

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Third Sunday of Easter

April 10, 2016



## *The Sea of Tiberias*

*"Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias...  
This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples  
after being raised from the dead." (from Jn 21)*

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# OUR COLLABORATIVE

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### Immaculate Conception

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (4/9)

12:00noon **St. Ann** *First Communion Mass*  
 (Fr. Harrison)  
 4:00pm **IC** *John Abenante, Patricia Toomey,  
 Anna DiGiovanni* (Fr. Harrison)  
 4:00pm **Nativity** *Gerard Roy* (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (4/10)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Broderick)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 9:00am **IC** *Brian Dwyer, Alexander R. Szurpicki*  
 (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
 11:30am **IC** *Lena Filomia, Nicola & Angelina  
 Maiello, Angel Maria & Bolivia Munoz, For the  
 intentions of Samuel McLachlan and Family*  
 (Fr. Morin)  
 12:00noon **Nativity** *First Communion Mass*  
 (Fr. Harrison)

### Monday (4/11)

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

### Tuesday (4/12)

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

### Wednesday (4/13)

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

### Thursday (4/14)

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

### Friday (4/15)

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

### Saturday (4/16)

4:00pm **IC** *Patricia Toomey, Dorothy, Gerald &  
 Robert Moynahan* (Fr. Broderick)  
 4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (4/17)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
 11:30am **IC** *Robert Filomia, Joseph Donahue,  
 Brian Dwyer* (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers please remember Teresa Aloise, Edward A. Tremblay and all the faithful departed.

**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

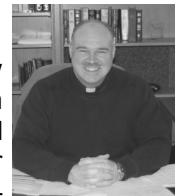
**IC**—Immaculate Conception  
**Nativity**—Merrimac  
**St. Ann**—West Newbury

## Collaborative Web Site

Visit the Holy Redeemer/Immaculate Conception web site  
 at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org)

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



I bet that you didn't know that Jesus knew how to cook?! It is an amusing little detail from today's Gospel—Jesus prepared some cooked fish on a charcoal fire by the Sea of Tiberias for his disciples who were returning from an up-to-then, fruitless, fishing trip. Add the Lord to the mix, and the nets on the next trip are so full, they are almost bursting. When God is present, an over-abundance of blessings is made real for all. Jesus is a handy guy to have around, especially if you are hungry! But, of course, there is so much more in this Gospel passage. John never adds simply trivial details. By the time that his community came around to bringing this Gospel to its final form, these stories had become refined and carefully crafted to allow each little vignette to "sing" and "pop." There are only two places that you will find the Greek word for "charcoal fire" in the New Testament: at Caiaphas' courtyard where Peter denied even knowing Jesus three times, and today's scene by the Sea of Tiberias (also known as the Sea of Galilee or the Lake of Gennesaret), where Peter is reconciled to Jesus and proclaims his love for him three times. Are you catching the theme yet? John wants us to take note of this reconciliation. Peter's frustration of being asked three times whether he loves Jesus must have been humbling and maybe even a bit humiliating, as this would have been witnessed by his fellow disciples. But then again, humility was an essential ingredient in following Jesus, something Peter had been struggling with all along. (Recall his protestations at having his feet washed at the Last Supper.) He must learn to love Christ through his humility, not despite it. Only then, could he effectively lead the disciples and the early Church in what would certainly be turbulent waters ahead.

I often wonder where "the Barque of Peter," as our Church is sometimes referred to, is going these days. Pope Francis has certainly invited all of us to consider how we may offer ours lives in humble service to those in need around us. The challenges we face today can seem to be shifting as quickly as the ocean waves of a stormy sea swirl around a fledgling boat. In the weeks ahead, the Staff and members of both of the parishes in our Collaborative will begin a series of meetings to begin the process of writing our Local Pastoral Plan. Once completed this fall, we hope that this will address the needs we see around us and chart out some of the ways that we will attempt to respond to those needs in the years ahead. It is likely to be an uncertain journey, filled with many starts and stops. But it will not be boring. When Christ is involved, we may be humbled, but it will be an exciting ride nonetheless.

Let us look forward to our own encounters with the Risen Lord in the weeks ahead. Who knows, maybe we will get breakfast out of it?

Easter Blessings,  
 Fr. Tim Harrison, Pastor

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

### Monday, April 11

**AA** 10:30am & 7:30pm, *IC Nazareth Library Room 205*  
**Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 41** 7:00pm, *Nativity Hall, Merrimac*  
**IC Religious Ed., Grades 1–6** 6:00pm, *IC Parish Center*

### Tuesday, April 12

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

### Wednesday, April 13

**Adoration** 6:00pm, *IC St. James Chapel*  
**Centering Prayer** 6:00pm, *IC Charity Dining Room*  
**HR Religious Ed., Grade 8** 6:00pm, *St. Ann, W. Newbury*  
**GAP** 6:30pm, *IC Youth Room*  
**Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 26** 7:00pm, *W. Newbury Grange Hall*

### Thursday, April 14

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

### Friday, April 15

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

### Sunday, April 17

**Scripture Study** 2:00pm, *IC Nazareth Library Room 205*  
**Boy Scouts Troop 21** 5:30, *IC School Cafeteria*

## Immaculate Conception School Summer Camp

**July 11–15** Grades 5–8

**July 18–22** Grades 1–4

Both programs are 9:00am–12noon, \$75.00 per student. Complete program offerings will be announced soon. Space is limited and expected to fill up fast. Email Kelley Pappalardo at [kpappalardo@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:kpappalardo@newburyportcatholic.org) with any questions or to reserve your spot today.

## Scripture for the Week

**Sunday:** Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41/Rv 5:11–14/Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14

**Monday:** Acts 6:8–15/Jn 6:22–29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30–35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b–8/Jn 6:35–40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26–40/Jn 6:44–51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1–20/Jn 6:52–59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31–42/Jn 6:60–69

**Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43–52/Rv 7:9, 14b–17/Jn 10:27–30

## Collaborative Ultreya Event

Open invitation to all parishioners and friends of our Collaborative community. Everyone is welcome to this special evening Ultreya program.

Where: Church of the Nativity, 4 Green St., Merrimac

When: **Friday, April 29** beginning at 7:00pm

- Mass with Fr. George & Fr. Tim begins at 7:00pm
- Special Witness Speaker: Our Pastor, Fr. Tim Harrison, will share his story
- Pot Luck Dinner
- A Short Film: The Holy Land, “A Parish Pilgrimage”

*All are invited*

**Ultreya** is a Spanish word for “onward” or “to persevere” and is a gathering that unites us in prayer and fellowship as we grow in faith with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Monthly Ultreyas are sponsored by the Collaborative Cursillo Community all year (see “Cursillo” on Page 9). It’s always a good time and an excellent place to meet new friends and support parish life.

This month’s event is hosted by Christine and Paul Blanchette. If you can attend and would like to bring something for the pot luck buffet, we would greatly appreciate any and all of your help. Call 978-968-4140 or email [Christine.blanchette@me.com](mailto:Christine.blanchette@me.com).

## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** What is one action that you can do this week to show Christ’s love to someone?

**Child:** What one thing can you do this week to show Jesus your love?

## Celebrating the Sacraments

### Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm, and by appointment.

HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass, and by appt.

### Baptism

Call the Parish Office for information and to register.

### Marriage

Archdiocesan guidelines request that couples planning to marry in the Church contact the church at least six months prior to the wedding date.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Call the Parish Office if someone in your family is ill and you feel the grace and power of the Sacrament would be helpful. This Sacrament should not be seen as only administered when there is danger of death. Please call us if someone is in the hospital, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.

## Offertory Envelopes

Did you know that you can attend Mass at any worship site in our collaborative and use your usual offertory envelopes? Just drop your envelope in the collection and we will make sure it gets delivered to your home Parish.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Youth Ministry

### 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](http://www.campsministry.com)

### Teen Encounter Weekend retreat

St. Basil, Methuen [www.teenencounter.org](http://www.teenencounter.org)

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

## Hunger for Justice 2016

On Good Friday and Holy Saturday our IC/HR Youth Ministry participated in the annual Hunger for Justice retreat.

The event draws hundreds of high schoolers from all over the North Shore to encounter the Christ through prayer and fasting and service to the needy.

The teens give up solid food for 30 hours straight and spent the night sleeping in cardboard boxes to share in the homeless experience. They raised sponsor money to be donated to an orphanage in the Dominican Republic. On Saturday morning we traveled by bus caravan to Boston to serve at various sites such as the Boston Common where many people know to gather at 9:00am to receive food and services from various charitable organizations.

This year we were blessed by the IC/HR Ultreya group who donated over 50 gift bags filled with toiletries, socks, and snacks to be handed out to the needy in Boston. The bags were very well received by the people there who kept asking if we had more of the great "starter kits."

We had the opportunity to go to confession with the Franciscan



Friars at St Anthony's Shrine on Arch Street and then back to St. Mary's High School in Lynn (the home base) to receive our afternoon service assignments. We were sent out to various sites in Lynn and beyond to wash windows, rake yards, sort out basements, scrub kitchens, sweep, paint, pack, or whatever was needed.

There is plenty of fun mixed in to keep everybody laughing. Saturday afternoon we were sent off to our various home parishes to attend the Easter Vigil followed by a much-appreciated celebration meal.

This is not the easiest type of retreat but it is thoroughly rewarding. We imitate Christ and so many of the saints as they fasted from worldly attachments in order to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We shared in the experience of the poor so that we may empathize more deeply, and offer our sacrifice for their well-being.

## Pelican Intervention Fund April Event. Please Join Us.

### In Response to the Heroin/Opiate Crisis..... The Pelican Intervention Fund was created



Pelican Intervention Fund:  
A Pettengill House, Inc. program

The Pelican Intervention Fund invites you to become part of our community's response to the Opiate crisis. Join us for a fund raising event of music, snacks and testimonials of recovery and hope.

**When:** Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** The Newburyport Senior Community Center  
 331 High Street, Newburyport  
**Time:** 2:00 to 4:00pm

### There is Hope!!

#### Pelican Intervention Fund Mission:

To provide funding for residential 12 Step Programs for economically challenged adult men and women struggling with heroin and other addictive substances and living within the communities served by The Pettengill House, Inc.

#### About The Pelican Intervention Fund

The Pelican Intervention Fund, a program of The Pettengill House, Inc. is dedicated to helping men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. The Pelican Intervention Fund seeks to offer hope for sustained recovery for adults living in the communities of Amesbury, Byfield, Groveland, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, Salisbury and West Newbury.

Questions or information about this event or the Pelican Intervention Fund? Please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or Kim Keene 978 430-1408

## 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>

## April Is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Archdiocese of Boston has a code of ministerial behavior that adults must follow to create safe environments and protect children. Reading and following the code in all situations creates a culture of protection and keeps our children safer. You can find a copy of the code at [www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org).

## Bulletin Information

Please supply bulletin information by Monday noon to the collaborative bulletin email: [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com)

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

Offertory April 2–3	\$11,367.00
Pastor's Charity	\$ 2,500.00
Grand Annual	\$74,018.00

**322 Families (Goal \$100,000)**

The second collection this weekend is the **Restoration/Renovation**.

The second collection next weekend is the **Monthly**.



## Catholic Appeal

Goal \$51,842.88  
To Date \$41,470.00  
(80% of Our Goal!)

The Immaculate Conception 2016 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a wonderful start! The early outpouring of support from so many helps sustain the important ministries that make Immaculate Conception a vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org). Thank you for your prayers and support.

## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Poor Box	\$ 556.00
Collection	\$ 1071.50
Total	\$ 1627.50

## Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, April 12** at 7:30pm in the Nazareth Library, Room 205.



## 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.

## 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.

## Immaculate Conception School

*Empowering Students for Success in a Caring Environment*

Immaculate Conception School (pre-kindergarten–eighth grade) has a limited number of openings for Fall, 2016.

Please call **Mrs. Kelley Pappalardo**, Admissions Director, today for more information and to schedule a visit.

**(978) 465-7780 • [www.icsnewburyport.com](http://www.icsnewburyport.com)**

## Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Award. If you would like an application, send a request to:

Mary A. Kelly Scholarship  
P. O. Box 464  
Newburyport, MA 01950  
Or email [makscholarship@verizon.net](mailto:makscholarship@verizon.net)

Scholarship eligibility:

- Young man or woman parishioner of IC Parish
- High School graduate in pursuit of a scientific education

Completed applications must be postmarked and returned to the Trustees no later than **Friday, April 15, 2016**.

## "Cookies for Haiti" Bake Sale

After IC Masses, April 9 & 10



Hi! I am Margot Anderson-Song. I am 11 years old and I am conducting my 3rd Annual "Cookies for Haiti" Bake Sale this year. I started this bake sale in 3rd grade to raise money for the children in Haiti. It feels good to raise money for people and know that it makes them happy. This bake sale would not be possible without the help from all of our friends who make treats and work at the sale. I would also like to thank all the parishioners that buy our treats and those who match the amount that we raise. Thank you for helping this to grow and become what it is. Please come out and support "Cookies for Haiti" again this year.

Sincerely, Margot Anderson-Song

Young community member Margot Anderson-Song has planned a **bake sale on April 9 & 10** to support our parish's work in Haiti. This is a wonderful contribution to IC-Haiti's fundraising, a heartfelt participation from the children in our community. By initiating the idea and carrying it out, Margot is an inspiration and a reminder to step up our efforts to do what we can for Haiti. "Cookies for Haiti" is a wonderful way that our kids in the IC community have shown that they care for those less fortunate. But it is not only a symbolic gesture—the hard work these children put in for this event really makes a difference. Last year, through corporate matches and individual donors, Margot and her friends raised over \$7,000. That was over 10% of the Fr. Marc Piché school budget for that year!

The need in Haiti is great. We'll be having our regular second collection in a few weeks, but we hope that you'll enjoy some sweets and support Margot and her friends as they show their support for children like them in Haiti.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Pilgrimage Travel Night #2

Only 11 Seats Available  
Please Join Us

When: Monday, April 18 IC Parish Center  
6:00pm Mass with Fr. Tim in the IC St. James Chapel  
7:00pm St. Louis Hall for Info. Meeting Discussion  
Greek-theme refreshments will be served.



## 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.

## The Compassionate Friends

Our normal April support meeting will be held as usual on the 4th Monday, **April 25 at 7:30pm** in room 209 of the IC Parish Center. For more information, please contact Barbara Hopkinson at [barhop@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

## Fr. Broderick's Scripture Study

### Scripture Study will meet on April 17, 2016

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on its regularly scheduled third Sunday of the month, April 17, in the IC Parish Center at 2pm. We will be reading and discussing from the Old Testament, The Book of Isaiah, Chapters 22–27. Chapter 23 will conclude the "oracles concerning foreign nations"; Chapters 24–27, referred to as the "Apocalypse of Isaiah," broaden our perspective to the fate of the entire world. Our beloved teacher, Fr. Broderick, not only explains the meaning of the Scripture passages, but also presents rich description of the period and places cited, as well as the culture and practices of the people involved. He connects the events in the New Testament to Old Testament prophecies and events, as well as to our own time. This is a worthwhile way to spend an hour and fifteen minutes on a Sunday afternoon. All are invited to attend these sessions and grow in knowledge and faith!



## IC 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. 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.

## IC Religious Education

### Baptism

In his dialogue with Nicodemus, Jesus taught that Baptism was necessary for salvation. "No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit" (Jn 3:5). After his Resurrection, Jesus met with the eleven Apostles and gave them the commission to preach the Gospel and baptize, telling them, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mk 16:16).

The word baptism in its origins is Greek and means "immersion" and "bath." Immersion in water is a sign of death and emersion out of the water means new life. To bathe in water is also to undergo cleansing. Saint Paul sums up this truth when he says, "You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead" (Col 2:12). <http://wwwmigrate.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/baptism/index.cfm>

### HRIC Evangelization and Catechesis Committee

April 21 at 7:00pm — IC Charity Dining Room 114.

### Religious Education Classes

April 10	Grades K–6	10:05–11:05am	Last Class
April 11	Grades 1–6	6:00–7:10pm	Last Class

Summer Religious Education registration has begun for Grades 1–8. Sessions are: June 27–July 1 and July 25–29 from 9:00am–3:00pm. Volunteers are needed to support this program. Go to website for more info.

### Baptism

May 1	Class for parents	1:00pm
April 10	Group Baptisms	1:00pm

### Confirmation

April 10	Grade 9-year 1	1:00–3:00pm
April 24	Confirmation Retreat 3	9:30–2:30pm

Summer Registration for Confirmation has begun.

Confirmation Year 2—Retreat: July 10 9:30am–3:00pm. Sessions are July 11–14 from 5:30–8:30pm. Year 1 candidates Sessions are July 18–21 from 5:30–8:30pm. Go to the website for more info.

### 1st Eucharist

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

**April 25** 1st Eucharist Rehearsal at 4:30pm—Church for April 30 Mass at 11:00am

**April 26** 1st Eucharist Rehearsal at 4:30pm—Church for April 30 Mass at 4:00pm

**April 28** 1st Eucharist Rehearsal at 4:30pm—Church for May 1 Mass at 11:30am

### Youth Mass

May 15 Church of the Nativity-Merrimac 6:00pm

### Pope Francis: Year of Mercy



We find Jesus' wounds in carrying out works of mercy, giving to our body—the body—the soul too, but—I stress—the body of your wounded brother, because he is hungry, because he is thirsty, because he is naked, because he is humiliated, because he is a slave, because he's in jail, because he is in the hospital. Those are the wounds of Jesus today. (7/3/13) (USCCB Dept of Justice, Peace & Human Development)



# AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

## Cursillo

Cursillo offers us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ. A life lived in faith is a life lived in joy!

### 2016 Cursillo Calendar

**IC Ultreya**  
April 29, 2016  
June 3, 2016

**Cursillo Weekends**  
Apr. 28-May 1 (Women)  
June 2-5 (Women)

**All are welcome** to attend our 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, contact Valerie Murphy at 978-462-7534. Questions about Cursillo or Ultreya? Contact any of the following: Pat Forbes (978-462-1258), Valerie Murphy (978-462-7534), Kate Prescott (978-465-5783), or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

## Adult Education/ Faith Formation Program

**Sunday, April 10, 2016, 2:00–4:00pm at Our Lady of Hope Church Hall, 1 Pineswamp Road, Ipswich, MA**

Voice of the Faithful North Shore-Seacoast Affiliate in collaboration with Boston College School of Theology and Ministry invites everyone to attend a lecture by Sister Barbara Quinn, R.S.C.J., D. Min. who will speak on the topic, *Spirituality in the Second Half of Life: An Unexpected Grace*.

Aging in our culture is not particularly welcomed. The second half of life, however, ushers in unexpected graces in forms we would hardly imagine in the younger years. All are invited to gather with others to explore the surprising gifts longevity offers and the call to celebrate them. Refreshments and discussion follow the lecture. Donations are appreciated. For further information, contact Ellie Norris, 978-356-4249.

Sister Barbara Quinn is a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart and is the Associate Director of Spiritual Formation at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

## Loss of Spouse Support Group

Hope and Healing with Peers will offer a free-of-charge 8-week "Loss of Spouse/Partner" peer-led support group. The group will be facilitated by "peers" who have gone through an extensive training and who have experienced the same loss.

Date: Wednesdays, April 20, 2016–June 15, 2016

Time: 6:00pm–7:30pm

Place: The Collins Room at the Ipswich Public Library, Ipswich Ma. 01938

Pre-Registration is required. For more information, please contact Patti Comeau-Simonson, 978-360-3903 or email [patricia@hopeandhealingpeers.com](mailto:patricia@hopeandhealingpeers.com)

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Think of how tired, discouraged and frustrated the apostles must have been in the Gospel reading today. Then Jesus shows up and tells them to try one more time. Because they were willing and obedient, Jesus blessed them abundantly. It works the same way in our own lives today; if we trust in Jesus and do what He tells us to do we will receive His abundant blessings! Allow the grace of God to strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is on June 10-12. For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME, visit our webpage at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org), or at <https://www.facebook.com/Wwmema>

## Day of Recollection for Grieving Families

Join us on Saturday, April 23, 8:45am–5:00pm (4:00pm Liturgy) at Holy Family Parish Center for a holy and sacred time of prayer, reflection, sharing, and song where participants will learn how to embrace God's healing love as they discover a new and different kind of hope that exists in times of sorrow. The facilitator is Beverly Fournier, MA, MTS, MDIV, Spiritual & Retreat Director. For more information and to register, contact Sue Greaney at the Holy Family Parish office, (978) 388-0330 ext. 104 or [administrativeassistant@livingwatercatholic.org](mailto:administrativeassistant@livingwatercatholic.org). Morning refreshments and lunch included.

## New Annulment Workshop

In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has created new norms for the processing of annulments. If you, or someone close to you, longs to be reconciled with this issue, a workshop presented by the Metropolitan Tribunal explaining this process and answering your questions will be held at **7:00pm on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at St. Francis of Assisi, 115 Wheeler Rd., Dracut.**

## St. Andrew Dinner Date

The Archdiocesan vocation office invites all high school-age young men to join us for an evening of prayer, an informal dinner (with Cardinal Seán O'Malley), and conversation. Following dinner, you and your parents, youth ministers, priests, and chaperones will be welcomed to a causal discussion with Cardinal Seán about vocations, prayer, and the call to holiness that God places on each of our hearts. Each young man will have the opportunity to meet Cardinal Seán. The event includes evening prayer, dinner, conversation with seminarians, and vocation witness stories.

**May 10, 6:00pm–8:00pm, St. Augustine, Andover**

For information, contact Fr. Eric Cadin, [ecadin@rcab.org](mailto:ecadin@rcab.org) or sign up online: <http://vocationsboston.org/events/st-andrew-dinner-3>

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