

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

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

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 22, 2018**

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*“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures  
he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.” (Ps 23:1-3)*

*All Are Welcome*

# *God, help me to be who you would have me be that I might do what you would have me do.*

A **Vocation** is a calling—listening and heeding God’s plan for our lives. Whether priest or religious, married or single, we all have a God-given purpose. Understanding, accepting, and acting on that purpose is our life’s work.

Our Collaborative Pastoral Plan includes a Vocations Priority. The Archdiocese has asked that our work focus on fostering vocations to the priesthood and we recently attended a Vocations workshop in Boston sponsored by the Archdiocese. In addition, our team will also explore and invite interest in programs on **marriage, religious life, single life, and laity service.**

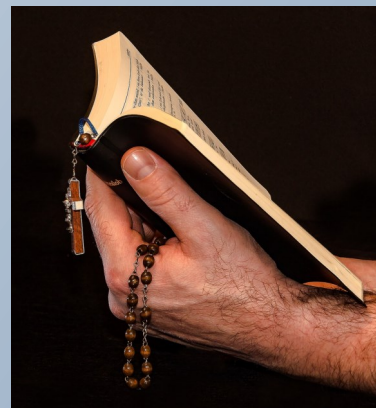
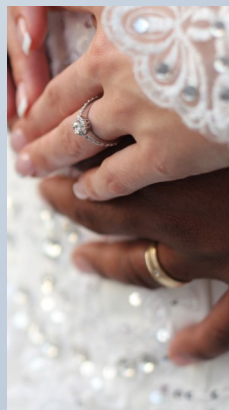
The banners and posters in the entryways of the HRIC churches this weekend are a strong visual reminder of the options and choices available to us as Catholic Christians in service.

Our initial work has taught us there are 3 steps to discerning our calling:

1. Prayer
2. Awareness
3. Invitation

Our group will focus on prayer and awareness and we invite any who are interested to join our effort. All are welcome.

Over the coming months, there will be more information available on vocations throughout the Collaborative. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions at [rgryan@comcast.net](mailto:rgryan@comcast.net). (Rich Ryan)



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (7/21)

4:00pm **IC** *Daniel P. Bradley, Beatrice Eon*  
(Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Erwin W. Batchelder* (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (7/22)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *For the intentions of John Vaughan*  
(Fr. Harrison)

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

11:00 am **IC** *Stanley Jancewicz, James Slattery,*  
*Patricia Doak* (Fr. Harrison)

### Monday (7/23)

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

### Tuesday (7/24)

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

### Wednesday (7/25)

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

### Thursday (7/26)

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

### Friday (7/27)

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

### Saturday (7/28)

4:00pm **IC** *Stanley Jancewicz, Henry Szymura,*  
*Henry F. Elario* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

### Sunday (7/29)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *For the intentions of John Vaughan*  
(Fr. Morin)

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

11:00am **IC** *Catherine L. Mitchell & Gordon P.*  
*Mitchell, Sr.* (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Camilla Healey 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,

Even Jesus took a day off. Or at least he tried to. Or at least he got a nice boat ride, until the pressures of the crowd met him at the opposite shore. Given that the Sea of Galilee is really more of a large lake, it is not that hard to imagine the people watching his boat leave one lakeside village and head part way across towards a "deserted area" along the shore and be able to make it there on foot ahead of him. The human need must have been profound.

Human needs are front and center in this weekend's Scriptures, with a strong focus on rest as a vital portion of one's life with God. Sometimes we have this view of Christ as a one-man miracle machine, churning out healings and cures left and right by the wave of his hand. As God, there was nothing that Jesus could not have accomplished. Our theology tells us that Jesus was co-creator of the entire universe and in our Creed we are reminded that, "Through Him all things were made." But Jesus was also fully human, with all of the limits and frailty that any of us may encounter.

The need to take a break, to "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while," (Mk 6:31) is a most human of statements about not only the disciples, but also Jesus himself. Rest is necessary for our bodies to heal and recover from the days' exertions. Muscles need to regenerate. Food and water are required to replenish the energy that was lost. Our brains need to rest and function differently for a while. We need to sleep to maintain our sanity and good cheer. Even Jesus needed to "chill and refill" on a regular basis so he could be everything that the Father called him to be for us and others. This doesn't mean that Jesus didn't put in a full day of ministry and then some. But while the Gospels don't document every

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## 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 Vigil Mass)

**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, Mary Schmidt, and Fr. John Kiley.

*(Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team.)*

## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

#### Monday, July 23

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

Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

#### Tuesday, July 24

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

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

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

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

#### Wednesday, July 25

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am St. Ann Church Hall

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

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

#### Thursday, July 26

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

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

#### Friday, July 27

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

"Ask A Priest" 5:55pm, IC St. James Chapel or  
6:15pm, Inn Street Pedestrian Walkway

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

#### Saturday, July 28

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Yankee Homecoming Begins Downtown Newburyport

#### Sunday, July 29

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

HRIC Strawberry/Blueberry Festival 1:00pm, IC Front Lawn

instance of rest, they show that often enough he was carving out time for prayer and rest amidst the overwhelming human neediness that presented itself everywhere he went.

As modern-day disciples, we must learn to find the right balance in our own lives between work and play, service and prayer. Too much or too little of any of these (even prayer) can send us spinning off into directions that can be unhealthy or can prevent us from fully recognizing or responding to what God's will is for us in our lives. When there is proper balance and harmony in our lives, we are best-suited as the Lord's servants to do and be everything God calls us to. It is the primary way of discipleship: offering a balanced life to the Lord.

So, this summer, how are we taking the Lord's words seriously? What needs to change? What blessings come from rest that the Lord can use for his own purposes? When we take a bit of a break from anything, do we find a fresh and more effective way to move forward that God will bless? Sometimes less is more!

Wishing you and your family many blessings this summer,  
Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

### 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.



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Collaborative Parishes

### Save the Date

Strawberry/Blueberry Dessert Festival  
Sunday, July 29 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.  
(or until we run out of berries)



Join us on the front lawn of Immaculate Conception at the corner of High and Green Streets, across from the Bartlett Mall.

Park in the IC Church lot and come enjoy some sweet homemade desserts, homemade shortcake, and homemade whipped cream.

(Proceeds to benefit all HRIC ministries.)

Watch this space for more information to come.

### 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](http://campsministry.com/application)

Cost: \$488 registration includes bus.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Piazza del Campo, Siena, Italy

## Travel Night

We had a very successful gathering in June to highlight 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! Because of such a strong response, the Oberammergau Passion Play Trip is completely full and is now in a very limited waiting-list situation. While we cannot promise anything at this point, if you are still interested in this excursion and did not already sign up, please reach out to Paul Blanchette right away.

There are still a few places left, however, on the wonderful Pilgrimage through Northern Italy this fall. It will be an amazing adventure exploring the charming Italian countryside and learning more about the lives of Saints Ambrose of Milan, Catherine of Siena, Anthony of Padua, Francis of Assisi and more! Lake Como, Venice, and Florence are among the many spectacular destinations that await us on this journey. The window of opportunity is closing fast on this wonderful excursion and important sign-up deadlines are approaching. You won't want to miss out!

Our next Travel Night will be **Monday, July 30 at 7:00pm in St. Louis Hall** at the IC Pastoral Center and will offer plenty of information as well as some Italian desserts. If you are interested in more information, please contact Paul Blanchette at 978-500-5661 or look online at: [www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric](http://www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric).

Come on a Faith-Journey with us!

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## Irish Sunset Cruise

Ancient Order of Hibernians  
Msgr. Thomas M. Lane Division #1

Proudly present **An Irish Sunset Cruise**



In connection with [www.captainsfishing.com](http://www.captainsfishing.com)

**Featuring:** Songs of Ireland by Joe Leary

A 2018 Yankee Homecoming Event

**Wednesday, August 1, 2018**

Cruise time: 7:00–10:00pm (Boarding at 6:30pm)

Cost of admission: \$35.00 with cash bar

21 years of age or older only

Tickets available by contacting:

Dan Cleary 978-360-9603, [dcaohnbpt@yahoo.com](mailto:dcaohnbpt@yahoo.com)  
Michael Volpone 978-479-2550, [macv21@gmail.com](mailto:macv21@gmail.com)

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Pelican Intervention Fund Summer Events

Please join us at two fundraising events and a celebration walk:

### Wednesday, August 1

Dos Amigos, Newburyport, 11:00am–10:00pm  
One dollar for every taco and burrito donated

### Sunday, August 5

We invite all members of our Parish Collaborative to **walk** with the Pelican Intervention Fund at the annual **Yankee Homecoming Parade**. Last year many of you walked with us and we hope you will join us again and to celebrate the lives that have been changed by the incredibly generous donations and constant support of the communities we serve. Please bring your family and friends of all ages to celebrate our many blessings and bring needed hope to those who are still struggling with the disease of addiction.

For more information please call:  
Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483  
Kim Keene, 978-430-1408

## Ask A Priest

### Friday the 13th “Ask A Priest” on the Boardwalk

Nothing spooky about the Boardwalk conversations or great weather for evangelization! Fr. John Kiley of Salem and Deacon Tim Hynes of Peabody joined Fr. George Morin and 21 team members last Friday.



*Reminder: “Ask A Priest” moves to Inn Street for the final Friday nights this summer. Meet us IC St. James Chapel at 5:55 or at 6:15 at Inn Street. All are welcome! No training necessary! (Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team.)*

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** Which of Jesus’ teachings has touched you profoundly? What did you do as a result of hearing it?

**Child:** Why did Jesus feel sorry for the people?

What did Jesus do for the people when He saw them?

## Sunday and Daily Mass Scripture Readings: July 22–29, 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
<b>Sunday</b>	July 22	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:13-18	Mark 6:30-34
<b>Monday</b>	July 23	Micah 6:1-4, 6-8	Psalm 50		Matthew 12:38-42
<b>Tuesday</b>	July 24	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20	Psalm 85		Matthew 12:46-50
<b>Wednesday</b>	July 25	2 Corinthians 4:7-15	Psalm 126		Matthew 20:20-28
<b>Thursday</b>	July 26	Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13	Psalm 36		Matthew 13:10-17
<b>Friday</b>	July 27	Jeremiah 3:14-17	Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13		Matthew 13:18-23
<b>Saturday</b>	July 28	Jeremiah 7:1-11	Psalm 84		Matthew 13:24-30
<b>Sunday</b>	July 29	1 Kings 4:42-44	Psalm 145	Ephesians 4:1-6	John 6:1-15

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.HRICcatholic.org](http://www.HRICcatholic.org) and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, July 7–8	\$3,095.00
Monthly	\$ 581.00
Offertory, July 14–15	\$2,948.00



## Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,862.00  
To Date \$19,935.00



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

We are pleased to share that Holy Redeemer has raised \$19,935.00 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](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) or by completing a pledge form available in the backs of the churches.

## Catholic TV

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

## 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, August 2.**

## Boy Scout Troop 41 Chicken BBQ

Boy Scout Troop 41 will be holding its annual Chicken BBQ on **Saturday, August 11** from 5:00–7:00 pm at the Merrimac Fire Station.



Tickets are available at the Towne Market in Merrimac. Scouts will be selling tickets after some Masses. Cost is \$10 for a dinner consisting of BBQ chicken, baked beans, corn on the cob, dinner roll, watermelon, and a drink.

Enjoy an evening out and meet the Scouts as they serve dinner to the community. This is always a sell-out event as tickets are limited. Get your tickets early.

## HR Religious Education

Rel. Ed. Families, you can find our registration form online: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). Click the Faith Formation tab, then Holy Redeemer tab. Please submit forms to the office, 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](mailto:reledhrp@gmail.com))

## 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, July 25.**

See the Collaborative calendar at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) for the schedule. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, July 14–15	\$10,025.00
Mission Co-op	\$ 4,099.00
Restoration/Renovation	\$ 1,077.00

The second collection this weekend is IC Haiti. **Please make checks payable to IC Haiti.**

The second collection next weekend is Electric Cooling Costs.

## 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](http://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 Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 10.00
Poor Box	\$ 158.00
Total	\$ 168.00

## 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.

## 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. Visit our website at [tcfnewburyport.org](http://tcfnewburyport.org).

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 **July 23**.

Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at [barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com).

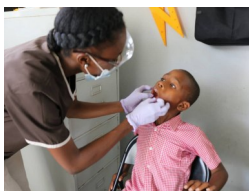
## IC Haiti Board of Directors Report of the President

The Father Marc Piché School finished up another successful school year, which graduated 21 sixth graders and 22 kindergarteners. Our partner at St. Boniface Haiti Foundation (SBHF) has reported that the faculty and staff remain energized and the Puit Chacha community is very appreciative of the positive impact of the school. The school is well established after completing its sixth academic year.



Kindergarten Graduation Celebration

The student dental program started this past quarter and given the annual cost, we should be able to support this program for many years. I have provided some photos and facts about the program this spring.



IC Haiti Dental Program



204 FMP School students and staff were examined and received a dental kit.

156 students from the Fond-des-Blancs' St. Francois School received preventative care.

67 students and staff from the Etzer Vilair School were examined.

The recent political protests in Haiti are a reminder that the country is unstable, and our efforts could be hindered at any time through road blockades, curfews, or political transition. The protests have subsided and were mostly focused in and around Port-au-Prince and not evident in the Fond-des-Blancs catchment. According to SBHF, fuel and supply trucks are being cancelled so some food supplies may be reduced but hopefully, our school food program won't be affected as most of the supplies are grown locally.

IC Haiti Food Program



It was another great year for our students, and I thank you all for your support of the IC Haiti mission. If you have any questions or want to further discuss ways to support our organization, please e-mail me at [meurer@comcast.net](mailto:meurer@comcast.net).

Peace,

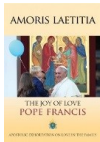
Stuart Meurer, President, IC Haiti Board of Directors



# 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.

**Proclaiming the Gospel of the Family Today:** In # 202: "The main contribution to the pastoral care of families is offered by the parish, which is the family of families, where small communities, ecclesial movements and associations live in harmony." Along with a pastoral outreach aimed specifically at families, this shows the need for "a more adequate formation...of priests, deacons, men and women religious, catechists, and other pastoral workers". In the replies given to the worldwide consultation, it became clear that ordained ministers often lack the training needed to deal with the complex problems currently facing families. The experience of the broad oriental tradition of a married clergy could also be drawn upon.

### IC Religious Ed. Programs

This week we have a religious education session: July 23–27 on the Creed. Monday–Thursday 9:00am–3:00pm, Thursday 2pm Mass—families are welcome to join in the Mass), and Friday 9:00am–2:00pm with closing assembly by all grades at 1:30pm in the Church.

Collaborative MS Mission week for grades 7–8 was an outstanding week. We had 9 young people who did yard work at Salvation Army, made goodie dessert bags for our Tuesday dinner guests, delivered personal care packs to the YWCA, cleaned in the church, visited with the elderly at Little Sisters of the Poor and ran a lemonade and ice cream stand at the First Parish Church, Newbury for their Friday Food Pantry.

**Fall Registration** is available now. [www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education](http://www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education)

### Baptism

Baptism info.: [www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism)

Please pre-register for the class.

Aug. 12 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.

Our Confirmation candidates prepared dozens and dozens of personal care packs for men, women and children. Thank you for your generosity.

### Parking Lot Workers—Yankee Homecoming

Volunteers (teens and adults) are needed to be Parking Lot attendants for IC Parking Lot during Yankee Homecoming on Sunday, July 29 (12:00n–5:00pm), Thursday–Saturday, August 2, 3, 4 (5:30–8:30pm). Please contact: Dr. Mag McKinnon if you can assist us. 978-462-2724 ext 7405 or [mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org).

## Immaculate Conception School



There's no better time to think about Christmas than July! Save the date for the 18th Annual IC North Pole Express—**Saturday, December 1, 2018!** Get ready to ride, volunteer, and be a part of this incredibly fun community-building event!



2017 North Pole Express

## Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a **Yankee Homecoming Blood Drive** at the Elks Lodge, 25 Low Street, Newburyport from 10:00am to 3:00pm on Friday, August 3. Appointments can be made online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

## 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.

## Archdiocese Web Site

Visit [www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org) for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

## Adoration

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