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> All Are Welcome

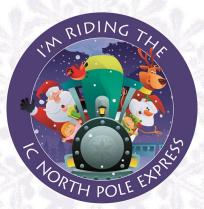


# **Immaculate Conception School**

### P R E S E N T S

# The 19th Annual IC North Pole Express!





#### **Departure Times:**

11:35 am Train 1:15 pm Train 3:15 pm Train 5:30 pm Train 7:30 pm Train

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This truly unique adventure departs

### Saturday, December 7th



from the Newburyport Commuter Rail Station.

### This experience includes:

- \* 70-minute journey to the North Pole
- \* Rendition of the children's book, The Night Before Christmas
- Hot cocoa and treats
- \* Letter writing to Santa
- Playing games led by the conductor
- Singing Christmas carols
- A sea of elves, Rudolph, Frosty, the Christmas Mouse and of course Santa himself will be visiting the train!

#### Don't forget to wear your pajamas!

### Tickets on Sale Saturday, October 19 at 7am!

- \* Tickets sell out in hours!
- Tickets \$40 each plus fees
  All riders over the age of one year need a ticket.
- Tickets are nonrefundable
  Reselling tickets for more than face value plus fees is prohibited. Maximum number of tickets per order is 10.

Purchase tickets online at 2019icnorthpoleexpress.eventbrite.com

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Proceeds of this event benefit the Immaculate Conception School. We appreciate your support!

# **COLLABORATIVE NEWS**

### **Collaborative Mass Schedule**

#### Saturday (10/12) 4:00pm IC Louis Paul Dubuc, Carmella Herlihy (Fr. McLaughlin) 4:00pm Nativity (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow) Sunday (10/13) 7:15am IC Regina M. Stronge (Fr. McLaughlin) 8:00am Nativity (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow) 9:00am IC Rev. Paul Bérubé, Doreen O'Leary (Fr. McLaughlin) 10:15am St. Ann (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow) 11:30am IC Mario Ochoa (Fr. O'Brien) Monday (10/14) 9:00am St. Ann For the intentions of Benjamin Liguori (Fr. McLaughlin) Tuesday (10/15) 7:15am IC Florence R. Boschetti, Armand

7:15am **IC** *Florence R. Boschetti, Armand Gonzales, For the healing of Adolf Benca & Lubica Benca* (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Wednesday (10/16)

7:15am IC Doreen O'Leary, Richard Ciaburri, Josephine Franzese (Fr. Morin)

#### Thursday (10/17)

7:15am IC Sandy Lambert (Fr. Morin)

#### Friday (10/18)

9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin) 10:30am **IC School Liturgy** (Fr. Morin) 10:30am **Port Rehab** (Fr. McLaughlin)

#### Saturday (10/19)

4:00pm IC Robert W. Cynewski, Carmella Herlihy, Lorraine Batcheller (Fr. Morin) 4:00pm Nativity (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Sunday (10/20)

7:15am IC John E. & Katherine Doyle Kelly (Fr. Morin) 8:00am Nativity (Fr. McLaughlin)

9:00am IC Mass of Thanksgiving for Rochelle Rose, Eleanor Rose, Gordon McLachlan (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow) 10:15am St. Ann Carol Derro (Fr. McLaughlin)

11:30am **IC** Deceased Members of the Sylvester Family, For the intentions of those recently married (Fr. O'Brien)

In your prayers, please remember Taylor Spinney, Priscilla Smith, and all the faithful departed.

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

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport Nativity—Merrimac St. Ann—West Newbury

## **Columbus Day Holiday**

Collaborative Offices will be closed on Monday, October 14 in observance of Columbus Day. Offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15.



*Our 2019 team of walkers for the St. Vincent de Paul annual Walk for the Poor. What a beautiful day we had and what a great turnout. Thank you to all of our supporters and sponsors.* 

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- Add your name and email and click "sign up"
- You will receive an email that links you to the site

# **COLLABORATIVE NEWS**

## This Week in Our Collaborative

### Monday, October 14, Columbus Day Holiday Collaborative Offices Closed

Tuesday, October 15 IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209 Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Wednesday, October 16

Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, *IC Conference Room 209* Holy Quilters 1:00pm, *Nativity Hall* IC Christmas Fair Meeting 2:30pm, *IC Charity Dining Room* IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, *IC Church* Adoration 6:00pm, *IC St. James Chapel* Centering Prayer 6:00pm, *IC Conference Room 209* IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, *IC Church* 

### Thursday, October 17

Discovering Christ 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel Service & Ministry Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Friday, October 18 Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, October 19 Cursillo Group Reunion 8:00am, St. Ann Church Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, October 20 Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church HR Faith Formation 9:00am, Nativity Hall St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 10:00am, St. Ann Church HR Faith Formation 11:15am, St. Ann Hall HR Faith Formation, Confirmation 2 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

# **Centering Prayer**

If you are searching for the peace the world cannot give please consider joining us at Centering Prayer. Daily periods of silent prayer shift focus from self to God. As God becomes the center of our being the vicissitudes and storms of life affect us less. Consider leaving the noise of the world and the busyness of your day behind for an hour on Wednesday evenings, 6:00–7:00 p.m. in IC Conference Room 209. Following Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina enriches and instructs us as we listen to and reflect on the words of scripture.

### Questions of the Week



Adult: When have you prayed? How have you been persistent in your prayer life each day?

Child: Name a time when Jesus heard your prayer.

# Holy Hour for Life

Join Deacon Paul Dow in unity with the *National Day of Prayer & Penance*. A Holy Hour for Life is an Archdiocesan response to the US Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion on demand. Deacon Dow will lead us in prayer for those wounded by abortion and for the dignity of life from conception to natural death within a service of Scripture, silence, and Benediction.

Date: Sunday, November 3

Place: St. James Chapel, IC Parish Center

Time: 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Presented in Cooperation with the Adult Faith Formation Team

## **Pro-Life Seminar**

The Adult Faith Formation Team invites you to a Human Rights seminar on an issue that impacts all of us and demands that we educate ourselves on the Law our Commonwealth is about to enact to expand abortion rights. An adult informed conscience leads to wise laws that protect everyone. Learn more so you may speak more effectively with state legislators and neighbors on behalf of the unborn.

Guest speakers are Attorney Fran Hogan from the Mass. Catholic Conference and Marianne Luthin, Director of the Boston Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office/Project Rachel.

Date: Sunday, October 27

Time: 2:00-3:30

**Place**: St. Louis Hall, IC Parish Center Hosted by the Adult Faith Formation Team

### Pro-Life, Pro-Mary Lecture/Discussion

Come to a presentation based on Carrie Gress' book *The Anti-Mary Exposed.* It took 12 women and 2 generations to wean millions from a media blitz that effectively numbed our culture into accepting abortion. The liberating Catholic answer to 60,000 USA abortions since then is to realign our culture to Mary, the Mother of God—the unparalleled model for real feminist freedom! Prior reading of Gress' book is recommended but not required. Mary Schmidt will lead the lecture and facilitate an optional group discussion, a 5-point call to action, and a concluding prayer service. Mature subject material, but appropriate for young adults. (Note that this event is offered twice).

Date: Monday, October 21

Place: St. Louis Hall, IC Parish Center

**Times**: 1:00 pm–2:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.–8:15 p.m. *Presented by the Adult Faith Formation Team* 

# **COLLABORATIVE NEWS**

## R.C.I.A.

Do you know someone who has expressed a wish to become Catholic? Someone who has been baptized in another Christian faith but desires to become Catholic? Maybe your child is making First Communion this year and you would like to be able to receive also. It could be the time to become a one-faith family?

To discover how to become Catholic, please email Marin at <u>fortune@newburyportcatholic.org</u> and start on your journey in faith.

### Mass Scripture Readings: October 13–20

All of us are encouraged to start or end our day praying with the Scriptures. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to <u>www.HRICcatholic.org</u> and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sun., Oct. 13: 2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 98; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19
- Mon., Oct. 14: Romans 1:1-7; Psalm 98; Luke 11:29-32
- Tues., Oct. 15: Romans 1:16-25; Psalm 19; Luke 11:37 -41
- Wed., Oct. 16: Romans 2:1-11; Psalm 62; Luke 11:42-46
- Thurs., Oct. 17: Romans 3:21-30; Psalm 130; Luke 11:47-54
- Fri., Oct. 18: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Psalm 145; Luke 10:1 -9
- Sat., Oct. 19: Romans 4:13, 16-18; Psalm 105; Luke 12:8-12
- Sun., Oct. 20: Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

**N.B.** There is a free App named "**Laudate**" which allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone. Whether traveling on the bus or train to work, setting aside a regular time in



your home or workplace, or finding an unexpected quiet time in your day, easy access to the daily Scripture readings is only a click away with the "Laudate" App. This Latin word translates to "Give praise." Choosing to interact with the Lord by praying the Scriptures is a wonderful way of giving praise to God.

# **Parish Membership**

Welcome! We are pleased you joined us today and we invite you to become a member of our Parish communities. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at <u>www.hriccatholic.org</u> or you can call the Parish offices at 978-462-2724 to register.



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# **New England Tenors**

### Save the Date: December 1, 2:00 p.m.

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



Tickets: adults: \$20 per person. Under 12 years: \$12 per person.

Tickets are available from any IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul member or at the door the day of the show.

Complimentary refreshments will be available in the IC School cafeteria at the show's intermission.

{Sponsored by the IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul}

# At Home Retreat

Exploring your relationship with God through daily prayer, reading, and Spiritual Direction.

Start Date: November 1, 2019

Are you desiring some time alone with God, yet don't have the time or money to go away to a retreat center? Then consider this.

You can experience a directed retreat centered at home. It begins with a group meeting on Friday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. followed by four individual 30–40 minute sessions scheduled at your convenience. We will end with a group gathering on Friday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The only requirements are a commitment to read/pray for 30 minutes a day and an openness to talk about your prayer with your director four times during the two-week period.

Elizabeth McCarthy and Nancijo Wolter, both certified Spiritual Directors, will be leading the retreat.

Suggested donation for the retreat is \$80.00. We will use the book *An Invitation to Love* by Fr. William Barry, SJ that we ask you to purchase prior to our first meeting.

Contact Elizabeth at 978-518-9798 (phone or text) to register or for additional information.

## **Collaborative Baptisms**

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in August and September.

Dominic Richard Abenante • River James Bradley • Rocco Charles LeGrow • Cameron James Moriarty • George Francis Mulcahy • Charles Joseph Provost • Anne Louise Randi • Lucas John Sherr • Paige Isabelle Claire Svoboda.

# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

# **IC Offertory Collection**

#### Offertory, October 5-6 Monthly

\$9.434.00 \$1.331.00

This week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection will also provide support to The Catholic University of America that educates priests and lay people for ministry and for the Inner City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity and prayers will assist the Holy Father and the various missionary efforts at home and abroad. For information, go to:

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- www.BostonCatholic.org 3.

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### The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

\$ 18.00 Collection Poor Box \$193.00 \$211.00

# IC Online Giving

Total

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 fover 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.

# **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 School**

The 1st Annual Immaculate Conception School Golf Outing was held on September 30 at Renaissance Country Club in Haverhill. The event was planned as a way to welcome IC families back to the new school year. Seventy-



two golfers enjoyed perfect fall weather as they played 18 holes on the beautiful greens at Renaissance.

Dinner at the Club House included many school parents who did not golf, but joined the party for an absolutely delicious meal. Prizes for longest drive, closest ball to the hole, best overall score, as well as raffle items added to the celebratory evening. Event chair Mary Boddy, a volunteer IC parent, received a warm round of applause from all for planning such a wonderful day.



## **Adoration & Rosary**

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration in IC's St. James Chapel in the Parish Center.

- Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Thursdays from 6:30-7:00 p.m., including recitation of ٠ the Rosary for Life.

Fridays drop in any time from 8:00 a.m.-noon. During the last hour we pray the Divine Mercy chaplet and conclude with Benediction.

No prior experience necessary. Come and learn how powerful it is to pray before the Real Presence of our Lord.

# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

## IC Haiti Fundraiser



#### Hello.

My name is Alyson Rose and I am a former student of the Immaculate Conception School in Newburyport and a current student at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School, Dover, NH. Out of the many things I like to do, one of my favorites is to draw and paint. I recently finished a painting of the Immaculate Conception Church and donated this painting as a gift

to the IC school as a "thank you" to my principal and teachers for the past nine years.

I decided to have this painting printed on to 3x5 and 5x7 blank notecards and will be selling them after masses this weekend: October 12-13 to raise money for the Fr. Marc Piché Immaculate Conception School in Haiti. The small notecards can be purchased for a suggested donation of \$1 each and the large cards for \$3 each. I will accept cash and/or checks made payable to IC Haiti. 100% of all proceeds will go to the Fr. Marc Piché Immaculate Conception School in Haiti.

"For it is in giving that we receive" ~ St. Francis of Assisi

Thank you, Alyson Rose

### **IC Knitting Ministry**



The Knitting Ministry meets Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in Room 209 in the IC Parish Center. We knit/crochet prayer shawls, hats, mittens, and scarves for charity. Come join this friendly group. New people, ideas, and patterns are always welcome.

For more information call Julia O'Connor 978-465-3350 or Frances Ronan 978-462-4972.

### Free Hair Cuts



Donna Koen, a parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, TTCUT 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.

## **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 October 28 Contact Barbara with guestions.

### **IC Faith Formation** School Year Programs

Registration forms for children who entered grades K-8 this fall as well as those students who entered Grades 9 & **10** are available. Forms (including the class schedule) can be downloaded from our website hriccatholic.org or by contacting the Lifelong Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420).

Classes for Grades K-8 have begun. It's never too late to join us. If you have not already submitted your registration forms please do so as soon as possible.

#### Confirmation

In an effort to accommodate busy families, we have made changes to Confirmation Year 1 (Grade 9) and Year 2 (Grade 10) at Immaculate Conception Parish. Year 1 classes will be held once a month on Sundays 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.; Year 2 classes will be held once a month on Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. If your son/daughter has a conflict with these times, please consider Holy Redeemer Parish's Confirmation Prep for a second option for dates and times.

The next Confirmation Prep class for Year 1 (Grade 9) will be held on Sunday, November 17 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Class for Year 2 (Grade 10) is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Please remember an adult does need to accompany the candidate to class. Registrations still accepted!

#### **Baptism Dates to Remember**

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next Baptism class which is scheduled for Sunday, November 3 with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on November 10.

#### **First Reconciliation/First Eucharist**

Sacramental Prep classes have started for those children anticipating the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Parent meetings will be held prior to each sacrament. The first meeting for parents and children to attend prior to Reconciliation is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars now. Our group Reconciliation service here at IC is planned for Saturday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m. More information will be made available in the weeks ahead.

### **Christmas Fair**

#### November 16, 9:00–2:00, IC School Gym

All are invited to attend the IC Christmas fair on Saturday, November 16. Crafts, fun, and food (Coffee & donuts and lunch will be available).

Do you sew? Or knit? Or maybe you have another talent? Perhaps you could share a table with a friend to display your items. All interested crafters/ sewers/ knitters/ etc., please contact Melinda for information.

We are also looking for bakers. Interested bakers can contact Betty.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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### **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, November 7.** 

### HR Holiday Fair Updates

The Holiday Fair Is Saturday, November 23, Always the Saturday Before Thanksgiving.

The Fair Committee is looking for help. We are looking for someone *or* a group of volunteers to **decorate the outdoor entrance**, **door**, **and ramp** of Nativity Hall to greet and inspire our fair goers. Decorating could be started the week before the fair and done anytime. We have many decorating items available to be used. Perhaps an opportunity for **service hours** for Confirmation or school.



Please call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072 if you are interested.

We are asking parishioners to help support the fair with a donated themed gift basket filled with treasures. Our experience shows that \$20.00 baskets sell best. No need to overstuff your donation.

We are also looking for silent auction donations. If you have any questions about our silent auction please call Carole Sokolowski 978-346-9031.

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#### **Baptism Dates to Remember**

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, November 3** at 1:00 p.m. in the Charity Dining Room located in the IC Pastoral Center.

#### Confirmation

For those students who anticipate receiving the sacrament this fall, please note that this will take place on **Saturday**, **October 26** at 11:00 a.m. for the Holy Redeemer Parish at the Church of the Nativity.

Rehearsal is planned for Wednesday, October 23 (6:00 p.m.) If you have a child eligible to receive the sacrament, and you have not received an informational email yet, please contact the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible.

#### **Confirmation Prep Classes**

Classes for **Year 1** (Grade 9) have begun. It is not too late to register. Class takes place at the Nativity Church Hall. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

**Year 2** (Grade 10) class is scheduled to begin on Sunday, October 20 from 6–7:30 p.m. also in the Nativity Church Hall. Please remember an adult does need to accompany the candidate to class.

### HR Altar Server Training

Additional Altar Servers are needed for Nativity and St. Ann Masses. Training will be provided for Grades 4 and up. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Tracy Blais at tblais@comcast.net.

### Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** on **October 26**.

# **AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

### **Pelican Intervention Fund**

#### The Pelican Intervention Fund Event at Newburyport's Steeple Hall at Mission Oak Grill.

On November 7, 2019 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. join us for an

evening of cocktails, appetizers, and raffle prizes with a guest presentation and music by "Ball in the House" the Boston acapella group.



Tickets can be purchased at the Newburyport Chamber of Commerce, 38R Merrimac Street, Newburyport or by contacting Kim Keene at 978-430-1408 to reserve tickets. Please help support the Pelican Intervention Fund by purchasing tickets and attending the event.

Tickets are \$75 per person (cash or check made out to "PIF at ECCF"). 100% of the ticket price goes to supporting local young men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery.

Since our founding in 2015, Pelican Intervention Fund has supported 55 clients into long-term 12-step residential sober living programs We are grateful for all the support from our Parish Collaborative. For more information, contact Steve and Kim Keene: 978-430-1408.

### Retrouvaille

Marriage is about beautiful weddings, romance, love, and candlelight anniversary dinners, but marriage is also about dirty laundry, confrontations, balancing budgets, and hanging in there with teens and aging parents. **Retrouvaille** (Retro-vi) is a Christian ministry designed to provide help and support to married couples who are undergoing difficulties in their relationship, for those who are hurting in brokenness and loneliness. It has also proven helpful to couples who are separated or divorced. Although Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin, couples from all or no faith traditions are welcome to attend. The next program begins with the weekend of November 8-10, in Tewksbury, and continues with 6 follow-up 4 hour sessions over the following six weeks. For further information visit www.helpourmarriage.org or contact our registration team at 508-271-7155. You can also e-mail questions at retrouvaillene@gmail.com.

### **High School Open Houses**

### **Central Catholic HS Open House**

300 Hampshire St., Lawrence, Sunday, October 27 from 12:30-3:30.p.m. Visit our website at centralcatholic.net for more information.

#### Fontbonne Girl's Academy

930 Brook Rd., Milton, Sunday, October 20 at 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, and Thursday, November 7 at 6:00-8:00 p.m. Email us at Admissions@FontbonneBoston.org for more information.

#### St. Thomas Aquinas HS Open House

197 Dover Point Road, Dover, NH, Sunday, October 20 at 1:00pm. Email us at admissions@stalux.org for more information.

### **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 6:30pm in St. James Chapel and IC Charity Dining Room to continue the Cursillo spirit. All are welcome. For more information, contact Dave & Kelly Colby at davecolby724@gmail.com.

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Cursillo weekends 2019–2020	
November 7	Women
December 5	Men
January 9	Women
February 6	Men
March 5	Women
April 2	Men
April 30	Women
June 4	Women
Ultreya Evenings	
November 1	February 28
December 6	March 27
January 3	April 24
January 31	May 29

# **Catholic Charities**

Join Catholic Charities Merrimack Valley as we reflect and recognize our history during our Centennial Celebration, Wednesday, October 23 at the Tewksbury Country Club. For more information visit www.ccab.org or email CCMV 2019Event@ccab.org or call 978-452-1421.

# Voice of the Faithful

#### 2019 Conference

Former National Review Board Interim Director of the Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke will talk about the effectiveness of the Church's response to clergy abuse. Boston College theologian Fr. Richard Lennan will present a recent study on priestly formation, including the seminary's contribution to clericalism. Also, parishioners from the Mid-Atlantic, Northeast, and Midwest will discuss how they are creating a just Church.

Date: Saturday, October 19, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Boston Marriott Newton, \$125/person, lunch included. Register at www.votf.org.

On Sunday, October 27, Dr. Kristin Heyer will speak on immigration at St. John's Church, Peabody from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Dr. Heyer will explore contributions that Scripture and the Catholic social tradition offer for a better understanding and approach to our contemporary immigration situation.