

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2016



I have
come to
set the earth on fire.

Luke 12:49

OUR COLLABORATIVE

Holy Redeemer Parish



St. Ann

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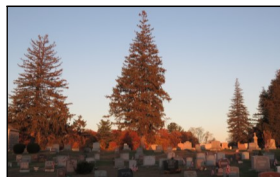
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Immaculate Conception Parish



Immaculate Conception

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/13)

4:00pm **IC** *Joe, John, & Vincent O'Connor, Ellen & Michael O'Connor, Ted LoPreste* (Fr. Broderick)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (8/14)

7:15am **IC** *Patricia Borbone* (Fr. McLaughlin)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
9:00am **IC** *Nick & Helen Ebacher* (Fr. McLaughlin)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
11:00am **IC** *Joseph Maybok* (Fr. Broderick)

Monday (8/15)

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

Tuesday (8/16)

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

Wednesday (8/17)

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

Thursday (8/18)

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

Friday (8/19)

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

Saturday (8/20)

4:00pm **IC** *Stephen & Loretta Furlong, Dick Ring, William Lindquist, Daniel P. Bradley* (Fr. Morin)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (8/21)

7:15am **IC** *Henry DiBurro* (Fr. Broderick)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)
9:00am **IC** *Mary J. Horgan* (Fr. Morin)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)
11:00am **IC** *Violet Yurkovich, Agnes Hong* (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Janet Parks 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 Parochial Vicar

What a joy and privilege it was to have such a dedicated team to plan the summer adult faith formation sessions we had last month. Sincere thanks to Mary Bragg, Mary Schmidt, Joan Rossi, and Jim Wilkenson. Thanks also to the 52 people who participated in one or more of the sessions. Based on Matthew Kelly's book, *Rediscover Catholicism*, we explored Catholicism from the viewpoint of a Church that is called "to love, to know, and to serve" God and all His people. Opportunities such as this are important and I am always interested in knowing what people thought of the program, what they learned, and what was significant to them.



Learning about our Catholic faith and growing in our knowledge and love of God is a lifetime responsibility and obligation. At no time should we think we "know it all" or become disinterested in growing in our faith. Religious education and formation are a lifelong journey. One participant was amazed to discover the breadth and depth of the Catholic Church and her ministry in our country. Let me give some statistics that were shared at our second session: The Catholic Church in the USA serves 68 million Catholics from cradle (17,000 chapels/churches for baptisms) to grave (99 cemeteries) and every need in between: 2500 adoption/pro-life agencies/orphanages, 5000 Catholic grammar schools, 1200 Catholic high schools, 226 Catholic colleges & universities, 41 seminaries; 240 shelters, 33,000 housing units for the poor, 4000 foodbanks/pantries/soup kitchens; thrift stores/refugee aide to 69,000 in 2015; 17 Catholic publishing houses, 250 Catholic media/TV stations, 155 Catholic shrines/retreat centers, 92 abbeys/monasteries, convents, 541 Catholic hospitals and 1400 Catholic nursing homes, most every Parish supports a Saint Vincent de Paul Society, every diocese has Catholic Charities, and every diocese in turn supports Catholic Relief Services, an international organization that assists in global disasters. The Church is a big institution and in most areas of the country provides more services than any other organization except for governmental agencies.

Although this may be good to know, it does not give us reason to boast. Instead we become grateful for the gift and heritage that is ours. My grandparents arrived in Salem, MA in the early 1900's. I know as faithful French Canadian Catholics, they attended Mass and contributed to the support of the Church. And after the great Salem fire of 1914, they contributed to the rebuilding of the Church, the convent for the sisters, the elementary and high schools, and the rectory for the priests. This scenario is repeated again and again, city by city, town by town across the entire country. People built the Church. And they built it to safeguard their faith, to share it with others and to reach out in love to those in need knowing that "whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do for me." The Church was built to bring the good news of the Gospel to all people and to bring them to new life in Christ now and to prepare them

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Online Bulletin

Visit our **Collaborative Web site**, 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 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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, August 15

HR Vacation Bible School 9:00am, *Nativity Church Hall*
AA 10:30am and 7:30pm, *IC Nazareth Library, Room 205*
Boy Scout Troop 41 7:00pm, *Nativity Church Hall*

Tuesday, August 16

HR Vacation Bible School 9:00am, *Nativity Church Hall*
Breaking Bread 5:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*

Wednesday, August 17

HR Vacation Bible School 9:00am, *Nativity Church Hall*
Holy Quilters 3:00pm, *Nativity Church Hall*
Adoration 6:00pm, *IC St. James Chapel*
Centering Prayer 6:00pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*
Boy Scouts Troop 26 7:00pm, *W. Newbury Grange Hall*

Thursday, August 18

HR Vacation Bible School 9:00am, *Nativity Church Hall*
Rosary for Life 6:30pm, *IC St. James Chapel*

Friday, August 19

Adoration 8:00am, *IC St. James Chapel*
HR Vacation Bible School 9:00am, *Nativity Church Hall*
AA 7:00pm, *IC Nazareth Library Room 205*

Saturday, August 20

Holy Quilters 8:00am, *Nativity Church Hall*

Sunday, August 21

Baptisms 1:00pm, *IC Church*
Boy Scouts Troop 21 5:30pm, *IC School Cafeteria*

RCIA

The RCIA program will begin on Sunday, September 18, 2016.

What is RCIA and who comes?

RCIA is a program for those over the age of 7 who wish to become Catholic.

The catechumens have not been baptized and will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Candidates who have already been baptized in the Catholic Church or another Christian Church will be confirmed and receive Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil as well.

Those who already have been baptized and only need Confirmation should call Marin at 978-462-2724 ext. 7411 or email me at fortune@newburyportcatholic.org and we will make arrangements for that to happen.

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for life eternal. And this is exactly why learning about our Catholic faith and growing in our knowledge and love of God is so important and that we should not think we “know it all” or become disinterested in growing in our faith because those 68,000,000 million Catholics....well, only 24 percent of them practice the faith and if you combine that with the 25,000,000 others who at one time had identified themselves as Catholic....wow, that’s about 77,000,000 people. Big numbers and a big challenge! Yes, but our grandparents were up to the challenge in 1900, and we are too! If we believe that Jesus will be with us to the end of time and that he equips his Church with the Holy Spirit, then we are up to the challenge of rebuilding the Church anew.

Have a blessed week,

Father George, Parochial Vicar

Moments of Mercy

From: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org)

Mercy is more than just forgiving people; it is about considering the needs of others and responding to them in a loving and compassionate manner. It is a call to look beyond ourselves to the way in which we interact with the world as Christians. Pope Francis encourages us to “return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope” (MV, no. 10). We have hope in our salvation by our faith in Christ. However, not everyone shares in this hope, so we need to spread this hope by becoming “merciful like the Father” (MV, no. 13).

1. Sometimes, having hope can be challenging when we are faced with difficulties in life. This month, pray for someone who is going through a difficult time, that they might find hope and peace in God.

2. Back to school time! Though it is nice to have new clothes and new supplies each year, consider reusing what you already have. Instead of buying new things for yourself, use that money to buy school supplies for those who are in need. See if your local community already has a drive for school supplies to donate to, and if not, consider starting one.

Bulletin Information

Please supply bulletin information by Monday noon to the collaborative bulletin email: 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

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 hours 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.

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.

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>

Scripture for the Week

14 Sun	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
15 Mon	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
16 Tue	Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
17 Wed	Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
18 Thu	Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
19 Fri	Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
20 Sat	Ez 43:1-7a/Mt 23:1-12
21 Sun	Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

The Pelican Intervention Fund

Join the Pelican Intervention Fund at Upcoming Events

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



Please 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. We continue to be blessed by the community's generosity and support of our mission and we are most grateful.

Learn more about The Pelican Intervention Fund at:

www.facebook.com/PelicanInterventionFund or at:

Essex County Community Foundation at www.eccf.org.

For questions or information please contact:

Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or

Kim Keene, 978-430-1408.

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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

The second collection this weekend is the monthly.

Backpack Collection for Emmaus House

Please consider picking up extra supplies when you're back-to-school shopping. Last year we collected 25 filled backpacks for the Emmaus House in Haverhill. Containers will be placed inside the doors of St. Ann and Nativity churches. If you would like items picked up, please call Roberta Homan at 978-346-9448. Let's collect 35 this year!

Chicken BBQ

Boy Scout Troop 41 of Merrimac is having their annual Chicken BBQ on **Saturday, August 13** from 5:00–7:00pm at the Merrimac Fire Station.



Tickets are available at the Towne Market. 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!

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to Nativity in Merrimac on **August 20**.

HR St. Vincent de Paul



The HR Saint Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your continuous generosity. Without your help, we would be unable to assist our many clients. Please be aware that the Society is always interested in learning about used automobiles that you are getting rid of and might wish to donate; several of our clients are looking for used automobiles, as their autos have reached the end of their useful lives. Thank you for your consideration. If you are writing a check for us, please write the check to HR Saint Vincent de Paul. That will help expedite our banking.

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

Save the Date—Saturday, November 19, 2016

Would you like to help get this year's Fair started? We are always looking for new ideas and *new faces*. Please come to the **Fair Meeting Thursday, September 22** at 7:00pm at the Nativity Hall. Call Cindy Quinn with any questions or if you would like to help: 978-346-0072 or cynwinnquinn@aol.com.



HR Religious Education

Teachers/Adult Helpers Needed

A 5th Grade teacher is needed for Sunday morning classes following the 8:00am Mass at Nativity. Please contact Doreen if you are interested.

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.

Website News: hricatholic.org

Please visit our Collaborative website and click on Faith Formation then the tab for Holy Redeemer Religious Education, to find the dates for classes and the syllabus for grades 1-8.

Reminder: Registration forms for our Religious Education families are now due. Thanks for your cooperation.

Confirmation

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

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

Sanctuary Light



The Sanctuary Light at Nativity, Merrimac, the week of August 14 is donated for a special intention.

The Sanctuary Light at Nativity, Merrimac, the week of August 28 is donated for a special intention.

EWTN: Catholic News

EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource.

<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

HR Prayer Shawl

Do you know of any woman, man, or child who needs comfort and could use a Blessed Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket? Please call Helen Kelley 978-771-4673, Connie Cormier 978-363-2020, or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099 for a shawl or more information.



Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, September 1**. (Note: there was an error in the date in last week's bulletin. September 1 is the correct date.)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

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

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 website, 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.

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.

IC Knitting Ministry



The Immaculate Conception Knitting Ministry is enjoying our summer hiatus and trying to find a cool spot to enjoy the beautiful summer weather. We have a lovely collection of prayer shawls waiting to console a person in need of prayer and comfort from an illness or a caregiver who would need some support. Please call Frances Ronan at 978-462-4972 or Julia O'Connor at 978-465-3350. We will resume our meetings in September 2016 at the IC Parish Center. Come and join us in the fall if you would like to help us knit shawls, hats, mittens, or scarfs. Watch the Church bulletin for our beginning date.

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.

Immaculate Conception School

Empowering Students for Success in a Caring Environment



Immaculate Conception School (pre-kindergarten–eighth grade) has a limited number of openings for Fall, 2016. Please call **Mrs. Kelley Pappalardo**, Admissions Director, today for more information and to schedule a visit. **(978) 465-7780** • www.icsnewburyport.com

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport supports families after a child dies—any age/cause. Our normal August support meeting will be held as usual on the 4th Monday, **August 22 at 7:30pm** in room 209 of the IC Parish Center. For more information, please contact Barbara Hopkinson at barhop@comcast.net or 978-697-1349. Barbara's grief resources can also be seen at <http://abutterflysjourney.org>.

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

www.compassionatefriends.org

Communion Calls

If you or a loved one is homebound, in the hospital, or have transitioned to a rehab/nursing facility and wish to receive Holy Communion, please contact Sandy @ 978-462-4842 to arrange a home visit.

Altar Server Training Sessions

Youth in grades 4–12 are invited to attend the fall training sessions. We will offer 3 training sessions. Please select the dates that best work with your schedule.

- **Training Session 1** 3:30–4:30pm in the IC Church: Monday, September 19, Tuesday, September 20, or Thursday September 22.
- **Training Session 2** 3:30–4:30pm in the IC Church: Monday, September 26, Tuesday September 27, or Thursday, September 29.
- **Training Session 3** with Fr. Tim 3:30–4:30pm in the IC Church: Tuesday, October 4.

Please sign up with the IC Religious Education Office: Dr. Mag, mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org or 978-462-2724 ext. 7405.

Thank You

The family of John A. Dow would like to thank everyone who donated in his memory to the Immaculate Conception Church.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on August 14, 2016

Note Change in Schedule

Due to Yankee Homecoming, Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, August 14 and August 28, in the Parish Center at 2:00pm. We will continue reading the second section of *The Book of Isaiah*, The Book of Consolation, which is sometimes called the Deutero-Isaiah, Chapters 42 through 47. This 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 a good time for interested collaborative members to join the group as we study 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!

IC Religious Education

Pope Francis: Year of Mercy



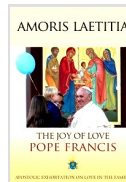
We cannot escape the Lord's words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged: whether we have fed the hungry and given drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger and clothed the naked, or spent time with the sick and those in prison (Mt 25: 31-45). Moreover, we will be asked if we have helped others to escape the doubt that causes them to fall into despair and which is often a source of loneliness; if we have helped to overcome the ignorance in which millions of people live, especially children deprived of the necessary means to free them from the bonds of poverty; if we have been close to the lonely and afflicted; if we have forgiven those who offended us and have rejected all forms of anger and hate that lead to violence; if we have had the kind of patience God shows, who is so patient with us; and if we have commended our brothers and sisters to the Lord in prayer...Christ is present. His flesh becomes visible in the tortured, the crushed, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled... to be acknowledged, touched and care for by us. Let us not forget the words of St. John of the Cross: 'as we prepare to leave this life, we will be judged on the basis of love.'

(*Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others*, Dynamic Catholic, pp. 16-17).

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 #44—The lack of dignified or affordable housing often leads to the postponement of formation relationships. It should be kept in mind that “the family has the right to decent housing, fitting for family life and commensurate to the number of the members, in a physical environment that provides the basic services for the life of the family and the community” (*Pontifical Council for the Family, Charter of the Rights of Family [22 Oct 1983], Art 11*). Families and homes go together. This makes us see how important it is to insist on the rights of the family and not only those of individuals. The family is a good which society cannot do without, and it ought to be protected (*Relatio Finalis 2015, 11-12*).

Religious Education Classes

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Summer Religious Education programs—it was a joy to be with all of you. See you next year.

School Year Registration is ongoing. Classes begin September 18-19—see our website:

Grades K-1: <http://www.hricatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education>

Grades 7-8: <http://www.hricatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education>

Baptism

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

August 14 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

August 21 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

HS youth: Parent only Orientation: Sunday, September 11 at 1:00pm in the Church. School year Confirmation information: <http://www.hricatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>

Questions of the Week

Adult: Name a time when you risked your life to help someone or did not take the easy road.

Child: What can you do to help someone who is sick or needs some help?

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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Ordinations on CatholicTV

Watch the ordination of Boston's two new auxiliary bishops, Father Mark O'Connell and Father Robert Reed, on CatholicTV during a special Mass on Wednesday, August 24 at 1:30pm at Boston's Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Archbishop of Boston, Cardinal Seán O'Malley will serve as the principal consecrator and preside at the Mass. The CatholicTV Network will air the Mass live and rebroadcast it at 8:00pm.

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.



365 Days to Mercy App

Grow in your spiritual journey during this Jubilee Year of Mercy with the 365 Days to Mercy app. Download it free in the iTunes and Google Play stores. The app features Scripture reflections, resources, news, prayers, OSV book reviews, and more to inspire all.



*Door of Mercy at
Immaculate Conception*

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

St Paul encourages us to "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus". When we focus on Jesus and continue to develop a deeper relationship with him we become transformed. Let His love transform your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is on September 17–18. For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME, visit our webpage at www.wwme.org.

Hope and Healing with Peers

Hope and Healing with Peers will offer a free-of-charge, eight-week "Loss of Spouse/Partner," peer-led support group for those who wish to continue on to the next level of their grief journey. The group will be facilitated by peers who have gone through extensive training and who have also experienced the same loss. The group will be about moving forward from the feelings of loss and longing, and to readjust, allowing them to go on living without their loved one, while holding the memory of that person in their hearts. The group will meet on Tuesdays, August 23–October 11, from 6:00–7:30pm at The Collins Room at the Ipswich Public Library. Pre-Registration is required. For more information, please contact Patti Comeau-Simonson, 978-360-3903 or patricia@hopeandhealingpeers.com.