







## Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

*"Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters..."*

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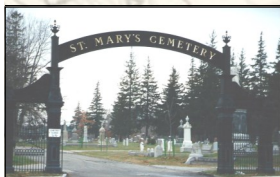
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (10/28)

10:30am **Country Rehab** (Fr. Broderick)  
 1:00pm **Nativity** Confirmation (Bishop Hennessey)  
 4:00pm **IC** William Lindquist, Anna F. Robinson,  
 The O'Connor Family, In memory of Mary,  
 Lawrence, Michael, Patricia, William, Daniel, &  
 Jeanne Twomey, the Grenier Family, Frank  
 Lombardi, Tom Smolski (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 4:00pm **Nativity** Confirmation (Bishop Hennessey)

### Sunday (10/29)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** Avalanna Routh  
 (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 11:30am **IC** (Fr. Broderick)  
 5:00pm **IC Youth Mass** (Fr. Morin)

### Monday (10/30)

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

### Tuesday (10/31)

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

### Wednesday (11/1) All Saints Day

7:15am **IC** Regina M. Stronge (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 9:00am **IC School Liturgy** (Fr. Harrison)  
 9:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
 7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Morin)  
 7:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

### Thursday (11/2)

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

### Friday (11/3)

9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 1:30pm **Avita** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Saturday (11/4)

2:00pm **Atria** (Fr. Broderick)  
 4:00pm **IC** Anthony Healey, Dianne Healey Brown,  
 Joseph H. Brown, Jr. (Fr. Harrison)  
 4:00pm **Nativity** Dorothy R. Batchelder  
 (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Sunday (11/5)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
 9:00am **IC** Evelyn Krikorian (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
 11:30am **IC** John M. Deneumoustier (Fr. Broderick)

In your prayers, please remember William H. Melanson,  
 Lillian Cressinger, and all the faithful departed.

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

**IC**—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

**Nativity**—Merrimac

**St. Ann**—West Newbury

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Having just returned from our beautiful pilgrimage journey to Rome and Assisi, I am struck by how many times we encounter clues regarding God's plan for our lives, whether at home or abroad.



Through the presence of the Holy Spirit, the readings this week speak to the ultimate pilgrimage journey we all walk as Christians. We share in common the final destination of God's eternal salvation. We are all encouraged to follow the guideposts of Christ's Commandments and the Word. We share encounters and stretches of road with fellow travelers. But, the route programmed into God's plan for salvation is a very personal one. God calls each of us in unique ways to love, follow, and serve Him as disciples of Christ. The readings provide further insight into discerning God's call.

At first glance, the reading from Exodus seems like a downer with its many "shall nots." But in reality, it illustrates practical examples for today's world on how to serve the needy with compassion and love. You don't get more basic than welcoming newcomers and immigrants, caring for orphans and children, and supporting the poor and needy! Issues plaguing the time of Christ continue to plague our world today.

In the second reading, St. Paul has nothing but praise for the Thessalonians. These people have taken discipleship to new levels. They have grown in their discipleship from becoming "...imitators of Christ..." to becoming models for all believers" near and far. Rejecting all idols and earthly ties in favor of loving and serving the "living and true God." Simply put, that is what Christ asks of us if we are to be His disciples and answer His call to follow Him.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus dismisses the Pharisees' testing by expounding on the two greatest commandments of God: "You shall love the Lord your God and...love your neighbor as yourself." These two commandments are the heart of all other commandments and laws.

Today's readings exemplify the underlying mission of our Collaborative Pastoral Plan: "...to become ever more intentional disciples of Christ by using our diverse talents and shared love for God to enliven our faith community and enrich those we are called to serve."

The implementation of our Collaborative Pastoral Plan is a pivotal juncture both in our shared faith journey, as well as in the life of our parishes. We can stay the course and strive to sustain Parish life as we know it. Alternatively, we can start down a new road together and work as a community to meet the challenges of the future and thrive

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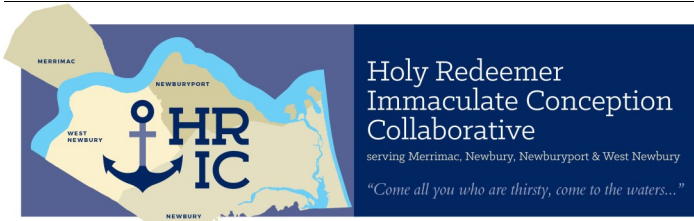
## Daylight Saving Time



Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend.  
 Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.



## COLLABORATIVE NEWS



### Reminder: Pastoral Plan Information Night

**You are invited to join us!**

We are now moving into the Implementation Phase for our newly blessed Pastoral Plan!

All HRIC parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend a **Pastoral Plan Information Night** on **November 6, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at **St. Ann Church** in West Newbury. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following our discussion.

As we begin to explore ways to bring the Collaborative Purpose, Values, Vision, and Priorities to life, we will rely on your thoughts and active participation to bring these worthwhile goals to fruition—goals which will enrich our personal and Collaborative spiritual life. We can't do it without you!

**Please let us know if you would like to attend the information night.**

To register by phone, please call [Sheila Cruise at 978-462-2724](tel:978-462-2724) at the IC Parish Center, Weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To register online, please visit the HRIC website at [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org) and follow the dropdown link to "Registration—Pastoral Plan Information Night."

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our work together will bear a bountiful harvest!

Looking forward to seeing you on **November 6**.

*"When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you." Psalm 128:2*

### Holy Day Mass Schedule

This **Wednesday, November 1**, is All Saints Day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times for the Holy Day are listed below.

7:15am	Immaculate Conception, Newburyport
9:00am	St. Ann, West Newbury
9:00am	Immaculate Conception, Newburyport (School Liturgy)
7:00pm	Nativity, Merrimack
7:00pm	Immaculate Conception, Newburyport



### Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

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both personally and as parish congregations. Make no mistake, it will be hard work but an important journey worth traveling nonetheless.

We can inject fresh vitality into our Parish life and communities and become more inviting and inclusive as we do. We can enrich personal faith and discipleship and become life-long learners of faith. We can create an environment that fosters and nurtures priesthood, marriage, and lay vocations to become intentional disciples of Christ.

We can magnify our outreach and tend to the needs of the most vulnerable within our parishes, our localities, and the world to build bridges of hope and faith. We can build communities of faith that engage and connect people with shared interests so we grow in fellowship and solidarity. We can build intergenerational faith communities that flourish through engagement with our experienced elders as well as our aspiring youth and children, young adults, growing families and families with special needs.

Executing a plan of this scope and magnitude will take a village. It requires each member's unique blend of God-given talents, personal perspective, energy and commitment. Our Pastoral Plan is both a communal and a personal plan. And, I cannot make this Plan a reality without your assistance.

I am reaching out to ask each of you to join me in this important work. The challenges facing Catholic Christians and the survival of our parishes are real. Continuing to minister to our parish communities can no longer be the sole responsibility of clergy. We, and I, will need your help.

Our upcoming **Pastoral Plan Information Night** is designed to provide information on the Plan and what is needed to begin the implementation. I pray the Spirit will speak to you and steer your heart toward discerning where you can lend and receive a helping hand. A good investment on the part of us all will most certainly yield a good return.

The choice is ours—yours and mine. Please join us at **St. Ann Church on November 6, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** for Pastoral Plan Information Night. Please refer to the Pastoral Plan Information Night notice in this week's bulletin to register over the phone or online on the Collaborative website at [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org). God Bless you. I hope to see you on November 6<sup>th</sup>!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

### Centering Prayer

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. Join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm, in the **IC Nazareth Library**. Join 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.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Youth Masses

Youth Masses are celebrated as a collaborative. Students take part in the ministries during the Mass. Folk music, with guitar, is featured. Youth Masses begin at 5:00pm. All ages are welcome to this lively celebration.

Next Youth Mass is today, October 29 at IC, Newburyport.

*We will be collecting for Pettengill House: Items include cereal, juice and juice boxes, jelly, canned fruits, canned ravioli and SpaghettiOs, rice, pasta sides, baking goods.*

**Healthy snacks for children:** granola bars, Nutri-Grain bars, peanut butter and cheese crackers, pretzels with sea salt, Cliff bars, graham crackers, raisins, yogurt raisins, fruit snacks, trail mix, pistachios, dried fruit snacks, cheese sticks, Smartfood popcorn, Goldfish.

**Personal Care Products:** shampoo, conditioner, bathroom tissue, deodorant, soap, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes, paper towels, tissues, dish detergent, laundry detergent, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6 and Pull-Ups, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, razors.

**Nutrition drinks, shakes for clients with special health needs:** Boost, Ensure, Glucerna.

**Gently used and new winter coats for all ages are also welcome.**

## Scripture Study

**Scripture Study will meet on November 5**

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on November 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Parish Center, on the regular schedule of the first Sunday of the month. Interested members of the Collaborative are invited to join the study group as we read and discuss The Acts of the Apostles, Chapters 21–24. In this second book, written between 80 and 90 A.D., Luke continues the story of Christianity in the first century. These chapters focus on St. Paul's return to Jerusalem and his appearance before the council of elders to defend his faithfulness as a Jew, which was contested by some. He was taken into custody by the Roman soldiers. He appeared before the Sanhedrin and again was taken into Roman protection. When a plot to kill Paul was reported, he was transported to Caesarea to the custody of the Roman governor, Felix, where Paul remained for the two years Felix was in charge.

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.

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** What are ways you will live the Great Commandment this week?

**Child:** How will you show love for your friends and family this week?

## This Week in Our Collaborative

*Visit our website for a full list of activities and Masses*

### Monday, October 30

**AA Meeting** 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

**IC Religious Ed., Grades 1–8** 6:00pm, IC Parish Center

**HR Boy Scouts Troop 41** 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

**Landings** 7:15pm, IC Charity Dining Room

### Tuesday, October 31

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

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

### Wednesday, November 1, All Saints Day

**Holy Quilters** 2:30pm, Nativity Hall

**IC Youth Choir Rehearsal** 4:30pm, IC Church

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

**Centering Prayer** 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

### Thursday, November 2

**HR Prayer Shawl** 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

### Friday, November 3

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

**Women's AA Anniversary Dinner** 5:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

### Saturday, November 4

**HR Religious Ed., Grade 3 Activity Day** 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

**Nativity Choir Rehearsal** 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

### Sunday, November 5

**Nativity Choir Rehearsal** 7:45am, Nativity Church

**HR Religious Ed., Grades 3–6** 9:00am, Nativity Hall

**St. Ann Choir Rehearsal** 9:45am, St. Ann Church

**IC Religious Ed., Grades K–8** 10:05am, IC Parish Center

**IC Religious Ed., 1st Reconciliation Student + Parent**  
1:00pm, IC Church

**Baptism Class** 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room, Room 114

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

**HR Religious Ed., Gr. 9 Student + Parent** 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

## Cursillo

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.

2017 Ultreya/Cursillo Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
	Nov. 2–5 (Women)
December 1	December 7–10 (Men)
December 29	January 4–7 (Women)

Ultreya is held 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).

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Offertory Collection

**October 21–22** **\$3,280.25**  
**World Missions** **\$ 870.00**

Next week's second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), which works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty across the United States through grants to local community-based groups who create jobs, improve education, and strengthen neighborhoods. Twenty-five percent of the CCHD collection stays in the Archdiocese of Boston to fund local anti-poverty projects; seventy-five percent supports national grant and education programs. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

**"With One Voice"**  
**Capital Campaign**  
**Goal \$350,000**  
**To Date \$243,000.00**  
**71 Families**

*All pledges and one-time donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated.*



## "With One Voice" Capital Campaign

*Thank you for your pledge of support!* Our capital campaign is off to a great start with many families pledging their support. **To date, we have raised over \$243,000.** While the support has been tremendous, we will not reach our goal without your support.

### Would you please consider supporting this effort?

As you are aware, our hope is to raise \$350,000 to complete needed updates to our parish facilities. Both St. Ann Church and The Church of the Nativity have several deferred maintenance issues that need our immediate attention.

Please place your "Commitment Envelope" in the regular collection at Mass. If you forgot to bring your pledge envelope to Mass this weekend, please mail it to the parish office this week or bring it with you to Mass next weekend. Additional brochures and pledge envelopes are available at the entrances to the churches.

## Campaign Pledge Reminders

Beginning this month, pledge reminders will be mailed to parishioners who pledged to the capital campaign. Monthly reminders will be mailed by the middle of each month. Quarterly reminders will be sent each January, April, July, and October. Semi-Annual will be sent January and July. Annual reminders will be mailed each December (allowing for year-end gifts). You may also make payments at your convenience or on the anniversary of your pledge.

Please be sure to include your payment coupon along with your check to ensure proper credit to the capital campaign. If there is an error with your statement, please make a note of it and your account will be updated.

## HR Religious Education

**Saturday, Nov. 4: Activity Day for Grade 3** at Nativity Hall, 1:00–3:30 p.m. All students are asked to bring a snack to share.

**If any older brothers or sisters would like to be a Team Leader, contact Mrs. O'Leary at [reledhrp@gmail.com](mailto:reledhrp@gmail.com).**

**Sunday, Nov. 5: Grades 3–6 classes** at Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

**Grade 9, Year I class** Student + Parent at Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 7: Grade 8 class** at Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

### Community Service

Volunteer opportunities for Parish/community service are often available as sign up sheets in Nativity Hall. Please check out the need and give of your time and talents! Current service opportunities for the Holiday Fair include baked goods, soup, silent auction, baskets, and clean up.

## Coffee after Mass at Nativity



Stop by for coffee after the 8:00 Mass at Nativity on **Sunday, November 12**. Relax with a cup of coffee and friends.

## HR Prayer Shawl

Do you know of any woman, man, or child who needs comfort and could use a Blessed Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket? Please call Helen Kelley 978-771-4673 or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099 for a shawl or more information.

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, Merrimack at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, November 2**.



## Holy Quilters

Do you like to sew? Join the Holy Quilters! We make quilts, pillowcases, hats, blankets, and so much more. We create and donate to many charitable organizations such as The Salem Pantry Backpack Program, Boys and Girls Club, Merrimack Valley Hope Mission, and many others. We meet in the Nativity Church Hall every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. and also one Saturday a month at 8:00 a.m. Our next Saturday meeting is December 2. Bring your sewing machine and join us. All are welcome.



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# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



There is a wonderful way to honor someone who has requested "No gifts, please." You can send a check to Holy Redeemer Saint Vincent de Paul at 4 Green Street in Merrimac. Your donation will honor someone's celebration and will also help those in need. A note will be sent to let that someone know about the donor's meaningful gift. Donations can be made to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant occasions.

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

## Merrimac Santa Parade

Holy Redeemer will be represented this year in Merrimac's Santa Parade on Sunday, December 3. The Activities Committee is organizing a float. Our float will feature the Nativity Scene. Anyone, young or old, interested in riding on the float may sign up and choose their "character." Costumes will be provided. Sign up sheet will be in Nativity Hall. Contact person: Cindy Quinn, 978-346-0072.

**Deadline to commit** to the parade is **Sunday, November 19.**

## Wine Tasting Update

The Wine Tasting Social continues to be a success. All wines that were ordered at the social have arrived at West Newbury Food Mart and are ready for pick up. The Food Mart has graciously given 20% of sales from the Social to be added to our fundraising for the Capital Campaign fund! Please stop by the Food Mart and thank the Fowler family.



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## Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

**Saturday, November 18**



The Fair Committee is underway organizing for this year's Fair. The committee needs your help in many ways. Please contact the coordinators if you can help out the Parish:

**Roberta Homan** ([rhoman1980@aol.com](mailto:rhoman1980@aol.com)) **Themed Gift Baskets:** new donated items grouped together in decorative baskets

**Pauline Duhamel** ([pduhamel2@yahoo.com](mailto:pduhamel2@yahoo.com)) **Bake Table:** homemade goodies of all types

**Carole Sokolowski** ([carole.sokolowski@merrimack.edu](mailto:carole.sokolowski@merrimack.edu)) **Silent Auction Items:** anything of value that would interest bidders

**Barbara Boucher** ([babsnboo1@verizon.net](mailto:babsnboo1@verizon.net)) **Raffle Tickets:** selling tickets for our \$ raffles

**Maryellen LaPointe** ([LaPointeMel7@gmail.com](mailto:LaPointeMel7@gmail.com)) **Nearly New:** any item that is clean and in working order

**Marie Greeley** ([regr3@outlook.com](mailto:regr3@outlook.com)) **Soups:** homemade soups, delivered hot the morning of the fair in a crock pot, to serve for lunch

**Cindy Quinn** (978-346-0072) "coordinator"

The next Fair Committee meeting is **Thursday, November 9** at 7:00pm in the Nativity Hall. All are invited.

### Raffle Ticket Sales

We will be selling raffle tickets for the holiday fair on the weekends of **November 4 and 11** after all Holy Redeemer Masses.

### Nearly New Table

We are looking for donations of housewares, home and holiday decor, toys, etc. Please no books, furniture, clothes, or broken items. Donation boxes are located at both Nativity & St. Ann churches.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Community Food Pantry

First Parish Church of Newbury Community Food Pantry, 20 High Road, Newbury, is open every Friday from 3:00pm–5:00pm for anyone in need in the Collaborative's towns as well as Georgetown, Rowley, and Salisbury. The volunteers are very welcoming and no one is made to feel uncomfortable when visiting. No registration or proof of residency required. Fresh fruit and vegetables, many types of frozen meats, pasta, and desserts, as well as an array of canned goods, toiletries, etc. are available.

If you would like to donate, nonperishable goods, personal hygiene products, and/or pet food may be dropped off on Sunday mornings from 9:30–11:30am. Grocery store gift cards as well as cash/checks (made out to "First Parish" and write "food pantry" in the memo) are always welcome.

## Celebrating the Sacraments

### Reconciliation

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

### Baptism

Call the Parish Office for information and to register.

### Marriage

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

### Sacrament of the Sick

This Sacrament should not be seen as only administered when there is danger of death. Please call us if someone is in the hospital, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

October 21–22                      \$9,847.00  
World Missions                      \$1,775.00

Next week's second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), which works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty across the United States through grants to local community-based groups who create jobs, improve education, and strengthen neighborhoods. Twenty-five percent of the CCHD collection stays in the Archdiocese of Boston to fund local anti-poverty projects; seventy-five percent supports national grant and education programs. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

**Grand Annual  
Goal \$100,000  
To Date \$29,855.00  
136 Families**



## 2017 Grand Annual

This initial results of our 2017 Grand Annual Appeal are extremely encouraging! Many parishioners have already pledged their support.

If you did not bring your pledge card with you to Mass this weekend, please mail back to the parish office or place it in the collection next weekend.

Thank you for your support.

## IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. (At this time, Online Giving is available for only IC members.) Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) and click the "Links" tab, then click on "Online Giving" to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to. If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made. Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

## Memorials

Since it is the custom in the Church to remember the dead during the month of November, any parishioner who wishes to include a picture of a loved one on our memorial altar is invited to place it next to our baptismal font any time after Mass through the end of the month. Each picture should be no larger than 2" X 3". All pictures should be removed after the Thanksgiving weekend.

## Immaculate Conception School

### Cross Country Success



The IC Cross Country Team has had an exceptional season, with runners achieving a "personal best" at every meet. Every morning before reporting to class, I challenge the children to give their best to God, themselves, and their teachers. My message to the Cross Country Team is similar—if you work to improve on last week's time, then you have met the challenge. It is wonderful to witness the pride on our students' faces when they cross the finish line, having run their fastest time ever. It's so important for children to experience success on their own terms, and Cross Country is the perfect team sport where individuality is celebrated.

Joan Fowler Sullivan

## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 31.50
Poor Box	\$288.00
Total	\$319.50

## Consolers Circle Meal

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

## Offertory Renewal Program

Thank you to all those participating in our recent Increased Offertory Renewal Appeal. The results are extremely positive with many families participating by returning a Commitment Card. It is not too late to participate. There are additional materials in the church. Please return your "Commitment Card" as soon as possible by mail or place it in the collection at Mass next weekend. Your participation in this effort helps our parish meet our growing financial obligations. Please consider a new giving level that is best suited to your circumstances. This will allow our parish to plan accurately for the future.

## Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Knitting Ministry



We meet Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the IC Parish Center, Room 209. We knit shawls, hats, mittens, and scarves and bring prayers and hope to people who are sick and to their caregivers and to celebrate happy occasions. We also distribute hats and scarves to homeless children. Our membership is open to all. Please join us for knitting, fellowship, and tea (and goodies).

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.



*Some Knitting Ministry members enjoying their time together.*

## VIP Newburyport 2017 Cards

**Free VIP Card Trial Through 12/31/17**

Come pick up a **free** local discount card to use through 12/31/17. The 2017 VIP cards will be available for free on Sunday October 29 at 11:00am in the Parish Center foyer after the Religious Ed. assembly. Come try one out for free. Laura Bentley will be available after the assembly to distribute them and answer your questions.

## All Saints/Souls Celebration



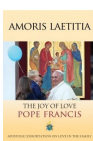
On Sunday, October 29 (10:50am) and Monday, October 30 (6:50pm), IC Religious Education will host a prayer celebration of our saints and souls in heaven for the parish. (Good weather, we will gather around the Mary statute on Green St. If rainy, cold, or dark, we will gather in the hall.)

The young people in religious education will create their prayer chains to be joined to one another during the prayer service that will form one large chain. For those not in religious education, a table with strips of paper and pens will be in the hall for you to create (write your favorite saint or deceased loved one on it) and join the strip to the large chain at prayer time.

## IC Religious Education

### *Amoris Laetitia*...Pope Francis

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



**Joy and beauty:** In #128: The aesthetic experience of love is expressed in that "gaze" which contemplates other persons as ends in themselves, even if they are infirm, elderly, or physically unattractive. A look of appreciation has enormous importance, and to begrudge it is usually hurtful. How many things do spouses and children sometimes do in order to be noticed! Much hurt and many problems result when we stop looking at one another. This lies behind the complaints and grievances we often hear in families: "My husband does not look at me; he acts as if I were invisible." "Please look at me when I am talking to you!" "My wife no longer looks at me, she only has eyes for our children." "In my own home nobody cares about me; they do not even see me; it is as if I did not exist." Love opens our eyes and enables us to see, beyond all else, the great worth of a human being.

### School Year IC Religious Education Classes

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

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

Make up materials can be provided by the catechists for missed lessons.

Next Classes:

- Gr. K-8 Sunday, November 5, 10:05-11:05am.
- Gr. 1-8 Monday, November 6, 6:00-7:10pm.

### Baptism

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

Please pre-register for the class.

Nov. 5 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

Nov. 12 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

### Confirmation

*Confirmation monthly sessions* begin Sunday, November 19 at 1:00-3:00pm in the IC church. Reminder: candidate and adult (sponsor, parent, or another adult) to attend each session. For information and registration go online:

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

### First Eucharist

Information/registration for 2017-2018 First Reconciliation and Eucharist is posted on our website: <http://www.hriccatholic.org/First-Eucharist--First-Reconciliation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>. Please register as soon as possible.

Our next session is Sunday, October 29 at **4:00pm** in the Church; followed by the 5:00pm Youth Mass.

### Landings

Landings session for Returning Catholics: Next session is on Eucharist and the Liturgy on Monday, October 30 from 7:15-9:00pm in the IC Charity Dining Room, Room 114.

### Youth Mass—Sunday, October 29

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, October 29 at Immaculate Conception at 5:00pm. Charity: Pettengill House. See bulletin **page 5** for a list of suggested donations.