

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018

hriccatholic.org



*“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me
but the One who sent me.” (Mk 9:37)*

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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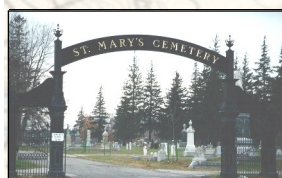
Immaculate Conception

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (9/22)

4:00pm **IC** *Daniel P. Bradley, Michele M. Bradley, Dorothy Salvatore, Richard Ring, Jack Graham, For the intentions of Elaine Brislin* (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (9/23)

7:15am **IC** *Larry Howard, Charlie Howard, Longin J. & Beatrice B. Kijek* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

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

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

11:30am **IC Confirmation** (Fr. Harrison)

2:30pm **IC Confirmation** (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (9/24)

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

Tuesday (9/25)

7:15am **IC** *Longin J. & Beatrice B. Kijker, Peter & Florence Boschetti* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (9/26)

7:15am **IC** *Longin J. & Beatrice B. Kijek, James Donnelly, Elspeth Donnelly* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (9/27)

7:15am **IC** *Longin J. & Beatrice B. Kijek* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Friday (9/28)

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

Saturday (9/29)

1:00pm **St. Ann Confirmation** (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **IC** *Stanley Jancewicz, Stephen M. Boy, Jack Curry, Ted LoPreste, Mary Grace Petrillo, For the intentions of Elaine Brislin* (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **St. Ann Confirmation**

Sunday (9/30)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge, Longin J. & Beatrice B. Kijek* (Fr. Harrison)

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

9:00am **IC** *Mary McInerney, Paul Turbide* (Fr. Harrison)

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

11:30am **IC** *Sheila Russo* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Paul D. Turbide, William L. Plante, Jr. 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,



Like most of you, I have been struggling these past number of weeks to make sense of the many horrific reports circulated in various media of abuse, cover-ups, and political intrigue at the highest levels of our Church. It is disheartening and depressing. It conjures anger, too, when these reports involve the complicity of Church structures that should be in place to serve the needs of the faithful, not thwart justice and accountability. And it is hard to know, at times, which report to believe, when conflicting accounts of "the truth" are presented in such polarizing ways. As one commentator termed it, the whole thing is a "cesspool." Not a bad description, I think.

It is hard to be a person of faith in the midst of these revelations.

During times of challenge, it is natural for our prayer to take on a different character, to feel unfamiliar and maybe even be unspecified. It may not be comforting at all. But if it is honest, God will listen and respond nonetheless. Over many centuries, our Church has faced more than a few times of scandal and struggle. Some of these have been heroic periods when martyrs were called to give witness to their faith during persecutions. Others have been grotesque misunderstandings of what the Gospel compels us to do in the world, such as during the era of the crusades. But many have simply and complexly been the result of sin embedded in Church structures and committed by its members, clergy and laity alike. When we take an honest look at our collective history, sin has had quite a free reign in ecclesial circles as well as secular ones.

During these dark moments, what we also see is that God's Spirit has stirred the hearts of some of our greatest saints to work powerfully for reform by their lives of holiness and service. Think of Francis of Assisi, Robert Bellarmine, Catherine of Siena, Ignatius of Loyola and Therese of Avila...to name a few. Their life of prayer, their acts of service, their care for Christ in the poor, their lived-relationship with the Risen Lord brought renewed vigor to our Church in some of its darkest hours. Their witness and that of many unnamed thousands of men and women over time have reminded us that we are not abandoned to the ravages of sin and death, but that God can call forth holiness again and again from the ashes of our conceit.

I am reminded of a line from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans: "where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more." (Rm 5:21). Sometimes when sin gets the upper hand, it can be hard to see the grace that God richly showers on us, but the promise is there, nonetheless, that God is faithful, even when we are not. So how do we see it, how do we find and engage it? I think our Second Reading

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, September 24

AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Religious Ed. 5:30pm, IC Parish Center

HR Boy Scout Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, September 25

Reunion Group Prayer Meeting 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209

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

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

HR Religious Ed., Grades 7 & 8 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory

Wednesday, September 26

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall

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

"The Mass" Video Series 1:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

HR Confirmation Rehearsal 7:00pm, St. Ann Church

Thursday, September 27

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

IC School High School Night 6:30pm, IC School Gym

Friday, September 28

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Saturday, September 29

IC Boosters Yard Sale 9:00am, IC School Gym

Nativity Church Yard Cleanup 9:00am, Nativity Church

St. Ann Church Yard Cleanup 9:00am, St. Ann Church

St. Vincent de Paul "Walk for the Poor" 9:00am, Cashman Park, Newburyport

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

Sunday, September 30

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

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

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

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

RCIA 10:15am, IC Parish Center, Room G19

IC Confirmation Orientation 1:00pm, IC Church

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this weekend offers a helpful insight: "Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace." (Jas 3:17-18). So the question, then, is where do we find purity, peace, gentleness, mercy and good fruits?

Frankly, I see them in you! A parishioner was relating to me how several weeks ago as some of the most shocking reports were echoing across the media, how comforting it was to come to church and see some familiar faces sitting in the pews and quietly at prayer. That simple presence, that gentle example of holiness and piety in the face of scandal brought tremendous strength for others at a moment when it was needed the most. Maybe we don't think we are accomplishing much of anything when we come and sit in a pew. But God often works in the most profound of ways where there are humble hearts and docile, if wounded, spirits. Sometimes, discerning God's enduring presence among us means looking for the fruits, acknowledging the signs that something divine is at work in our midst, even if we don't understand where it is all going. And there can be great holiness in outrage and righteous indignation! We don't have to feel good to be close to God.

As I write this, I don't know how I am going to feel going into mass this weekend. If another blistering news account has hit the headlines...well, I just don't know. I suspect and fear that things are going to get a lot worse before they get better. What exactly that means, I am not completely sure. There are a lot of things that need fixing, and not a lot of people stepping forward who seem to know how to fix them. I do recall a text that is sometimes used in funeral liturgies from the Book of Lamentations: "But this I will call to mind; therefore I will hope: The LORD's acts of mercy are not exhausted, his compassion is not spent; They are renewed each morning—great is your faithfulness! The LORD is my portion, I tell myself, therefore I will hope in him. The LORD is good to those who trust in him, to the one that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the LORD's deliverance." (Lm 3:21-16)

In the end, we are told that the fruits of the Holy Spirit are "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." (Gal 5:22-23) These guided our many saints to personal lives of holiness and enabled them to find the courage from the Lord to put into motion necessary reforms and changes so that the Church might grow and become an ever better witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ through the ages. Let us look for these gifts among ourselves, nurture them to growth and seek the path they lead us to.

May God bless us all in the days and weeks ahead,

Fr. Timothy Harrsion

Pastor

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

Mass Scripture Readings: Sept. 23–30, 2018

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 directly to <http://www.hriccatholic.org/blog/lectio-divina> or go to www.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Sept. 23: Wisdom 12:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37
- Monday, Sept. 24: Proverbs 3: 27-34; Luke 8:16-18
- Tuesday, Sept. 25: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21
- Wednesday, Sept. 26: Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
- Thursday, Sept. 27: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
- Friday, Sept. 28: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
- Saturday, Sept. 29: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51
- Sunday, Sept. 30: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

The Mass Like You've Never Known It!

You are invited to a superb video series presented by Bishop Robert Barron. We are confident it will transform you through insights, images, and sacred tradition richly layered in this most privileged encounter with Our Lord. Enter into the heavenly realm by God's call and through our response that intimately joins us to His Body & Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It's free. It's life-changing.

Sessions will be facilitated each **Wednesday** from 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. at IC's St. Louis Hall.

September 26: **A Privileged Encounter**

October 3: **Called Out of the World**

October 10: **God Speaks Our Story**

October 17: **Responding to God**

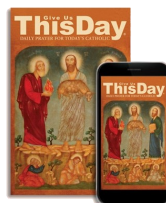
October 24: **Preparing for Sacrifice**

October 31: **The Real Presence Creates Communion**

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

Give Us This Day

Daily Prayer for Today's Catholic



The October monthly edition is available free in the back of the churches.

Your invitation to daily prayer. Whether you have only a few minutes or a half hour, *Give Us This Day* supports your desire to pray. This exquisite daily devotional evokes the classic personal missal—printed and bound so that it lays open in the hand. Morning prayer, profiles of saintly witnesses, Mass texts, reflections, evening prayer—experience firsthand how *Give Us This Day* nourishes you.

Please consider a subscription for yourself or give it as a gift. Visit <https://giveusthisday.org>.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Is the role of being a servant for others easy or difficult for you to embrace?

Child: Why do you want to be first in line at school or first to do fun things at home? Why is it good to let others be first at something?

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.

Polish Picnic

Join us for the Saint Lawrence 12th Annual Polish Picnic on Saturday, September 29, 12:00–6:00pm at the Masonic Lodge, Topsfield Road, Ipswich MA. Adults: \$5.00. Members and under 12: free.

Authentic Polish delicacies, Eastern Star Polka Band, raffles, face painting, games, and more. Family-friendly.

Annual High School Fair

Hosted by Immaculate Conception School

Are you exploring options for a High School? Parents and students from all communities are invited to take advantage of this great opportunity. Come join us on **Thursday, September 27, 2018 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** in the ICS Gymnasium, One Washington Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

For more information call 978-465-7780.

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.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

Entertaining Angels: Creating a Culture of Radical Hospitality

The Bible says that when we create a culture of radical hospitality, where every person serves as an open door to Jesus Christ, we “entertain angels” (Hebrews 13:2). With that in mind Holy Family Parish, Amesbury and Star of the Sea Parish, Salisbury have invited the Catholic Hospitality Training Institute to lead a one-day workshop, Entertaining Angels, on Saturday, **October 6, 2018**, from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. The workshop will be held in the parish hall in Amesbury and includes continental breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m., lunch, materials, and a full year of monthly reflections. First Saturday Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m. The Sacrament of Penance will be available at lunchtime and again at 3:00 p.m. Registration is \$25 per person. Register online at <http://stpaulse.com/livingwater/>. If you have questions or need assistance with online registration, please contact Sue Greaney (978-388-0330 or 978-465-3334, ext. 107 for both numbers).

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 or you can call the Parish offices.

New England Tenors

Save the Date: November 25, 2:00 p.m.

The New England Tenors will be performing a Christmas Concert at Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport.



Date: Sunday, November 25, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Watch the bulletin for additional information coming soon.

R.C.I.A

**RCIA classes meet at 10:15 in
IC Parish Center Room G19.**

The R.C.I.A. program is for people interested in joining the Catholic Church and/or learning about the Catholic faith. Anyone over the age of seven who wishes to become baptized, or has been baptized in another Christian Church and/or is interested in the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation is welcome. If you have a friend or family member who might be interested, please have them contact Marin Fortune: fortune@newburyportcatholic.org.

Voice of the Faithful 2018 Conference

Attend VOTF's 2018 Conference, Progress and Promise, on Saturday, October 6, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at the Providence, RI Marriott Downtown.

Featured speakers:

Marie Collins, abuse survivor & former Pontifical Commission member and Fassimo Faggioli and Fr. William Clark, theologians.

Register at www.votf.org.

*Voice of the Faithful: Working together to keep
the faith and change the Church*

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

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

EWTN: Catholic News

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

HR Holiday Fair Updates



Plans are being made for our annual **Holiday Fair**. This year, our fair will be Saturday, November 17. Tags will be available soon in the back of both churches for items needed to be purchased for our popular **gift baskets**.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, September 15–16 \$3,495.00
Clergy Health & Retirement Trust \$1,076.00



Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,862.00
To Date \$21,935.00



\$22,862
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$5,000

We are pleased to share that Holy Redeemer has raised \$21,935.00 toward the parish goal of \$22,862.00. That's **96%** of our goal! We are so close! Thank you to all who have already pledged support. We need your help to reach our goal. Please give today to help us. Gifts can be made online at bostoncatholicappeal.org or by completing a pledge form available in the backs of the churches.

Activities Committee Meeting

The Activities Committee's next organizational meeting will be **Sunday, September 23** at 6:00pm at Nativity Hall. Please plan on attending, we are in need of helpful hands!!

Fall Church Yards Clean-up

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, **September 29** starting at 9:00am at **both** churches. Parishioners are asked to arrive ready to rake, trim, and possibly plant bulbs to ready the yards for winter weather. This is a great time to earn service hours for Confirmation or School.

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 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 26**.

See the Collaborative calendar at www.hricatholic.org for the schedule. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

HR Religious Education

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

Sun., 9/23 Grades 3–6 at Merrimac, 9–10 a.m.

Tues., 9/25 Grades 7 & 8 at Merrimac, 6–7:30 p.m.

Wed., 9/26 **Confirmation Rehearsal**, at St. Ann Church, W. Newbury, 7–8:30 p.m.

Please keep in your prayers our Confirmandi as they receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** Saturday, 9/29 at 1:00 p.m. and at 4:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church.

Grade 2 Parent & Student meeting Sunday, 9/30 at Church of the Nativity 9–10 a.m.

Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

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

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **Nativity** in Merrimac on **October 6**.

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 4**.

St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor



The annual Friends of the Poor walk is on **Saturday, September 29** (The Feast of St. Vincent DePaul!) Come join our conference members as we walk to raise awareness for the needs of the poor in the communities of our collaborative. The walk will start at Cashman Park in Newburyport at 9:00am and proceeds along the waterfront for a gentle 3K round trip. We will be distributing donation envelopes after Mass on September 22–23. Donations are important but your participation on Saturday the 29th is equally important to show to those we encounter on the walk that the Society is working to address the needs of the poor in our communities—and that you are part of that work.

Envelopes and instructions for check donations will be distributed after Mass on September 22–23. Thank you for your interest and support.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, September 15–16 **\$10,323.00**
Clergy Health & Retirement Trust **\$2,797.00**

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

“Walk for the Poor”



Please join our St. Vincent de Paul “Walk for the Poor” on Saturday, September 29

Cashman Park, Merrimac St., Newburyport, Distance- 3K
Registration begins at **8:30 a.m.**—Walk starts at **9:30 a.m.**

Free T-shirts to all walkers with \$60 or more in donations (otherwise T-shirts are \$10).

All monies raised stays within our community to assist the needy with: food, clothing, assistance with utility payments, and even rent assistance so no needy person is forced into homelessness. The IC and HR Conferences assist any person requesting assistance within Newbury, West Newbury, Merrimac, and Newburyport, regardless of race, ethnic origin, or religious affiliation

We Need You to Help Us to Help Others!

You can register to walk, sponsor a walker already registered or support our Annual Fundraiser with a donation at: www.fopwalk.org/event/2258.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 20.50
Poor Box	\$ 131.00
Total	\$ 151.50

Consolers Circle Meal

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

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



The Immaculate Conception School will host a High School Admissions Fair on Thursday, September 27 in the school gym. Newburyport area parents and their middle school-age students are welcome from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Admissions officers from area high schools and boarding schools will be available to share information about programs unique to their schools. Several schools will also have Athletic Directors in attendance to talk with students and parents. Each school will have a table set up with displays, handouts, and information about the admissions process. This event is a great way to get students thinking about what they want from their high school experience and what type of school may suit their individual needs. Area high schools and boarding schools have a high regard for IC students and value High School Night as a way to connect with potential applicants. Contact the IC school office for more information: 978-465-7780.

(See Admissions Fair information on page 5 of this bulletin.)



IC Annual Back-to-School New Socks and Underwear Drive

Our Annual Sock and Underwear drive is underway. Bins for your donations are at the doors of the IC Church. Please donate socks and underwear for school children ages 5–18 years old. Packages collected will go to the Community Service Center and will be distributed to those in need. Thanks so much for your generosity.



Adoration

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



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IC Religious Education

Fall Programs

Classes have begun for Grades **K–8**, but it isn't too late to register! Forms can be found on our Collaborative website at www.hriccatholic.org/IC-Children-s-Religious-Education or by getting in touch with the Religious Ed Office.

Classes are held Sunday mornings from 10:05–1:05, and Monday evenings from 5:30–6:30.

Catechists are still needed for Grade 2 and Grade 6 on Sunday, and Grades 5–8 Mondays. Please consider helping us with this very important ministry.

Confirmation

Confirmation 1 and 2 will meet Sunday, **September 28** at 1:00 p.m. in the Church. Please remember: your candidate must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration forms can be found on the Parish website at <http://www.hriccatholic.org/Confirmation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish> or by contacting the Religious Ed office.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Baptism info.: www.hriccatholic.org/Baptism

Sunday, October 7 Parent Class 1:00 p.m.

Pre-register by calling the IC Parish Office at 978 462-2724

Sunday, October 14 Group Baptisms 1:00 p.m.

First Reconciliation / First Eucharist

Sunday, October 14 2:30 p.m. IC Church

Orientation and class on Reconciliation forms to register are available on the website at <http://www.hriccatholic.org/First-Eucharist--First-Reconciliation--Immaculate-Conception-Parish> or by contacting the Religious Ed office at 978-462-2724

Offertory Envelopes

You can attend Mass at any worship site in our Collaborative and use your usual offertory envelope. Drop it in the collection and we will deliver it to your home Parish.

Breaking Bread

The Breaking Bread dinner program is in need of a dedicated volunteer to help in the kitchen once or twice per month. We serve every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. The time commitment would be no more than 2 hours. Cooks and servers are doing well, but the very small group that keeps the kitchen sink area clean and organized needs help.

We are a “family” of happy and caring volunteers. **You** would be blessed to be a part of our group. We always leave the Parish Center happy to be a part of such a wonderful group of “kitchen angels.” Please join us!

Contact: “Bunny” Chiasson, Co-coordinator for the St. Vincent de Paul Breaking Bread dinner. 978-465-5810 or sandbunnyc@yahoo.com.

IC Parish Boosters Yard Sale Donations Needed

Please plan on joining us for our Parish Yard Sale on **Saturday, September 29** from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.



Refreshments will be available as well as a 50/50 Raffle.

Donations for the Parish White Elephant Table are needed. Please drop off your items (No clothing please) by Wednesday, September 26 in the IC Parish Center Youth room (end of hall on the ground floor).

IC Parish Boosters

Two big events are being planned:

- Saturday, September 29—Yard Sale 9:00am–2:00pm
- Saturday, December 1—Christmas Fair

Contact: Melinda Burrell, 978-462-2724 or email burrell@newburyportcatholic.org

Yard Sale

Location: IC School Gym

Cost: \$25 for space and table. Those selling personal items are to take with them what does not sell.

Activities include: Food (coffee, pastries, hot dogs, chips, dessert, soda, and water), a White Elephant Sale, and a 50/50 raffle.



The parish will host a **White Elephant Sale** of items donated to the parish. We are asking for the following:

- Donated homemade baked goods
- Clean items: gently used toys, books, dvds, cds, etc.
- Please: **no clothes or large appliances**

Donated **items** for White Elephant table can be dropped off at Parish Center Youth Room—ground floor.

Donated **baked goods** can be dropped off at the Parish Center Kitchen—ground floor.

Volunteers needed: Signup Genius page: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4caaa72eaaff2-yard>

Dealers Welcome: Signup Genius page: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4caaa72eaaff2-dealer>.

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website at tcfnewburyport.org.

Our monthly support meetings are held in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting is **September 24**.

Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.