

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC , NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY



The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2016

OUR COLLABORATIVE

Holy Redeemer Parish



St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985
Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985
Phone: 978-346-8604
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Nativity

Parish offices and church:
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Immaculate Conception Parish



Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-3:30 pm
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Newburyport 01950

Immaculate Conception School

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (1/9)

4:00pm **IC** *Shant Mantarian* (Fr. McLaughlin)
4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (1/10)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
9:00 **IC** *Larry Kiszka* (Fr. Harrison)
10:15am **St. Ann** *Madeline Donaldson* (Fr. Morin)
11:30am **IC** *Charles W. Rodstrom, Jr., Elda McAnulty Bain Campbell, For the intentions of Samuel McLachlan* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (1/11)

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

Tuesday (1/12)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge* (Fr. Broderick)

Wednesday (1/13)

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

Thursday (1/14)

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

Friday (1/15)

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

Saturday (1/16)

4:00pm **IC** *William Lindquist* (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (1/17)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Broderick)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:30am **IC** *Francesco Maiello, For the intentions of Vito Martello* (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers please remember Helen V. Sullivan and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Daily Mass Schedule Change

After a lengthy conversation with members of the Collaborative Pastoral Council and conversations with numerous parishioners, we have decided to change our Daily Mass schedule effective Monday, January 4, 2016. The new schedule will be:

Monday: 9:00am at St. Ann, West Newbury

Tuesday–Thursday: 7:15am at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Friday: 9:00am at Nativity, Merrimac

The weekend schedule will remain unchanged. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, our Advent–Christmas cycle once again comes to a close with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. Over the past 6 weeks, we have moved from the ancient prophecies of a coming Savior to the stories of the Messiah's herald: John the Baptist and his call to prepare the way of the Lord, to the treasured infancy narratives of Christmas, to a celebration of the Holy family, then to the theophany of Epiphany this past weekend. Today's feast serves as a hinge back into the "counted" or ordinal time of the Church's liturgical year when we unpack and explore the earthly ministry and teachings of Jesus.

Baptism in ancient times was a somewhat commonplace practice among many different groups, marking a new beginning, commitment, or transition into a new belonging or collective purpose. While John's baptism had all of these connotations, what John offered that was new was a baptism of repentance from sin. The Isaian "lowering of hills and the filling of valleys" as preparation for welcoming the Lord when he comes was accomplished through John by people's willingness to admit their need for God's forgiveness. This one, single admission is the smooth and level path needed for the Lord to enter powerfully not only into the lives of those who gathered by the Jordan River centuries ago, awaiting a Savior, but in ours today as well.

It may seem odd that Jesus submits to this baptism, as he never sinned and had no need of repentance or forgiveness. But that his humility might be complete, in the words of St. Paul: Jesus, "*Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in*

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Winter Mass Cancellations

Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, Daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if either Pentucket Regional or Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Religious Education classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Chanel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, Jan. 11

AA 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205
IC Religious Ed. 6:00pm, IC Parish Center
Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 41 7:00pm, Merrimac Church Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
Breaking Bread 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
St. Vincent de Paul 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
Knights of Columbus 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel
Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room
HR Religious Ed., Grade 7 6:00pm, West Newbury
GAP 6:30pm, IC Youth Room
Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 26 7:00pm, W. Newbury Grange Hall

Thursday, Jan. 14

Rosary for Life 6:30pm IC St. James Chapel
Scripture Study 7:00pm IC Conference Room 209

Friday, Jan. 15

Adoration 8:00am IC St. James Chapel
AA 7:00pm IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Sunday, Jan. 17

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

Online Bulletin

To view a bulletin you may have missed, visit this Website: www.TheBostonPilot.com/Directory and find your parish in the alphabetical list of parishes. From there, you can download the bulletin and even sign up to have the bulletin delivered to your email inbox every week.

Bulletin Information

Please supply bulletin information by Monday noon to the new collaborative bulletin email address: hricbulletin@gmail.com

Questions of the Week

Adult: Name a time when you felt your actions were pleasing to God.

Child: What are some things you can do to please God?

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appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:6-8) Other Gospel passages will even go so far as to have John argue with Jesus that it is he who should be baptized by him, not the other way around. But that this event was recorded in all four Gospel accounts leads us to not only be confident in its historicity but also its understanding in the life of the early Church. Jesus held nothing back. He didn’t stand by the sidelines while we approached the call to repentance, he jumped in with us, even though he didn’t need to. This is key to understanding the mystery of the Incarnation: our God isn’t a distant, uncaring, unmoved deity, detached and uninvolved in our lives. Rather, the Gospels paint the image of a passionate and fiery lover who is unafraid to immerse himself in the mess of our human affairs. St. Matthew reminds us in his Gospel that Jesus is known as Emmanuel, a name which means that God is with us. We might expand that understanding to also include that God is for us, among us and in Christ: one of us. It has long been part of our Catholic tradition to embrace the carnality of Christ—that it is through our human experience, not despite of it, that God has brought about Salvation for us all. We don’t need to get ourselves into a pristine state in order to experience the hope of salvation. God meets us where we are, even by the muddy edge of a stagnant river.

As we move forward from this sacred season of hope and light, may we look with expectant hearts to the God who is already among us, who is calling us to new life.

Fr. Tim Harrison,

Pastor

Cursillo

Cursillo offers us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ. Jesus said, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.” (Rev 3:20, NKJV). A life lived in faith is a life lived in joy!

2016 Cursillo Calendar

IC Ultreya	Cursillo Weekends
February 12, 2016	February 11-14 (Men)
March 4, 2016	March 3-6 (Women)
April 8, 2016	April 7-10 (Men)
April 29, 2016	Apr. 28-May 1 (Women)
June 3, 2016	June 2-5 (Women)

All are welcome to attend our IC Ultreya Meetings on the Friday of each Cursillo weekend in the St. James Chapel in the IC Parish Center at 7:00pm. If you need a ride, please contact Valerie Murphy at 978-462-7534. Questions about Cursillo or Ultreya? Please feel free to contact any of the following: Pat Forbes (978-462-1258), Valerie Murphy (978-462-7534), Kate Prescott (978-465-5783), Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

March for Life Washington D.C.

January 22, 2016



Around this time of year, we are especially reminded of the importance, necessity and power of prayer for our life issues. We would be most grateful if you would consider praying for the March for Life in these final days and moments, and more importantly, for the ultimate reason we exist— that a culture of life be fully restored in the United States. (MarchForLife.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 companionship through conversation, reading aloud, reminiscing, or even just holding their hand. Other duties help alleviate stress for the caregiver such as running errands like grocery shopping and trips to the pharmacy, light housekeeping or meal preparation. Administrative tasks involve assembling admission packets, assisting with mailings, photocopying, and special event preparation. All Care Hospice serves the North Shore, Merrimack Valley and Greater Boston. For more information or to enroll in a training, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Maureen Burge at 781-244-1129. Visit our Web site: <http://www.allcare.org/hospice/>

The Baptism of the Lord

After an Advent of waiting in hope, Christ was born on Christmas day, and today we mark his baptism in the Jordan. Whether you were baptized as an infant or an adult, today is a good day to reflect on your baptism. Baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime sacrament but the graces of the sacrament are with us for our entire lives. Too often we forget that this is the sacrament that "keeps on giving." Tap into those graces. Do you believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and in the holy, Catholic Church? Prove it! What difference does it make in your life *every day*?

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



In today's gospel it says, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are January 23–24 2016 and April 1–3 2016. For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME, visit our webpage

at www.wwme.org, or at <https://www.facebook.com/Wwmemema>

Youth Ministry

Youth Mass

February 28, 2016, Church of the Nativity, Merrimac at 6:00pm. All are welcome.

High School Students

GAP (God and Pizza)

Every Wednesday night in the IC Pastoral Center Youth Room from 6:30–8:30pm.

C.A.M.P.S (Christ as my personal savior) retreat

August 2016. www.campsministry.com

Hunger for Justice/30 Hour Famine, March 25 & 26.

Teen Encounter Weekend retreat

February 19–21. St Basil, Methuen. www.teenencounter.org

Middle School Students

Snow Camps (for grades 7–9), Feb. 26–28 & March 4–6

www.snowcampsparty.com

For more information, on any event, contact Bill Brown, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Holy Redeemer & Immaculate Conception, 978-376-6511, youthministryhric@gmail.com.



LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, **January 12** at 7pm for an inspiring night of worship at Holy Family Church, 403 Union St. Rockland, MA with speaker Frank Connell. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and it is **free** to attend and open to all ages. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area. Visit www.liftedhigher.com for more information.



Celebrating the Sacraments

Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm, and by appointment.
HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass, and 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

Call your 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.

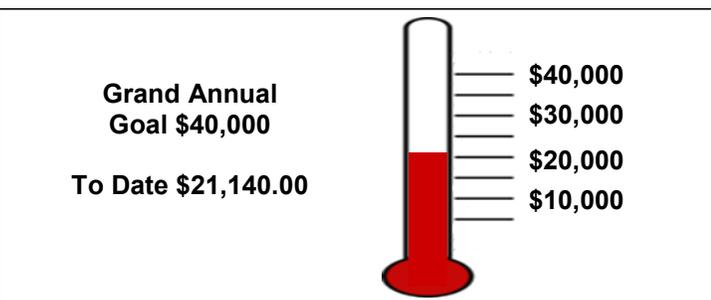
HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Solemnity of Mary, Jan. 1	\$1,203.00
Offertory, Jan. 2-3	\$3,735.00
Monthly	\$1,672.00

The second collection this weekend is Catholic Charities.

Next weekend (The weekend of January 16-17) there will be a second collection for **Catholic elementary schools** in the Archdiocese of Boston. The proceeds will go toward these schools to assist more families with demonstrated financial need and to help grow enrollment. Thank you for your generosity and belief in the gift of a Catholic education.



Saturday Mass at West Newbury

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00 Mass will move to St. Ann in West Newbury next weekend, January 16.

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.

Immaculate Conception School Open House

Sunday, January 31, 2016 • 12:30-2pm

See page 7 of this bulletin for more details.

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.

HR Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

January 10	Grades 3-6	Nativity	after 8am Mass
	Grade 9	Merrimac	6-7:30pm
January 13	Grade 7	West Newbury	6-7:30pm
January 20	Grade 8	West Newbury	6-7:30pm
January 23	Grade 3 Activity Day , West Newbury at 1:00pm. Bring a snack to share. Parents are asked to pick up their students from the hall and proceed to the church for the 4pm Mass.		

HR Baptisms

We rejoice with the family of our new brothers who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at St. Ann Church.

Kai and Cosmo Clemente

Nativity Giving Tree 2016



Planning ahead for next year. . .we are looking for help with putting up the giving trees at Nativity for the first weekend of **Advent 2016**. The Recine family sorted, fluffed, and hauled the 2 giving trees for the past 6 years. What started as community service hours for their son, evolved into a family tradition. If you think you or your family would like to take over this church project please contact Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

Save the Dates

Raffle Night Parish social and fundraiser, Saturday, April 9.
Outdoor Mass/Parish picnic: Sunday, June 12.
Watch the bulletin for more information to come.

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 Merrimac Parish Hall at 1:00pm. Next meeting is **Thursday, February 4**.



Recycled Christmas Cards

Christmas cards will be collected until Sunday, January 17. Please drop off the Christmas cards you received this year, to be used as giving tree tags next year. Cards may be left in the back of either church.

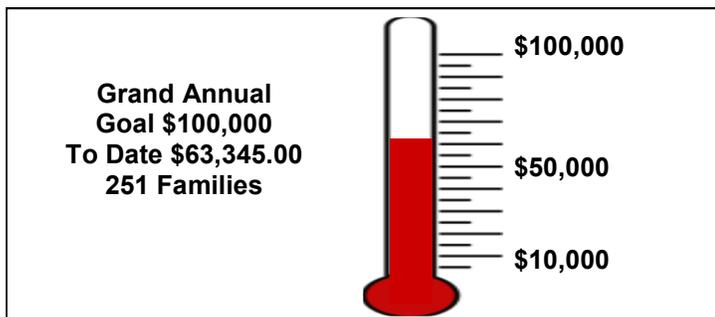
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Solemnity of Mary, Jan. 1	\$ 1,494.00
Offertory, Jan. 2-3	\$15,229.50
Restoration/Renovation	\$ 2,374.00

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly.

Next weekend (January 16 and 17) there will be a second collection for **Catholic elementary schools** in the Archdiocese of Boston. The proceeds will go toward these schools to assist more families with demonstrated financial need and to help grow enrollment. In addition, 50% of the donations collected at our Masses next weekend will go to our school. Thank you for your generosity and belief in the gift of a Catholic education.



Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

Scripture Study Will Meet on January 17, 2016

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on its regularly scheduled third Sunday of the month, January 17, 2016, in the IC Parish Center at 2pm. This would be an ideal time for those interested to join as we begin the Old Testament, *The Book of Isaiah*, Chapters 4-8. The consensus among biblical scholars is that this book is the product of three or more authors. Most of the first 39 chapters belong to an author who goes by the name of Isaiah of Jerusalem who was writing at a very turbulent time in the history of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. These chapters contain prophecies that were delivered in Jerusalem in the eighth century B.C., a time when Assyria was the super-power of the ancient Near East.

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

Knights of Columbus

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



Immaculate Conception School

Open House & Registration

Sunday, January 31, 2016 • 12:30-2:00pm

Tour our school, escorted by one of our eighth grade students. Hear a student's perspective and learn about his or her daily routine.

Visit our modern, state-of-the-art classrooms and our newly renovated gymnasium/auditorium and cafeteria.

Learn about our special subject areas including art, computer, music, and Spanish, and our extracurricular activities including basketball, cross-country, ski & snowboard program, band, theater, and more.

Meet IC families and learn about the community involvement that makes our school so special.

Enjoy a refreshment and have a conversation with our dedicated principal, faculty, and staff.

Talk one-on-one with Kelley, our Admissions Office Director, to answer any questions you may have, and register for Fall 2016.

See if Immaculate Conception School is the right choice for your family. Come to our Open House or call (978) 465 - 7780 for more information or to schedule a visit.

Visit our new Facebook page at facebook.com/ImmaculateConceptionSchoolNewburyport

Immaculate Conception School is a private Catholic elementary school (pre-kindergarten through eighth grade), providing high-quality, faith-based education, preparing young people for life, spiritually, academically, and socially.

One Washington Street, Newburyport, MA 01950
www.icsnewburyport.com

Mardi Gras Celebration at IC

A Mardi Gras celebration is coming soon on Monday, February 8 beginning at 6:00pm in the IC Parish Hall. All are welcome. We will be serving dinner in the hall and the Charity Dining Room. Come and enjoy jambalaya, red beans and rice, hot dogs, king cake, music, and more. We hope you will come in festive colors (green, purple, and yellow), costumes, or masks if you wish. Watch the bulletin for more details on dinner seating times, cost, etc. Monday night Religious Education children will be included in this special event as part of their class.



Christmas Flowers

Laurence Salomon

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Pilgrims Travel Information Night

“Cruising St. Paul’s Missionary Journey”

Where: IC Parish Center, St. Louis Hall

When: Monday, **January 18, 2016**, 7:00pm

Who: Anyone interested in learning more about the October 2016 Parish Pilgrimage, please come and bring a friend. Q&A with flyers and registration information. Coffee and sweets will be served. Contact Paul Blanchette, pblanchette@me.com or 978-500-5661, with questions.

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.

Centering Prayer

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. The gift of his love is our transformation to 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 on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the IC Parish Center Charity Dining Room as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of the prayer in our own spiritual journey. For more information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy 978- 462-7483.

Breaking Bread

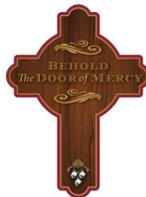
St. Vincent de Paul’s Breaking Bread dinner program is hoping you will share a little of your time and talents as we need a team of two volunteers to prepare and cook for our guests on a Tuesday of your choice. A seasoned volunteer chef will work with you as you gain experience in our kitchen. Please call Bunny Chiasson (978-465-5810) or email sandbunnyc@yahoo.com.

This is a truly wonderful experience that you will share with a great team of volunteers.

IC Religious Education

What is a Holy Door?

(an article in sections for the month of January)



Since the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII declared the first Holy Year, the Catholic Church has regularly celebrated “Holy Years,” usually every twenty-five years (at least since 1470), except for special circumstances, like in 1983 when a Holy Year was declared to mark the 1950th anniversary of the death and resurrection of our Lord. A major aspect of the Holy Year has been that of pilgrimage to Rome to make reparation for sin and to renew the conversion of one’s life.

(<http://catholicstraightanswers.com/what-is-the-significance-of-the-holy-door/>)

HRIC Evangelization and Catechesis Committee

Our next gatherings are the archdiocesan trainings at St. John Church, N. Chelmsford on January 26–27 from 6–9pm. Be sure to register.

Religious Education Classes

January 10	Grades K–6	10:05–11:05am
January 11	Grades 1–6	6:00–7:10pm
January 17–18	Grades K–6	No Classes—Holiday
February 7	Grades 7–8	1:00–3:00pm

Baptism

January 10	Group Baptisms	1:00pm
February 7	Class for parents	1:00pm

Confirmation

January 10	Grade 9-year 1	1:00-3:00pm
January 24 + 31	Grade 10-year 2	1:00-3:00pm

1st Eucharist

Families are to be completing sacrament workbooks between now and next April.

March 20	Mini-Retreat	1:00pm
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Youth Mass

February 28	Church of the Nativity-Merrimac	6:00pm
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Pope Francis: Year of Mercy (2013)

Mercy overcomes every wall, every barrier, and leads you to always seek the face of the man, of the person.

And it is mercy which changes the heart and the life, which can regenerate a person and allow him or her to integrate into society in a new way. (9/10/14)

(USCCB Dept. of Justice, Peace & Human Development)



Visit www.catholicstv.com for a schedule of the latest program details on America’s Catholic Television Network.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Mardi Gras Celebration Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Mardi Gras Celebration at Immaculate Conception Church.

On **Monday, February 8 at 6:00pm**, the parish will host a Mardi Gras celebration with the traditional foods of New Orleans. We need assistance with preparing the food (much of which can be done at home), baking king cakes, decorating the hall, doing crafts and games with the children. Please contact the Religious Education Office if you are interested in being a part of the preparation for the festivities: 978-462-2724 or mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org



Liturgy of the Hours

All are invited Monday through Friday mornings at 8:00am to pray the Liturgy of the Hours in St. James Chapel in the IC Parish Center on the first floor. Prayer books are provided. The Chapel is open Monday through Friday during business hours from 8:00am–3:30pm.

Catholic Scripture Study

A series on Catholicism is being offered which is exciting, informative, and educational in our Catholic faith. Every Thursday at 7:00pm in the IC Conference Room 209, a half hour video will be shown with discussion following. Please come and bring your friends.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Hot Meals in Newburyport & Amesbury

Monday–Friday

8:00am–9:30am Coffee+, Salvation Army, 40 Water Street, Newburyport

Monday

11:00am–1:00pm Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Harris Street, Newburyport

5:30pm–6:30pm St. Paul's Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport

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5:00pm–6:00pm Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 42 Green Street, Newburyport

Wednesday

11:00am–12:30pm Salvation Army, 40 Water Street, Newburyport

4:00pm–6:00pm Congregational Church, Main St., Amesbury

Thursday

5:00pm–6:00pm Salvation Army, 40 Water Street, Newburyport

Friday

1:30am–1:00pm St. Paul's Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport

Meals are delivered Mon.–Fri. to home-bound elders. To sign up call Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc. at 1-800-892-0890.

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

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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.