

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

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*“For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
my thoughts higher than your thoughts.” (Is 55:9)*

All Are Welcome



Walk for the Poor

The St. Vincent de Paul Societies of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception invite you to walk the "Friends of the Poor Walk"

Saturday, September 30 9:00 a.m.

Where: Immaculate Conception Parking Lot (Court Street)

Registration: begins at 8:30 a.m. (or register online in advance)

Distance: 3K (or a shorter 1K route) through Newburyport

- To **register to walk** or **donate online** go to www.FOPWalk.org and search for Immaculate Conception's event. If you are from HR be sure to make Holy Redeemer the beneficiary of your donation and/or registration in the notes section.
- Can't make the walk? Why not **sponsor one of our priests**? Sponsor forms are in the back of the churches or donate online at www.FOPWalk.org and search for Immaculate Conception's event.
- If you would like an official SVdP Walk sheet to collect donations for your walk, call Kathie (IC) 978-992-6450 or Linda (HR) 978-500-9245.
- All **funds remain locally** with our organizations and there are no administrative fees. We are completely volunteer organizations not supported by either parish's budgets.



Last year's walk was a huge success.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/23)

10:30am **Country Rehab** (Fr. Broderick)
 4:00pm **IC Daniel Bradley, Michael Twomey**
 (Fr. Harrison)
 4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (9/24)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC Alan Chu** (Fr. Broderick)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 11:30am **IC John M. Deneumoustier** (Fr. Harrison)
 5:00pm **Nativity Youth Mass** (Fr. Kiley)

Monday (9/25)

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

Tuesday (9/26)

7:15am **IC Peter & Florence Boschetti**
 (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (9/27)

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

Thursday (9/28)

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

Friday (9/29)

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

Saturday (9/30)

4:00pm **IC Regina M. Stronge, Mary McInerney,
 Noreen Driscoll & Parents, Stephen M. Boy**
 (Fr. Broderick)
 4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (10/1)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Broderick)
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
 9:00am **IC David Brush** (Fr. McLaughlin)
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
 11:30am **IC John M. Deneumoustier,
 William "Billy" Hill** (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

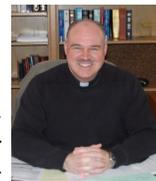
St. Ann—West Newbury



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 Collaborative Parishes

From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

A concept that I have gone back to again and again, is "to borrow God's eyeglasses." In other words, to look upon the world or a particular scene the way that God does, and see what God sees...even if only for a moment.

Today's Gospel is a great example of what we would see, if we did manage to take a peek through God's spectacles. On the surface, there is misunderstanding, even outrage, that a laborer who worked from sun-up to sun-down (12 hours or more?!), sweated and toiled under the hot sun of midday, perhaps did not even get a break for lunch...that this worker would be paid the same amount as one who hung around (in the shade?!) all day and only went out into the field for the last hour or so. It seems so unjust! In our highly-evolved world of complex labor laws and equal rights, it might even be the fodder for a lawsuit. Ever heard of the phrase, "equal pay for equal work?"

But when we peel back a layer or two, what we see is something different. The key to the story is the phrase, "the usual daily wage." We encounter this notion again and again in the Gospels. In Jesus' time, the usual daily wage was just enough for the worker to purchase food for his family so they could eat that night. There was seldom any left over. If a day-laborer was lucky enough to find work for the day, his family would eat that night. If not, then he and his family would go to bed hungry.

In the case of someone working only a fraction of a day, what help would it be to feed his family, if he received only a tiny portion of "the usual daily wage?" What an awful

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Friends of the Poor Walk

The St. Vincent de Paul Societies of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception assist many people throughout the year and we need **your help to continue**. We are only able to assist others because **you** help to support our combined annual fundraiser.

The "Friends of the Poor Walk" 3K (or a shorter 1K route) will be held on Saturday, September 30. Please join us **or** donate to our cause. To **register to walk** or **donate** online go to www.FOPWalk.org and search for Immaculate Conception's event. If you are from HR be sure to make Holy Redeemer the beneficiary of your donation and/or registration to walk.

If you would like an official SVdP Walk sheet to collect donations for your walk, call Kathie, 978-992-6450 or Linda, 978-500-9245.

All funds remain locally with our organizations and there are no administrative fees. We are completely volunteer organizations not supported by either parish's budgets.

You may also register at the event. Registration begins at 8:30am and the walk starts at 9:00am in the IC Church parking on Court Street, Newburyport.

Women's Evening of Prayer



The next Women's Evening of Prayer will be Wednesday, September 27, at 7:00 pm in St. Ann Church, West Newbury. All women are welcome.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, September 25

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 Conference Room 209
Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, 64 Northern Blvd., Newbury

Tuesday, September 26

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Wednesday, September 27

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am St. Ann Hall
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
IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church
Women's Evening of Prayer 7:00pm, St. Ann Church

Thursday, September 28

Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel
IC School High School Night 6:30pm, IC School Gym
IC PFC Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Friday, September 29

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205
Ultreya 7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/Charity Dining Room

Saturday, September 30

SVdP Walk for the Poor 9:00am, IC Parking Lot
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church
Wine Tasting Social 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

Sunday, October 1

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
Coffee Social 8:45am, Nativity Hall
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
IC Religious Ed., Gr. K–8 10:05am, IC Parish Center
Baptism Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room
Scripture Study 2:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Hope Conferences, Inc.

Hope Conferences, Inc. is a small group of Catholic men and women with a deep desire to answer the call from our Holy Fathers to evangelize. Speakers include Jim Wahlberg, Andy Lavalee, Fr. Francis Valerio, Sonja Corbitt, and Fr. Mark Nolte. Music by Delmore Worship featuring Mike McDuffee and Collin McBride of Saint Mary's High School (Lynn) and Hunger for Justice. Please join us for The Reason for Our Hope conference on September 30 from 8:30am–6:00pm at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Tickets for the event are available online at www.hopeconferences.com.

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choice he would have to make! Either his wife, or his children would not eat. Or, if he fed them and not himself, how could he be expected to have any energy to go out and work the next day? Any parent ever faced with such a struggle would surely cry out to God for help. Where is there ever justice when innocent children and family members go hungry because a worker cannot otherwise find enough work to bring adequate food home!

And here is what God's eyeglasses show us: true justice is found when everyone eats and has enough. True justice is made real when people's legitimate human needs are met, when there is the dignity of being able to provide for others who are dependent, who cannot fend for themselves. God's justice is present when there is enough food, drink, shelter, clothing and compassion for all. Human scales of what is right and wrong will always fall short of this and get it warped in some way or another.

And, remember this: God is a parent, too! God certainly hears the lament and feels the angst of those who struggle to provide for their children and families. As we will see later in Matthew's Gospel, God takes it all personally. God is also in the unique position to do something about the world's injustice. As so what if God appears to be overly generous to some? We human beings will never fully understand God's generosity, mercy, and kindness. We can only celebrate God's goodness to ourselves, and make sure we do not get in the way of what God may be doing for others.

Seeing the world from God's perspective means using the lens of love to look beyond the "what" of a particular moment and seek after the "why." There we will find a richer and more robust form of fairness that calls everyone to new life.

Autumn blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Our Collaborative

Holy Redeemer: St. Ann, W. Newbury & Nativity, Merrimac



Immaculate Conception, Newburyport



COLLABORATIVE NEWS



Come Home! We've Missed You!

If you have been thinking about becoming more active in the Church again after a time away, we want you to join us. LANDINGS is an eight-week program that 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. We begin our next session at Immaculate Conception Church on **Monday, September 25**. If you are interested in more information, please contact:

Dr. Mag McKinnon, IC DRE at 978-462-2724 ext. 7405 or mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org or
Mrs. Doreen O'Leary, HR DRE at 978-346-8604 ext. 7 or reledhrp@gmail.com

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. *We will be collecting Children's Pajamas and bedtime books for Emmaus House, Haverhill.*

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

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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.

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.

Prayer for Catechists

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on October 1

Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on October 1 at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Parish Center, returning to its regular schedule of the first and third Sundays 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 17 through 20. 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 leadership and expansion of the Church to the Gentiles in Greece, Corinth, and Ephesus.



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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi



Our pilgrimage to the Eternal City is fast approaching! There are only a few seats left on this awesome trip if there are any last-minute travelers out there!

Please contact Paul Blanchette ASAP at pblanchette@me.com or 978-500-5661. This is a limited-

time offer. Join us if you can!

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.



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 IC 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).

Virtus Classes

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

Local 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."

Sacred Hearts Church Hall (Bradford/Haverhill)

Thursday, September 28, 9:30–11:30am

Holy Redeemer, Nativity (Merrimac Hall)

Wednesday, October 18, 6:30pm

Scripture for the Week

24 Sun Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

25 Mon Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

26 Tue Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

27 Wed Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

28 Thu Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

29 Fri Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

30 Sat Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

1 Sun Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Questions of the Week



Adult: What does this parable tell you about God and the kingdom?

Child: The master in the vineyard is very generous. How can you be like him?

Walk to Defeat ALS

ALS is a disease which recently struck very close to home in our Collaborative.

In 2016, Team Sandy finished the 3-mile course and raised significant funds in the hope of erasing ALS in our lifetime. In honor of Sandy and Larry Lambert's grace and faith in dealing with this heartbreaking ailment, please join the HRIC team of walkers on Saturday, October 14 at Beverly High School. You can sign up as a walker, a virtual walker, and/or donor. Of our \$10,000 goal, \$6,950 has already been raised and we need your help to **Exceed** our goal.



Please join us in this effort by logging on to North Shore ALS walk at <http://www.alsa.org/fight-als/>, and sign up for Team Sandy. Hope to see you on October 14. Thank you for your support and God bless.

Walk Check-in: 9:00 a.m.

Walk Starts: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Beverly High School

Distance: 3 miles

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

Offertory Collection

September 16–17	\$4,049.00
Missionary Appeal	\$1,354.00

The second collection next weekend is Clergy Benefit Trust.

“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 \$222,000** from just about 60 families. 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.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



Don't forget to register for the Walk for the Poor, which will take place on September 30. We encourage you to sign up to walk to show your support. If you can't walk, consider sponsoring Fr. George or Fr. Tim. Sponsor sheets for them will be available after Masses until the walk.

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

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 (sample creations from Five Daughters Catering, a new business in Merrimac), and desserts will be served.



Tickets will be sold at the door but also **after Masses in September**. Invite your friends. Tell your neighbors. Tickets are \$20 per person. You must be 21 or older to attend. The Social is in partnership with West Newbury Food Mart.

Sanctuary Candle



For the week of September 24, the Sanctuary Candle at Nativity Church, Merrimac is donated for a Special Intention.

HR Religious Education

Sunday, Sept. 24: Confirmation Retreat Day for our Confirmation Candidates (11th Graders), Merrimac Hall, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Our Retreat ends with the **Youth Mass at 5:00 p.m.** at Nativity Church. The offertory collection will include children pajamas (any size) and a storybook. These donations will be delivered to Emmaus House (family shelter in Haverhill). The shelter also needs “flip flops” (any size).

All of our Rel. Ed. families are invited to Youth Masses throughout the year.

Tuesday, Oct. 10: Grade 7 class, Nativity Hall, 6–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14: Activity Day for our 1st Graders, Merrimac Hall, 1:00–3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 15: Grades 3–6 class Merrimac Hall, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Grade 9 class, Guest speaker: Jaymie Stuart Wolfe, Merrimac Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

VIRTUS training at Holy Redeemer

Virtus training will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at Merrimac beginning at 6:30pm.

HR Sandwich Program

The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers soup/salad and sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The sandwiches go to the Good Shepherd Center on Park Street in Lawrence. 200 sandwiches are needed each day to feed the hungry.

We are always in need of more sandwich donations. To help, please make sandwiches by using 1 loaf of bread and sandwich meat (**No condiments added**), individually wrap the sandwiches and place them back into the bread bag. Deliver the bread bag to St. Ann's Church, West Newbury, by **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, September 27**. See the Collaborative calendar at www.hriccatholic.org for the schedule or contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

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, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, October 5**.

Coffee after Mass

Coffee and donuts are available after the 8:00 Mass on Sunday, October 1. Please stop by.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Offertory Collection

September 16–17 \$10,626.00
Clergy Benefit Trust \$ 2,592.00

The second collection this weekend is Restoration/Renovation.

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.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection \$ 10.50
Poor Box \$129.00
Total \$139.50

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.

Adoration

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

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for those considering becoming Catholic as adults or youth that have not received the sacraments in the traditional years. Have you been considering it? Please contact Marin Fortune, 978-462-2724 or fortune@newburyportcatholic.org if you would like to learn more about this program.

Immaculate Conception School

High School Plans



Our Junior High students are looking toward high school! Throughout the fall, Catholic and private schools will visit the IC to talk with students about academic programs and extra curricular activities. It's common for children to have a set plan for high school in their mind's

eye. However, my advice to students is to listen attentively, and with an open mind, because doors can open and life plans can change at the most unexpected times.



IC students from grades 7 & 8 hear about the opportunities at Central Catholic High School.

The IC will host High School Night on Thursday, September 28 from 6:30–8:00 p.m., which is **open to all area grade 6–8 students and their parents**. Thirty area schools, both private and public, will have information and representatives available to talk with students about the unique characteristics of their school. The IC values this opportunity to open its doors to area students for High School Night 2017! Give the school a call if you need more information. 978-465-7780

Joan F. Sullivan, Principal

ICS High School Fair

Are you exploring options for a High School? Parents and students from all communities are invited to take advantage of this great opportunity. Join us Thursday, September 28, 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the ICS Gymnasium, One Washington Street, Newburyport.

Representatives from Public High Schools, Catholic High Schools, and Prep Schools all over the North Shore and Seacoast will be in attendance to meet with parents and students in grades 6, 7, and 8. For more information call 978-465-7780.



Immaculate Conception School preschool class is ready for learning this year.

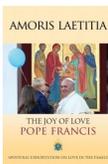


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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 endures all things. In #119: In family life, we need to cultivate that strength of love which can help us fight every evil threatening it. Love does not yield to resentment, scorn for others, or the desire to hurt or to gain some advantage. The Christian ideal, especially in families, is a love that never gives up. I am sometimes amazed to see men or women who have had to separate from their spouse for their own protection, yet, because of their enduring conjugal love, still try to help them, even by enlisting others, in their moments of illness, suffering, or trial. Here too we see a love that never gives up.

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>

Religious Education has begun. You are welcome to register your child. Make up materials can be provided by the catechists for missed lessons.

Classes this week:

- Sunday, September 24 and October 1 10:05–11:05am for Gr. K–8
- Monday, September 25 and October 2 6:00–7:10pm for Gr. 1–8.

Baptism

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

Please pre-register for the class.

Oct. 1	Parent Class—Charity Dining Room	1:00pm
Oct. 8	Group Baptism—Church	1:00pm

Confirmation

Confirmation Parent Orientation has been completed. If your family is new to Confirmation, please email or call Dr. Mag McKinnon for a review of the process.

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

Information/registrations 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 by Friday, September 29.

Youth Mass—Sunday, September 24, 2017

Our next Youth Mass is Sept. 24 at Nativity, Merrimac at 5:00pm. Collection: Children's Pajamas (any size) and children's books for Emmaus House, Haverhill.

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. **Please note our September 25 meeting will be held at TCF Chapter leader Barbara Hopkinson's home, 64 Northern Blvd., Plum Island, Newbury.**

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

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.

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.

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 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.

Bulletin Information

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