

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019

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*"Brothers and sisters:
Our citizenship is in heaven,
and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." (Phil 3:20)*

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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Office Hours: By appointment

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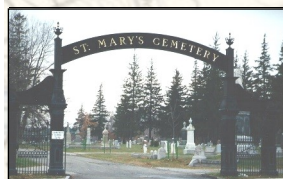
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (3/16)

4:00pm **IC** Fr. John Leonard, James Murphy, Rita M. Snow, Daniel & Margaret Herlihy and Family, Robert Thumser (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** Carmen Bermudez (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)

Monday (3/18)

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

Tuesday (3/19)

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

Wednesday (3/20)

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

Thursday (3/21)

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

Friday (3/22)

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

Saturday (3/23)

4:00pm **IC** Stanley Jancewicz (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (3/24)

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

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

9:00am **IC** Kevin Sullivan, David Michael Czarnecki, Deacon Richard Siebert, Fred & Lorraine Cameron (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:30am **IC** Janet Lamay, Catherine L. Mitchell, Gordon P. Mitchell, Sr., Lorraine Sligh, Sheila Kay Russo (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Kevin Sullivan, Laurie Freeman, Anna Cronin, 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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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



Several weeks ago, I was able to join with a large number of brother priests from the Boston area on an annual retreat down in Florida. In addition to enjoying a brief respite from the snow and cold (I think I actually missed 3 different snowstorms while I was away...Yippee!) it was also a great opportunity to pray and reflect with a group of men who are in various ways doing what I am doing in parish life and in working within a Collaborative. It is a refreshing and life-giving time that always strengthens me and leaves me with new ideas and possibilities. Although I don't pay too much attention to who is leading the multiple conferences on the retreat when I schedule these weeks, I always find that I have many little take-aways from their presentations. This year was no different. Our speaker, Fr. Peter Cameron (a Dominican priest) is an author of many spiritual books and gives many retreats for priests all over the country. But one little tidbit that he offered I found to be quite compelling: he used a little upstart website called "IM Beggar" to begin many of our conferences with very short cartoons that made various points about God, faith, sin, and everlasting life. To be fair, there was an occasional use of what Fr. Broderick would call "scatological language" (four-letter-words) in a few of the videos, so these are not all kid-friendly, but this only happens in a few of them. The videos, though, are quite compelling and really make you think. I would encourage you to take a look at the site: www.imbeggar.com. A new video called "A quick reflection on Lent," was just released this week. It is worth spending a few moments pondering.

As we move deeper into our Lenten season, I am looking forward to welcoming back Fr. Michael Alello to our Collaborative for our Mission on March 25th–27th. Fr. Alello was very well-received the last time he was with us. I can't wait to see what he has to offer us in the weeks ahead!

Here is a "selfie" that Fr. George and I took from his last visit. Please mark your calendars and join us for what I am sure will be lively and prayerful evenings of reflection.

Wishing a joyful and holy Lenten season! Through the intercession of St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Boston, may we all be filled with many blessings this day and in the weeks to come.



Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, March 18

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

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

Tuesday, March 19

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 20

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

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

Women's Evening of Prayer 7:00pm, St. Ann Church

Thursday, March 21

HR Religious Ed., Grades 7 & 8 Sandwich Making 6:00pm, St. Ann Hall

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

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

Service & Ministry Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Friday, March 22

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 23

HR Religious Ed., Grade 5 Activity Day 1:00pm, St. Ann Hall

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, March 24

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

HR Religious Ed., Grades 3-6 (Class & Party) 9:00am, Nativity Hall

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

IC Religious Ed. (Featuring Grade 2 Presentation) 10:00am, IC Parish Center

IC Religious Ed., Confirmation 1:00pm, IC Parish Center

Final Call for the Emerald Isle!



This is the last chance to join with us for what will be a prayerful and exciting Pilgrimage to Ireland that will leave Monday, May

13. 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. To be included **you must register by Monday March 18**. Come on a Faith Journey with us!

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

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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: How does knowing Christ transform your own life?

Child: How does knowing who Jesus is make your life better?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Scripture Readings: March 17–24, 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.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, March 17: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36
- Monday, March 18: Daniel 9:4b-10; Psalm 79; Luke 6:36-38
- Tuesday, March 19: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Psalm 89; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Wednesday, March 20: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Psalm 31; Matthew 20:17-28
- Thursday, March 21: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; Luke 16:19-31
- Friday, March 22: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Psalm 105; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday, March 23: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Psalm 103; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday, March 24: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

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Dinner Team Volunteer Cooks Needed

Last week's bulletin included an insert flyer with an appeal for volunteer cooks for the **Discovering Christ** series. The ChristLife Hospitality Team is still looking to set up a team of volunteers to provide meals for the weekly meetings of **Discovering Christ** on Sunday afternoons from April 28 to June 16. We will provide volunteer cooks with: one 9x13 foil casserole pan, one easy to follow recipe card, and a reminder phone call or email. We're asking our volunteer cooks to provide: the time required to prepare one casserole dish, the cost of the ingredients, and delivery of the hot meal to church at 4:30 p.m. on their designated Sunday(s). There's no need to volunteer every week. One week will be deeply appreciated as will any more our volunteers choose to cook. **CORRECTION:** Unfortunately, the contact information for those wanting to volunteer contained a mistaken phone number on the flyer. The correct number for Mary Bragg is **978-465-8779**. You can also sign up online from our homepage at hriccatholic.org.

San Marcos Coffee Sale

Our next batch of San Marcos specialty coffee will be freshly roasted and available for \$10/pound after most Masses in our Collaborative on March 23–24. Your purchase will help the poor coffee farmers in Honduras to earn a fair wage for their labor. Call Karen Finnegan with any questions about this project: 978-465-4173.

Lenten Activities in the Collaborative

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, Newburyport
<i>Friday</i>	9:00am at Nativity, Merrimac

Lenten Mission

Our annual Lenten Mission is March 25, 26, & 27 (Monday–Wednesday). We welcome back Fr. Michael Alello 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 p. 6 for details.

Prayer Time

Women's Evening of Prayer

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00pm, St. Ann Church

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

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. See p. 6 for details.
- HR St. Vincent de Paul mite boxes are available, with proceeds helping those in need in our communities.

Lenten Soup & Spirit Lectures

Join us for a simple meal and lecture series on the 7 Deadly Sins and the 7 Virtues. See p. 6 for details.

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

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

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

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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

Centering Prayer for Lent

Our Lenten reflection on Jesus' words and works reveals Jesus' intimate relationship with his Father. 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 Wednesdays from 6–7pm in IC Conference Room 209 for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer and 30 minutes of Lectio Divina. Contact Elizabeth McCarthy (978-462-7483) to learn more.

Ukrainian Egg-Painting Party



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

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

Lenten Guidelines

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

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.

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 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 21 & 22: Envy/Admiration and Anger/Forgiveness

April 4 & 5: Sloth/Zeal 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!

Helping Our Homeless

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

In an effort to ease the suffering of our homeless and as a Collaborative-wide Lenten observance, we again will be collecting "Homeless Care Packs" in all three churches. A Homeless Care Pack is a one-gallon Ziploc bag filled with personal care items for men and women. They will be distributed to local agencies serving our homeless, including our own Pelican Intervention Fund, St. Vincent de Paul, Pettengill House, Salvation Army, YWCA, and Community Service, as well as distributed by our youth attending the annual 30-hour famine. Travel-size personal care items are the best size and can be found in most pharmacies in the area. There will be a collection box at the entrance of each church. For more information or to help, please contact Jonathan Temple, 978-809-9337. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

Items needed:

Shampoo
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Razor
Socks
Gloves
Shaving Cream

Cough drops
Protein bars
Soap
Life Savers candy
Disposable face cloths
Kleenex packs
Hand sanitizer

Feminine hygiene products (Women)
Umbrellas
Antiseptic Wipes

No mouthwash or loose items please

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, March 9-10	\$ 2,587.00
Monthly	\$ 1,795.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 705.00
HR Grand Annual	\$20,265.00

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,183.00.00
To Date \$4,500.00



\$22,183
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$ 5,000

Saturday Mass at Nativity

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

Coffee After Mass



You are invited to join us for **coffee, muffins, and coffee cake** at our next **coffee hour** after the 8:00 Mass in the Nativity Church Hall on March 31. It's a great time to catch up with your parish family or maybe meet a new friend!

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

During Lent, we pray, fast, and give alms. Please consider using our SVdP mite boxes for your Lenten donations. All of the money received goes to help our Merrimac and West Newbury neighbors. There are mite boxes for the taking at the backs of both churches. Thank you for your consideration.

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

Raffle Tickets on Sale This Weekend

Take a chance at winning an autographed Zedeno Chara Bruins jersey, an autographed Christian Vazquez baseball, or an autographed Steven Goskowski photograph. Tickets for each item will be \$10 apiece or 3 for \$20 and will be on sale this weekend after the 4:00 p.m. and 10:15 a.m. Masses at St. Ann Church.

Winners will be drawn at the hockey tournament on March 23-24 at the Veterans Memorial Rink, Haverhill. Proceeds will go to the Fisher House of Boston, a 501(c)(3) organization that helps disabled veterans and their families in need of medical treatment.

Contact Ted Xenakis at 978-373-5493 for information.

HR Religious Education

Sun., 3/17	Grades 3-6 classes at Nativity Hall, 9-10 a.m.
Tues., 3/19	Grades 7 & 8 classes at Nativity Hall, 6-7:30 p.m.
Thurs., 3/21	Grades 7 & 8 Sandwich Making beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the hall at St. Ann for GAR park.
Sat., 3/23	Grade 5 Activity Day at St. Ann. 1-3:30 p.m. Students are asked to bring a snack to share, drinks are provided.

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.

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.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, March 9-10	\$ 8,724.00
Monthly	\$ 1,272.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 2,346.00
IC Grand Annual	\$76,880.00

The second collection this weekend is Restoration/Renovation.

The second collection next weekend is IC Haiti. Please make checks payable to IC Haiti.

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$55,614.00
To Date \$10,065.00



\$55,614
\$40,000
\$25,000
\$10,000

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 175.00
Poor Box	\$ 225.00
Total	\$ 400.00

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.

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

“Casino Night” & Auction

IC Spring Fundraiser

March 23, 2019

6:30–10:30 p.m.

Immaculate Conception School Gymnasium



Join us for an exciting “Casino Night” themed evening to support the education of IC students. Delicious food, cash bar, amazing raffle baskets, cork pull, live auction items, and thirteen gaming tables will liven up the night! Tickets and a detailed description of the event:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ics-casino-night-auction-tickets-56656111956> or visit our school website at www.icsnewburyport.com.

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.

Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Fund. Email your request for an application to maryaksscholarship@gmail.com.

Scholarship eligibility:

- Young man or woman parishioner of IC Parish
- High school graduate in pursuit of a scientific education

Completed applications must be postmarked and returned to the Trustees no later than Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

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.

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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.

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 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

Our last Confirmation class for Grades 9 & 10 is scheduled for **Sunday, March 24**. Please make every effort to attend.

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 classes will be held in the evenings from 5:30–8pm. 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, and 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.

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 **March 25**. Contact Barbara with questions: barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.



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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.

Adoration

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



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