

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017

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All Are Welcome



David

Gian Lorenzo Bernini

1623-1624

Villa Borghese, Rome



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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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/26)

10:30am **Country Rehab** (Fr. Broderick)
 4:00pm **IC Lorri Hager, Richard Ring** (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (8/27)

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

Monday (8/28)

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

Tuesday (8/29)

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

Wednesday (8/30)

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

Thursday (8/31)

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

Friday (9/1)

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

Saturday (9/2)

2:00pm **Atria** (Fr. Broderick)
 4:00pm **IC Virginia Reardon, Connie Bucci**
 (Fr. Harrison)
 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (9/3)

7:15am **IC Regina M. Stronge, Derek Hines**
 8:00am **Nativity**
 9:00am **IC**
 10:15am **St. Ann**
 11:00am **IC Michael Filomia**

In your prayers please remember John M. Deneumoustier and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Mass Schedule

Beginning September 10, the Sunday Mass schedule at Immaculate Conception will change as follows:

Sunday 7:15am
 9:00am
11:30am (note time change)

From the Parochial Vicar

As far as I am concerned, a "must see" in Rome is the Villa Borghese and its fabulous art collection, especially its magnificent sculpture collection. One of those pieces is portrayed on the cover of this week's bulletin: Gian Lorenzo Bernini's life size "David" sculpted in 1623 and completed in just seven months in 1624 for Cardinal Scipione Borghese's villa where it remains to this day. Filled with intensity, every detail of this statue is worth absorbing as it tells the story found in the Bible, 1 Samuel 17.



The mighty Philistine army is on the march preparing to invade Israel. Israel's army is led by King Saul and they are preparing their defense against this invasion. At some point a Philistine, Goliath, a giant of a man and a battle seasoned veteran, issues a challenge: let's not have a bloody battle where many lives will be lost. Instead, let's have a one-on-one duel and the winner takes all! The Israelites are terrified and no one comes forward to take Goliath up on his offer. Until, of course, David comes upon the scene.

David is the youngest of eight brothers and he has been sent to the front lines by his father, Jesse, to bring food and provisions to his brothers and to their commanding officers. David hears of Goliath's challenge and presents himself to King Saul to volunteer. At first the King objects because of David's age and his inexperience in battle. But David relates to him his experience as a shepherd and how, in protecting his father's sheep, he had killed a lion once and a bear at another time. With no one else volunteering, King Saul finally accepts David's offer to battle Goliath. Preparing David for the battle, King Saul dresses him in his

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St. Vincent de Paul's Walk for the Poor

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has asked all people to reach out and help the poor and disadvantaged.

The Immaculate Conception/Holy Redeemer St. Vincent de Paul's Annual "Friends of the Poor" Walk will be held on September 30 beginning at 9:00am in the IC parking lot. This 3-mile walk throughout downtown Newburyport raises funds to allow our St. Vincent De Paul Societies to help the poor in our neighborhoods.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 30.

To sign up on-line, please go to www.fopwalk.org or contact Kathie Williamson at 978-992-6450 (IC contact) or Linda Friel at 978-500-9245 (HR contact).



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, August 28

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

Professional Development, ICS Faculty 8:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

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Tuesday, August 29

Professional Development, ICS Faculty 8:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

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Wednesday, August 30

ICS First Day of School

Holy Quilters 2:30pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

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

Thursday, August 31

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

Friday, September 1

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Ask a Priest 6:00pm, Inn Street, Newburyport

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

Saturday, September 2

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, September 3

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

St. Ann, W. Newbury



Nativity, Merrimac



IC, Newburyport



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tunic, his armor, his helmet and his sword. David, of course, has never worn battle gear and he can hardly walk. Confronting Goliath with all this “stuff” he was not used to wearing would have been the end of David! Removing all this, he goes to the river bed, takes a few smooth stones, gets his shepherd’s staff and his sling, prays to God “who delivered me from the claws of the lion and the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” He is ready!

David enters the battle not on Goliath’s terms, but with trust in God’s power and using his own abilities—this was not the first time he used a sling and a stone—he confronts the giant who is both insulted and amused at who is coming against him. The duel is short, it does not last long. David has great maneuverability and freedom while Goliath is rather stationary—waiting for hand-to-hand combat that never comes. With sling and stone, David is victorious over the Philistine.

We all encounter Goliaths in life, someone, something, some situation ready to swallow us up, to do us in, and to tear us down. David is a model for us showing us to rely on our own abilities and on “Him whose power at work in us can do more that we could ask for or even imagine.” (Ephesians 4:20)

Fr. George



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

2017–2018 Ultreya/Cursillo Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
September 29	October 5–8 (Men)
October 27	Nov. 2–5 (Women)
December 1	December 7–10 (Men)
December 29	January 4–7 (Women)
February 2	February 8–11 (Men)
February 23	March 1–4 (Women)
April 6	April 5–8 (Men)
April 27	May 3–6 (Women)
June 1	June 7–10 (Women)

All are welcome! 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).

Questions of the Week



Adult: How would you answer the question “who do you say I am”?

Child: How would you explain who Jesus is to someone who had never heard of Him?

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.

Youth Mass Schedule

September 24 at Nativity, Merrimac

October 29 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

December 10 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

January 28, 2018 at Nativity, Merrimac

March 4, 2018 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

March 25, 2018 at Nativity, Merrimac

May 20, 2018 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

Landings

The Collaborative of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception has started LANDINGS, a welcome program for returning Catholics. LANDINGS invites returning Catholics to return to a more active practice of their faith. We ask for your support in finding both active Catholic parishioners who would be willing to work in this ministry and potential returning Catholics who would benefit from it.

LANDINGS is a lay ministry that has operated successfully in faith communities in the United States and around the world since 1989. Based on small groups, the LANDINGS program offers "a safe place to land," a place for listening and for being heard, a place for asking questions and for reconnecting with the faith as an adult. During the eight-week program, a small group of active Catholics, some of them "returnees" themselves, meets with a small group of returning Catholics to share and explore their faith together.

Questions? Contact Ms. Doreen O'Leary, DRE, Holy Redeemer: reledhrp@gmail.com or 978-346-8604, ext. 7 or

Dr. Mag McKinnon, DRE Immaculate Conception: mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org or 978-462-2724 ext 7405.

"Ask a Priest"

Only two more sessions remain for Ask a Priest: August 25 and September 1. Join us from 6:00–8:00 p.m. We start at St. James Chapel and walk to Inn Street together, or you can just meet us there. All are welcome.



"Ask a Priest" Review

Let's take a look at what we have been doing on Friday evenings this summer. I would like to invite all those who spent time "hanging out" with us on Inn Street to a time of prayer, sharing, and celebration. The shared experience of all participants can help us plan future outreach opportunities. Let's gather together on Friday, September 8 beginning at 6:30 p.m., Saint James Chapel in the IC Parish Center.

Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on August 27

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on August 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

Interested members of the Collaborative are invited to join the study group as we read and discuss *The Acts of the Apostles*, Chapters 14 through 18. In this second book, written between 80 and 90 A.D., Luke continues the story of



Christianity in the first century. These chapters describe the expansion of the Church to include Gentiles and communities beyond Jerusalem. These chapters move beyond the leadership of St. Peter and the Church in Jerusalem to St. Paul's leadership in expanding the Church to the Gentiles of places beyond as he outreached from Antioch.

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.

Centering Prayer

Welcome All Members of Our Collaborative Family

Please join us on Wednesdays from 6:00pm–7:00pm in the IC Nazareth Library to learn more about this simple yet powerful prayer practice.

The daily practice of Centering Prayer, resting silently in God, facilitates the process of inner transformation. Our prayer without words is one of intention to surrender to God's presence and action in our lives and desire for a closer relationship with God. As God moves us closer to him, through our daily discipline of silent prayer, we find our focus turns from self to God and we are blessed with the fruits of Centering Prayer.

Please consider joining us as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of this prayer in our own spiritual journey. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 or visit our website at <http://www.hricatholic.org/Get-Involved>.

Scripture for the Week

27 Sun	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
28 Mon	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
29 Tue	1 Thes 2:1-8 (426)/Mk 6:17-29
30 Wed	1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
31 Thu	1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
1 Fri	1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
2 Sat	1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

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Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Join Fr. Tim on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi on October 8–17, 2017. During the 10-day tour, we will visit Rome where we will attend a Papal audience and tour St. Peter's as well as other sites in Rome. The trip includes two days in Assisi also.

To reserve your space or for more information, please visit www.pilgrimages.com/FatherTim_RomeAssisi2017 or call 206 Tours at 800-206-8687, and ask for Amanda or Bika.



Volunteers

All church volunteers 18 years old and above are required to fill out a new CORI every year. Anyone who helps in service, in any way, with their time and talent is required to complete a **CORI** form each fiscal year. Once completed, the form needs to be reviewed and your license verified by a staff member. If you are not able to come to the office please provide a copy of your license and once the information is verified the copy will be shredded. In addition, you need to sign a "Code of Conduct" form (good for the duration of your time and talent). Also, you must attend the "Protecting God's Children Program" (VIRTUS). If you have not attended this program, please visit www.virtus.org to register for a class. Click on First Time Registrant and then View a List of Sessions. The next class that is scheduled at Immaculate Conception is Tuesday, September 12 in the Charity Dining Room at 7:00pm. Forms are to be returned by **October 1**. We thank you for your gifts of time and talent and appreciate your cooperation as we work to remain compliant. All questions please contact Linda Temple at 978-462-2724 or temple@newburyportcatholic.org.

Summer Sing

Newburyport Choral Society's Community Summer Sing: "Messiah's Greatest Hits"

Join your voice with the Newburyport Choral Society on **Monday, August 28, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Harris Street, Newburyport, as we feature popular selections from one of the world's most famous works: Handel's *Messiah*. All musical talent levels welcome to sing along, or just come and listen. Open to all. Free admission. Reception following. Copies of the vocal score will be available. Please bring your own score if you have one.

For information, visit newburyportchoralsociety.org or call 978-462-0650.

Bishop Fenwick Open House

Fenwick—where opportunity and achievement meet. Bishop Fenwick High School would like to invite you to our Open House on September 24, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Fenwick is a co-educational, 9–12 Catholic High School located in Peabody, MA. Find out more at Fenwick.org.

Volunteers Needed for Avita of Newburyport

Every Sunday, Avita of Newburyport Assisted Living brings residents to Mass at Holy Redeemer. They are in need of volunteers to escort residents from Avita to church and back on the Avita bus at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Please contact Debra Shapiro at deb@avitaofnewburyport.com or 978-225-7000.

John Michael Talbot in Concert

K of C Council 202 and All Saints Catholic Church, Haverhill are sponsoring John Michael Talbot in concert on September 14, 7:30pm, at All Saints Church, 120 Bellevue Ave., Haverhill. Tickets are \$30 each and can be ordered online at www.JohnMichaelTalbot.com or by calling Deacon Tom Anthony, 978-973-0437.

Virtus:

Protecting God's Children

Now is the time to reserve a place in one of the upcoming Virtus classes in the Archdiocese.

Local summer and fall classes are listed below. To register for any of these classes or to see a list of other locations, visit www.virtus.org. Click on "First Time Registrant" and then "View a List of Sessions."

Immaculate Conception (Charity Dining Room)
Tuesday, September 12, 7:00–9:00pm

Sacred Hearts Church Hall (Bradford/Haverhill)
Sunday, August 27, 12:45–2:45pm
Wednesday, September 6, 6:00–8:00pm
Tuesday, September 19, 6:00–8:00pm
Thursday, September 28, 9:30–11:30am

St. Lucy (Methuen)
Saturday, September 9, 9:00am–12:00noon
Thursday, October 12, 6:30–9:30pm

Cor Unum Ministry

Cor Unum Meal Center, located in South Lawrence at St. Patrick Church, is in need of volunteers to serve meals to the poor.

Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer Parishes serve breakfast to the poor of Lawrence on the first Saturday of every month. Volunteers meet in the IC parking lot at 5:00am Saturday morning. The Center serves breakfast from 6:00am to 8:00am. If you are able to give a few hours of your time serving this meal, please contact Larry Lambert at (978) 462-4842 for further information.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

Assumption, August 15 \$ 508.00
August 19–20 \$3,762.00

The second collection next weekend is Catholic University of America.

“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. 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 entrance to the church.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be sponsoring a bake sale on September 9–10 after all Masses at Nativity and St. Ann. Please stop by.



Sanctuary Candle

For the week of August 27, the Sanctuary Candle at Nativity Church, Merrimac is donated for a Special Intention.



Wine Tasting Social



Join us for the HR Wine Tasting Social on Saturday, September 30 from 6:30pm–9:30pm in the Nativity Hall. 25 different wines, appetizers, and desserts will be served.

Tickets are \$20 per person. You must be 21 or older to attend. The Social is in partnership with West Newbury Food Mart.

EWTN: Catholic News

EWTN News: Your Online Catholic News Resource.
<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

Coffee and Donuts

Stop by for coffee and donuts after the 8:00 Mass at Nativity on Sunday, **September 3**. Please plan on stopping in Nativity Hall to enjoy a cup of coffee with “old friends” and perhaps meet a new one!



HR Religious Education

2017–18 Religious Ed.

Incoming **First Graders** need to be registered for the Holy Redeemer Religious Ed. program. Please download our registration form online: hriccatholic.org, click Faith Formation, then the Holy Redeemer tab.

Religious Ed. Registration forms are online.

All families are reminded to register their child(ren) now for the Religious Education program. Forms are available online at the collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please include your Confirmation Candidate (if applicable) on the family form. Parents: If your student worked at home last year, please submit their book(s) for review. You may drop off the book at the white “mailbox” by the hall doors at Nativity, Merrimac. Thanks!

The class schedules are on the collaborative calendar (access through the website at hriccatholic.org) and will be listed on the website soon.

Contact info: Office of Religious Education

Doreen O’Leary (Rel. Ed. email: reledhrp@gmail.com, or for forms to register for the fall: hriccatholic.org (click the Faith Formation tab, then the Holy Redeemer tab).

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.



We would love for you to join us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac, at 1:00pm. Don’t know how to crochet or knit, we will teach you and give you yarn. **Our next meeting is Thursday, September 7 at 1:00 p.m.**

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

The Holiday Fair is a long-running tradition at Holy Redeemer. It is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving at the Nativity Hall. Gift baskets, homemade soups, silent auction items, and nearly new items are available. The 2017 Fair will be November 18 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now for this fun event.



Empty Baskets Needed

If anyone has empty baskets that are in good condition to be used for the fair, please leave in the back of either church no later than Sunday, September 17. That will give the committee time to spray paint baskets “outside” with matching colors!

Get Creative: we will be looking for donated gift baskets for our fair. Now is a good time to start picking up those “special items” to create your own themed baskets.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

Assumption, August 15	\$ 762.00
August 19–20	\$9,003.00
Restoration	\$1,707.00

The second collection this weekend is Fr. Ray's Missionary Work. The second collection next weekend is Catholic University of America.

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.

Thank you again to those individuals and families who have participated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 2.00
Poor Box	\$182.00
Total	\$184.00

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.

Adoration

Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in IC's St. James Chapel on Fridays from 8:00am–12:00noon.

IC Annual Back to School New Socks and Underwear Drive

Please support our efforts. Bins for your donations will be at the doors of the IC Church. Donations will support children up to 14 years of age. Thank you for your generosity.



Immaculate Conception School

Dear IC Parishioners,



Excitement is in the air as we approach the official start of the school year! Over the summer I have had the pleasure of meeting many of the dedicated parents of current students and past graduates who help to extend the educational experience for the IC children. I am so impressed by the extent to

which so many individuals go to provide for our students. Enrichment programs, special events and annual traditions enhance the learning and social experience that we offer. Well-developed marketing efforts, strategic plans, and analysis of our operations all contribute to the overall strength of the IC. Beyond the countless number of hours of planning and time spent in the building, these remarkable adults serve as role models for our students. Through their service to our school they are examples of God's devotion and love. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with such dedicated individuals whose commitment to their faith and to the IC is a blessing and a gift.

With gratitude and thanks,

Joan Fowler Sullivan, Principal

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration



ICS Newburyport is still accepting applications for Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten for the 2017–18 school year. Our outstanding program is designed to develop academic and social skills, confidence, and a love of learning. Please call or email Mrs. Joan Sullivan to learn more about the benefits of a faith-based, ICS education. 978-465-7780, jsullivan@newburyportcatholic.org.



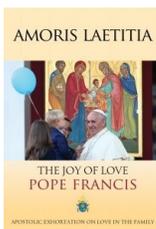
IC Online Giving

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, hricatholic.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.

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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.

Love bears all things: In #113: Married couples joined by love speak well of each other; they try to show their spouse's good side, not their weakness and faults. In any event, they keep silent rather than speak ill of them. This is not merely a way of acting in front of others; it springs from an interior attitude. Far from ingenuously claiming not to see the problems and weaknesses of others, it sees those weaknesses and faults in a wider context. It recognizes that these failings are a part of a bigger picture. We have to realize that all of us are a complex mixture of light and shadows. The other person is much more than the sum of the little things that annoy me. Love does not have to be perfect for us to value it. The other person loves me as best they can, with all their limits, but the fact that love is imperfect does not mean that it is untrue or unreal. It is real, albeit limited and earthly. If I expect too much, the other person will let me know, for he or she can neither play God nor serve all my needs. Love coexists with imperfection. It "bears all things" and can hold its peace before the limitations of the loved one.

Knights of Columbus



We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at membership@kofc231.org, or (978) 572-0231.

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus is **Tuesday, September 12** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause.

Our monthly support meetings are held in Room 209 of the IC Parish Center at 7:30 to 9:00pm on the fourth Monday of the month. Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. **Our next meeting is August 28.**

A Butterfly's Journey To A New Normal (ABJ) is a separate non-profit to help a broader set of grievers. Barbara is the founder and a Certified Grief Recovery Specialist. ABJ offers group or 1-on-1 Grief Recovery Method classes as well as a free online Resource Center and more. <http://abutterflysjourney.org>.

Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at (617) 410-6309 or info@abutterflysjourney.org.

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>

Please register by Friday, September 8.

Catechists are needed for the following grades:

Sunday: 4 and 6 and Monday: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7/8 combo First class:

- Sunday, September 17 10:05–11:05am for Gr K–8
- Monday, September 18 6:00–7:10:00pm for Gr 1–8

Please note: We have added grades 7–8 to our Sunday and Monday programs.

Catechist Meeting for grades K–8: Sunday, September 10, 10:15–11:15am in St. Louis Hall.

Baptism

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

Please pre-register for the class.

Sep. 10 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm
Sep. 17 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

Confirmation

Confirmation Parent Orientation is for parents of Year 1 candidates and parents of new Year 2 candidates and Year 2 Parents of Catholic School candidates: Sunday, Sept. 10 at 1:00pm in the church. The meeting is for both the Summer and School year processes.

School Year Confirmation monthly sessions begin Sunday, October 22 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

Registrations for 2017–2018 First Reconciliation and Eucharist is posted on the website: <http://www.hriccatholic.org/First-Eucharist--First-Reconciliation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>

Youth Mass—September 24, 2017

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, September 24 at Nativity, Merrimac at 5:00pm. Collection: Children's Pajamas and bedtime books for Emmaus House, Haverhill. Details to follow.



Some scenes from this year's Summer Religious Ed. classes



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.