

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

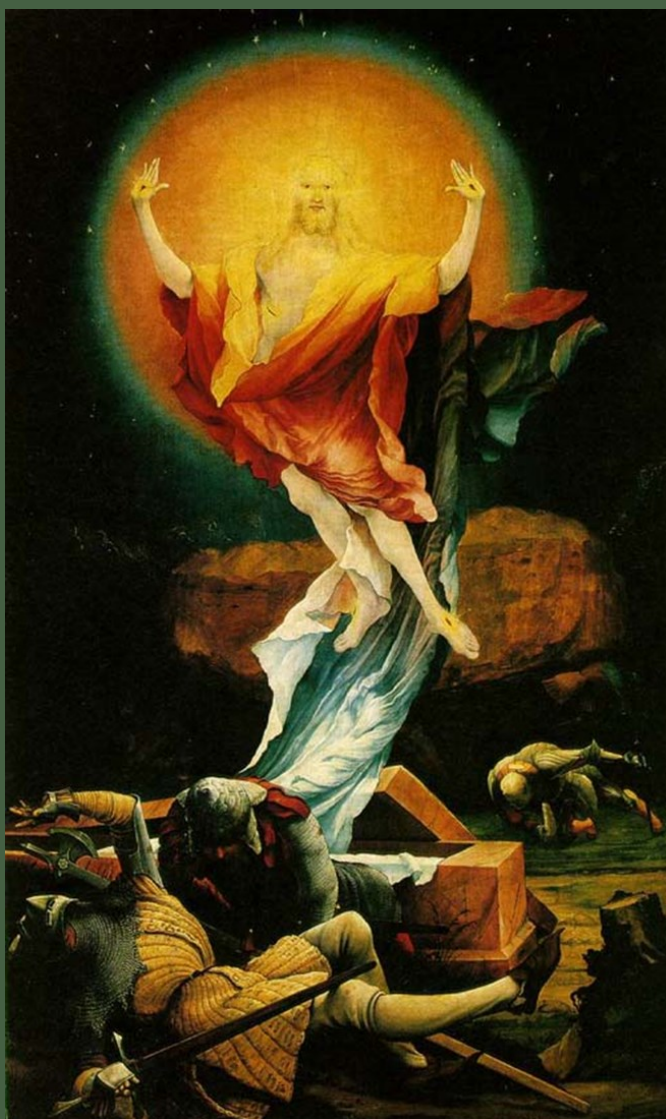
SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2016

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All Are Welcome



Isenheim Altarpiece

Matthias Grunewald (1516)

*"I am the resurrection and the life:
whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life;
and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die." (John 11)*

OUR COLLABORATIVE

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Immaculate Conception Parish



Immaculate Conception

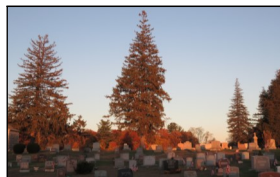
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/3)

4:00pm **IC** Henry Szymura (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (9/4)

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

8:00am **Nativity** Rosemarie Fosillo & Louis Ciavarro (Fr. Harrison)

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

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

11:00am **IC** Michael Filomia, Stanley Baikewicz (Fr. Broderick)

Monday (9/5)

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

Tuesday (9/6)

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

Wednesday (9/7)

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

Thursday (9/8)

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

Friday (9/9)

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

9:00am **IC** School Liturgy *For the victims and first responders on 9/11, especially Tommy Collins, Sr. Paula Merrill, SCN, Sr. Margaret Held, SSF, and those that they served* (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (9/10)

4:00pm **IC** Matty, Jack, & Jackie Graham, Anna Crall (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (9/11)

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

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

9:00am **IC** Tommy Collins (Fr. Broderick)

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

11:30am **IC** Stanley Baikewicz, John Boque (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Ralph J. Ayers, Dorothy Pepin, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Mass Schedule Change

Beginning September 10/11 the Mass schedule at Immaculate Conception Church is:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m., **11:30 a.m.**

Labor Day Office Hours

The Collaborative Offices will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 6 at 8:00am.

From the Parochial Vicar

Dear Friends,



Last week we gathered for the funeral of Larry Howard, a Newburyport native and a life-long member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Larry was called by many "a true Newburyport icon." It was my privilege to preside at his funeral Mass which was in so many ways a parish and a community event, with family, friends and many parishioners as well as representatives from city government, the police department, both past and present leadership of the Salvation Army, the Immaculate Conception Parish Choir, and the Immaculate Conception Parish Consolers Circle, which offered the collation after the funeral. Taking my lead from Larry being called an "icon," let me share with you some of the thought I presented in my homily.

I met Larry on the first weekend (June 2015) I was at Immaculate Conception as the Parochial Vicar beginning the collaboration of the two Parishes, Immaculate Conception Parish, Newburyport/Newbury and Holy Redeemer Parish, Merrimac/West Newbury. I usually arrive early to prepare for Mass and Larry was already in the Church. I said "hello" but he was very busy . . . here one minute, over there the next, talking to this person then to another! Talking on his cellphone now, going out of the Church, then coming back in! It seemed he was everywhere. "Who is this?" I asked. I had met the "iconic" Larry Howard.

That word "icon" is often used to refer to someone or something that has long lasting significance, importance, and value. Most especially the word "Icon" refers to religious images. Visit the Church of the Annunciation, the Greek Orthodox Church, on Harris Street and you will see many beautiful Icons, venerated images of the holy and windows to heaven. In our own Catholic tradition, we encounter a woman as we pray the Stations of the Cross. While Jesus carried the Cross to the place of crucifixion, a woman of compassion stepped forward to wipe his dirty, sweaty, blood-stained face and miraculously an image of His holy face was imprinted on her towel. We call this woman Veronica, a name formed from two Latin words: "vero," meaning true, and "ica," for icon or image. A true image!

How was Larry Howard an Icon, a true image of what is good and holy? Let me mention three ways. Larry was loyal, kind, and humble.

Loyal: Larry was loyal to this city, to the Parish and to its people. He knew everybody and knew everything that was going on. He went to wakes and funerals and with heart-felt sorrow would "weep with those who weep." And he went to weddings too. I heard he wept at those too. He sang in the Parish choir and he passed the basket taking up the offertory collection each week. He volunteered for the Salvation Army especially around the holidays, ringing the

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit our website for details on these
and other calendar events.

Monday, September 5, Labor Day

Parish offices closed

Tuesday, September 6

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

Wednesday, September 7

Holy Quilters 3:00pm, Nativity Church Hall

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Thursday, September 8

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

Friday, September 9

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

AA 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Saturday, September 10

HR Gr. 2 Parent/Student Mtg + Mass 2:00pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, September 11

HR Pancake Breakfast 8:45am, Nativity Church Hall

HR Religious Ed. Book Pickup 9:00am, Nativity Church Hall

IC Catechists' Meeting 10:00am, IC Charity Dining Room

Collaborative Baptism Prep. Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

IC Confirmation Parent Orientation 1:00pm, IC Church

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

IC Youth Mass Lector and EMC Training 2:00pm, 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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bell, and possibly holding the world record of 246 hours of bell ringing in one season. He worked at the Riverside Café for many years as a loyal employee. (We thank the good folks at the Riverside Café for the gift of a Vestment—a chasuble and stole—given in Larry's memory. I wore it at Larry's funeral.)

Kind: Many people relate various acts of kindness that Larry performed; small things perhaps but kind and thoughtful gestures are always appreciated. One neighbor relates how he would shovel snow and help bring in the groceries. He would often have Masses and prayers offered for people.

Humble: I was personally moved by his humility when this past June Larry was asked to speak at the end of the monthly Ultreya (Ultreya, a Spanish word, meaning "onward" is a monthly gathering to which everyone is invited and an opportunity for people who have lived Cursillo to grow in their commitment to Jesus and his Church.) He spoke to us of his diagnosis, his fears as he faced the future and his need for prayer and the support of the community. Larry was born in Newburyport, lived here all his life, graduated from Newburyport High School, never went to college, earned no degrees, never married, has no children, didn't have a high-paying job, was not rich according to the standards of the world, never travelled very far, yet . . . here we are, a Church full of people who came to celebrate the life of this loyal, kind, and humble man.

To Larry's family: to his sisters, Marjorie and Charlene, to his brothers, Thomas and James, and their respective wives, Michelle and Judy, and to all Larry's relatives and friends, we offer our deepest sympathy at his passing. We thank you for making Immaculate Conception Parish "stained glass project" the recipient of memorial gifts in Larry's memory. Thank you very much.

We commend Larry into the keeping of his Lord and Savior and we pray that his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God will rest in peace. Amen.

Have a Blessed Week!
Father George

Walk to Defeat ALS



The North Shore Walk to Defeat ALS, Massachusetts Chapter, takes place on Saturday, October 15 at Beverly High School, Beverly, MA. Check-in begins at 9:00am and the 3-mile walk begins at 11:00am. Sign up to walk or donate to IC Parishioner Sandy Lambert's "Team Sandy." This is an opportunity to raise money for a cure and to bring hope to Sandy Lambert and all those living with ALS. Register on-line at North Shore Walk ALS Beverly MA October 15, 2016:

http://web.alsa.org/site/TR/Rides/Blueprint?fr_id=12026&pg=entry#_V8RCLvkrJD8) or contact Theresa.Maurer@gmail.com or call Sandy Lambert at 978-462-4842. Thank you.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on September 11, 2016
Note change in September schedule

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on the second Sunday of the month, September 11, 2016, in the Parish Center at 2:00pm and will return to its regular third Sunday of the month on September 18th. For September 11 we will continue reading the second section of *The Book of Isaiah*, The Book of Consolation, Chapters 47 through 51. The Book of Consolation 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. Chapter 48 will mark the conclusion of Part 1 of this section: *The Lord's Glory in Israel's Liberation*. Chapters 49 through 55 are entitled: *The Expiation of Sin, Spiritual Liberation of Israel*.

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.

Cursillo



A new season of Cursillo is upon us and we are looking forward to another year of community. Cursillo is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love and joy into your daily life.

2016-2017 Ultreya / Cursillo Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
September 30	October 6-9 (Men)
October 28	November 3-6 (Women)
December 2	December 1-4 (Men)
December 30	January 5-8 (Women)
February 3	February 9-12 (Men)
February 24	March 4-6 (Women)
March 3	April 6-9 (Men)
April 28	May 4-6 (Women)
June 2	June 1-4 (Women)

All are welcome. Our first Ultreya will be September 30 in the St. James Chapel in the IC Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions please feel free to contact either Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

Walk 4 the Poor

Save the Date: September 24, 2016



Please join us for the **Walk 4 the Poor**, a St. Vincent de Paul annual fundraiser, September 24, 2016. Registration begins at: 8:00 a.m. The start of the walk is 8:30 at the IC parking lot, Court Street, Newburyport.

To register online: log on to www.fopwalk.org, website of Friends of the Poor Walk 2016. At the site: click on "find a walk," choose Massachusetts, then "show me the events," scroll down to Immaculate Conception, Newburyport and click "register to walk." Fill in the form as directed. Beneficiary is either **Immaculate Conception or Holy Redeemer**. After you register, e-mail your friends and family to sponsor you in the walk. You may also register the day of the walk at the registration tables. Please pick up a sponsor sheet in the back of church to raise as much as you can. Money must be turned in the day of the walk. If you are unable to join the walk on September 24, you can sponsor one of the other Registered Walkers, such as Fr. Broderick, Fr. George, Fr. Tim, or another friend. They would be grateful. Checks (payable to "Society of St. Vincent de Paul—WALK" for IC or "HR St. Vincent de Paul for HR) can be added to any collection basket at any Mass through the end of September. Walkers with \$60 in paid pledges earn a free T-shirt. Additional T-shirts are available the day of the walk for \$10 each. Please be a Friend of the Poor and wear your T-shirt with great pride. Please show up at IC on Saturday, September 24 to walk the walk. We hope that this event will be an opportunity for our Collaborative members to grow closer as a community in Christ. *Thank you for helping us help others.*

Centering Prayer

Welcome All Members of Our Collaborative Family

Please join us on Wednesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the IC 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.

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.

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

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory August 27–28 \$2,980.00
Roofing Expenses as of 8-21 \$9,454.05

The Archdiocesan collection for the Catholic University of America (CUA) and its scholarship fund supports needy students. CUA, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Many priests and professional lay ministers throughout the US obtain their education from CUA. For more information, please visit www.cua.edu.

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.



Repair/Repaint Day

Come help repair and repaint the outdoor Nativity figurines at Merrimac. Anyone wanting to help can join us on Friday, September 23 at 10:00am in the Merrimac Hall.

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, October 6**.

Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light at St. Ann, West Newbury, the week of September 11 is donated for the special intention for Dorothy & Ralph Franzese.



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!

HR Religious Education

Registration forms are now due for religious education classes.

Download the form and schedule from our website: (<http://www.hricatholic.org/Holy-Redeemer-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

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.

Pancake Breakfast

Join us on Sunday, September 11 **after** the 8:00 Mass in Merrimac until 11:00am. The breakfast is complimentary *but* we will happily accept donations for *The Pelican Intervention Fund* (supporting Twelve Step-based programs for men and women living within the Greater Newburyport area who are struggling with addictive substances). This coordinates with HR Religious Ed. "Book Pick-Up." Please plan on staying for breakfast after you pick up your books.



HR St. Vincent de Paul

The Conference recently paid \$600.00 toward an overdue electric bill for a disabled man and his family.

The Conference received \$202.50 from the Poor Box. Thank you for your donations.



The Holy Redeemer Conference is participating in the **Walk 4 the Poor** on Saturday, 9/24, in Newburyport. The Conference will have sign-up sheets after September Masses to facilitate sponsorship of HR walkers. Any donation checks should be made out to "HR Saint Vincent de Paul." Thank you very much for your generosity.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory August 27–28 \$8957.00
Fr. Ray \$3953.00

The **second collection this weekend** supports The Catholic University of America (CUA) and its scholarship fund for needy students. CUA, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Many priests and professional lay ministers throughout the US obtain their education from CUA. For more information, please visit www.cua.edu.

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

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.

IC Knitting Ministry

The Knitting Ministry of the Immaculate Conception Parish will have their first meeting of our 2016–2017 season on Tuesday, September 13 at the IC Parish Center, Room 209. We meet from 1:00–3:00pm to knit prayer shawls, hats, mittens, and scarves. We bring prayers and hope to people who are sick and their caregivers and to celebrate happy occasions. We have made and distributed hats and scarves to the hundreds of homeless children in our area. Please come and help us to keep these boys and girls warm this winter and to send joy to our friends who are experiencing illness at this time. We are happy to help you brush up on your knitting or we can teach you to knit or crochet. Our membership is open to all. Please join us for knitting, fellowship, and tea (and goodies) on Tuesday September 13 at 1:00pm. If you know anyone who needs a prayer shawl or for more information please call Frances Ronan 978-462-4972 or Julia O'Connor at 978-465-3350.



Mass Schedule Change

Beginning September 10/11 the Mass schedule at Immaculate Conception Church is:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m., **11:30 a.m.**



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL'S ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

Join us Thursday, September 29, 2016

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

ICS Gymnasium

For more information call 978-465-7780

Representatives from Public High Schools, Catholic High Schools, and Prep Schools all over New England will be in attendance to meet with parents and students in grades 6, 7 & 8.

Knights of Columbus



The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, September 13** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205. Our insurance field agent will be at this meeting to answer any questions about the Knights of Columbus insurance.

Community Service of Newburyport Back to School Collection

Immaculate Conception Parish is now collecting new, "back to school" socks and underwear. They will be donated to the Community Service of Newburyport for children in need. There will be containers at the entrances of the church for these items. Thank you for your generosity.



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.

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IC Videographers Needed



We are in need of new videographers to record our weekend Masses. The commitment is on average once a month. Training will be provided. See weblink for position duties: <http://www.hriccatholic.org/Liturgical-Ministries-at-Immaculate-Conception>.

Please contact: Dr. Mag McKinnon:
mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org
or 978-462-2724 ext. 7405.

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Training Sessions

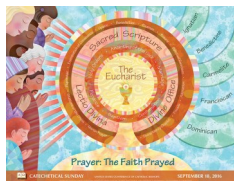
Our monthly Sunday 5:00pm Youth Masses are returning at the end of September. We are seeking excellent readers (grade 5 and older) to become Lectors and confirmed teens and adults to be Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Training will be provided in September. Please contact Dr. Mag if interested.

Youth Masses are:

September 25	Holy Redeemer (Church of the Nativity, 4 Green St., Merrimac)
October 23	Immaculate Conception
November 20	Holy Redeemer, Church of the Nativity
December 11	Immaculate Conception
January 22	Holy Redeemer, Church of the Nativity
March 12	Immaculate Conception
April 2	Holy Redeemer, Church of the Nativity
May 7	Immaculate Conception

Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday 2016 will be celebrated Sunday, September 18, 2016.



Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in

handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. This year's theme is Prayer: The Faith Prayed.

Consolers Circle Meal

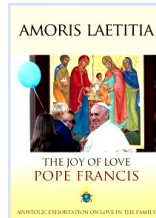
The IC community is pleased to offer a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted if you wish to do that. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

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 #46—"Migration is another sign of the times to be faced and understood in terms of its negative effects on family life." The recent Synod drew attention to this issue, nothing that "in various ways, migration affects whole populations in different parts of the world. The church has exercised a major role in this area. (Maintaining and expanding this witness to the Gospel (cf. Mt 25: 35) is urgently needed today more than ever.... Human mobility, which corresponds to the natural historical movement of peoples, can prove to be a genuine enrichment for both families that migrate and countries that welcome them.



Religious Education Classes

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

Grades K–1:

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

Grades 7–8:

<http://www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Youth-Religious-Education>

Baptism

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

Sept 11 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

Sept 18 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

HS youth: Parent-only Orientation-Sunday, September 11 at 1:00pm in the Church. Sessions begin in October. School year confirmation information:

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

Cardinal Donald Wuerl: Year of Mercy

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Heb 13: 2).

Harbor the Homeless

Home. It plays an important part in our lives. Have you ever wondered where you were going to sleep at night? There are nearly 100 million people in the world who have to ask that question every day. (*Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love so we can share it with Others*, Dynamic Catholic, p. 21).



Breaking Bread

St. Vincent de Paul's Breaking Bread dinner program invites you to share a little of your time and talents by volunteering to prepare and cook for our guests. For more information, contact Bunny Chiasson, 978-465-5810 or sandbunnyc@yahoo.com.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Mother Teresa Canonization On EWTN

Sunday, September 4

The canonization of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta will take place on September 4 in Rome during the Sunday Mass. Watch the canonization on EWTN at 4:00am, 11:30am, or 10:00pm.

Mother Teresa Canonization Prayer

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, longing to love Jesus as He had never loved before, you gave yourself entirely to Him, refusing Him nothing. In union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, you accepted His call to satiate His infinite thirst for love and souls and become a carrier of His love to the poorest of the poor.

With loving trust and total surrender you fulfilled His will, witnessing to the joy of belonging totally to Him. You became so intimately united to Jesus your crucified Spouse that He deigned to share with you the agony of His Heart as He hung upon the Cross.

Blessed Teresa, you promised to continuously bring the light of love to those on earth; pray for us that we also may long to satiate the burning thirst of Jesus by loving Him ardently, sharing in His sufferings joyfully, and serving Him wholeheartedly in our brothers and sisters, especially those most unloved and unwanted. Amen (motherteresa.org)



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 providing 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.

Questions of the Week

Adult: During this past week, when did you ask forgiveness of your spouse, children, coworkers, or friends?

Child: Name a time this week when you forgave a friend or someone in your family.

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.

Scripture for the Week

4	Sun	Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
5	Mon	1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
6	Tue	1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
7	Wed	1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
8	Thu	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
9	Fri	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
10	Sat	1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49

LIFT Ministries

All are invited to attend LIFT worship nights. Visit www.liftedhigher.com for more information. Worship nights include worship, message, adoration and are free to attend and are open to all ages. The next Lift worship night is on **Tuesday, September 20** at Our Lady of Hope Church, 1 Pineswamp Road, Ipswich, MA, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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>