# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

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# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 3, 2019



A sycamore tree

"Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way." (Lk 19:2-4)



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# Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

"Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters..."

# St. Ann

RURY

MERRIMAC

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# St. Mary's



NEWBURYPORT

# **Immaculate Conception School**

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#### Saturday (11/2)

4:00pm IC Katherine Doyle Kelley & John E. Kelley, Lorraine Batcheller, Rev. Paul Bérubé (Fr. Morin) 4:00pm St. Ann Dorothy Batchelder (Fr. McLaughlin) Sunday (11/3) 7:15am IC Tricia Kelley (Fr. Harrison) 8:00am Nativity Claire Bibeau (Fr. Morin) 9:00am IC Andrew Casey, Lorraine Batcheller (Fr. McLaughlin) 10:15am St. Ann (Fr. Morin & Deacon Paul) 11:30am IC (Fr. Harrison) Monday (11/4) 9:00am St. Ann (Fr. Harrison) Tuesday (11/5) 7:15am IC (Fr. Harrison) Wednesday (11/6) 7:15am IC (Fr. Morin) Thursday (11/7) 7:15am IC Jack Cohane (Fr. Morin) Friday (11/8) 9:00am Nativity (Fr. Morin) Saturday (11/9) 4:00pm IC Carmella Herlihy, Peg Marsh (Fr. Harrison) 4:00pm St. Ann (Fr. Morin) Sunday (11/10) 7:15am IC (Fr. Morin) 8:00am Nativity (Fr. Harrison) 9:00am IC Bryan Corbett, Joan Jarman (Fr. Morin) 10:15am St. Ann (Fr. Harrison) 11:30am IC Andrew Filomia (Fr. O'Brien and Deacon Paul)

In your prayers, please remember James A. Lisauskas, Mary C. Goldsmith, Patricia Fern, Stephen Michael Serwon, Helen Drozdowski, Robert R. Lovejoy, Mildred Groleau, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

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

# 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.

### Holy Hour for Life

#### Sunday, November 3

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

# November: Month of the Holy Souls

"The Souls of the Just Are in the Hand of God" (Wisdom 3:1)

Come for a consoling 90 minutes, rich in Church teaching and prayer on behalf of our beloved dead. Using Scripture, *CCC*, Apostles Creed, and Catholic authors, learn profound prayer models to honor the Holy Souls and to uncover their spiritual attribute and to consult our genealogies for healing our family trees.

Date: Sunday, November 10

Time: 2:00–3:30pm

Location: St. Louis Hall, IC Parish Center

Speaker: Fr. George Morin The Last Things

Speaker: Mrs. Lisa Powis Personal Reflection & Genealogy

## **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}

### 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.

# This Week in Our Collaborative

#### Monday, November 4

AA Meeting 10:30am, *IC St. Louis Hall* Discipleship Priority Meeting 6:00pm, *IC Charity Dining Room* HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, *Nativity Hall* IC PFC Meeting 7:00pm, *IC Nazareth Library Room 205* 

#### Tuesday, November 5

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, *IC Conference Room 209* Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* IC Confirmation 2 Class 6:30pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* HR Activities Committee Meeting 7:00pm, *Nativity Hall* 

#### Wednesday, November 6

IC PTO Meeting 8:30am, *IC St. Louis Hall* Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, *IC Conference Room 209* 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* IC PTO Meeting 7:00pm, *IC St. Louis Hall* 

#### Thursday, November 7

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel Welcoming & Ministry Teams Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

Saturday, November 9 St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

#### Sunday, November 10

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 10:00am, St. Ann Church Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church Holy Souls Presentation 2:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

# Nativity Display Returns

#### Join us for the Nativity display again this year on the Feast of the Holy Family

Do you own a Nativity set you'd like to display at the Collaborative show-&-tell on the Feast of the Holy Family? Last year, 56 manger scenes personally enhanced the Christmas season.

#### Manger drop off: 8am–8pm on Saturday, December 28. Pick up: Sunday, December 29 at 4pm.

Need more details? Sure you do. We do also: your manger must have a reservation to be displayed, so call 978-462-6191. And if you don't own a nativity, volunteer to set-up someone else's or serve as a Greeter or manage our thrift table of religious goods.

[Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team]

## **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.

## 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 <u>www.helpourmarriage.org</u> or contact our registration team at 508-271-7155. You can also e-mail questions at retrouvaillene@gmail.com.

#### Mass Scripture Readings November 3–10, 2019

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.

- Sunday, Nov.3: Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Psalm 145; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10
- Monday, Nov. 4:\_Romans 11:29-36; Psalm 69; Luke 14:12-14
- Tuesday, Nov. 5: Romans 12:5-16b; Psalm 131; Luke 14:15-24
- Wednesday, Nov. 6: Romans 13:8-10; Psalm 112; Luke 14:25-33
- Thursday, Nov. 7: Romans 14:7-12; Psalm 27; Luke 15:1-10
- Friday, Nov. 8: Romans 15:14-21; Psalm 98; Luke 16:1 -8
- Saturday, Nov. 9: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 46; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22
- Sunday, Nov. 10: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalm 17; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38

(The free App "Laudate" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)



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- Add your name and email and click "sign up"

You will receive an email that links you to the site

#### **Pelican Intervention Fund** 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.

# **Cursillo and Ultreva**

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	
December 6	March 27
January 3	April 24
January 31	May 29
February 28	

# Meet the Ministry

#### **Cursillo and Ultreya**



Each year, parishioners in our Collaborative are offered an invitation to attend a Cursillo weekend at St. Basil's Salvatorian Center in Methuen. Over the years, over 100 parishioners, or Cursillistas have responded to this invitation. You will recognize many of them in service to HRIC as Extraordinary Ministers, lectors, adult altar servers, choir members, St. Vincent de Paul, and IC Haiti. Fr. Broderick, Fr. George and Deacon Paul have

participated in Cursillo and Cardinal Sean O'Malley experienced Cursillo in Mexico in the 1960s.

Cursillo, which began in Spain, is difficult to explain, as it is a very personal experience on the path to knowing self, knowing Christ and taking what is learned into the world. Cursillo means "short course in Christianity," and God touches everyone in a unique way during this three-day experience of personal spiritual development.

We hear about evangelization in our Church, but it remains a foreign concept to most Catholics as we immediately think of this as a particularly Protestant exercise, spreading the faith by "knocking on doors." Through the Cursillo experience, it is hoped we can move from becoming or being Christian, to doing Christian things in our everyday lives. To bring Christ to all we encounter in our individual worlds is a simple definition of evangelization-living a Christ-like life.

Pope Francis has been vocal in his support and gratitude for the Cursillo movement saying "...we give thanks to God for all the fruits that the Cursillo in Christianity Movement has generously given to the Church....In thanking you for your journey as a Cursillista, I ask you not to stop renewing your apostolic zeal and dedication and that of your brothers and sisters...before Jesus in the Eucharist."

Ultreya, or "onward" in Spanish, is the way by which one can continue the spirit of the Cursillo weekend. On a monthly basis in the IC Parish Center, those who have attended Cursillo or those who are interested in learning more, celebrate liturgy, discuss their "fourth day" of post-Cursillo lives, and enjoy food and fellowship. The schedule for upcoming Cursillo and Ultreya weekends from October through June can be found on this page to the left.

Those interested in attending Ultreva to learn more or to register for a Cursillo weekend, can contact Dave and Kelly Colby. All are welcome and we invite you to come and "meet the ministry."

# **Questions of the Week**



Adult: In what circumstances do you separate what you believe from how you behave?

Child: What opportunities will you have this week to show your faith to others?



**Immaculate Conception School** 

# EARLY ED FAIR

Meet our pre-k and kindergarten teachers! Thursday, November 14 • 6:00 - 7:30 pm Newburyport City Hall



# DISCOVER WHAT'S NEW at the IC!

Immaculate Conception School is an affordable, private, Catholic elementary school (pre-k to eighth grade) achieving academic excellence in a faith-based environment, preparing young people for success in the 21st century.

#### OPEN HOUSE (9 - 11 am)

November 19 • December 12 • January 7 & 16 Sunday, January 26 (1-2 pm Catholic Schools Week)

#### **PRIVATE TOUR**

Call Kelley Pappalardo (978) 465 - 7780 for a private tour

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# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

### **HR Faith Formation**

#### **School Year Programs**

School year programs for all grades are underway. If you have yet to register your child/ren it is not too late. Forms can be found on our website (<u>hriccatholic.org</u>) or call the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420) to request one.

#### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Sacramental Prep classes for those children anticipating the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have begun.

Parent meetings will be held prior to each sacrament. Please note the meeting for both parents and children regarding Reconciliation is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **January 28** at 6:30. The sacrament will be celebrated at the Church of the Nativity on **Saturday**, **February 1**. More information will be distributed as the date gets closer but please mark your calendars now.

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

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

#### **Confirmation Prep Classes**

Classes for **Year 1** (Grade 9) have begun. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19 in the Nativity Church Hall beginning at 6:30 (6:30–8:00 p.m.).

**Year 2** (Grade 10) class is also underway. The next class is scheduled for this Sunday (November 3) from 6–7:30 p.m. also in the Nativity Church Hall. Registration forms can be brought to class if you have not yet registered. Please remember an adult does need to accompany the candidate.

## Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed

Twenty-one young men and women received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as they were confirmed this past weekend at the Church of the Nativity.



We wish to give thanks to Most Reverend Robert Hennessey for making this celebration such a special one for those who were confirmed as well as for their families and friends.

May these newly confirmed be assured of our continued prayers as they take their "second step."

*Pictured: two of our newly Confirmed, Chloe Brin and Eliza McGuirk.* 

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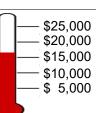
# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

### **HR Offertory Collection**

Offertory, October 26–27

The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.

HR Grand Annual Goal \$25,000 To Date \$15,413.00



\$3.469.00

# **Fair Donation Dropoffs**

Donated baskets and other items may be brought to Nativity Hall **starting Monday**, **November 11**. The Activities Committee will start to organize the hall during the 2 weeks prior to the fair. The hall will be opened at various times. These times will be posted on the glass doors. **Please** consider stopping in and helping at drop off.

## **Veterans Gift Bags**

Holy Redeemer will be collecting personal care and hygiene products, puzzle books, snacks, and more for men and women veterans. These gift bags will be given out at Christmas to the men Veterans living at Northeast Outreach Center, Haverhill and women Veterans at Edith Nourse Rogers Medical Center, Bedford, MA. Items donated for these gift bags will be collected this **Sunday**, **November 3 (the weekend before Veterans Day)**.

# **Cookies for Okinawa**

We will be sending homemade Christmas cookies to the marines stationed in Okinawa this year for Christmas. If you would like to contribute, please package 12 cookies in each quart-size Ziploc bag and label the cookie type. Cookie donations will be collected on Sunday, December 8. Donations for postage would be appreciated!

# 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.

# **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

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



# **Gift Basket Donations Wanted**



We ask all 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.

# **Silent Auction Donations**

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

# Nearly New Items Needed

Your nearly new items are needed for the fair. Items may be left in the backs of both churches. Any questions, call Stefania Zak: 508-284-1631 or MaryEllen LaPointe: 978-590-5359.

# Fair Committee Meeting

Our next fair committee meeting is Tuesday, **November 5** at 7:00 p.m. in the Nativity Hall, Merrimac. All are invited. Please call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072 with questions.

## Fair Invitations and Raffle Tickets

The Activities Committee has sent out an invitation to attend this year's Fair to all our registered parishioners. If you did not receive an invitation, please contact Linda Temple, our administrative assistant, 978-462-2724 (ext. 7404) to be included.

Our invitation also included 3 sheets of raffle tickets. The committee hopes that you will support the raffle and buy some tickets and ask your family and friends to buy some also! Winners receive cash prizes.

Raffle stubs may be mailed back in the supplied envelope or brought to Mass. Activities members will be selling raffle tickets before and after masses starting November 9. Any questions or need for raffle tickets please call Dorine Gorski 978-346-9788.

# Fair Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets

Signup sheets for helping at this year's fair will be available in the backs of both churches and classroom areas for students, parents, and parishioners who are looking to support our Parish Fair. Any questions, please call Cindy Quinn: 978-346-0072. Many hands are needed for the success of this parish fundraiser.

We are looking for **door greeters**, **raffle ticket sales**, **basket carriers**, **lunchtime wait staff**, **and more**.

If you are interested in helping out in one of these positions during the fair and have any questions, please contact Cindy: 978-346-0072. This is a great service hours idea.

# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

**IC Offertory Collection** 

Offertory, October 26-27 Ongoing Church Maintenance \$1,482.00

\$8,196.00

The second collection next weekend is the Monthly.

IC Grand Annual Goal \$100,000 To Date \$25,278.00



# **Coffee Hour**

Come make a new friend or renew an acquaintance. Join us for coffee and homemade baked goods after the 9:00 Mass on November 3 at St. Louis Hall.

# November: A Time to **Remember the Faithful Departed**

As has been our custom at Immaculate Conception Parish for many years, we continue this year inviting parishioners to bring a small picture of their deceased loved one and place it on the side altar near our Baptismal Font as a way to remember those who have gone before us into the mystery of death and our great hope of being with them again in the resurrection. There is also a place to write their name in the Book of the Names of the Dead. We will keep these in place throughout the weekends in November. Parishioners are asked to retrieve their pictures after Thanksgiving weekend.

The Mass of Remembrance will be on Saturday, November 16 at 4:00pm.

# **Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protections for you or your family, or just connecting with other Catholic men, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at (978) 572-0231, membership@kofc231.org.

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

# **EWTN: Catholic News**

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has you covered. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource. http://www.ewtnnews.com/

# **Immaculate Conception School**

The 2019–2020 Immaculate Conception School Leadership Team induction ceremony took place on Friday, October 25 in the church. Thirty -seven 6-8th grade students comprise this year's team, eager to lead by example as they organize school service projects that make a



difference for the greater Newburyport community. Annual service projects such as Thanksgiving dinner baskets, the coat drive, and the mitten and glove tree at Christmas support the efforts of area organizations. On a day to day basis, the Leadership Team members contribute to morning meeting by leading the school in prayer, recitation of the school's mission statement, and the pledge of allegiance. The pins worn on the members' collars serve as a reminder of the oath they have taken to strive to use their God-given talents to lead in the way God intended them to. The parents, faculty, and administration have taken an oath to support and guide the Leadership Team, as well. The IC school experience embodies opportunities to grow and learn beyond classroom learning. Fostering the skills and determination to change the lives of others is taught with purpose at the IC.



The 2019-2020 Immaculate Conception School Leadership Team

# **IC Knitting Ministry**

The Knitting Ministry meets Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in Room 209 in the IC Parish Center. We knit/crochet praver 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.

# **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 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 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 (Come early for coffee and donuts then enjoy a cup of fish chowder for lunch!)

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 or to sign up.

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

# **Christmas Fair Items Needed**

Do you have any "once loved" items that you no longer use or display that could be donated to the Christmas Table? Perhaps a "gently used" item that could be part of Grandma's Attic?

Please help support the Parish Christmas Fair by sending us your treasures!

Contact Christine.

# 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, <u>hriccatholic.org</u> 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.

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# 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.



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### **IC Faith Formation**

#### **School Year Programs**

School year programs for all grade levels are underway.

If you have not yet registered your child/ren, it is not too late. Forms can be found on our website (<u>hriccatholic.org</u>) or call the Faith Formation office to request one.

#### Confirmation

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.

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

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday**, **December 1** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on December 8.

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

Sacramental Prep classes are underway 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.

## **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.

# **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.

## **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.