

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2017

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“Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.”

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/19)

4:00pm **IC Fidel Gonzalez, Daniel P. Bradley, Ernie Penta** (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (8/20)

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

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

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

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

11:00am **IC Daniel J. Lehan, Laura Waye** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (8/21)

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

Tuesday (8/22)

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

Wednesday (8/23)

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

Thursday (8/24)

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

Friday (8/25)

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

Saturday (8/26)

10:30am **Country Rehab** (Fr. Broderick)

4:00pm **IC Lorri Hager, Richard Ring** (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (8/27)

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

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

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

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

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

In your prayers please remember William Kenney, Sr. 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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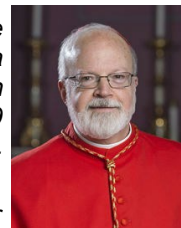
Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes

Parish Membership

Welcome all newcomers to our Collaborative! Parish registration forms are available online at hricatholic.org.

From the Cardinal

[Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley released the following statement Aug. 15 in the wake of a white nationalist demonstration during which an act of violence left one person dead and 19 others injured in Charlottesville, Virginia, Aug. 11. -- Ed. Reprinted from thebostonpilot.com]



Nations live and flourish because of their ideas and ideals, not simply because of their material wealth or power. Our ideas and ideals express our identity and set the standards for our behavior as citizens. For the United States a core statement of our identity is expressed in the phrase "E Pluribus Unum", from many peoples we shape one nation. This treasured civic truth reflects and is rooted in the biblical heritage of belief in the dignity of all people, and a shared humanity.

We have not always as a nation reflected the best of our ideas and ideals, but they stand as a goal toward which we strive. Our country is once again in a moment when the civic and biblical heritage is being attacked and tested. We need to reassert and reaffirm the belief that one nation is meant to include all: the multiple races, cultures, ethnicities and religions which make up our country.

The angry and violent mob which gathered in Virginia this past weekend, by word and deed, contradicted our national creed and code of civil conduct. As a nation in the past century we led the struggle against the pagan ideas of Nazism. Those who seek to resurrect a new form of Nazism and extreme nationalism—those who denigrate African Americans, who preach and practice anti-Semitism, who disparage Muslims, those who threaten and seek to banish immigrants in our land—all these voices dishonor

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Our Collaborative

Holy Redeemer: St. Ann, W. Newbury & Nativity, Merrimac



Immaculate Conception, Newburyport



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

See more Collaborative activities at hricatholic.org.

Monday, August 21

AA Meeting 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205
Landings Training Session 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, August 22

Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Wednesday, August 23

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall
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 Social Planning Mtg. 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Thursday, August 24

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

Friday, August 25

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, August 26

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, August 27

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
Scripture Study 2:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

Questions of the Week



Adult: If you could, what would you “demand” of Christ today?

Child: What is the one thing you most want Jesus to do for you?

St. Vincent de Paul's Walk for the Poor

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has asked all people to reach out and help the poor and disadvantaged.

The Immaculate Conception/Holy Redeemer St. Vincent de Paul's Annual “Friends of the Poor” Walk will be held on September 30 beginning at 9:00am in the IC parking lot. This 3-mile walk throughout downtown Newburyport raises funds to allow our St. Vincent De Paul Societies to help the poor in our neighborhoods.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 30.

To sign up on-line, please go to www.fopwalk.org or contact Kathie Williamson at 978-992-6450 (IC contact) or Linda Friel at 978-500-9245 (HR contact).

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the basic convictions of the American political and constitutional traditions. They must be opposed in word and deed. As a Catholic bishop I welcome the opportunity to stand with other religious leaders of the land in opposition to the voices of fragmentation and hatred. As the Archbishop of Boston, it is my responsibility to call the Catholic community which I serve to remember the basic truths of faith and reason which are so central at this moment. The truth that our rights and our duties to each other derive from God. The truth that we can successfully oppose hatred and bigotry by civility and charity. These truths can bind us together across racial, religious and ethnic communities. They can help us celebrate our pluralism as a rich treasure which strengthens this land. Today when our unity is tested, when our basic truths of faith and reason are violated, as people of faith and as citizens we must uphold our ideas and ideals. My prayer is that we can rise to this challenge. My belief is that we are surely capable of doing so.

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

“Ask a Priest”

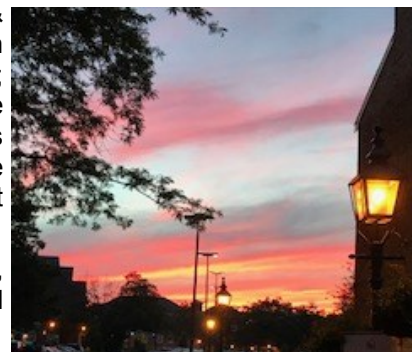
This week's team had the pleasure of meeting folks from



foreign borders: a woman from Argentina and a fellow from Brazil, each eager to pose with their South American

countryman, Pope Francis. The Team formed a prayer circle at 8:00 p.m. because Inn Street lamps are quaint but deficient for a meet & greet or for poses with the Pope after sundown; hence, the final three Ask A Priest sessions will end at 8:00 p.m. We start at 6:00 p.m. at St James Chapel.

Join us! All are welcome, including your 4-legged friends!



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

Landings

The Collaborative of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception has started LANDINGS, a welcome program for returning Catholics. LANDINGS invites returning Catholics to return to a more active practice of their faith. We ask for your support in finding both active Catholic parishioners who would be willing to work in this ministry and potential returning Catholics who would benefit from it.

LANDINGS is a lay ministry that has operated successfully in faith communities in the United States and around the world since 1989. Based on small groups, the LANDINGS program offers "a safe place to land," a place for listening and for being heard, a place for asking questions and for reconnecting with the faith as an adult. During the eight-week program, a small group of active Catholics, some of them "returnees" themselves, meets with a small group of returning Catholics to share and explore their faith together.

We need active Catholic parishioners who are sensitive, nonjudgmental listeners, who are comfortable with their faith, and who are willing to reach out warmly to those who have struggled with their faith over the years and who are now seeking a welcoming encounter with the Church.

On **Monday, August 21** at 7:00pm in the IC Parish Center, Charity Dining Room 114, we will hold a LANDINGS training workshop for active Catholics, with our first session of LANDINGS planned to begin Monday, September 25. Please consider this opportunity to participate in the New Evangelization in a quiet and healing way—and/or recommend another person you think might be a "good fit" for this ministry.

We will interview volunteers for the welcome team, and team members should be able to attend the training workshop. Please send names or questions to:

Ms. Doreen O'Leary, DRE, Holy Redeemer:
reledhrp@gmail.com or 978-346-8604, ext. 7

Dr. Mag McKinnon, DRE Immaculate Conception:
mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org or 978-462-2724 ext 7405.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance in this effort. We are grateful for any help you can provide us!

Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on August 27

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on August 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library, room 205.

Interested members of the Collaborative are invited to join the study group as we read and discuss *The Acts of the Apostles*, Chapters 14 through 18. In this second book, written between 80 and 90 A.D., Luke continues the story of



Christianity in the first century. These chapters describe the expansion of the Church to include Gentiles and communities beyond Jerusalem. These chapters move beyond the leadership of St. Peter and the Church in Jerusalem to St. Paul's leadership in expanding the Church to the Gentiles of places beyond as he outreached from Antioch.

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

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>.

Scripture for the Week

20 Sun Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
21 Mon Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
22 Tue Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
23 Wed Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
24 Thu Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
25 Fri Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
26 Sat Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
27 Sun Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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 or call 206 Tours at 800-206-8687, and ask for Amanda or Bika.



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. 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

Summer Sing

Newburyport Choral Society's Community Summer Sing: "Messiah's Greatest Hits"

Join your voice with the Newburyport Choral Society on **Monday, August 28, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Harris Street, Newburyport, as we feature popular selections from one of the world's most famous works: Handel's *Messiah*. All musical talent levels welcome to sing along, or just come and listen. Open to all. Free admission. Reception following. Copies of the vocal score will be available. Please bring your own score if you have one.

For information, visit newburyportchoralsociety.org or call [978-462-0650](tel:978-462-0650).

Venga a servir en el centro de Pregnancy Care Center

El centro de Pregnancy Care Center es un centro cristiano que ayuda a las mujeres embarazadas y esta situado en la 124 de la calle Ames en la ciudad de Lawrence. Estamos Contratando! Tenemos necesidad inmediata de voluntarias Bilingues para servir en consejeria, como recepcionista y ayuda en general. Un horario tipico es de 3.5 horas por semana. (10am–1:30pm, o 1:00–4:30pm en Lawrence). Si usted esta interesada en servir, por favor llame a Cyndi al (978) 686-5124. Tambien nos puede visitar en la Internet en la direccion: www.PCCFriends.org para obtener una lista completa de todas las oportunidades y maneras en las cuales usted puede contribuir. Gracias.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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, August 23**. See the Collaborative calendar at www.hricatholic.org for the schedule or contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our Conference recently partnered with a social service agency to help a client purchase a refrigerator: hers had ceased to function.



Our Conference also partnered with IC's SVdP Conference to help pay to lodge a family in a motel; the alternative to the motel was sleeping in a car at a truck stop. Fortunately, this family will be moving into their own apartment very soon.

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

Sanctuary Candle



For the week of August 27, the Sanctuary Candle at Nativity Church, Merrimac is donated for a Special Intention.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

August 12–13	\$2,887.00
Monthly	\$1,783.00

“With One Voice” Capital Campaign

Thank you for your pledge of support!

Our capital campaign is off to a great start with many families pledging their support. Please place your “Commitment Envelope” in the regular collection at Mass. If you forgot to bring your pledge envelope to Mass this weekend, please mail it to the parish office this week or bring it with you to Mass next weekend. Additional brochures and pledge envelopes are available at the entrances to the churches.

We are asking all parishioners to consider a sacrificial pledge of \$4,000 or more. With a 10% down payment (\$400) your pledge would be \$100/a month for three years or \$75/month for four years. All pledges and gifts, no matter the amount, are greatly appreciated! Only through sacrifice throughout the community can we achieve our **goal of raising \$350,000.** Therefore, all contributions, from the smallest to the largest, will be gratefully appreciated.

If you have not decided on your gift to the campaign, we invite you to prayerfully consider making your pledge this week. Please review the suggested gift plans and continue the success of our campaign by making your gift as soon as possible!

As you make your pledge, please remember: Pledges should be made over a period of 3 or 4 years. Pledge payments are in addition to your weekly offertory commitment. Payment reminders and a special payment envelope will be mailed in accordance with the selected payment plan. All contributions are tax deductible.

Wine Tasting Social



Join us for the HR Wine Tasting Social on Saturday, September 30 from 6:30pm–9:30pm in the Nativity Hall. 25 different wines, appetizers, and desserts will be served.

Tickets are \$20 per person. You must be 21 or older to attend. The Social is in partnership with West Newbury Food Mart.

Our next planning meeting is **Wednesday, August 23** at 7:00 in the Merrimac Hall. Join us!

Coffee and Donuts

Stop by for coffee and donuts after the 8:00 Mass at Nativity on Sunday, **September 3**. Please plan on stopping in Nativity Hall to enjoy a cup of coffee with “old friends” and perhaps meet a new one!



HR Religious Education

2017–18 Religious Ed.

Incoming **First Graders** need to be registered for the Holy Redeemer Religious Ed. program. Please download our registration form online: hriccatholic.org, click Faith Formation, then the Holy Redeemer tab.

Religious Ed. Registration forms are online.

All families are reminded to register their child(ren) now for the Religious Education program. Forms are available online at the collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please include your Confirmation Candidate (if applicable) on the family form. Parents: If your student worked at home last year, please submit their book(s) for review. You may drop off the book at the white “mailbox” by the hall doors at Nativity, Merrimac. Thanks!

Contact info: Office of Religious Education

Doreen O’Leary (Rel. Ed. email: reledhrp@gmail.com, or for forms to register for the fall: hriccatholic.org (click the Faith Formation tab, then the Holy Redeemer tab).

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, September 7 at 1:00 p.m.**

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

The Holiday Fair is a long-running tradition at Holy Redeemer. It is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving at the Nativity Hall. Gift baskets, homemade soups, silent auction items, and nearly new items are available. The 2017 Fair will be November 18 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now for this fun event.



Empty Baskets Needed

If anyone has empty baskets that are in good condition to be used for the fair, please leave in the back of either church no later than Sunday, September 17. That will give the committee time to spray paint baskets “outside” with matching colors!

Get Creative: we will be looking for donated gift baskets for our fair. Now is a good time to start picking up those “special items” to create your own themed baskets.

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

August 12-13 \$10,713.00
Monthly \$ 1,649.00

The second collection this weekend is Restoration/Renovation. The second collection next weekend is Fr. Ray's Missionary Work.

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.



IC School parade float during this year's Yankee Homecoming



Adoration

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

IC Annual Back to School New Socks and Underwear Drive

Please support our efforts. Bins for your donations will be at the doors of the IC Church. Donations will support children up to 14 years of age. Thank you for your generosity.



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 August 28.**

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.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 0.00
Poor Box	\$116.00
Total	\$116.00

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.

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.



Pre-K students at Field Day 2017

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Amoris Laetitia...Pope Francis

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

Love bears all things. In #111: Paul's list ends with four phrases containing the words "all things." Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Here we see clearly the countercultural power of a love that is able to face whatever might threaten it.

112: First, Paul says that love "bears all things" (panta stégei). This is about more than simply putting up with evil; it has to do with the use of the tongue. The verb can mean "holding one's peace" about what may be wrong with another person. It implies limiting judgment, checking the impulse to issue a firm and ruthless condemnation: "Judge not and you will not be judged" (Lk 6:37). Although it runs contrary to the way we normally use our tongues, God's word tells us: "Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters" (Jas 4:11). Being willing to speak ill of another person is a way of asserting ourselves, venting resentment and envy without concern for the harm we may do. We often forget that slander can be quite sinful; it is a grave offense against God when it seriously harms another person's good name and causes damage that is hard to repair. Hence God's word forthrightly states that the tongue "is a world of iniquity" that "stains the whole body" (Jas 3:6); it is a "restless evil, full of deadly poison" (3:8). Whereas the tongue can be used to "curse those who are made in the likeness of God" (3:9), love cherishes the good name of others, even one's enemies. In seeking to uphold God's law we must never forget this specific requirement of love.

School Year Religious Education Classes

Registration for the School Year Religious Education Class is ongoing. Registration form:

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

Please register by Friday, September 8.

First class:

- Sunday, September 17 10:05–11:05am for Gr K–8
- Monday, September 18 6:00–7:10:00pm for Gr 1–8

Note: We have added grades 7–8 to our Sunday and Monday programs.

Catechist Meeting for grades K–8: Sunday, September 10, 10:15–11:15am in St Louis Hall.

Baptism

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

Please pre-register for the class.

Sep. 10 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

Aug. 20 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

Confirmation Parent Orientation is for parents of Year 1 candidates and parents of new Year 2 candidates and Year 2 Parents of Catholic School candidates: Sunday, Sept. 10 at 1:00pm in the church. The meeting is for both the Summer and School year processes.

School Year Confirmation monthly sessions begin Sunday, October 22 at 1:00-3:00pm in the church. Reminder: candidate and adult (sponsor, parent or another adult) to attend each session.

For information and registration go online:

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

First Eucharist

Registrations for 2017–2018 First Reconciliation and Eucharist is posted on the website: <http://www.hricatholic.org/First-Eucharist--First-Reconciliation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>

Youth Mass—September 24, 2017

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, September 24 at Nativity, Merrimac at 5:00pm. Collection: Children's Pajamas and bedtime books for Emmaus House, Haverhill. Details to follow.

Rose Window Update

The Rose Window project has been delayed because our contractor broke his arm. The project should be finished in about three weeks.

Thank you for your patience.



8th grade volunteers weed around the IC church. We want to thank Jen and Mike Troisi and kids for helping us keep our parish beautiful.

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://www.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.

Knights of Columbus

We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at membership@kofc231.org, (978) 572-0231. The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus is **Tuesday, September 12** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.



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.