A photograph of a field with green leaves, a pink flower, and a wheat stalk. The background is a soft-focus field of green grass and leaves. In the foreground, there is a single pink flower with a yellow center on the left, and a wheat stalk with golden-brown grain heads on the right. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

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*"Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,  
'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning;  
but gather the wheat into my barn.'" (Mt. 13:30)*

*All Are Welcome*

# OUR COLLABORATIVE

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### Immaculate Conception

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (7/22)

- 10:30am **Country Rehab** (Fr. Broderick)  
 4:00pm **IC John K. Herlihy, Florence & Patrick Murphy, Fay Murphy Walsh** (Fr. Morin)  
 4:00pm **St. Ann Erwin W. Batchelder** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (7/23)

- 7:15am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 9:00am **IC Stella Klos, Sandy Lambert** (Fr. Broderick)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
 11:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

### Monday (7/24)

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

### Tuesday (7/25)

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

### Wednesday (7/26)

- 7:15am **IC Patricia Campbell, Sandy Lambert** (Fr. Morin)

### Thursday (7/27)

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

### Friday (7/28)

- 9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 10:30am **IC Religious Ed. Mass** (Fr. Harrison)

### Saturday (7/29)

- 4:00pm **IC Henry Szymura, Daniel E. Toomey, Harold & Margaret Plouff Cooper, Henry F. Elario** (Fr. Broderick)  
 4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (7/30)

- 7:15am **IC Henry DiBurro** (Fr. Richard)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
 9:00am **IC Michael McDonald, Sandy Lambert** (Fr. Morin)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
 11:00am **IC** (Fr. Broderick)

In your prayers please remember Theresa Ferrara, Anthony Corrado, and all the faithful departed.

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

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*



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Collaborative Parishes

## From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Recently, I was sorting through some old papers, trying to tidy up my office that had become overgrown with too much stuff. There was a great temptation to just “toss it all” and be done with it. And yet, there were a few valuable pieces of paperwork mingled in with all of the refuse that were worth saving. There was my receipt for serving on Jury Duty this past year. Gotta save that one! Then there was last year’s tax return. Better hold onto that one as well. And then a picture a friend had sent me of a mutual friend who had died this past year. Priceless. But all of these were buried in with so much useless ads, receipts and junk mail that I never got around to throwing away. I know, I know... gotta get a better filing system. But there is always that little voice in the back of my mind that says, “Wait, you might need that...”

Maybe God has that same little voice, too. This weekend’s Gospel with its parable of the weeds and the wheat is a reminder of the great depth of God’s patience and compassion. We all see evil mingled in with the goodness of life. Sometimes these are obvious things like acts of terrorism, mass shootings, and genocide. But more often than not, life is lived in various shades of gray, without a clear distinction between what is whiter and what is darker. Truthfully, when we are dealing with people, the jury is most often out on whether a person, even with struggles or challenges, will overcome them and blossom into a productive and loving member of society...or whether they will spiral ever downward into sin and malfeasance.

The image of the weeds and the wheat is so potent as it reflects the reality that when growing, wheat sprouts and weeds often look an awful lot alike. So much so, if an attempt was made to sort them out too early, it would be easy to pull up the good with the bad, and then there would

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## “Ask a Priest”

This past Friday, a cardboard version of Pope Francis made an appearance on Inn Street, Newburyport for “Ask a Priest.” Many folks stopped by to talk and to pose for a photo with the Pope.



Ask a Priest will be on Inn Street every Friday evening this summer until Sept. 1. Please stop by to visit between 6:00–8:30.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Father George, 978-462-2724. Prayerfully consider becoming part of the outreach. We need you.

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) and click on the calendar for details on all Collaborative activities.

#### Monday, July 24

IC Summer Religious Ed. 9:00am, IC Parish Center  
AA Meeting 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205  
Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

#### Tuesday, July 25

IC Summer 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 26

IC Summer Religious Ed. 9:00am, IC Parish Center  
HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Church  
Holy Quilters 2:30pm, Nativity Hall  
Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel  
Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205  
HR Wine Tasting Organizational Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

#### Thursday, July 27

IC Summer Religious Ed. 9:00am, IC Parish Center  
Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

#### Friday, July 28

IC Summer Religious Ed. 9:00am, IC Parish Center  
Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel  
Ask a Priest 6:00pm, Inn Street, Newburyport  
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

#### Saturday, July 29

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

#### Sunday, July 30

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church  
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church

### Leap of Faith Skydiving Team



Your generosity and kind-heartedness is greatly appreciated. Thanks to many communities, churches and friends, our team raised \$5,079 for The Pelican Intervention Fund to help families affected by addiction.  
Warmest Regards, Alice Mulvany

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be no harvest at all. Wisdom invites us to let them grow until their fruit ripens, then it will be obvious whether they are bearing a rich harvest of love and goodness, or something that works against it.

God is patient. God will wait until His own appointed time to do the harvesting and sorting. In God's own good time, all will be made right. Not on our time, though. If anything, this Gospel challenges us to refrain from judgment of others while at the same time calling us to examine what kind of fruit I am bearing for the Kingdom. It is an encouraging Word that tells us that there is still time, that the harvest or judgment is not yet. But it is coming, we must make ourselves ready.

So, looking over the files of our lives, do we see more wheat than weeds? And what might we do to ensure that we bear the fruit in our lives that God craves?

Wishing you many summer blessings in the weeks ahead,  
Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

### Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Join Fr. Tim on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi on



October 8–17, 2017. During the 10-day tour, we will visit Rome where we will attend a Papal audience and tour St. Peter's as well as other sites in Rome. The trip includes two days in Assisi also.

To reserve your space or for more information, visit [www.pilgrimages.com/FatherTim\\_RomeAssisi2017](http://www.pilgrimages.com/FatherTim_RomeAssisi2017) or call 206 Tours at 800-206-8687, and ask for Amanda or Bika.

### C.A.M.P.S. 2017—34th Year

July 31–August 5, 2017 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; and
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:

<http://www.campsministry.com/application.html>

Cost: \$478 registration and bus. PayPal available for an extra fee.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Centering Prayer

### Welcome All Members of Our Collaborative Family

Please join us on Wednesdays from 6:00pm–7:00pm in the IC Nazareth Library 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.

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 or visit our website at <http://www.hriccatholic.org/Get-Involved>.

## 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 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

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.

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** In today's world what are the values and behaviors that might be considered "weeds" that grow up alongside the good seed of God's kingdom?

**Child:** In the Gospel story the master did not want to pull up the weeds. Why?

## Feed My Sheep

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 wish to establish a ministry serving meals to the poor at Cor Unum Meal Center. The Center serves breakfast from 6:00am to 8:00am and dinner from 4:30pm to 6:30pm every day of the year. Volunteers are needed to serve one of these meals once a month, either breakfast or dinner. If you can give a few hours of your time serving a meal, please contact Larry Lambert at (978) 462-4842 for further information.

## Scripture Study

### Scripture Study will meet on July 23

### Note change in July schedule

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on July 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Parish Center. Interested members of the Collaborative are invited to join the study group as we read and discuss *The Acts of the Apostles*, Chapter 8, Verse 26



through Chapter 12. In this second book, written between 80 and 90 A.D., Luke continues the story of Christianity in the first century. The early chapters, set in Jerusalem, describe the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the leadership of St. Peter after he is filled with the Holy Spirit, and the growth of the early Church there. We now move on to the expansion of the Christian Church to include Gentiles and communities beyond Jerusalem.

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

## 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](mailto:deb@avitaofnewburyport.com) or 978-225-7000.

## Walk with The Pelican Intervention Fund at the Yankee Homecoming Parade



The Pelican Intervention Fund invites all members of our Parish Collaborative to walk with us in the Yankee Homecoming parade on August 6. Be part of our communities' response to the disease of addiction.

Please help us support the journey from addiction to recovery and share our message of hope; recovery from the disease of addiction is possible.

We appreciate all your past support and hope you, your children, and friends will join us in the parade.

For more information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978-462-7483 or Kim Keene 978 430-1408.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Offertory Collection

Offertory, July 15–16 \$3,579.25  
Monthly \$ 505.00

## HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



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

## Boy Scout Chicken Bar-B-Q



Troop 41 will be holding its annual Chicken Bar-B-Q fundraiser on August 12 at the Merrimac Fire Department. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 each and can be purchased from any of the scouts of Troop 41. Scouts will be available after some Masses. Thank you for your support.

## Wine Tasting Organizational Meeting

All are welcome to join the Activities Committee at the next organizational meeting on Wednesday, **July 26 at 7:00pm** in Merrimac. We will be discussing the Wine Tasting Social/fundraiser for Holy Redeemer.

## Wine Tasting Social



Join us for the HR Wine Tasting Social on Saturday, September 30 from 6:30pm–9:30pm in the Nativity Hall. Tickets are \$20 per person. You must be 21 or older to attend. The Social is in partnership with Newbury Food Mart.

## Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann** in West Newbury on **August 5**.

## 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.

We would love for you to join us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac, at 1:00pm. Don't know how to crochet or knit, we will teach you and give you yarn. **Our next meeting is Thursday, August 3 at 1:00 p.m.**

## HR Religious Education

2017–18 Religious Ed.

Needed for the Rel. Ed. Program: A 3rd Grade teacher is needed for Sunday morning classes beginning in September, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass in Merrimac. Please contact Doreen O'Leary if you have any questions, or to volunteer. Thanks.

Incoming **First Graders** need to be registered for the Holy Redeemer Religious Ed. program. Please download our registration form online: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org), click Faith Formation, then the Holy Redeemer tab.

**Family Registration forms are online.  
Please register now for the fall.**

The registration forms for Religious Ed. are one per family. Please include your Confirmation Candidate (if applicable) on the family form. (Remember this student need only pay \$25 for their robe rental fee.)

**Contact info: Office of Religious Education**

Doreen O'Leary (Rel. Ed. email: [reledhrp@gmail.com](mailto:reledhrp@gmail.com), or for forms to register for the fall: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org). (click the Faith Formation tab, then the Holy Redeemer tab).

## HR Sandwich Program



The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers soup/salad and sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The sandwiches go to the Good Shepherd

Center on Park Street in Lawrence. 200 sandwiches are needed each day to feed the hungry.

We are always in need of more sandwich donations. To help, please make sandwiches by using 1 loaf of bread and sandwich meat (**No condiments added**), individually wrap the sandwiches and place them back into the bread bag. Deliver the bread bag to St. Ann's Church, West Newbury, by **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, July 26**. See the Collaborative calendar at [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org) for the schedule or contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.



**Greetings from VBS**

*Thanks to all who volunteered and participated in this year's Vacation Bible School at Holy Redeemer last week. What a great turnout!*

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

Offertory, July 15–16 \$10,099.00  
Mission Co-op \$ 4,503.00

This weekend's second collection is IC-Haiti. **Please make checks payable to IC-Haiti.** The second collection next weekend is Electric Cooling Costs.

## IC-Haiti

Fellow Parishioners, please continue your financial and prayerful support for our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ. Because of your generosity, IC-Haiti has been able to meet its ongoing commitment to the school aged children of Puit Chacha as well as to support medical, nutritional, dental, and emergency relief services provided by the Saint Boniface Haiti Foundation to the people of south-central Haiti. This weekend, **July 22–23**, the second collection will be taken up for IC-Haiti. Thank you for choosing to "see" the people of Haiti throughout the eyes of Christ.

## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$100.00
Poor Box	\$229.00
Total	\$329.00

## 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](http://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.

## Adoration

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

## 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 make sure it is delivered to your home Parish.

## New Liturgical Vessels for Immaculate Conception Parish

For many years now, we have been blessed with the use of several pewter and metal liturgical vessels that have been donated to our parish. They have been used very well to share the Lord's Body and Blood at thousands of masses over the years, but are now at the end of their useful life and must be retired.

We are inviting parishioners to help us purchase a new set of metal vessels that will hopefully serve us well in the decades ahead. Donations are now being received for memorials in the names of loved ones which can be inscribed on each vessel. For more information, please contact our office at 978-462-2724 for availability and pricing. Thank you for your generosity in helping our parish minister the Lord's presence to our community and beyond!



small ciborium/bowl



small chalice



large community paten

## Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

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

## IC Church Hours

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

## Offertory Renewal Program

Thank you to all those participating in our recent Increased Offertory Renewal Appeal. The results are extremely positive with many families participating by returning a Commitment Card. It is not too late to participate. There are additional materials in the church. Please return your "Commitment Card" as soon as possible by mail or place it in the collection at Mass next weekend. Your participation in this effort helps our parish meet our growing financial obligations. Please consider a new giving level that is best suited to your circumstances. This will allow our parish to plan accurately for the future.

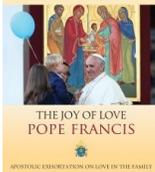
Thank you again to those individuals and families who have participated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Religious Education

### *Amoris Laetitia*...Pope Francis

AMORIS LAETITIA



Pope Francis released the Exhortation on the Family. We continue to review the various statements from the Holy Father.

**Love is not irritable or resentful.** In #106: When we have been offended or let down, forgiveness is possible and desirable, but no one can say that it is easy. The truth is that “family communion can only be preserved and perfected through a great spirit of sacrifice. It requires, in fact, a ready and generous openness of each and all to understanding, to forbearance, to pardon, to reconciliation. There is no family that does not know how selfishness, discord, tension and conflict violently attack and at times mortally wound its own communion: hence there arise the many and varied forms of division in family life.”

### Summer Religious Education Classes

Grades 1–8: Summer registration is available. Forms can be downloaded from the website:

Gr. 1–6: <http://www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education>

Gr. 7–8: <http://www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education>

Please be sure to complete a *Catechetical Events Log Sheet* to be eligible to participate in the summer program. It needs to be submitted prior to the start of the program.

Our second session of Religious Education begins this week for **Gr 1–8**: July 24–28. Monday–Thursday 9:00am–3:00pm and Friday 9:00am–1:00pm.

### Baptism

Baptism info: <http://www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism>

Aug. 13 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

Aug. 20 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

### Confirmation

**Summer Confirmation session** has been completed. Thank you to all our volunteers and candidates for your participation in the process last week. Please continue to work on your service hours; minimum of 1 hour/month over 2 years.3

<http://www.hriccatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>

**School Year Confirmation sessions** will begin in the fall once a month on Sunday 1:00–3:00pm. For information and registration go online:

<http://www.hriccatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>

### First Eucharist

Registrations for 2017–2018 First Reconciliation and Eucharist will be available on the website in August.

### Youth Mass—September 24, 2017

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, September 24 at Nativity, Merrimac at 5:00pm.



### *Two former missionaries confer after Mass at Immaculate Conception Church this past weekend.*

We were very pleased to welcome Bishop Robert Hennessey last week to speak on behalf of the St. James Society and the Pontifical Missionary Society. Both Fr. Broderick and Bishop Hennessey have spent time serving in the St. James Society.

## The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends 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 Room 209 of the IC Parish Center at 7:30 to 9:00pm on the fourth Mondays. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. **Our next meeting is July 24.**

A Butterfly's Journey To A New Normal (ABJ) is a separate non-profit to help a broader set of grievers. Barbara is the founder and a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist. ABJ offers group or 1-on-1 Grief Recovery Method classes as well as a free online Resource Center and more. <http://abutterflysjourney.org>.

Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at 617-410-6309 or [info@abutterflysjourney.org](mailto:info@abutterflysjourney.org).

## Archdiocese Web Site

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

## 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.

## Bulletin Information

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

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Immaculate Conception School

### Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration



ICS Newburyport is still accepting applications for Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten for the 2017–18 school year. Our outstanding program is designed to develop academic and social skills, confidence, and a love of learning. Please call or email Mrs. Joan Sullivan to learn more about the benefits of a faith-based, ICS education.

978-465-7780,

[jsullivan@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:jsullivan@newburyportcatholic.org).



*Pre-K students at  
Field Day 2017*

## Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897. We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. 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](mailto:membership@kofc231.org).

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, August 8** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### Local Young Adult Event

#### 1st Annual Beach Day with JESUS aCROSS the Border

Join us Friday, August 18, 2017 at Star of the Sea Beach Chapel, Salisbury, from 8:00am–midnight. All adults, age 18–35 are invited.

JESUS aCROSS the Border, the umbrella organization uniting over 17 different young adult Catholic groups, hosts this entire day at the beach. The church is providing free parking, access to the beach, and facilities starting at 8:00am.

Our usual evening event begins at 7:30pm with Eucharist Adoration, and Praise & Worship lead by Soulfest musician, Kyle Erickson and Angelique Bolduc of LIFT Ministries. Fr. Chris Wallace joins us again as the main Mass celebrant at 9:00pm and following Mass we will have a beach pizza social.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the over 17 Catholic young adult groups to network with one another.

Please email Billy Beauchesne with any questions at [JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com](mailto:JESUSaCROSStheBorder@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/JESUSaCROSStheBorder> for more information.

### LIFT Ministries

Join LIFT Ministries as they celebrate 11 years of ministry with a special event on Saturday, August 19 at LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, MA.

This outdoor event (weather permitting) will include Mass at 4:00pm followed by a BBQ and then LIFT at 7:00pm. The event is free to attend and open to all ages.

For more information or to order tickets for the BBQ (\$10/person), go to [www.liftedhigher.com](http://www.liftedhigher.com). Events will be moved indoors if it rains. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area.

### Virtus: Protecting God's Children

Now is the time to reserve a place in one of the upcoming Virtus classes in the Archdiocese.

Local summer and fall classes are listed below. To register for any of these classes or to see a list of other locations, visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Click on "First Time Registrant" and then "View a List of Sessions."

#### Immaculate Conception (Charity Dining Room)

Tuesday, September 12, 7:00–9:00pm

#### Sacred Hearts Church Hall (Bradford/Haverhill)

Sunday, August 27, 12:45–2:45pm

Wednesday, September 6, 6:00–8:00pm

Tuesday, September 19, 6:00–8:00pm

Thursday, September 28, 9:30–11:30am

#### St. Lucy (Methuen)

Saturday, September 9, 9:00am–12:00noon

Thursday, October 12, 6:30–9:30pm

### Irish Sunset Cruise

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