

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

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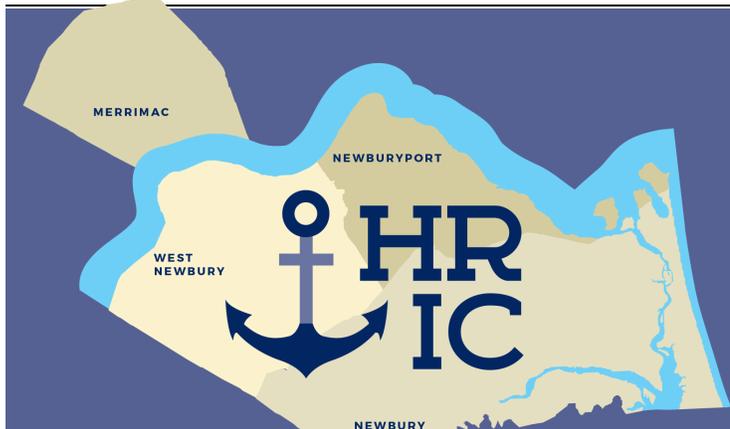
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**The remains of what is believed to be the house of Simon Peter in Capernaum, Israel**

*“Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon’s mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.” (Mk 1:29-31)*

*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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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (2/3)

2:00pm **Atria** (Fr. Broderick)  
 4:00pm **IC** *Joseph Brown, Jamie Grabowski, Ruth Connors* (Fr. Morin)  
 4:00pm **Nativity** *Thomas Ritter* (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Sunday (2/4)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Broderick)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
 11:30am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Monday (2/5)

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

### Tuesday (2/6)

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

### Wednesday (2/7)

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

### Thursday (2/8)

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

### Friday (2/9)

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

### Saturday (2/10)

4:00pm **IC** *Ruth E. Connors, Loretta Minalio, Joanne Brislin* (Fr. Harrison)  
 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Sunday (2/11)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)  
 8:00am **Nativity** *Henry Duhamel* (Fr. Harrison)  
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
 11:30am **IC** *Louis & Lena Filomia* (Fr. Broderick)

In your prayers, please remember all the faithful departed.

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

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

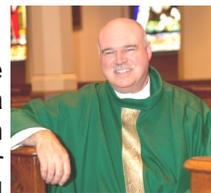
*St. Ann—West Newbury*

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, churches across the Archdiocese of Boston are embracing a moment to pray for those who have been victims of clergy sexual abuse, to ask for forgiveness for systemic and personal failures to prevent that abuse and seek healing for the whole body of the Church. Although the Church has made great progress since this crisis exploded into international news in 2002, we have much work that still must be done to help those who have been victimized heal, to seek justice for all those who have been harmed, and to make sure this will never occur again. We must see this as an ongoing process and be ever vigilant against any scenarios that could betray the trust and dignity of our young people. For those who've been harmed, they will often spend the rest of their lives seeking healing and recovery from these devastating crimes. As a body of believers, we must be present to their needs and strong advocates for healing and support. We must also remember those victims who never made it into recovery and succumbed to the effects of the abuse, including those who died from suicide and substance abuse. We must also pray for the families and friends of those who have suffered, as they have often carried a heavy burden with those they love.

As is so often the case when any part of our body hurts, we feel the pain radiating out into every extremity. So it is with this wound that has affected our whole Church. We all have suffered from these hideous crimes, egregious failures of leadership, a caustic lack of accountability, and the chilling indifference that hardens hearts and crushes the human spirit. But we are capable of a better, more compassionate, more Christ-like response. As in all things, the path to holiness requires on-going conversion. It is something we can all work on, each within our set of circumstances. This weekend, we begin with prayer, once again. Each of us can do our part to open our hearts in an ever greater way to those who have suffered. We can learn to become better advocates and friends to those who have suffered. We can work on being better listeners. We can ask God to make us more compassionate companions to victims and their families. We can double our efforts to work for justice, to right the wrongs that enabled any of this to occur within our



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## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** Name a time this past week when you shared the Good News with a coworker, a neighbor or a family member.

**Child:** What can you do to help your friends and classmates know more about Jesus?

## Scripture for the Week

4	Sun	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
5	Mon	1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13/Mk 6:53-56
6	Tue	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
7	Wed	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
8	Thu	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
9	Fri	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
10	Sat	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
11	Sun	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## March for Life

Three members of our Collaborative, Chris Eagan, Ed Laverty and Steve Swochak, traveled on a bus, with 48 Pilgrims including two priests and two brothers, to Washington D.C. this year for the 45th annual March for Life. All three have marched before. They traveled to D.C.



as witness to encourage our leaders to overturn the 1973 Supreme Court decision for abortion on demand that takes away the right of pre-born babies to live and harms women physically and emotionally. Since then, 59 million little boys and girls have been denied life.

In addition to the March for Life, they participated in Mass

(Steve helped with the music), heard pro-life speakers, and attended a prayer vigil at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

At the March they were surprisingly joined by John Olds from our Collaborative, who attends college in the D.C. area.

Outside the Supreme Court they gathered to hear



emotional talks by the group Silent No More who shared their stories of how abortion affected their lives.

They then returned to the bus and headed home. This was a sad but very hopeful trip.



The Supreme Court



"Love Saves Lives" was the theme of this year's march.



## Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our Parish communities and hope you take an active part in parish life. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) or you can call the Parish offices.

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life together as believers. We can surround and support those survivors who speak out and call for change. And we can learn from our collective past failures that healing and peace may be the fruit of our present actions. With God's help, we can do better.

In the Archdiocese, there is a group of dedicated women and men who work every day to reach out to those who have been harmed and are seeking help. The Office of Pastoral Support and Outreach may be reached at (617) 746-5995. Additionally, all of our Collaborative Clergy and Staff members are ready and willing to assist anyone who comes to us in need. Please do not hesitate to approach any of us if we can be of help to you or your family.

I firmly believe that God's love is stronger than even the deepest of wounds and that there can be true and lasting healing from these excruciatingly painful betrayals. Jesus promised us life, and life to its fullest. Let us open ourselves to that promise and gift today.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

## 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](mailto:deb@avitaofnewburyport.com) or 978-225-7000.

## Scripture Study

Scripture Study will meet on February 4



Father Broderick's Scripture Study will meet on the regular scheduled first Sunday of the month, February 4, at 2:00 p.m. in the IC Parish Center.

This would be an ideal time for interested members of the Collaborative to join the study group as we continue reading St. Paul's *Epistle to the Romans*. This letter was probably written in Corinth several years prior to Paul's actual arduous voyage to Rome as a prisoner. This is Paul's longest letter and widely considered to be his masterpiece. We will read and discuss Chapters 3-6.

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

## This Week in Our Collaborative

See our calendar at [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) for a complete listing of activities.

### Monday, February 5

**AA Meeting** 10:30am & 7:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
**IC Religious Ed., Grades 1–8** 6:00pm, IC Parish Center  
**HR Boy Scouts Meeting** 7:00pm, Nativity Hall  
**Pastoral Plan Discipleship Priority Meeting** 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

### Tuesday, February 6

**IC Knitting Ministry** 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209  
**Breaking Bread Meal** 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
**HR Religious Ed., Grade 7 Class** 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

### Wednesday, February 7

**Holy Quilters** 2:00pm, 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, February 8

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

### Friday, February 8

**Adoration** 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel  
**AA Meeting** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Saturday, February 10

**Nativity Choir Rehearsal** 3:30pm, Nativity Church

### Sunday, February 11

**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  
**Baptisms** 1:00pm, IC Church  
**IC Religious Ed., Confirmation Years 1 & 2** 1:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall  
**IC Religious Ed., 1st Eucharist Makeup Session** 3:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

## Bulletin Information

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

## Ash Wednesday, February 14

Ashes will be distributed at the following liturgies:

**7:15am** Immaculate Conception  
**9:00am** Immaculate Conception (school liturgy)  
**9:00am** St. Ann  
**12:00noon** Immaculate Conception  
**7:00pm** Immaculate Conception  
**7:00pm** Nativity



Last fall, we began a new ministry called LANDINGS, a program for Returning Catholics wanting to explore a more active return to the Catholic faith. We are pleased to report it was a success, not just the two additional Catholics that we welcomed back to our church, but also for the active parishioners who participated as well.

A new eight-week LANDINGS has begun. We meet on Monday, February 26 from 7:30-9:00 in the IC Charity Dining Room 114. (Note: this is a change of day, time, and location.)

One reason that many returning Catholics give for attending LANDINGS is that someone asked them! We urge you to think of someone you know who “used to be Catholic” or who attends Mass only occasionally. God just asks us to invite them: the Holy Spirit will do the rest! What greater act of love this year than to reactivate your own faith, or invite someone back home to the church, through LANDINGS especially during the season of Lent? The full participation of every Catholic is a precious gift to our faith community. There is no pressure, just an invitation to explore the possibilities.

To find out more, contact: Dr. Mag McKinnon, 978-462-2724 ext. 7405, [mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org).

## All Care Hospice

All Care Hospice is currently seeking caring, compassionate people to offer comfort and support to our patients and families through companionship. As part of the care team, volunteers serve a vital role in affecting the quality of our patients’ lives. All Care Hospice serves the North Shore, Merrimack Valley and Greater Boston. Volunteer opportunities available close to home. For more information or to enroll in a training, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Maureen Burge at 781-244-1129 or visit our website, [allcare.org](http://allcare.org) to download a volunteer form.

## 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](mailto:fortune@newburyportcatholic.org) if you would like to learn more about this program.

“Liturgy is not an option nor merely an obligation, not a bonus, but a need—like food and drink, like sleep and work, like friends. We need to gather, listen, give praise and thanks, and share communion. Otherwise, we forget who we are and whose we are, and we can have neither the strength nor the joy to be Christ’s body—present in the world today.”

~the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## 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.

### 2017–2018 Calendar

Ultreya	Cursillo Weekend
	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)

*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 Pat Forbes (978-462-1258) or Jonathan Temple (978-809-9337).

## 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 because of inclement weather. Any Religious Education classes will also be cancelled on such days. 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).

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In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website 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.

## 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.

## Youth SNOWCAMPS



Snowcamps, a high-energy, activity-filled, spiritual growth experience weekend for 7–8 graders, is held at Camp Brookwoods, Alton, NH. Get ready for fun, friendships, music, games, and faith sharing from teens and adults.

Join the fun with the 100+ junior high kids from several different parishes throughout the Archdiocese. There are two SNOWCAMPS weekends: February 23–25 or March 2–4. Cost for the weekend is \$183. To learn more or to download an application, visit [www.snowcampsparty.com](http://www.snowcampsparty.com). Contact Fr. George with questions, 978-462-2724.

## 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.

For each Youth Mass, a charity is chosen for donations. The charity for March is First Parish Church Food Pantry, Newbury. Donation suggestions include food (dry or canned), toiletry supplies (especially toothbrushes and toothpaste), toilet paper, paper towels, children's diapers any size.

### Youth Mass Schedule

March 4 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport  
March 25 at Nativity, Merrimac  
May 20 at Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

## 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 Conference Room 209. 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.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Offertory Collection

January 27–28 **\$8,545.50**  
**Support for Church Around the World \$1,470.00**

This week's second collection is Restoration/Renovation.  
 Next week's second collection is the Monthly.

**Grand Annual  
 Goal \$100,000  
 To Date \$73,960.00  
 301 Families**



## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 0.00
Poor Box	\$140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

## 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, [riccatholic.org](http://riccatholic.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.

## 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.

## Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus is **Tuesday, February 13** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205. We welcome new members. For more information, contact us at [membership@kofc231.org](mailto:membership@kofc231.org), (978) 572-0231.

## Immaculate Conception School



The IC celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a wide variety of events. The week began with mass on Sunday morning, followed by an Open House at the school. Families and parishioners gathered in the gymnasium for refreshments before touring the classrooms to see the impressive displays of student work.

Monday's Special Person Luncheon, themed “You Mean the World to Me,” welcomed over 350 guests to share a meal with their IC student. With the help of parent

volunteers and the 8th graders, a delicious lunch of lasagna, pizza, salad, rolls, cookies, and coffee was served in the beautifully decorated school cafeteria. The week also included student performing arts—a Wax Museum and Talent Show. A school-wide “buddy” Service Project paired our younger students with older role models to make Valentine's Day placemats for seniors and Veterans who live in local facilities. The week ended with a motivational



speaker and a dress-down day to show our support for the Patriots! It was a wonderful week together, celebrating our Catholic faith!



## Mardi Gras Celebration



Our Mardi Gras Celebration and Dinner (jambalaya, red beans and rice, salad, hot dogs, king cake) is on Monday, February 12 from 5:00–7:00pm with open seating. Raffles will be drawn at 7:00pm. Dinner tickets are on sale after weekend Masses at IC. \$10/adults, \$5 children and children under 5 free.

We also need volunteers for a variety of tasks. Please consider signing up for positions: cook, baker, server, clean up, decorator, selling of tickets, etc. Go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4caaa72eaaff2-mardi>.

### Raffle Items

We are looking for donations for our Raffle. If you have any items, gift cards, services, etc. that you would like to donate to the raffle, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Dr. Mag McKinnon, DRE, [mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:mmckinnon@newburyportcatholic.org) or Melinda Burrell [burrell@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:burrell@newburyportcatholic.org) 978-462-2724. Proceeds for the dinner and raffle to benefit IC Haiti and IC Religious Education. Come join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

# 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.

*The World of Emotions*: In #145: Marital love strives to ensure that one's entire emotional life benefits the family as a whole and stands at the service of its common life. A family is mature when the emotional life of its members becomes a form of sensitivity that neither stifles nor obscures great decisions and values, but rather follows each one's freedom, springs from it, enriches, perfects and harmonizes it in the service of all.

### School Year IC Religious Education Classes

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

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

Classes: February 4-5

Next Classes:

- Gr. K-8 Sunday, February 11 10:05-11:05am.
- Gr. 1-8 Monday, February 12 6:00-7:10pm.

### Baptism

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

Please pre-register for the class.

Feb. 4 Parent Class—Charity Dining Room 1:00pm

Feb. 11 Group Baptism—Church 1:00pm

### Confirmation

**Confirmation monthly session** is Sunday, February 11 at 1:00-3:00pm in IC St. Louis Hall. Reminder: candidate and adult (sponsor, parent, or another adult) to attend each session.

**Catholic School candidates and adults**—next session Sunday, February 4 at 1:00pm in the Charity Dining Room, Room 114.

For information and registration go online:

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

### First Eucharist

Information/registration for 2017-2018 First Reconciliation and Eucharist is posted on our website: <http://www.hricatholic.org/First-Eucharist--First-Reconciliation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish>.

Our next 1st Eucharist session for candidates and parents is Sunday, March 4 1:00-3:00pm Walk through the Mass with Fr. George in the church.

### Landings

Landings for Returning Catholics meets on Monday, February 26 from 7:30-9:00pm in the IC Charity Dining Room 114. (Note: this is a change of day, time, and location.). If you know of anyone interested, please contact Dr. Mag McKinnon for more information 978-462-2724.

### Youth Mass—March 4, 2018

Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, March 4 at Immaculate Conception at 5:00pm. Charity: First Parish Church Food Pantry, Newbury. Food: dry or canned, toiletry supplies, especially toothbrushes and toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, children's diapers any size.

## Operation: Love from. . . Home

Thank you! Wow! What a response. Thank you all so much for contributing items for Operation: Love From...Home. You can see in the pictures what the class collected. We also made the service members valentines cards to send our love. Thank you all again so much.



Mrs. D. & Mrs. Marks, IC Religious Ed., Grade 3

## 2017-18 ICS Calendar Winners

*Congratulations to the Immaculate Conception School calendar winners. Thank you to parents, students, and our community who helped support this fundraiser to make it a success.*

Karina Mascia 12/24/17, Kelly Stanisewski 12/25/17, Tracy Duford 12/26/17, Ein DiNisco 12/27/17, Ernestine Steeves 12/28/17, Cathleen Williamson 12/29/17, Troisi Family 12/30/17, Patrick Dunn 12/31/17, Thomas Bernier 01/01/18, Donald Gray 01/02/18, Lucille & Ken Carlson 01/03/18, Danielle Hajj 01/04/18, Bill Figulski 01/05/18, Chirstine Thoreson 01/06/18, Denise Gaudet 01/07/18, Al & Colleen DeMille, 01/08/18, P. Nazzaro 01/09/18, James Witham 01/10/18, Padrarg Dougherty 01/11/18, Michael Doughty 01/12/18, Don Blair 01/13/18, Kim Bryan 01/14/18, Marla Mullaney 01/15/18, Ann Watson 01/16/18, Mr. & Mrs. David Sheppard 01/17/18, Courtney Belknap 01/18/18, Peter Brucato 01/19/18, Erinne Ball 01/20/18, Michael Kelley 01/21/18, Andrew LaCourse 01/22/18, Doug Mercer 01/23/18, Cam Phillips 01/24/18, Joan Bailey 01/25/18, Rachel McGovern 01/26/18, Liam Hoffman 01/27/18, Doug Bell 01/28/18, Vanatsorn Sahavongvorakarn 01/29/18, Amy Pironti 01/30/18, Mr. & Mrs. C.S.H. Little 01/31/18, Ann Slocum 02/01/18

## 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.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## Offertory Collection

Offertory January 20–21      \$2,997.50

This week's second collection is Fuel. Next week's second collection is the Monthly.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



Recently the conference was able to help a client avoid a water shut off by paying a past due water bill. Another client received help with a car repair that allowed her to continue commuting to her job in a neighboring community. Your continuous help and support are appreciated.

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

## 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, March 1.**

## Holy Redeemer Dinner & BINGO Night

February 24, 5:00 p.m.



Join Holy Redeemer Parish for a fun night out: Dinner (ham, macaroni and cheese, salad, roll, and homemade pie) are included. Tickets are \$8 each. Three bingo games will follow dinner. Bingo cards are \$1 each. Prizes (gift basket, gift card, cash) will be awarded to the winners.

Want to help out? Join us for our organizational meeting on **Tuesday, February 13** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Ann Hall, W. Newbury. All are welcome.

## Holy Redeemer Raffle Night

Save the Date: April 28

Holy Redeemer will hold Raffle Night on Saturday, April 28 at Nativity Hall. Join us for dinner and raffles. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Watch the bulletin for details and for ways you can help out.

## HR Religious Education

**Sunday, Feb. 4, Please note time change for Grade 9 class: 4:00–5:30 p.m., Nativity Hall**

**Tuesday, Feb. 6, Grade 7 Class, Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, Feb. 11, Grades 3–6 Classes, Nativity Hall, 9:00–10:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday, Feb. 13, Grade 8 Class, Nativity Hall, 6:00–7:30 p.m.**

**Friday, Feb. 16, Stations of the Cross begins at Nativity Church at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a "Simple Supper" in the hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. provided by our Activities Committee. All are welcome! Stations will be led by our Rel. Ed. students, families, and adults of the parish.**

**Thursday, Feb. 22, Grade 8 Sandwich Making, Nativity Hall, 6:00 p.m. Grade 8 students will be making sandwiches for the Merrimack Valley Hope Mission. A reminder email with a list of supplies needed will be sent to all 8th graders soon. Bring a friend!**

**Contact info: Office of Religious Education**

Doreen O'Leary (Rel. Ed. email: [reledhrp@gmail.com](mailto:reledhrp@gmail.com))

*On January 25, 9th grade religious ed. participated in sandwich making. Sandwiches were delivered to the needy in GAR Park, Haverhill.*



*The next opportunity to help out is Thursday, February 22, with grade 8, at Nativity Hall at 6:00 p.m. The sandwiches are sent to the Merrimack Valley Hope Mission. Join us and bring a friend!*