

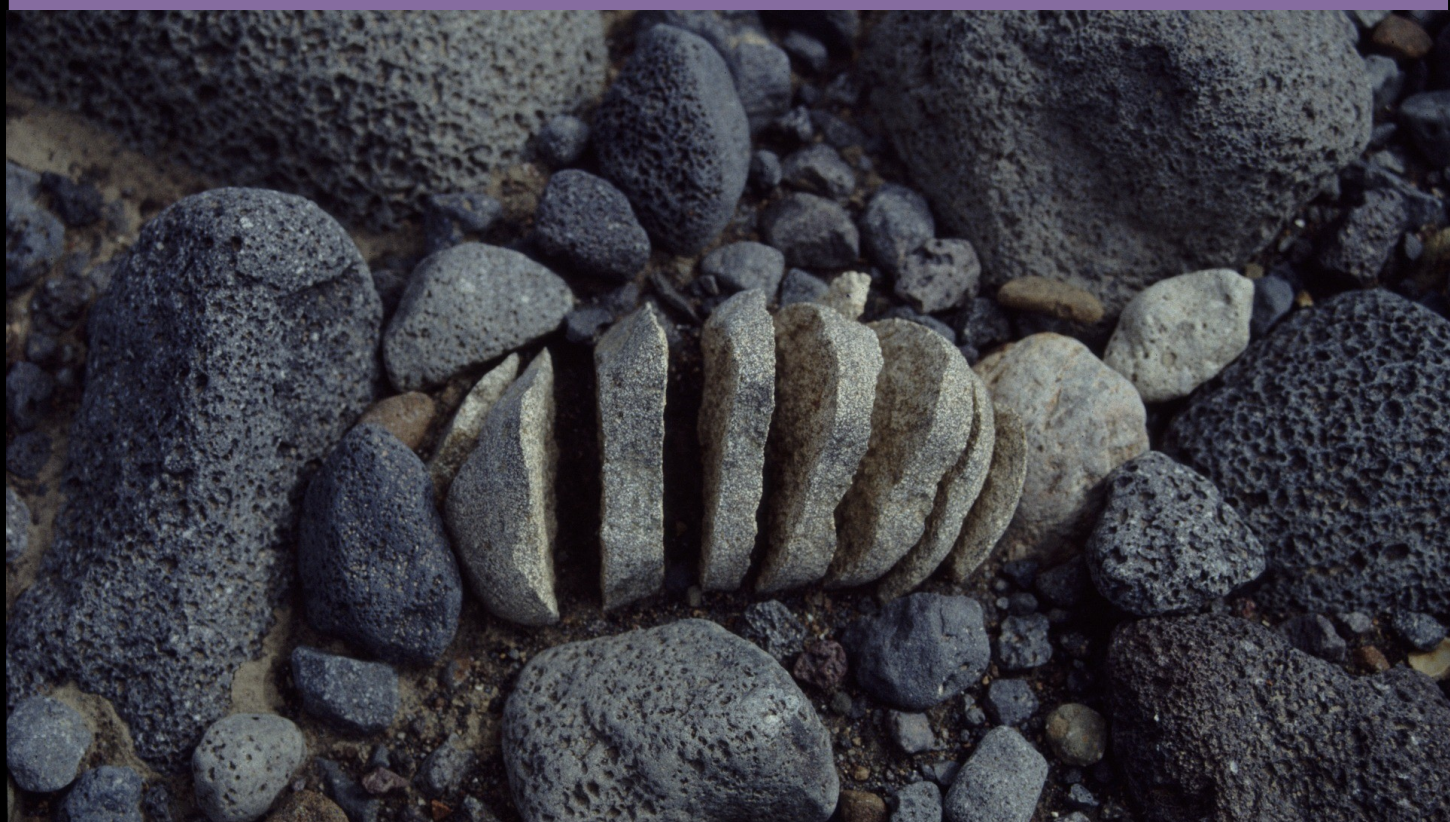
HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

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*The devil said to him,
“If you are the Son of God,
command this stone to become bread.”
Jesus answered him,
“It is written, One does not live on bread alone.” (Lk 4:3-4)*

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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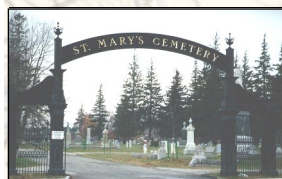
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (3/9)

4:00pm **IC** *Moise Djeutcha, The Gravallese Family, Kay Bova, Thomas Burton* (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (3/10)

7:15am **IC** *Janice Lane* (Fr. Morin)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC** *James Murphy, Elaine Murphy* (Fr. Morin)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:30am **IC** *Lorraine Sligh* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (3/11)

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

Tuesday (3/12)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge, Ernie Penta* (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (3/13)

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

Thursday (3/14)

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

Friday (3/15)

9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
10:30am **Port Rehab** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (3/16)

4:00pm **IC** *Fr. John Leonard, James Murphy, Rita M. Snow, Daniel & Margaret Herlihy and Family* (Fr. Morin)
4:00pm **St. Ann** *Peter Albano* (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (3/17)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)
11:30am **IC** *Erin Mahon Crowther, Gael Mahon, Margaret & Frederick Harrington, Rita Dupuis, Lorraine Sligh* (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Andrée Buckley, William J. Driscoll III, MD, 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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Collaborative Mission

Save the Dates

March 25–27 is our annual Collaborative Mission.

This year's topic is *Holiness: a Lifestyle Change*. All are invited to attend.

7:00 p.m., IC Church, 42 Green Street, Newburyport.

Presented by Fr. Michael J. Alello (padrehooch.com)

Topics include:

- Rehydrate Your Life: Beginning the journey towards holiness
- Wrestling with God: Overcoming injury & experiencing healing
- Marathon Training: Practical ways to get into the race

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

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

Ultreya Evenings

	March 29
April 26	May 31

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

Questions of the Week

Adult: In what ways can you identify with Jesus in the desert during the Lenten period?

Child: When you feel tempted to do the wrong thing, what do you do?



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, March 11

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

VOTF Meeting 12:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

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

Tuesday, March 12

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

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

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

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

HR Activities Committee Meeting 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

Wednesday, March 13

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

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

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann 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

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

Thursday, March 14

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

Lenten "Soup & Spirit" Series 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Friday, March 15

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Lenten "Soup & Spirit" Series 12:00noon, IC St. Louis Hall

Stations of the Cross 3:30pm, IC Church

Lenten Simple Supper 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm, Nativity Church

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

Saturday, March 16

HR Religious Ed., Grade 6 Activity Day 1:00pm, St. Ann Hall

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

Sunday, March 17

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

This Year's Catholic Appeal

Our in-pew presentation to launch the Catholic Appeal, the annual fundraising initiative of the Archdiocese, will be this weekend, March 9-10.

Pilgrimage to Ireland



Join us for a prayerful and exciting Pilgrimage to Ireland that will leave **Monday, May 13** for a memorable spiritual journey through the Emerald Isle. This will be a spectacular opportunity to travel 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.

Visit www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric for more information or contact Paul Blanchette at (978) 500-5661. Come on a Faith Journey with us!

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 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.



Altar Server Training

Altar Servers are needed for all Masses.

Collaborative Altar Server training for Grades 4 and up will be held at Immaculate Conception Church on the following Mondays:

Mon., March 25	3:30-4:30pm Session 1 w/Jim Noonan
Mon., April 1	3:30-4:30pm Session 2 w/Jim Noonan
Mon., April 8	3:30-4:30pm Session 3 w/Father Tim

To sign up, call the office at (978) 462-2724.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us:

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Invitation to Grow in Our Faith

While recognizing your many family, work, and social commitments, the Forming Intentional Discipleship and Adult Faith Formation teams want to invite you to take advantage of the many opportunities available to you in our Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Collaborative to become ever more intentional disciples of Christ in your daily lives. This Lent please consider participating in the **"Soup and Spirit" Lecture Series** and/or the Collaborative **Mission on Holiness**. After Easter the Collaborative offers the **Discovering Christ** video series and discussions. If you prefer to pray and reflect on the written word or inspirational videos in the privacy of your home, take advantage of the Collaborative's offer to sign up for **FORMED**, a free online resource on faith formation for Catholics; or consider praying with the **daily Mass Scriptures** (listed each week in the bulletin), **using the Lectio Divina method** as described on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Whether or not you can participate in any of these offerings, let us together pray and work as one to proclaim the Gospel, confident that we are empowered and enlivened by the Holy Spirit to be the Body of Christ in this world.

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

Pivotal Players Thank You

"Pivotal Players" Reprised in Summer of 2019!

Thanks to underwriters (Ann Leonard and Vicki Splaine) for this eight-part DVD series and to the 19 participants who engaged in narratives of the Saints with discussions that empowered us to evangelize in our own environments. If you missed a lesson, AFFT will repeat the entire series **evenings at IC** this summer. Watch the bulletin for the dates and roster.

Lenten Guidelines

All **Fridays** during Lent are days of abstinence. **Good Friday** is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should take these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Lenten Activities in the Collaborative

Lenten Soup & Spirit Lectures

Join us for a 4-week simple meal and lecture series on the 7 Deadly Sins and the 7 Virtues.

Thursdays at Nativity Hall from 7:00–8:30pm (March 14, 21, April 4, 11)

Fridays at IC St. Louis Hall from Noon–1:30pm (March 15, 22, April 5, 12)

Almsgiving

- Canned goods will be collected at St. Ann and Nativity during Lent. Collections go to local senior centers.
- Helping our Homeless personal care items care packs will be collected in all churches.
- HR St. Vincent de Paul mite boxes are available, with proceeds helping those in need in our communities.

Prayer Time

Centering Prayer:

Wednesday evenings 6:00–7:00pm, IC Conf. Room 209

Adoration:

Wednesday evenings 6:00–7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel
Friday mornings 8:00am–12:00noon, IC St James Chapel

Rosary for Life:

Thursday evenings: 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

Daily Mass

Attending Daily Mass is a wonderful Lenten offering.

<i>Monday</i>	9:00am at St. Ann, W. Newbury
<i>Tues., Wed., Thurs.</i>	7:15am at IC
<i>Friday</i>	9:00am at Nativity, Merrimac

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent

3:30–4:30pm	IC Church
7:00–8:00pm	Nativity Church
6:00–6:45pm	Join us for a Lenten "Simple Supper" before Stations at Nativity Church Hall

Lenten Mission

Our annual Lenten Mission is March 25, 26, & 27 (Monday–Wednesday). We welcome back Fr. Michael Aiello for three uplifting evenings. This year's theme is "Holiness: A Lifestyle Change." All evenings begin at 7:00pm at IC Church. All ages welcome. See page 3 for more details.

Ukrainian Egg-Painting Workshop

This for-adults workshop (we use fire) is on April 6 from 9:30–12:00noon at IC St. Louis Hall. Reservations required. \$10.00 fee. See page 6 for more details.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Scripture Readings: March 10–17, 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 and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, March 10: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13
- Monday, March 11: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19; Matthew 25:31-46
- Tuesday, March 12: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34; Matthew 6:7-15
- Wednesday, March 13: Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51; Luke 11:29-32
- Thursday, March 14: Esther 9:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138; Matthew 7:7-12
- Friday, March 15: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130; Matthew 5:20-26
- Saturday, March 16: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119; Matthew 5:43-48
- Sunday, March 17: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36

Centering Prayer for Lent

Our Lenten reflection on Jesus' words and works reveals Jesus' intimate relationship with his Father. We see the depth of Jesus' faith, trust, and love for God. This relationship developed through prayer. Often we see Jesus withdraw from the crowds and even his apostles to pray alone in silence. Jesus tells us "When you pray, go into your private room, shut yourself in, and pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you" (Matt 6:6). In Centering Prayer you enter your private room.

Through prayer, Jesus, strengthened and moved by his Father's love for him, could willingly surrender his human life for love and reveal our God to us. Through the Paschal Mystery, Jesus of Nazareth was transformed to become Jesus the Christ. We, too, can be transformed through prayer that unites us to God. Lent is the time to pray as Jesus taught us and enter into the Paschal Mystery, receiving new life in God through death to self.

Centering Prayer is an ancient Christian practice available to all who seek transformation through a more intimate relationship with God. Please consider joining us for weekly group Centering Prayer and let God move you closer to him. We gather Wednesday evenings from 6:00–7:00 pm in Conference Room 209 for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer and 30 minutes of Lectio Divina. All are welcome. Please contact Elizabeth McCarthy (978-462-7483) if you are interested in learning more about this simple prayer of resting in God.

Drivers Thank You

Many, many thanks for your many responses to drag me and my quadriceps tendon around and about. There are just a few more spaces in my Mass and medical obligations, but, thank you again, more potential drivers that spaces. I'll be contacting you soon.

There is a possibility of me attending PT at Anna Jacques. When I find out how that will be arranged, and how much transportation I'll need (I'm considering a pogo stick), I'll let you all know.

Father McLaughlin

Ukrainian Egg-Painting Party

Get Fired up (Literally) Making a Painted Egg



This Eastern Orthodox Lenten tradition of meticulously decorating eggs is offered to adults only since it requires fire. Facilitators will direct the creative tradition of applying rich dyes to melted beeswax-applied designs.

No previous experience necessary. Limited to 24 participants.

Time: April 6, 9:30 a.m.–noon (snow date April 13)

Place: St. Louis Hall, IC Parish Center

Fee: \$10.00

Door prizes, collation, and fellowship! All necessary equipment available for use. Your masterpiece to take home.

Sign-up required. Call Mary to reserve your seat (978-462-6191).

Hurry: only 7 spots left, so call now to reserve your place.

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

4th Annual Lenten Soup & Spirit Lecture Series

Join the Adult Faith Formation Team for a DVD/live lecture series on traditional Catholic moral teaching that refutes modern moral confusion. Ponder presentations on the 7 Deadly Sins and their contrasting 7 Virtues. Enjoy simple food, fellowship, and food for thought.

Each of the four presentations will be offered twice: Thursday evenings at Nativity Hall, Merrimac (7:00–8:30pm) and repeated Fridays at IC's St. Louis Hall, Newburyport (noon–1:30pm).

March 14 & 15: Introduction and Pride/Humility

March 21 & 22: Envy/Admiration and Anger/Forgiveness

April 4 & 5: Sloth/Zel and Greed/Generosity

April 11 & 12: Gluttony/Asceticism and Lust/Chastity

Together let's make this HRIC's best Lent ever: clear teaching + practical advice + honest dialogue = conversion of heart and mind!

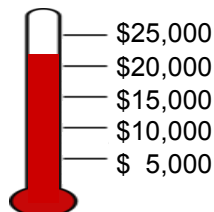
HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, March 2–3 **\$2,762.00**

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

HR Grand Annual
Goal **\$25,000**
To Date **\$20,265.00**



Activities Committee Open Enrollment & Meeting

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, **Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.** at Nativity Hall, Merrimac. All are welcome to join.

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **Nativity, Merrimac** on **March 23**.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

Please pick up a Lenten mite box at the back of the churches. Your Lenten charitable offerings will go directly to helping our SVdP clients in Merrimac and West Newbury. Thank you for your caring and generosity. If you are writing a check for us, please write the check to HR Saint Vincent de Paul to help expedite our banking.

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, March 13**.

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

HR Religious Education

Sun., 3/10 **Grades 3–6 classes** at Nativity Hall 9–10 a.m.

Grade 10 class at Nativity Hall 6–7:30 p.m. **Students must attend with an adult.**

Sat., 3/16 **Grade 6 Activity Day** at St. Ann Hall 1–3:30pm. Please bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided.

Thurs., 3/21 **Grades 7 & 8 Sandwich Making** beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the hall at St. Ann for GAR park.

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.

Stations of the Cross & Simple Supper

Join us at Nativity Hall on Fridays during Lent for a simple meal (6:00–6:45 p.m.) followed by Stations of the Cross in Nativity Church at 7:00 p.m. All ages 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, April 4**.

Lenten Food Drive

We will be having a food drive during Lent to benefit the senior centers. We will start collecting donations from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday. We will be collecting nonperishable dry goods, canned goods (Please check expiration dates.) and gift certificates to local markets. Donations may be left in the backs of both churches.

Women's Evening of Prayer

The next Women's Evening of Prayer will be Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church. All women of the collaborative are invited to attend this evening of prayer and song. Invite your friends.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, February 23–24 **\$9,165.00**
Utility & Energy **\$2,131.00**

The second collection **this** weekend is the Monthly. The second collection **next** weekend is Restoration/Renovation.

**IC Grand Annual
Goal \$100,000
To Date \$76,880.00**



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 265.00
Poor Box	\$ 182.00
Total	\$ 447.00

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 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.

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 School



Cultivating friendships across the grades is an important component of everyday life at the IC. The “Buddy Program” pairs our younger students with older students to attend monthly church services and to complete service learning projects. These purposeful activities foster a true sense of community and challenge all students to be good role models. The impact of interacting with students of all ages is very evident when children cross paths during the school day and express sheer joy at seeing each other. Feeling loved and valued as a member of our school community is our goal at Immaculate Conception.

Registrations for 2019–2020 Pre-K and Kindergarten are currently being accepted. Visit www.icsnewburyport.com or call Admissions at 978-465-7780.



Pictured - Lola in K and Ally in Grade 8 make Valentine’s Day placemats for nursing home residents.

Our Neighbors’ Table

Our Neighbors’ Table would like to announce that we’ve opened a new market in Newburyport—so come and shop with us for free.

The ONT Newburyport Market is open Thursdays from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

We are located at Community Service of Newburyport, 35 Summer Street, in the lower level of St. Paul’s Church. For your convenience we have several saved on-street parking spots in front of the market.

Each ONT location offers a beautiful, modern market where fresh, healthy food is made available to anyone in need—at no charge! There are no income requirements, just bring an ID with you.

We look forward to showing you around our Newburyport Market. If you have any further questions call Our Neighbors’ Table at 978-388-1907.

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.

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IC Religious Education

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School Year Programs

Classes for Grades K–8 are held Sunday mornings from 10:05–11:05.

There are only a few weeks left and a lot of material yet to cover so please help us to have great attendance in every class!

Grades 1–8 Summer Program

At this time, we anticipate offering a week of Religious Education this summer for those students **entering** Grades 1–8 in September of 2019 **dependent on the availability of volunteers to teach and assist.**

There will only be (1) session this summer on the week of June 24–28 for this age group.

Registration forms are now available. If you have not yet received one or you are able to volunteer, please contact the Religious Ed. office.

Summer Volunteers

We are once again asking for assistance in making our Summer Program a reality.

Many families depend on this week of Faith Formation as classes during the school year are not feasible for them.

Please consider offering your time the week of June 24.

For more information as to what this would entail please contact the Religious Ed. Office.

Reconciliation / First Eucharist

Mini-retreat for those preparing for First Eucharist is scheduled for Sunday, March 31 at 1:00pm. Please mark this date on all of your calendars.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please keep in mind that there are no Baptism classes 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.

Confirmation

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.

Confirmation Summer Program

A summer session will be held the week of July 15 for those students **entering** Grade 9 in September.

For those students **entering** Grade 10 in September, classes will be held the week of July 22.

These summer confirmation classes will be held in the evenings from 5:30–8:00 p.m.

Registration forms are available. If you have not yet received one, please contact the Religious Ed. office.

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus

Local Knights are encouraged to ensure email addresses are on file so that volunteer opportunities can be communicated. Please contact us to update your information at membership@kofc231.org.

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

IC Liturgical Ministers

All liturgical ministers must fill out a CORI every year for us to submit to the Archdiocese. We are still missing some minister's CORIs. If you have not yet filled out your CORI, please complete and submit the form to the Parish Office as soon as possible as they are past due. Forms are available in the church 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.



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