



**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

**SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 3, 2019**

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**All Are Welcome**

***"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were  
born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed  
you." (Jer 1:5)***



## Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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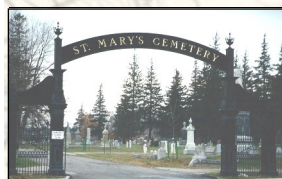
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (2/2)

4:00pm **IC** Joseph H. Brown, Jr., Joseph Keefe,  
Jamie Grabowski, Henry Grabowski (Fr. Harrison)

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

### Sunday (2/3)

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

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

9:00am **IC** Bill Dwyer (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am **IC** Thomas "TC" Dieter, John R. Ford  
(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

### Monday (2/4)

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

### Tuesday (2/5)

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

### Wednesday (2/6)

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

### Thursday (2/7)

7:15am **IC** For a Special Intention (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (2/8)

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

### Saturday (2/9)

4:00pm **IC** Loretta V. Minalio (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

### Sunday (2/10)

7:15am **IC** Mary Reilly, Mary S. Carlin Herlihy  
(Fr. McLaughlin)

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

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

10:15am **St. Ann** Deceased Members of the  
DiResta Family (Fr. Morin)

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

In your prayers, please remember Eugene Greco, Melissa Bryant, Frances Curran, Beverly Canepa, David Sherburne, and all the faithful departed.

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

**IC**—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

**Nativity**—Merrimac

**St. Ann**—West Newbury

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<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>



## Ireland Travel Night

**Monday, February 11**

**6:30 p.m. Mass at IC St. James Chapel**

**Irish Dinner and Pilgrimage information to follow in IC Charity Dining Room**

Join us for a prayerful, tasty, and informative evening about our next Pilgrimage to Ireland that will leave Monday, May 13 for a memorable spiritual journey through the Emerald Isle. This will be a spectacular pilgrimage through various sites of unparalleled beauty, historic significance, and religious importance. Our tour will include visits to Dublin, Galway, the Dingle Peninsula, Kilarney, the Ring of Kerry, Clonmacnoise, Knock, and more.

For more information, visit: : [www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric](http://www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric) or contact Paul Blanchette at (978) 500-5661.

Come on a Faith Journey with us!



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## "The Mass" DVD Series

**Whatever You Know about the Mass, It's Not This!**

Bishop Barron's 6-part DVD on "The Mass" will keep you saying, "I didn't know that!" Experience superb preaching, imagery, music, and the wealth of our liturgy's sacred Tradition. Enter into the Mass's call-and-response in a more profound grasp of the sacred mysteries we take for granted. Sessions will be offered Thursdays (7:00–8:30 p.m.) at Nativity Hall, Merrimac. **Free** and life-changing! Highly recommended lessons marked \*.

**February 7:** Called Out of the World\*

**February 14:** God Speaks Our Story

**February 21:** Responding to God\*

**February 28:** Preparing for Sacrifice

**March 7:** The Real Presence Creates Communion\*

{Facilitated by Fr. Morin and the Adult Faith Formation Team}

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### This Week in Our Collaborative

#### Monday, February 4

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

Discipleship Priority Meeting 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

#### Tuesday, February 5

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

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

Pastoral Plan Implementation Team Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

#### Wednesday, February 6

ICS PTO Meeting 8:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Pivotal Players Video Series 10:00am, IC Charity Dining Room

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

ICS PTO Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

#### Thursday, February 7

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

"The Mass" Video Series 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

#### Friday, February 8

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

#### Saturday, February 9

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

#### Sunday, February 10

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., 10:00am, IC Parish Center

Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church

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

### Questions of the Week



**Adult:** What is a way you show members of your family your love for them?

**Child:** What ways do you show God's love to someone who is lonely or sad?

### Bulletin Information

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

### 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.

### Fact-Based Dramas that Inspire

Are you weary of moral ambiguity in the Church and in government? Follow the leadership stories of those whose convictions of faith and integrity led to tsunami changes in Catholicism and world history! **"Pivotal Players" is Bishop Barron's superb DVD series** on men and women who lived their vocations to the fullest. These hour-long movies flow seamlessly as part travelogue, part biography. Be inspired: look, listen, learn, lean in, and see how the Saints can lead you to personal holiness in *your* life. Come to one, any, or all of the presentations and stay for refreshments and 30 minutes of lively, facilitated discussion. All presentations will be shown in the IC Charity Dining Room (10:00-11:30 a.m.) on these Wednesdays:

**February 6:** Thomas Aquinas, the Theologian who espouses Faith and Reason as ways to a vibrant life in Christ.

**February 13:** Augustine, the Teacher who shows that faith in Jesus changes a person and sometimes a whole world.

**February 20:** Michelangelo, the Artist who leads with Beauty so all have access to God.

**February 27:** G.K. Chesterton, the Evangelist who shows that JOY is the fundamental disposition of evangelization.

*{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}*

### 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.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Scripture Readings: February 3–10, 2019

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

- Sunday, Feb. 3: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 71; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30
- Monday, Feb. 4: Hebrews 11:32-40; Psalm 31; Mark 5:1-20
- Tuesday, Feb. 5: Hebrews 12:1-4; Psalm 22; Mark 5:21-43
- Wednesday, Feb. 6: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Psalm 103; Mark 6:1-6
- Thursday, Feb. 7: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Psalm 48; Mark 6:7-13
- Friday, Feb. 8: Hebrews 13:1-8; Psalm 27; Mark 6:14-29
- Saturday, Feb. 9: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Psalm 23; Mark 6:30-34
- Sunday, Feb. 10: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

## Adult Faith Formation Team Lenten Events

### Save the Dates

**4th Annual Lenten Soup and Spirit Lecture Series** will focus on “The 7 Deadly Sins and 7 Lively Virtues” presented twice for your convenience: Thursday evenings at Nativity Hall (March 14–April 18) and again Friday mornings at IC St. Louis Hall (March 15–April 19).

**4th Annual Collaborative Lenten Mission**, repeat guest presenter **Fr. Michael Aiello** and hosted at IC (March 25–27) is certain to be uplifting!

**Ukrainian Egg Workshop** (offered for **adults** only) will accent an ancient Catholic tradition of painting eggs with elaborate designs and rich dyes. Experienced facilitators. Fee charged. Seating limited to 24 participants. Saturday, April 6 (9:30am–noon) at IC St. Louis Hall, Newburyport.

## R.C.I.A.

### RCIA classes meet at 10:15, IC Parish Center, 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: 978-462-2724.

## Cursillo and Ultreya

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

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

### Cursillo weekends 2019

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

### Ultreya Evenings

March 1	March 29
April 26	May 31



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## Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

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



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

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

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### The 46th Annual March For Life

Chris Egan, Ed Laverty, and Steve Swochak from our Holy Redeemer / Immaculate Conception Collaborative traveled to Washington D.C. together again to visit, witness, and demand with thousands of other pro-life advocates young and old, the end to abortion. The theme for the March was called "Unique from Day One" and focused on the scientific evidence today that life begins at fertilization when the human embryo is created and our DNA is present that distinguishes us from any other human on the planet. Some of the activities before the March that we attended were the March For Life Youth Rally and Mass at Sacred Heart Shrine with Cardinal O'Malley as the Celebrant. At the end of the March, outside the Supreme Court, we gathered to hear emotional talks by the group "Silent No More" who shared their stories of how abortion affected their lives. Again, this was a sad but very hopeful trip.



*Some scenes from the 2019 March for Life in Washington D.C.*



*This year's March was on January 18.*



### 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.

### Community Food Pantry

First Parish Church of Newbury Community Food Pantry, 20 High Road, Newbury, is open every Friday from 3:00pm–5:00pm for anyone in need in the Collaborative's towns as well as Georgetown, Rowley, and Salisbury. The volunteers are very welcoming and no one is made to feel uncomfortable when visiting. No registration or proof of residency required. Fresh fruit and vegetables, many types of frozen meats, pasta, and desserts, as well as an array of canned goods, toiletries, etc. are available.

If you would like to donate, nonperishable goods, personal hygiene products, and/or pet food may be dropped off on Sunday mornings from 9:30–11:30am. Grocery store gift cards as well as cash/checks (made out to "First Parish" and write "food pantry" in the memo) are always welcome.



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### Youth SNOWCAMPS

SNOWCAMPS is a high-energy, activity-filled, spiritual growth experience weekend designed specifically for 7–8 graders and is held at Camp Brookwoods, Alton, NH. Get ready for lots of fun, friendships, music, games, and faith-sharing witness talks by teens and adults. Sign up soon for the best weekend of your life! Join the fun with the 100+ junior high kids from several different parishes throughout the Archdiocese. There are two SNOWCAMPS weekends: February 22–24 or March 1–3. To learn more or to download an application, visit [www.snowcampsparty.com](http://www.snowcampsparty.com). Contact Fr. George with questions, 978-462-2724.

### Archdiocese Web Site

Visit [www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org) for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

### 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.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org) or you can call the Parish offices.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

Offertory January 19–20	\$1,650.00
Offertory January 26-27	\$3,508.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 706.00

The second collection **this** weekend is fuel. The second collection **next** weekend is the Monthly.

A gentle reminder to all parishioners as we move through winter weather: Church expenses don't go down on snowy weekends. Instead, in addition to ongoing expenses for salaries, utilities, and supplies, they often increase with additional costs for plowing and snow removal. So, even if you make a good decision to stay home during inclement weather, please consider making up your weekend offertory collection(s) the following week. Your church's budget will thank you!

HR Grand Annual  
Goal \$25,000  
To Date \$20,145.00



## Coffee After Mass

Please join us for a coffee social on Sunday, **February 17** after the 8:00 Mass in the Nativity Church Hall. A great time to catch up with your parish family or maybe meet a new friend!



## Activities Committee Meeting

The activities committee will meet on Monday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Ann Hall, West Newbury. We will be making our final plans for our ham dinner on February 23 at Nativity. Join us if you would like to help out.

## Activities Committee Open Enrollment

Sign up with **no fee**! Our group organizes the **social events** of our Parish and, if we are lucky, we make some money. Come check us out at our next meeting, Monday, February 11 at 6:30pm at St. Ann Hall. All are welcome to join.

The Activities Committee is pleased to be able to give **\$5,000.00** to the building fund from money raised at our November Parish Fair.

## Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** on **February 9**.

## HR Religious Education

Sun., 2/3	Grades 3–6 classes 9:00–10:00 a.m. at Nativity Hall
Sun., 2/10	Grades 3–6 classes 9:00–10:00 a.m. at Nativity Hall Grade 9 class 6:00–7:30 p.m. at Nativity Hall
Tues., 2/12	Grades 7 & 8 classes 6:00–7:30 p.m. at Nativity Hall

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

## Holy Redeemer Dinner & BINGO Night

February 23, 5:00 p.m.



Join Holy Redeemer Parish for a fun night out. Ham dinner, including homemade mac and cheese, green beans, roll, and homemade apple crisp, is included. Tickets are \$8 each. Four bingo games will follow dinner. Bingo cards are \$1 each. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Want to help out? Join us for our organizational meeting on **Monday, February 11** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Ann Hall, W. Newbury. All are welcome.

## 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, February 7**.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



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

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

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

Offertory January 26–27 **\$8,625.00**  
Church in Latin America **\$1,262.00**

This week's second collection is Restoration/Renovation. The second collection **next** weekend is the Monthly.

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To Date \$75,065.00



## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 28.00
Poor Box	\$212.00
Total	\$240.00

## Coffee & Baked Goods Sunday



The Pastoral Plan Welcoming Priority will sponsor a Coffee and Baked Goods Sunday at IC St. Louis Hall on **Sunday, February 3**, at 10:00 a.m. (between the 9:00 and 11:30 Masses). All are invited.

## 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

### VIP Luncheon



Last Monday, the IC welcomed 365 VIPs for lunch, a favorite annual event as part of our Catholic Schools Week celebrations. The theme for this year's luncheon was "You Are Unique."

The cafeteria was decorated in blue and silver, with handmade snowflakes that were made by the school children. The 8th grade students served a delicious lunch of lasagna, pizza, Caesar salad, rolls, and cookies. Many parent volunteers offered helping hands in the kitchen to



*Delicious food*

make the event a true success. The leftovers were delivered to the Coast Guard, knowing that they have been significantly impacted by the Government shutdown.

*Delivering leftovers to the Coast Guard*



## Call for Bakers



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

[Maureenc@monumentmortgage.com](mailto:Maureenc@monumentmortgage.com).

## Adoration

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

## 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.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Religious Education

Religious Ed. Office: 978-462-2724

### School Year Programs

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

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

### Confirmation

**Class is scheduled for this Sunday, February 3.**

For those students who anticipate receiving the sacrament this Fall, please note that Confirmation will take place on **Sunday, September 22** here at IC. More information will be provided as details become available.

### Baptism Dates to Remember

Our group Baptism will be celebrated on **February 10.**

*Please keep in mind that this will be the last sacrament date scheduled until after the celebration of Easter which is April 21 this year.*

Please call the Parish Office for information regarding the next **Baptism class** scheduled for **Sunday, May 5** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on May 12.

### Reconciliation / First Eucharist

Anyone preparing for First Eucharist who was not baptized here at IC, and has not as yet provided a copy of their child's baptismal certificate, please do so as soon as possible.

If unsure whether or not we have it, please, check with us in the Religious Ed office.

## Catholic TV

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

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

## IC Liturgical Ministers

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

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

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

*On Sunday,  
January 27,  
IC Religious Ed.  
4th graders  
presented an  
assembly on  
the Rosary.*



## 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](mailto:membership@kofc231.org).

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