

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 30, 2018

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Image of The Holy Family from the apse of St. Joseph Church in Nazareth, Israel

***“He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them;  
and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced  
in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.” (Lk. 2:51-51)***

***All Are Welcome***





## 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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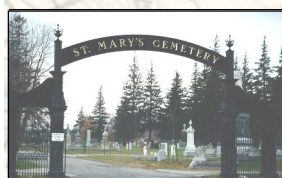
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (12/29)

4:00pm **IC** John & Katherine Kelley (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

### Sunday (12/30)

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

8:00am **Nativity** Margaret Gallant (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** George Cooper (Fr. Morin)

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** For the intentions of Paul Kowacki (Fr. Morin)

### Monday (12/31)

4:00pm **IC Vigil for the Holy Day** (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Nativity Vigil for the Holy Day**

Jack Gorski (Fr. Harrison)

### Tuesday (1/1) Mary, Mother of God

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

10:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Wednesday (1/2)

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

### Thursday (1/3)

7:15am **IC** Peter C. Boschetti (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (1/4)

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

1:30pm **Avita** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Saturday (1/5)

4:00pm **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

### Sunday (1/6)

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

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

11:30am **IC** Richard J. Finneran, Jr. (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Jeanne Baughn 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,

A friend of mine once said, "Families would be wonderful if they didn't have any people in them!" Another friend quoted an old truism, "You can choose your friends, but not your family." At some point in our lives, we will struggle with those to whom we are related. Hopefully, most of these will be minor and short-lived, but as we go further into our life journey, we know that challenges can come up. It is only by the grace of God that we navigate these minefields and come out intact on the other side. St. Paul's community in Colossae must have had its share of struggles, as they were gently and lovingly admonished to forbearance, forgiveness, patience, and kindness.

This weekend we look to the Holy Family as a model of living family life in a grace-filled and joyous manner. But we ought not think that they didn't have their share of misunderstandings and difficulties. This weekend's Gospel story is a good example of that. What parent wouldn't be deeply troubled and upset with their (slightly precocious?) 12-year-old who went off on his own, even with the very best of intentions and motives? What 12-year-old wouldn't be testing their parents' limits and struggling to become more and more independent as they grow? There was no sin here, but the frustration level must have been through the roof! A number of tense hours passed, a frantic search ensued, emotions churned, angst percolated...it was a perfect recipe for an explosion that could have led to hurt and resentment. Yet because of the love that bound them together, they withheld judgement and waited to hear the truth from one another. That truth, even if not fully understood at the time, would lead to peace—a renewal of the right-relationship with each other that is a reflection of their own relationship as a family and individually with God.

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## Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

**Thank you to all who contributed to last weekend's special Christmas collection to provide for the health and well-being of the 580 active and senior priests in good standing in the Archdiocese of Boston.** As we continue to celebrate the holidays with our families and friends please consider a gift that supports our Boston priests, who dedicate their lives to our Church and to all of us. Our priests need our support now more than ever. If you were unable to give last week, contributions may be mailed to the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust, Archdiocese of Boston, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, MA 02184. To donate online, please visit [clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org) or text the word PRIEST25 to 20222 to donate \$25. *Msg. and data rates may apply.*

## Bulletin Information

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



## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

**Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve**

**Collaborative Offices Closed**

**Tuesday, January 1, New Year's Day**

**Collaborative Offices Closed**

**Wednesday, January 2**

**Holy Jammers Practice** 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209

**Holy Quilters** 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

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

**Centering Prayer** 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

**IC Adult Choir Rehearsal** 7:00pm, IC Church

**Thursday, January 3**

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

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

**Friday, January 4**

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

**AA Meeting** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**Ultreya** 7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/Charity Dining Room

**Saturday, January 5**

**Holy Quilters** 8:00am, Nativity Hall

**IC First Reconciliation** 11:00am, IC Church

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

**Sunday, January 6**

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

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

**HR Religious Ed., Grade 2 w/Parent** 9:00am, Nativity Hall

**IC Religious Ed.** 10:00am, IC Parish Center

**IC Religious Ed. Church Tour** 12:45pm, IC Church

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

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

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Let's not be too quick to put Jesus, Mary and Joseph as the Holy Family on too high a pedestal, that what they achieved in their family life is unreachable for us mere sinners. They worked hard at living out their holiness with many of the same struggles that we face in our daily lives. This ought to give us hope and encouragement as we seek to live in that same peace among our own kin.

At the end of the day, I think it all boils down to trust: that God will be faithful, that love is strong enough to overcome the daily challenges of living, that family life has a sacred purpose and meaning that will unfold over the course of our lives, that all of this will be for the greater glory of God.

In Nazareth, in a small church dedicated to St. Joseph, the patron saint of families, there is a beautiful fresco above the main apse of the Holy Family depicting Jesus when he was about 12 years old. Above the three of them is the faint image of the Holy Spirit, watching over them, guiding and blessing them with the divine presence as they go about their daily lives. While there is no doubt that the Spirit was alive and present in their midst, we must never think that this same Holy Spirit isn't also powerfully working in the lives of our families as well. With God's help, we, too, will be led, guided and sanctified.

Continued Christmas blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

### Holiday Office Hours

Collaborative offices will be closed on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, and New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1. Offices will reopen on Wednesday, January 2 at 8:00am.

*Advent Vespers gathering.*

*Watch next week's bulletin for Icon photos.*



### 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 offices 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.

### Online Christmas Bulletin

You can still view our online-only Christmas bulletin. It is packed full of news and photos from the Collaborative. Look for the bulletin on our website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org), on Facebook: [Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Redeemer-Immaculate-Conception-Collaborative-Parishes), on Twitter: [@HRICatholic](https://twitter.com/HRICatholic), and on Instagram: [hriccatholic](https://www.instagram.com/hriccatholic).

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Scripture Readings: Dec. 30, 2018–Jan. 6, 2019

In praying with the Scriptures, we have the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord while discerning His ever-gracious invitation to love as He loves us. Please refer to the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to <http://www.hriccatholic.org/blog/lectio-divina> or to [www.HRICcatholic.org](http://www.HRICcatholic.org) and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Dec. 30: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52
- Monday, Dec. 31: 1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96; John 1:1-18
- Tuesday, Jan. 1: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
- Wednesday, Jan. 2: 1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98; John 1:19-28
- Thursday, Jan. 3: 1 John 2:29 – 3:6; Psalm 98; John 1:29-34
- Friday, Jan. 4: 1 John 3:7-10; Psalm 98; John 1:35-42
- Saturday, Jan. 5: 1 John 3:11-21; Psalm 100; John 1:43-51
- Sunday, Jan. 6: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12



## Pilgrimage to Ireland

Join us for an enriching journey through the Emerald Isle in 2019! We depart May 13, 2019 for a memorable pilgrimage through various sites of unparalleled beauty, historic significance, and religious importance. Our tour will include visits to Dublin, Galway, the Dingle Peninsula, Kilarney, the Ring of Kerry, Clonmacnoise, Knock, and more.

For more information, visit: [www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric](http://www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric) or contact Paul Blanchette at (978) 500-5661. Come on a Faith Journey with us!

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** How are you, too, called to our Father's house?

**Child:** Why is it important to obey our parents? Why is it important to obey God?

## Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if Immaculate Conception School, Pentucket Regional, or Newburyport Public Schools, are cancelled or delayed because of inclement weather. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at [boston.cbslocal.com](http://boston.cbslocal.com) and we will make every effort to keep our own website and social media updated as well.



In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Again, please watch WBZ or consult the websites and/or social media for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.

## 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.



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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Centering Prayer

### Welcome All Members of Our Collaborative Family

Please join us on Wednesdays from 6:00pm–7:00pm in the IC Conference Room 209 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.hriccatholic.org/Get-Involved>.

## Free Hair Cuts



Donna Koen, a parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is: (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

## "Open House"

### Feast of the Holy Family



*Manger scenes from families across the Collaborative and from around the world will be displayed by their owners.*

Give your family the gift of an **experience** with the Holy Family as seen in 35 manger scenes!

**Free** stocking stuffer invitations (miniature scrolls) at all 3 churches (while supplies last).

**Free** door prizes.

**Free** three-hour self-directed Nativity Hall tour of nativities presented by the parishioners who own them.

**Free** inspiration: the Holy Family depicted in terra cotta, wood, ceramic, crystal, paper, resin, plaster, or wool!

**Date:** Sunday, December 30 from 1pm–4pm

**Place:** Nativity Hall, Merrimac

**Questions?** Contact: Mary Schmidt: 978-462-6191.

*{Hosted by the Adult Faith Formation Team}*

## Cursillo and Ultreya

The Cursillo weekend is an invitation for you to experience the love of Jesus Christ on a personal level and to bring this love into your daily life. Many of your HRIC brothers and sisters have experienced this "short course in Christianity" at St. Basil's Salvatorian Center in Methuen, MA and we invite you to include Cursillo as part of your faith journey.

Each month, we gather for an "Ultreya" (onward!) evening of Liturgy, sharing, food and fellowship at 7pm in St. James Chapel to continue the Cursillo spirit. All are welcome. Please join us! For more information, contact Jonathan Temple 978-809-9337 or Pat Forbes 617-899-0424.

### Cursillo weekends 2019

January 3	Women
February 7	Men
March 7	Women
April 4	Men
May 2	Women
June 6	Women
October 3	Men
November 7	Women

### Ultreya Evenings

January 4	February 1
March 1	March 29
April 26	May 31

## Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our calendar and Facebook pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, or check out the photos section. We have so much happening in our Collaborative.

## Catholic TV

Visit [www.catholicTV.com](http://www.catholicTV.com) for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

## 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.

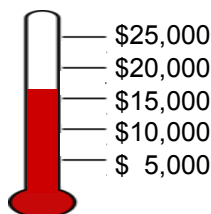
Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer Parishes serve breakfast to the poor of Lawrence on the first Saturday of every month. Volunteers meet in the IC parking lot at 5:00am on Saturday morning. The Center serves breakfast from 6:00am to 8:00am. If you are able to give a few hours of your time serving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



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Grand Annual

HR Grand Annual  
Goal \$25,000  
To Date \$15,670.00



## 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, January 3**.

## Activities Committee Meeting

The Activities Committee will meet at Nativity Hall on **Thursday, January 24** at 6:45pm. All are welcome.

## EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has got you covered. Check this link daily for news about the Catholic Church, and the latest issues in Catholicism. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource.

[www.ewtnnews.com/](http://www.ewtnnews.com/)

## HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



We hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and will have a happy and healthy 2019. We finished out the year by paying for a car repair. Our client has complicated medical needs and numerous doctor visits every week. Her access to reliable transportation is vital. Thank you for making this possible.

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.

We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming part of a wonderful organization, contact Dave Olds†.

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

## HR Religious Education

*Happy New Year to all!*

No religious ed this weekend.

Sun., 1/6

**Grade 2 w/ Parent** at Nativity Hall, 9:00 a.m.

**Grade 9 class** at Nativity Hall, 6:00 p.m.

All families can find registration forms, class schedules, and calendar events online at: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org). Click on *Faith Formation*, then *Holy Redeemer* tab. Collaborative bulletins can be found on this site, too.



*First Penance Celebration in December at St. Ann Church*

## HR Boy Scouts

Holy Redeemer charts Boy Scout Troop 41. We meet Monday evenings in Nativity Hall, Merrimac from 7:00–8:30 p.m. Interested in joining? Contact scoutmaster, Mark Townsend, [mgm.townsend@gmail.com](mailto:mgm.townsend@gmail.com). See the website calendar for dates, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org). All faiths welcome.

*Happy New Year*

## Online Resources

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org) for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our **calendar**, **Twitter**, and **Facebook** pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, see our Get Involved tab to see how your talents can be utilized, or check out the photos section. We have so much happening in our Collaborative.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

### IC Offertory Collection

Offertory December 15–16      \$8,843.00  
IC Haiti December 15–16      \$7,935.00

The second collection **next** weekend is Restoration/  
Renovation.

IC Grand Annual  
Goal \$100,000  
To Date \$59,630.00



### The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 110.00
Poor Box	\$ 174.00
Total	\$ 284.00

### Grateful for Help Received

Neighbors in Newburyport/Newbury who have reached out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for help are sincerely grateful to the parishioners at Immaculate Conception for your ongoing generosity. You are the ones who help us to help others!

The Society's mission is to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering, and the deprived and to bring them God's love. Your support enables us to fulfill that mission. We decided to share some of the "thank you" messages we have received. These notes are examples of how our efforts, with your help, are making a difference:

*Thank you so much for your help! Your help took a huge burden off of my shoulders. Thank you for listening and helping.*

*I cannot thank you enough for your support. Your help has allowed me to breathe a little easier and focus on moving forward. I am forever grateful for this loving community.*

*Thank you St. Vincent de Paul! To have such a support system around me filled me with the faith I needed and has given me hope. I thank God for you.*

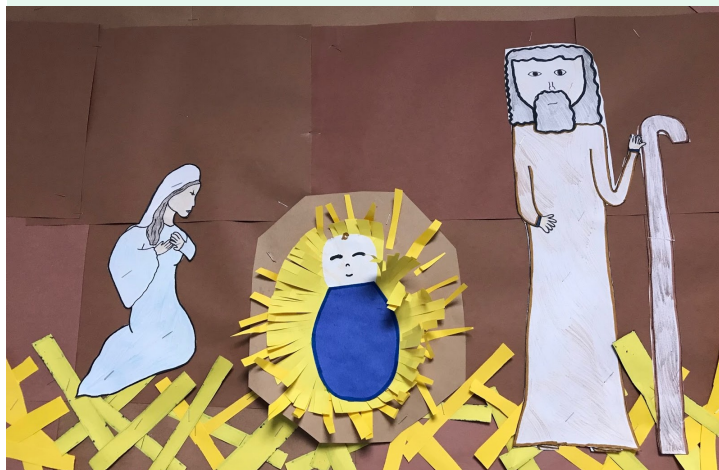
### IC Knitting Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets Tuesdays at 1:00pm in Room 209 in the IC Parish Center. We knit/crochet prayer shawls, hats, mittens, scarves for charity.

Come join us; we meet every Tuesday at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call Julia O'Connor 978-465-3350 or Frances Ronan 978-462-4972.

### Immaculate Conception School



*A Savior is Born!*



*Hark! the Herald  
Angels Sing!*

### Florida Hurricane Relief

The family in Panama City whom we have been helping has finally been able to return to their home, although they still face many repairs and challenges going forward as they attempt to rebuild their lives. At this point, the best way to continue to help them is through the GoFundMe page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/gxv84-hurricane-michael-relief>

Thank you so much for your generosity! We will keep you updated as to their progress. Please continue to keep them and all those affected by Hurricane Michael in your thoughts and prayers.

### 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.



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Religious Education

Religious Ed. Office: 978-462-2724

### School Year Programs

Classes for Grades K–8 are held Sunday mornings from 10:05–11:05. We are always happy to enroll new students. For more information contact the Religious Ed. Office.

**Substitutes** Please consider helping us in this capacity should one of our catechists not be available. Perhaps you and another parent could co-teach?

**Classes will *not* be held this Sunday, December 30.**  
**Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6.**

### Confirmation

Registrations are still being accepted for those students who wish to prepare for Confirmation. Please call the Religious Ed. Office for more information.

**Our next class is scheduled for January 27.**

### Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Parish Office for information regarding what is needed to **pre-register** for the next Baptism class scheduled for Sunday, January 6 at 1:00 p.m.

Our group Baptism will be celebrated on January 13.

### Reconciliation / First Eucharist

Our group Reconciliation will take place **Saturday, January 5 at 11:00am** for those students preparing for the reception of this sacrament.

Please contact the Religious Ed Office for more information.



*Grades 5 & 6 presented a Christmas assembly to the Religious Ed. families on December 15.*

## IC Liturgical Ministers

We are still missing CORIs. Please complete and submit this form to the Parish Office as soon as possible as they are past due. Forms are available in the sacristy.

Also, be aware that the Archdiocese **will not** accept copies so please submit your form in person or by mail.

Remember when submitting your CORI form by mail, a **picture ID** must also be submitted for verification purposes.

## Coffee & Baked Goods Sunday



The Pastoral Plan Welcoming Priority will sponsor a Coffee and Baked Goods Sunday at IC St. Louis Hall on **Sunday, January 6**, at 10:00 a.m. (between the 9:00 and 11:30 Masses). All are invited.

## Call for Bakers



We are in need of bakers for our monthly coffee hours. This could be a good service project for a student or maybe just a way to use your "Star Baker" talents. If you would like to help, email Maureen Catino.

## Pre-Planning/At-Need Burial Space

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary's 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.

## Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, January 8** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205. We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at [membership@kofc231.org](mailto:membership@kofc231.org), (978) 572-0231.

## Adoration

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