed for Avita of Newburyport

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

call to faith on the part of everyone involved: Jairus and his family, their extended relatives and the whole village that was preparing to walk the most difficult of paths of grieving and loss. Given all that had occurred, could they make room for God's mastery even over life and death? Could the simple human touch of taking a little girl's hand and speaking the gentle words, "Talitha Koum," convey the great depth of God's passionate love for them all?

Not every touch we encounter leads to such heart-pounding drama. Not every illness is healed on our time scale. Not every near-death experience is so vividly turned around in the present moment. Frustratingly, we are stuck in this confounding in-between-time, where the promise of God's Kingdom is boldly offered, but not yet completely manifest. It can seem impossible to have any faith at all when we face the loss of those precious to us in this world. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews once said, "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) So, it will always be a call beyond what we can see and experience at any given moment, but not without plenty of present examples that give us good reason to trust in the One who has first loved us into existence.

Remember, even Jesus in His own humanness had His trust in God put to the test when on the Cross He recited the words of Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" (Ps 22:2) In the end, even Jesus had to trust in God's absolute faithfulness despite the utter loss and destruction that was caving in around Him. His hope and our model of faith must be a profound trust in God in all things, including the hope for life itself. Jesus touched people, so that they might have faith, that they might find hope in the darkest of moments...so that they could know they are truly loved in the most lasting of ways.

All this, through a simple touch.

The next time you have the opportunity to shake a hand or offer a genuine human embrace, ask yourself if you encounter the living presence of Christ in this singular gesture, and how you might best convey that saving love of God to others. While God can work through the most bombastic and incredible of events, the Scriptures tell us again and again of His preference for the simple and sublime. Like a handshake, or a gentle, holy touch.

Summer Blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor



Holiday Office Hours

Collaborative offices will close at noon on Tuesday, July 3 and be closed Wednesday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. Offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 5.

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

Beach Day with JESUS aCROSS the Border

Saturday, July 7, St. Patrick's Church, Hampton, NH

Join JESUS aCROSS the Border, the umbrella organization which unites over 20 different young adult Catholic groups, as we cross the border onto a public beach for our 2nd annual Beach Day. This event is open to all ages, so you are encouraged to bring your family and friends. Activities are planned throughout the day, including prayer, rosary walk, beach BBQ, volleyball tournament, praise & worship, adoration, confessions, and Mass to round out our day.

10:00 am—9:00pm, Saturday, July 7

Young adult late night social after Mass (ages 10–35)

Visit "Upcoming Events" on our website, www.JESUSaCROSStheBorder.org, and print the parking pass for the lot. Parking will not be permitted without a pass. Spaces are limited as well. Normal paid beach parking is available. Email Billy Beauchesne with any questions at JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com or visit our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/JESUSaCROSStheBorder> for more information.

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

Sunday, 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

Team of Ten from "Ask A Priest" Greet Old Friends!



Friends from Amesbury dropped by.

Fr. George & Sister Mary joyously met old friends strolling the Boardwalk Friday night. A fun two hours of familiar faces from our HRIC Collaborative made the scant pedestrian traffic less noticeable. What the Team unanimously experienced for the first time since "Ask A Priest" began last year was the quality, upbeat nature, and *duration* of conversations from visitors—both locals and those from elsewhere. So despite fewer walkers on the Boardwalk, the talkers engaged easily and

at length. Join in the joy of street evangelization in its simple essence: sharing the presence of God through a smile or salutation—or in snapping a free photo with Pope Francis on the Merrimack River Boardwalk in Newburyport.

Everyone is welcome. Join us once or come every Friday night until August 17. Children and four-legged friends are welcome. We meet at 5:55pm at St. James Chapel or join us at 6:15pm–8:15pm on the Boardwalk.

{sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

Questions of the Week



Adult: In faith, do you ever expect miracles? Why or why not?

Child: Jesus performed many miracles. What does that tell you about Him?

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

C.A.M.P.S. 2018—35th Year

July 30–August 4, 2018 for High School Youth grade 9 through recently graduated seniors at Lakeside Christian Camp and Retreat Center, Pittsfield, MA.

What is C.A.M.P.S.?

C.A.M.P.S. is a ministry to youth with a three-fold mission:

1. That all participants come to a saving, personal relationship with Jesus Christ
2. That Christian community be formed and lived
3. That continued spiritual growth and commitment be fostered

C.A.M.P.S. Leadership

Fr. George Morin, 978-346-8604: Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, W. Newbury For more information and registration, visit: campsministry.com/application

Cost: \$488 registration includes bus.

Pilgrimage Information

We had a very successful Travel Night in June 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!

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.

Collaborative Website

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

Sunday and Daily Mass Scripture Readings: July 1–8, 2018

We're all encouraged to spend time reading the daily Scripture passages, meditating upon their meaning, and conversing with the Lord in response to His Word. In praying with the Scriptures, we have the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord while discerning His ever-gracious invitation to love as He loves us. Praying with the Scriptures daily is one sure way to become a more intentional disciple of Christ.

		1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Sunday	July 1	Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-14	Psalm 30	2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15	Mark 5:21-43
Monday	July 2	Amos 2:6-10, 13-16	Psalm 50		Matthew 8:18-22
Tuesday	July 3	Ephesians 2:19-22	Psalm 117		John 20: 24-29
Wednesday	July 4	Amos 5:14-15, 21-24	Psalm 50		Matthew 8:28-34
Thursday	July 5	Amos 7:10-17	Psalm 19		Matthew 9:1-8
Friday	July 6	Amos 8:4-6, 9-12	Psalm 119		Matthew 9:9-13
Saturday	July 7	Amos 9:11-15	Psalm 85		Matthew 9:14-17
Sunday	July 8	Ezekiel 2:2-5	Psalm 123	2 Corinthians 12: 7-10	Mark 6:1-6a

Please refer to the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go directly to <http://www.hriccatholic.org/blog/lectio-divina> or go to www.HRICatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, June 16–17	\$2,960.00
Promoting the Gospel	\$ 600.00
Offertory, June 23–24	\$3,864.00

The second collection this weekend is Mission Cooperative. The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.

Missionary Priest

This weekend, we are pleased to welcome Fr. Antoni Gesuula from the Lugazi Diocese in Uganda in East Africa who will celebrate all of the masses at Holy Redeemer Parish. This is part of the annual Missionary collection from the Archdiocese of Boston and helps to connect our local parishes with the wider missionary efforts of the Church throughout the world. The 2nd Collection, which will be taken up at all masses, is for the Missionary Cooperative Society. All checks can be made out to Holy Redeemer Parish with "Missionary Co-op" in the memo line. Thank you for your generous response to those who labor to spread the Gospel around the world.



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.

Newburyport VIP Card

Help Support Holy Redeemer Parish

We encourage folks to spend a few minutes to familiarize themselves with the 180 local businesses in Newburyport and surrounding towns that offer discounts through the Newburyport App/VIP Card Program. This is a great way to save money **every time** you visit participating businesses and it is a simplistic fundraising opportunity for our parish. If you decide to make a purchase we ask that you please support Holy Redeemer.

View discounts at www.newburyport.com/newburyport-vip/ or you can download the Newburyport App, and select "VIP Discounts." You can purchase one card for \$25 or two for \$40, and \$10 of your purchase is donated to **Holy Redeemer Parish**. Use the following link to make your purchase:

www.newburyport.com/holy-redeemer-parish/.

HR Religious Education

Rel. Ed. Families, you can find our registration form online: hricatholic.org. Click the Faith Formation tab, then Holy Redeemer tab. Please submit forms to the office by July 15, Attn: Doreen O'Leary, Holy Redeemer Parish.

Class schedules are still being worked on, but will appear by grade when finished.

Confirmation

Incoming 11th graders who have completed grade 9 and 10 classes: your **Retreat Day** is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 16 at the hall in Merrimac from 11:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (lunch is included). Please bring cash or check in the amount of \$25.00 made out to Holy Redeemer for the robe rental fee. The robes are worn during the Confirmation Mass.

Confirmation Rehearsal is Wednesday, September 26 at St. Ann Church in West Newbury at 7:00 p.m. Please attend with your sponsor, if possible, or a parent.

Confirmation Mass(es) are at St. Ann Church at 1:00 p.m. and a smaller group at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, **September 29, 2018**. Bishop Hennessey will be presiding at both celebrations. If any Candidates, Sponsors, or Parents would like to serve during the Mass, let me know on Retreat Day. Also, in a few weeks, I will email the Bishop's guidelines for the letter that must be completed and turned in on Retreat Day. Attendance for all of the above is mandatory.

Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



Recently, the Conference was able to provide a gift card for a client who desperately needed some new clothing. Your continuous support is acknowledged and appreciated.

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

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**.

Saturday Mass at Nativity

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, June 23–24 **\$8,385.00**
Restoration/Renovation **\$1,376.00**

The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.

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, hricatholic.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.

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.

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Immaculate Conception School



Our 1st grade students led a beautiful last-day-of-school mass—sending us off for the summer with a joyful heart! A Catholic school experience provides a unique opportunity for students to practice public speaking at a very young age when they lead a school mass. It is always impressive to see our students step up to the altar to read from the bible, lead us in prayer, and sing with ease and confidence. God bless our students and teachers as they enjoy a safe and restful summer.



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.

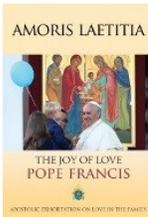
We are a “family” of happy and caring volunteers. **You** would be blessed to be a part of our group. We always leave the Parish Center happy to be a part of such a wonderful group of “kitchen angels.” Please join us!

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 #195: Growing up with brothers and sisters makes for a beautiful experience of caring for and helping one another. For “fraternity in families

is especially radiant when we see the care, the patience, the affection that surround the little brother or sister who is frail, sick, or disabled.” It must be acknowledged that “having a brother or a sister who loves you is a profound, precious and unique experience.” Children do need to be patiently taught to treat one another as brothers and sisters. This training, at times quite demanding, is a true school of socialization. In some countries, where it has become quite common to have only one child, the experience of being a brother or sister is less and less common. When it has been possible to have only one child, ways have to be found to ensure that he or she does not grow up alone or isolated.

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 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.

Adoration

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in IC's St. James Chapel on Fridays from 8:00am–12:00noon.

Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our Parish communities and hope you take an active part in parish life. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at www.hricatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices.

IC Church Hours

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

IC Summer Religious Ed. Programs

Religious Education is here!!! We just ended our first week of Summer Religious Ed. with our young people. Thank you parents for bringing them to learn about our faith. Please continue to keep your students in your prayers.

Next Religious Education session is July 23–27 on the Creed. 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.

Alzheimer's Quilt Winner

The winner of this year's quilt is IC's music coordinator Steve Swochak. Like so many in our parish he has been a long-time supporter of the effort to end Alzheimer's. Thank you to all who participated in this year's quilt drawing.



Cor Unum Ministry

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

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