

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC , NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2016

OUR COLLABORATIVE

Holy Redeemer Parish



St. Ann

Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985
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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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Immaculate Conception School

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (1/16)

4:00pm **IC** *William Lindquist* (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **St. Ann** *Madeline Brodie* (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, Paul Doyle, For the intentions of Vito Martello* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (1/18)

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

Tuesday (1/19)

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

Wednesday (1/20)

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

Thursday (1/21)

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

Friday (1/22)

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

Saturday (1/23)

4:00pm **IC** *Brian Sullivan, Charles Howard, Jr., Peter Tierney, Anna Lynch* (Fr. Broderick)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (1/24)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:30am **IC** (Fr. Broderick)

In your prayers please remember Virginia Shanley, John A. Hoover and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

Youth Ministry

Youth Mass

February 28, Church of the Nativity, Merrimac 6:00pm.

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.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

“They have no more wine!” This hardly sounds like a crisis from our perspective today. “No problem,” we might think, “just go out to the store and get some more...better yet, text your friend and have him bring over a few bottles on his way....” Such are the modern amenities of package stores, state liquor stores, convenience stores and supermarkets. Add gas stations in there, too, and the picture is complete. Amazon.com is even in on the business of satiating our every thirst and craving for the fruit of the vine. Watch out for the delivery drones....

But it wasn't always that way. In Jesus' time, wine was a very precious commodity. Common enough that everyone had experience of it, but rare in that it wasn't something that anyone took for granted. It was special and took many, many hours of labor and a season of patience to produce. It was something that the whole community had a part in. Not only were many laborers required to prepare and prune the vines, water and manure the soil, weed and protect the crop from thieves and wild animals, but when mature, the whole village might be called out to harvest the grapes when they became ripe all at once. They then must be crushed and the precious juice carefully stored in wine skins or jars until fermentation took place and the magic of winemaking brought about the treasured beverage. It was the “fruit of the vine and work of human hands,” as our Preparation Rite proclaims. Wine was, for the ancient peoples, a sign of God's blessing on the whole community. If the vintage was good and the wine plentiful, God's favor rested upon everyone. If not, God was somehow displeased and the air was rife with sin and mistrust.

Such would have been the fate of this poor couple at the beginning of the marriage, had the Lord not intervened.

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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. 18

MLK, Jr. Day: Parish Offices Closed

Pilgrim's Travel Info. Meeting 7:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall*

Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 41 7:00pm, *Merrimac Church Hall*

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, *IC Conference Room 209*

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

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Adoration 6:00pm, *IC St. James Chapel*

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*

HR Religious Ed., Grade 8 6:00pm, *West Newbury*

GAP 6:30pm, *IC Youth Room*

Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 26 7:00pm, *W. Newbury Grange Hall*

Thursday, Jan. 21

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

Scripture Study 7:00pm, *IC Conference Room 209*

Friday, Jan. 22

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

IC Religious Ed. Movie Night 6:00pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*

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

Saturday, Jan. 23

HR Grade 3 Activity Day 1:00pm, *West Newbury*

Sunday, Jan. 24

HR Religious Ed., Grades 3–6 following 8:00am Mass, *Merrimac*

RCIA Children 9:00am, *IC Conference Room 209*

IC Religious Ed., Grades K–6, 10:05am, *IC Parish Center*

RCIA Adults 11:15am, *IC Conference Room 209*

IC Religious Ed., Grade 10 1:00pm, *IC Parish Center*

HR Religious Ed., Grade 9 6:00pm, *Merrimac*

Offices Closed Monday

The offices will be closed on **Monday, January 18, 2016** in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 8:00am.

Questions of the Week

Adult: What is one grace or gift that you have shared with your family?

Child: What is one special gift (grace) that God has given to you to share with your friends or classmates?

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More valuable than silver or gold, honor was the prime currency exchanged in the ancient world. Act honorably, and you were rich indeed. Incur shame, even if it wasn't your fault, and it would stick with you for a very long time. Had Jesus not performed this first of his signs at Cana in Galilee, this nameless couple might have always been known as the ones who ran out of wine, who were not favored by God, a marriage cursed from the start.

But Jesus did turn the water into wine—a lot of it, in fact. Do the math and you get anywhere from 120 to 180 gallons of the good stuff! Now that's a party! And a powerful sign of the abundance of blessings in store for those who are loved by God. And like any of the miracle stories in the Scriptures, it is a call to belief. It is no surprise then that this Gospel passage is frequently used at wedding celebrations, recalling the good fortune of inviting the Lord (and his mother!) to be part of the festivities. Although I have not yet been able to perfect the alchemy of turning tap water into prime vintage, I regularly experience the plethora of blessings that God brings to my life when I stop and invite him to be a part of whatever is going on. In the spirit of the miracle at Cana in Galilee, I strongly urge you to go and do the same.

Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

HR and IC Parishes Selected to Participate in National Study

Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Parishes have been selected to participate in a national study of vibrant parishes conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute!

Next week, please help us by completing a 10–15 minute survey online. The survey will only be **available from the week of January 18 through Ash Wednesday, February 10** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what efforts your parish is doing to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parishes will only receive information about the communities as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to our Collaborative and our various ministries as we plan ahead and try to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire Collaborative.

There will be two ways to participate in this survey: either through following this link :

<http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/2334891/df06576fe3d3-Generic>

or by completing a paper form that will be available in the church at home and returning it the following week.

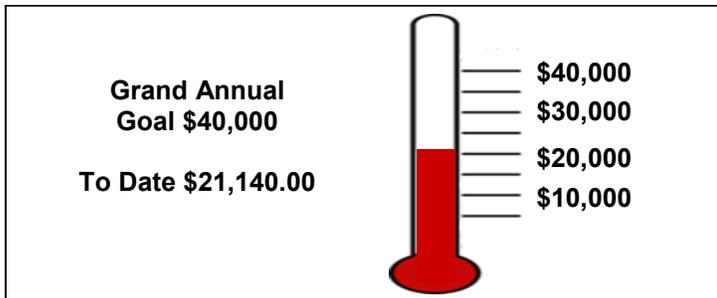
Thank you for helping with this important project!

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory, Jan. 9–10 \$2,933.00
 Catholic Charities \$ 827.00

This weekend 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.



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.

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 • 12:30–2:00pm

See page 6 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.

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.

HR Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

- January 17 No Religious Education classes in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 20 Grade 8 West Newbury 6–7:30pm
- January 23 **Grade 3 Activity Day**, West Newbury at 1:00pm. Please arrive on time. Parents are asked to pick up their student(s) by 3:45pm in the hall and proceed to church as we will attend the 4:00pm Mass together.
Team Leaders: Please arrive by 12:30pm.
- January 24 Grades 3–6 Merrimac after 8am Mass
- January 24 Grade 9 Merrimac 6-7:30pm
- January 27 Grade 7 class is **cancelled** due to a scheduling conflict. Students are responsible for the chapter work on their syllabus.

Thanks so much for the wonderful response to our prayer requests/needs from all parishioners. 86 requests were placed in the prayer baskets over our first weekend. During this **Year of Mercy**, one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to “pray for those in need.” Your prayers are indeed being prayed by the Confirmation students. You may continue to place requests in the baskets and your prayers will be distributed to our students.

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.

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



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Offertory, Jan. 9–10 \$9,758.50
 Monthly \$1,890.00

This weekend the second collection is 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.

The second collection next weekend is for the Church in Latin America.



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!

Visit www.ThePopeVideo.org to watch the Pope's monthly prayer intentions on the Pope's worldwide prayer network.

Immaculate Conception School

Open House & Registration

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

Tour our school, escorted by a member of our Leadership team, grades six through eight. 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.

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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.

Mardi Gras dinner tickets will be on sale beginning Tuesday, January 19 in the Parish Center. They will be available in the Religious Education office. Cost: \$10/adults and \$5/children under 12. We will be offering two seatings: 4:30pm and 6:00pm. 6:00pm dinner is orientated toward families. We have a limited number of tickets—so please order your tickets early.

Monday night Religious Education children will be included in this special event as part of their class.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in December.

Katherine Elizabeth Smith
 Alexander Frederick Smith
 Gavin Michael James Elms
 Natalie Alice Mailloux
 Amelia Florence Mailloux
 Owen Robert Lewis
 Patrick Bryan Doyle
 Emilio Alexander Bushnell

IC Knitting Ministry

Meetings are every Tuesday from 1:00–3:00pm. If you are interested in learning to knit or need help getting started again we are happy to help. Join us for knitting, fellowship, and tea (and goodies). Membership is open to all.

We bring prayers and hope to people who are sick, caregivers, and others who are in need. Our knitted hats and scarves are given to Community Service at Christmas time and to other homeless children. If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl or for more information please call Frances Ronan 978-462-4972 or Frances Reslewic at 978-465-8452.



The Compassionate Friends

Our normal January support meeting will be held as usual on the 4th Monday, **January 25 at 7:30pm** in room 209 of the IC Parish Center. For more information, please contact Barbara Hopkinson at barhop@comcast.net or 978-697-1349.



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

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

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| 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) |

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



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| Poor Box | \$1000.83 |
| Collection | \$ 576.00 |
| Heritage House | \$ 41.00 |
| Total | \$ 1617.83 |

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.

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).

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.

Christmas Flowers



Steven Serino
 George, Regina & Christopher Laite
 Rev. Robert & Emily Laite
 Wladyslaw & Weronika Kobuszewski

Online Giving

Online Giving is 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 our parish community. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish offices. Once you register, visit our Website and click on the Online giving link. There are different funds you can contribute to, you choose: Monthly Offertory, Monthly Collection, Restoration, or Grand Annual. If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your church online? Contact Donald Alunni, Collaborative business manager at 978-462-2724 x 7351.

Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our Parish communities and hope you take an active part in parish life. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish.

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.

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 for us. 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 6:00pm 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.

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

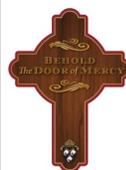
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IC Religious Education

What is a Holy Door?

(an article in sections for the month of January)



A very important symbolic act performed by each pilgrim has been to pass through the Holy Door. Christ identified Himself as “the door.” In St. John Paul II’s bull *Incarnationis Mysterium*, he stated that the Holy Door “...evokes the passage from sin to grace which every Christian is called to accomplish. Jesus said, ‘I am the door’ (John 10:7) in order to make it clear that no one can come to the Father except through Him. This designation which Jesus applies to Himself testifies to the fact that He alone is the Savior sent by the Father. There is only one way that opens wide the entrance into this life of communion with God: This is Jesus, the one and absolute way to salvation. To Him alone can the words of the psalmist be applied in full truth: ‘This is the door of the Lord where the just may enter’ (Psalm 118:20).” (<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

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| January 17–18 | Grades K–6 | No Classes-Holiday |
| January 24 | Grades K–6 | 10:05-11:05am |
| January 25 | Grades 1–6 | 6:00–7:10pm |
| February 7 | Grades 7–8 | 1:00–3:00pm |

Baptism

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| February 7 | Class for parents | 1:00pm |
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Confirmation

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| January 24 + 31 | Grade 10-year 2 | 1:00–3:00pm |
| March 13 | Grade 9-year 1 | 1:00–3:00pm |

1st Eucharist

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

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| March 20 | Mini-Retreat | 1:00pm |
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Youth Mass

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| 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)



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

Tuesday

11:30am–1:00pm St. Paul's Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport

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

11:30am–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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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.

Holy Hour for Life

All are invited to **Star of the Sea Church**, Salisbury on **Sunday, January 17 at 3:00pm** for a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. These Holy Hours for Life are held throughout the Archdiocese of Boston during the week leading up to the January 22 anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision legalizing abortion on demand in the US.

In addition, the bishops of the US have established January 22 as a particular day of penance "for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life."



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)

Please pray for a blessed pilgrimage to those who are traveling to Washington, D.C. to participate in the annual March for Life.

Ecumenical Taizé

The community is cordially invited to attend an ecumenical Taizé candlelight meditation service at Groveland Congregational Church, 4 King St. in Groveland on Sunday evening, January 24th at 7:00pm. This half hour service consists of Scripture, song, prayers, petitions, and an extended period of silent meditation in the church's beautiful candlelit sanctuary. For further information, contact the church at gccucc@gmail.com or 978-372-3463.