

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

July 03, 2016

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*The harvest is abundant  
but the laborers are few.*

*Luke 10:2*

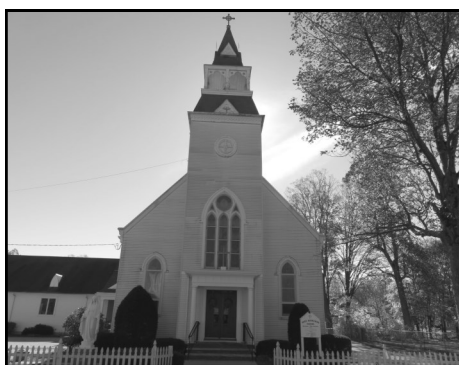
# OUR COLLABORATIVE

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### Immaculate Conception

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### Immaculate Conception School

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (7/2)

4:00pm **IC** *Lucia Vincent, Jacquetta & Norton Johnson* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Armand Cormier* (Fr. Drew Christiansen)

### Sunday (7/3)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Virginia Tobin* (Fr. Harrison)

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Drew Christiansen)

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

### Monday (7/4) Independence Day

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

### Tuesday (7/5)

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

### Wednesday (7/6)

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

### Thursday (7/7)

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

### Friday (7/8)

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

### Saturday (7/9)

4:00pm **IC** *Daniel P. Bradley, Carol Elizabeth Plumer* (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **St. Ann** *Rick Marshall* (Missionary Priest & Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (7/10)

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

8:00am **Nativity** (Missionary Priest & Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** *Willard Maker, Paul Hefron* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:00am **IC** *Dan Herlihy* (Fr. Broderick)

In your prayers, please remember 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,



A little over a decade ago, a wonderful movie was released called, *The Kingdom of Heaven*. It is set in 12th Century Jerusalem amidst the conflicts and tensions between the Christian-occupied city and the Muslim army that threatened to retake it. There is romance, the gritty reality of Crusade-era medieval life, gruesome battle scenes, and an exotic visual feast to keep any viewer glued to the screen. But there is also one interesting scene where Sibylla, the Queen-heir of Jerusalem, pays a visit to Balian, the Baron of Ibelin, in his desert estate. She forthrightly says to him upon her arrival, "I expect your hospitality." When Balian replies, "It is given," his entire house staff snaps into action to provide food, accommodations and all of the comforts that can be eked from the surrounding arid wasteland. It might seem like such a small detail in such an expansive tale, but it highlights, just for a moment, an important piece of Mid-Eastern culture that we sometimes have difficulty appreciating in our modern times.

Hospitality was something that was offered by the leaders of a community to strangers, to outsiders... so that they wouldn't be killed or attacked. In the small villages where most of the population lived, you trusted very few—just your family and those in your village. To these close, "insiders," you were required to provide steadfast love—that is, they are the ones you cared for and would make any sacrifice for. Everyone else, those outside of your small world, were to be held in disdain and looked upon with suspicion and mistrust. A stranger walking through one of these ancient villages might well be challenged and even assaulted. Certainly, no one would listen to what they had to say or give them any kind of status in the village. Unless, of course, they were welcomed by the patriarch or village leader. Then, if hospitality was offered, these former strangers were given shelter in a home, food to eat and a "place at the table," so-to-speak. In their new status as welcomed guests, they would be respected and would have the opportunity to engage the towns' people in conversation. It would be a dishonor, in these circumstances, to move about from house to house, searching, perhaps for better accommodations. Instead, they were to accept the honor of where they were invited to stay and go about their business from that one home. Hospitality was something that was expected to be offered, unless there were good reasons to the contrary. As much as a traveler was dependent on the kindness of strangers for food, water, and shelter, a failure to offer hospitality was seen as a grave dishonor and an insult.

All of this is the backdrop to today's Gospel passage where Jesus sends the 72 out to prepare a number of these ancient villages for his arrival. In short, these were the "advance team" that were to check out the places where he would be welcomed, and sort-out the places that were

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## Collaborative Offices Closed

The Collaborative offices will be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

## Bulletin Information

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

## 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.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

**Monday, July 4 Independence Day—Offices Closed**

**Tuesday, July 5**

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

**Wednesday, July 6**

**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, July 7**

**HR Prayer Shawl** 1:00pm, Nativity Church Hall, Merriamac

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

**Friday, July 8**

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

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

**Sunday, July 10**

**IC Baptism Instruction** 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

**Scripture Study** 2:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

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

## 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.

## Scripture for the Week

3	Sun	Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
4	Mon	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26
5	Tue	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
6	Wed	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
7	Thu	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/Mt 10:7-15
8	Fri	Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23
9	Sat	Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33
10	Sun	Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

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more skeptical or outright hostile. Those places, Jesus enjoined his disciples, were to be shamed by having them "shake the dust" off their feet on their way out. He might well have told them also to "run like hell" when they did this, as the villagers would not likely have taken such testimony lightly. But the point was made. And the Gospel, despite such obstacles, was spread.

I think this gives us today pause to consider how we offer hospitality to strangers in our midst. I have heard it said more often than once, that many locals in Newburyport refer to Yankee Homecoming Week as "Yankee Go Home" week. Ok, I get it. It's tough to navigate through all of the crowds and congestion, and noise, and limited parking... Ugh. We all hate to be inconvenienced. At the same time, we also must balance the need we have as disciples to respond to Matthew's words in Chapter 25 of his Gospel where he underscores our responsibility to welcome the stranger as if we were welcoming Christ Himself, and in particular, that Christ will take it personally if we don't. Yikes! This hospitality stuff is serious business!

Then, as now, we must see ourselves in relationship to those who are vulnerable and struggling, those who need our help, our protection, and even our voice to give them the status that is necessary to continue on their journey through life. As we celebrate the great gift of our Independence as a nation this weekend, might we ask the question, "why?" Gifts are given for a reason, and with them comes great responsibility. How do we best cherish this gift today? How might you and I offer welcome and hospitality to those who come among us in need?

Happy 4th to all!

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.

## 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>

## EWTN: Catholic News

EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource.  
<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## 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.

## 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. Visit [www.campsministry.com](http://www.campsministry.com) for more information or to register.

## 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.



## Vacation Bible School at Holy Redeemer

August 15–19

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](http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/Nativity2016).

## 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](mailto:csbraggjr@comcast.net).

## 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.

## Online Bulletin

Visit our **Collaborative Web site**, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) and click on the bulletin picture on the home page to view the bulletin online.

Also, you can visit [www.TheBostonPilot.com/bcd](http://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 18–19	\$3,701.00
Offertory June 25–26	\$3,489.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 608.00
<b>Grand Annual</b>	<b>\$22,635.00 (Goal \$40,000)</b>

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

<b>Catholic Appeal</b>		<p>\$21,979</p> <p>\$16,500</p> <p>\$11,000</p> <p>\$5,500</p>
<p><b>Goal \$21,979.00</b></p> <p><b>To Date \$22,670.00</b></p> <p><b>(103% of Our Goal)</b></p>		

Congratulations! **Holy Redeemer** has surpassed its 2016 Catholic Appeal goal of **\$21,979.00**. We are truly grateful to the Holy Redeemer parishioners and families that helped us reach our goal. The Catholic Appeal provides critical funding to hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs that impact tens of thousands throughout our Archdiocese. Thank you for responding to Cardinal Seán's call to witness more clearly the depths of God's love for each one of us through this important effort.

## Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to St. Ann in West Newbury on **July 9**.

## Collaborative Web Site

Visit the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception web site at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org)

## HR St. Vincent de Paul



SVdP will contribute to the cost of a teenager going to C.A.M.P.S. this year. Those families with high school children who are interested in C.A.M.P.S. should call the SVdP access number 978-346-8604, option 8, and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

## 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](mailto:cynwinnquinn@aol.com).



## HR Religious Education

### Teachers/Adult Helpers Needed

**Grade 3 Teacher** for our Sunday morning classes following the 8:00am Mass. If you are interested, please contact Doreen at [reledhrp@verizon.net](mailto:reledhrp@verizon.net).

**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: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

### 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](mailto: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.

Check out the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception Collaborative web site: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.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.

## HR Scholarship Winners

The Holy Redeemer Parish Scholarship Committee would like to announce the two winners of the 2016 Scholarship: **Martin Hayes and Ben Quinn**. Congratulations to you both. Each winner will receive \$1000 to help defray the cost of furthering their education after high school.

Thank you to all who attended the past Holiday Fairs. It is from the proceeds from the fairs that we are able to fund the scholarships.

## 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.



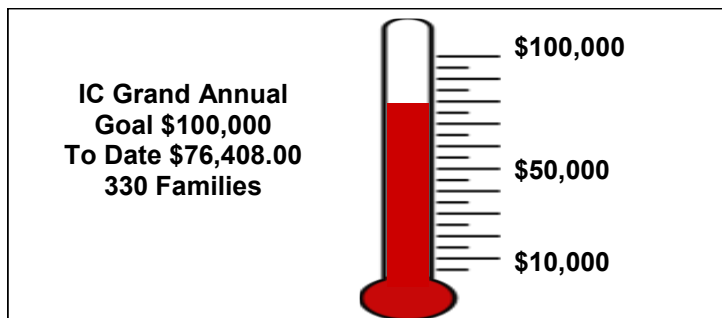
Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, July 7**.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

Offertory June 4–5      \$9,203.00  
Peter's Pence            \$1,638.00

The second collection this weekend is the **Restoration/Renovation**. The second collection next weekend is the **Monthly**.



## Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on July 10

Note Change in Schedule

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will **not** meet on its regularly scheduled first and third Sundays in July, but will meet on the second and fourth Sundays, July 10 and July 24, 2016, in the IC Parish Center at 2:00pm. On July 10, we will conclude reading and discussing the first section of *The Book of Isaiah*: The Book of Judgment, Chapters 36 through 39 and begin the second section, The Book of Consolation, which is sometimes called the Deutero-Isaiah, Chapters 40 through 42. The second section is generally attributed to an anonymous poet who prophesied toward the end of the Babylonian exile and contains the great messianic oracles known as the Suffering Servant songs. This would be an ideal time for interested collaborative members to join the group as we begin study on a different period in Israel's history.

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!

## Knights of Columbus



The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, July 12** at 7:30pm in the Nazareth Library, Room 205.

## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box            \$ 82.00  
Collection          \$ 90.50  
Total                 \$ 172.50

## 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](mailto:sandbunnyc@yahoo.com).

## 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.

## New England Tenors Summer Concert in Newburyport

The New England Tenors will perform a special outdoor concert at Newburyport's Maudslay State Park on Sunday, July 10 at 2:00pm. The event is open to the public. The Tenors hope many of their friends and supporters will come and enjoy this beautiful outdoor venue. You can picnic at the park. To learn more about the venue and order tickets on line visit: <http://thenewenglandtenors.weebly.com/>.

You can also call Mike Fay at 978 476-6053 for more information.

## 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](http://www.icsnewburyport.com)

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## 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.

## 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.

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 Pelican Intervention Fund at:

[www.facebook.com/PelicanInterventionFund](http://www.facebook.com/PelicanInterventionFund) or at:

Essex County Community Foundation at [www.eccf.org](http://www.eccf.org).

For question or information please contact:

Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or

Kim Keene, 978-430-1408.

## 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](http://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

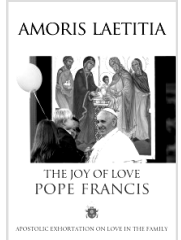
## IC Church Summer Hours

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

## 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 #24—*The Work of Your Hands*: Labor also makes possible the development of society and provides for the sustenance, stability, and fruitfulness of one's family: "May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children!" (Ps 128: 5–6). The Book of Proverbs also presents the labor of mothers within the family; their daily work is described in detail as winning the praise of their husbands and children (cf. 31: 10–31). The Apostle Paul was proud not to live as a burden to others, since he worked with his own hands and assured his own livelihood (cf. Acts 18: 3; 1 Cor 4: 12; 9: 12). Paul was so convinced of the necessity of work that he laid down a strict rule for his communities: "If anyone will not work, let him not eat" (2 Th 3: 10; cf 1 Th 4: 11).

### 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](http://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



In the parables devoted to mercy, Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (cf. Lk 15: 1–32). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find

the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon.

*(Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others, Dynamic Catholic, pp. 9–12)*



# AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

## Year of Mercy

Looking for a way to enliven the year of Mercy in your life? Visit <http://www.livemercy.org/> to view a daily calendar for ideas on how you can encounter mercy every day in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. There, you can sign up for daily Year of Mercy emails or text messages.

## Become a Hospice Volunteer

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." ~Mahatma Gandhi*

All Care Hospice is currently seeking compassionate, caring people to offer comfort and support to our patients and families. As part of the care team, volunteers serve a vital role in affecting the quality of our patients' lives. Each volunteer opportunity is unique and varies depending on the needs of the patient and family as well as the volunteer's availability and interests. Patient care may include companionship through conversation, reading aloud, reminiscing, or even just holding their hand. Other duties help alleviate stress for the caregiver such as running errands like grocery shopping and trips to the pharmacy, light housekeeping or meal preparation. Administrative tasks involve assembling admission packets, assisting with mailings, photocopying, and special event preparation. All Care Hospice serves the North Shore, Merrimack Valley and Greater Boston. For more information or to enroll in a training, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Maureen Burge at 781-244-1129. Visit our web site: <http://www.allcare.org/hospice/>

## The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends was established in the United States and incorporated in 1978. Today TCF has about 660 chapters serving all 50 states plus Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and Guam offering friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved parents, siblings, grandparents, and other family members during the natural grieving process after a child has died. Around the world more than 30 countries have a Compassionate Friends presence, encircling the globe with support so desperately needed when the worst has happened. Our local chapter meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30pm in room 209 of the IC Parish Center. For more information, please contact Barbara Hopkinson at [barhop@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

## Catholic TV

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

## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** How will you love God, your neighbor, and yourself this week?

**Child:** Name when you loved God, then your family and/or neighbor, and yourself this past week.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter



In today's Gospel Jesus sends the 72 out to tell the people the good news. We are each called by Christ to go out to all the world and tell the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do we reflect the love of Christ in our relationships, especially our marriage relationship? Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on September 17-18 and October 21-23. For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME, visit our webpage at

[www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org), or at <https://www.facebook.com/Wwmemma>

## 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.