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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020

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*He said to them,  
“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”* (Mt 4:19)

*All Are Welcome*



# Immaculate Conception School

Please join us, **Sunday, January 26, 1 - 2 pm**  
to celebrate the start of **Catholic Schools Week**



Parents, students, grandparents, parishioners, etc., are all welcome to visit the Immaculate Conception School (IC) to celebrate the start of Catholic Schools Week after our special 11:30 mass. This event takes place 1-2 pm, in the IC's impressive gymnasium/auditorium.

Enjoy a refreshment, and mingle with IC families, principal, faculty and staff. Visit classrooms and see student projects. Learn how the IC is preparing students for success in the 21st century.

#### Immaculate Conception School:

- *Teaching Kindness*
- *Collaborative Learning*
- *Developing Leaders*

Pre-K Program offers children ages 3 and 4 a flexible schedule of 2, 3, 4 or 5 days per week.

**OPEN HOUSE:** Wednesday, February 5 • Wednesday, March 11 • Tuesday, April 7 • Wednesday, May 13

**PRIVATE TOUR:** Call Kelley Pappalardo at (978) 465-7780 for a private tour or more information

Immaculate Conception School is an affordable, private Catholic elementary school (pre-k – eighth grade), providing high-quality, faith-based education, preparing young people for life, spiritually, academically and socially.

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (1/25)

4:00pm **IC Ada Durairaj, Albert J. & Ann T. Savina, Eugene Greco, Lillie Muldoon**  
 (Fr. Harrison)  
 4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Sunday (1/26)

7:15am **IC Mary S. Herlihy** (Fr. Harrison)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
 9:00am **IC John Graziano** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
 11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

### Monday (1/27)

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

### Tuesday (1/28)

7:15am **IC Ruth A. Braley** (Fr. Harrison)

### Wednesday (1/29)

7:15am **IC Regina M. Stronge** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Thursday (1/30)

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

### Friday (1/31)

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

### Saturday (2/1)

4:00pm **IC Hazel Boguzewski, Joseph Keefe**  
 (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **St. Ann Thomas Ritter** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (2/2)

7:15am **IC Regina M. Stronge** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
 8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
 9:00am **IC Leslie Ramsay, Jr., Cameron D'Ambrosio** (Fr. Morin)  
 10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)  
 11:30am **IC Joseph Brown** (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,



This past week, shortly before the weekend, we received word from the Archdiocese that they were recommending that all parishes suspend use of the shared-communion cup due to the sharp increase in flu-related illnesses in eastern Massachusetts. The severity of this particular form of the flu is known to be severe. While I do believe that this reserving of the chalice is being done out of an overabundance of caution, we will wait until later this spring, probably at Easter, to return to offering the cup at Mass.

When shared properly, the common communion cup ought not be a source of concern for those who are healthy and who are not already in a high-risk group for contracting communicable diseases. The chalices that we use at all of our masses are made of metal and have a smooth surface that germs have difficulty surviving on very long when exposed to air. The Eucharistic Minister is trained to utilize a fresh portion of the purifier (linen napkin) each time they wipe the chalice after each communicant, to wipe both sides of the rim of the cup, then to give the chalice a quarter-turn before offering it to the next communicant. These actions, taken together, will reduce the possibility of the spread of any disease. Additionally, while as Catholics we believe that the communion wine actually becomes the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ during our shared Eucharistic Prayer, it retains the "accidents" or outer qualities of the wine (like its taste) which include the alcohol-related properties that act as a mild antiseptic, thus further reducing the chance of spreading any disease. None of these actions or traits will guarantee that a disease cannot be spread by the sharing of a common cup, but I hope that parishioners will have confidence in approaching Holy Communion under both the forms of bread and wine when it is offered. At the Last Supper, Jesus invited His disciples to "Take and Eat, and then, to Take and Drink," as a full share in the Eucharistic Meal which foreshadows the great Heavenly banquet. In doing so, He intended our celebrations of Mass and our sharing of Holy Communion to be seen as a sacred meal that brings us into union with the saving action of His sacrifice on the Cross. When we stop and think about it, what makes up a meal but food and drink, taken together?! From the very beginning, this is the normal way we are to experience the Eucharist.

Over the centuries, with much theological reflection and pastoral praxis, the Church has come to knowledge that a sharing in only one form of Holy Communion—either bread or wine, does not constitute receiving "less" of the Lord's Real Presence. While sharing in both the forms of Bread and Wine is the full sign of Communion as instituted by Christ, Christ is fully present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in either form. This is what we have called over the years as the doctrine of Concomitance. Hence, you don't get "less Jesus" by receiving under only one form, and you don't get "more Jesus" by receiving under both forms. We simply receive Christ, who is One and Lord of all.

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

**Monday, January 27,**

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

**Women at the Well Prayer Group 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room**

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

**HR PFC Meeting 7:00pm, St. Ann Hall**

**Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209**

**Tuesday, January 28**

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

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

**IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall**

**HR First Reconciliation Rehearsal/Meeting 6:30pm, Nativity Church and Hall**

**HR Activities Group Meeting 6:30pm, St. Ann Hall**

**Wednesday, January 29**

**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 Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church**

**Thursday, January 30**

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

**Friday, January 31**

**Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel**

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

**Ultreya 7:00pm, IC St. James Chapel/Charity Dining Room**

**Saturday, February 1**

**Cursillo Group Reunion 8:00am, St. Ann Church**

**HR First Reconciliation 11:00am, Nativity Church**

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

**Sunday, February 2**

**Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church**

**HR Faith Formation 9:00am, Nativity Hall**

**IC Welcoming Coffee Hour 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall**

**St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 10:00am, St. Ann Church**

**HR Faith Formation 11:15am, St. Ann Hall**

**Baptism Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room**

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## Bulletin Information

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

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That much having been said, I would like to draw your attention to some of the other ways that we interact at Mass and offer a few suggestions for us all during the remainder of "cold and flu season."

First—if you are suffering from a cold or the flu, please stay at home, until you are certain that you no longer may share your misfortune with others. This is not only for the comfort of others around you, but also because people have a variety of susceptibility to colds and viruses. Some of us are more vulnerable than others to catching a disease, and for some the disease may hit them much harder than what you might experience. In some extreme cases, it can lead to hospitalization and even death. So, please be considerate of those around you. Just as we are called to use our common sense and God-given gift of reason when considering venturing out in snowy weather, we ought exercise the same good sense when we are coming down with a cold.

Second—Let us all wash our hands...a lot! One of the most prevalent ways that a cold or flu virus is spread is through our hands touching a contaminated surface, such as a door knob or railing. Over the course of a day, think of how many hundreds of hands might touch even a single door! Frequently washing our hands with hot, soapy water is one of the best lines of defense. When that is not possible, using a liquid hand-sanitizer is a second-best option. We have these available in our sacristies, rest rooms, as well as at various places in our churches for anyone to use. Don't be afraid to scrub and squirt away!

Third—refrain from direct hand-to-hand contact if you have a cold or have a compromised immune system. I have encountered many parishioners at the end of mass who will "give a wave" or want to "bump elbows" if they are recovering from a cold. I will never see this as an insult, but always a kindness offered in great consideration! When we are called to offer "The Sign of Peace," this might mean a smile and a wave rather than the usual firm handshake if we are not feeling 100%.

Fourth—if you haven't already done so, talk with your doctor about getting a flu or pneumonia shot.

Finally, please keep an eye on the most vulnerable in our communities. If you know of a relative or neighbor who is not able to get out much, reach out to them through a visit or phone call to make sure they are OK and are having all of their needs met. There are many different organizations within our area who can help those in need. Don't be afraid to show that you care!

Let's all stay safe and healthy during these frigid winter months! Winter blessings to us all!

Fr. Timothy Harrison

Pastor



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Collaborative Parishes

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## 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.

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## Mass Scripture Readings

January 26–February 2, 2020

Praying with the Scriptures is an intentional way of deepening our relationship with the Lord. Set aside fifteen minutes each day, in the same place, and at the same time. What do each day's Scripture passages reveal to me about our loving Father, our Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit? What do the passages reveal about me? What am I being called upon to do, to be? Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures [www.HRICcatholic.org](http://www.HRICcatholic.org) and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Jan 26: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Psalm 27; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23
- Monday, Jan 27:2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Psalm 89; Mark 3:22-30
- Tuesday, Jan 28: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Psalm 24; Mark 3:31-35
- Wednesday, Jan 29: 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Psalm 89; Mark 4:1-20
- Thursday, Jan 30: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Psalm 132; Mark 4:21-25
- Friday, Jan 31: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Psalm 51; Mark 4:26-34
- Saturday, Feb 1: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Psalm 51; Mark 4:35-41
- Sunday, Feb 2: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2:14 -18; Luke 2:22-40

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



## Questions of the Week

 **Adult:** When have you experienced being called by God?

**Child:** How do you follow Jesus today?

## Women at the Well Catholic Women's Group

women at the well  
catholic women's group

*Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine?  
Looking for a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social or parenting life?  
Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.*

WELCOME TO A COMMUNITY FULL OF

*women just like you*

Wherever you are in your faith journey, join us as we meet weekly for *Blessed Is She* bible study, community and friendship as we grow together in Christ.

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MONDAY NIGHTS, WEEKLY  
STARTNG JAN 6TH  
6PM-7:30PM  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

*please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com if you have any questions*

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## Online Resources

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, faith formation, Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our **calendar**, **Twitter**, **Instagram**, and **Facebook** pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, see our Get Involved tab to see how your talents can be utilized, or check out the photos section. We have so much happening in our Collaborative.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## *Unplanned* Movie

You might not be on location for the annual *March for Life* in Boston or Washington DC, so come instead for 3 hours to pray, view, and discuss *Unplanned*. This uplifting but graphic drama (not suitable for pre-teens) follows Abby Johnson's conversion from Planned Parenthood abortion clinic director to Pro-Life Advocate.

Date: Sunday, January 26

Time: 1:00pm–4:00pm

Place: IC St. Louis Hall

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}



## Catholic TV

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

## 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 7:00 p.m. in IC St. James Chapel and Charity Dining Room to continue the Cursillo spirit. All are welcome. For more information, contact Dave & Kelly Colby.

### Cursillo Weekends

February 6	Men
March 5	Women
April 2	Men
April 30	Women
June 4	Women

### Ultreya Evenings

January 31
February 28
March 27
April 24
May 29

## Centering Prayer

If you are searching for the peace the world cannot give please consider joining us at Centering Prayer. Silently resting in God we assent to the Holy Spirit's presence and action in our lives. In Centering Prayer we pray as Jesus prayed. He 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).

Please consider leaving the noise of world and the busyness of your day behind for an hour on Wednesday evenings from 6:00–7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 209 of the IC Parish Center. Following Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina enriches and instructs us as we listen to and reflect on the words of scripture.

Contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483 if you are interested in learning more or joining us. All are welcome.

## Candlelight Taizé

Groveland Congregational Church cordially invites the community to a candlelight meditation service modeled on the services held at the Taizé community in France. The service will take place on Sunday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the church: 4 King St., Groveland. (Snow date: February 9)

The Taizé community, which was founded in 1940, today is comprised of over 100 brothers, Roman Catholics and Protestants, from a variety of backgrounds and representing over 25 different nations. Every year thousands of people visit the community on a pilgrimage that encourages them to build relationships of trust among human beings. They leave with a deepened sense of inner life and a readiness to embrace the responsibilities that will help make this world a better place to live.

Taizé prayer is a simple form of ecumenical Christian prayer centered on scripture, silence, and song. It involves singing and listening to the word of God in an atmosphere of silence and peace. The worship space will be illuminated with a multitude of candles; the music will consist of simple repeated refrains, enabling the worshippers to enter into prayer. There will be readings from scripture, petitions, and a time of silent prayer. In this type of service, the community gathers to listen to God. By singing simple songs of prayer over and over, the mind calms and the soul opens up; God speaks and the heart hears.

We pray for the light of Christ to come into the darkness of our world. Come and seek trust and calm. For further information, contact Groveland Congregational Church at 978-372-3463 or visit [www.grovelanducc.org](http://www.grovelanducc.org).

## IC CHURCH

### 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.

### Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal, provided by volunteers, is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Inform the funeral director that you request this service when making arrangements.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, Jan. 18-19

**\$6,670.00**

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please visit [usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latinamerica/index.cfm](http://usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latinamerica/index.cfm) for more information.

Next week's second collection is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

IC Grand Annual  
Goal \$100,000  
To Date \$85,639.00



## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 35.00
Poor Box	\$168.00
Total	\$203.00

## Archdiocese Web Site

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

## IC Haiti Status Report

As IC Haiti begins a new year, we are happy to report that thanks to your continued generosity the parish's quarterly collections remain steadily supportive of efforts to serve the educational, nutritional, health, and emergency relief needs of the rural community of Puit Chacha, Haiti. Civil unrest and political protests primarily in and around Port-au-Prince continue and, because of the US Department of State's travel restrictions, international aid and support are restricted. Prolonged protests will most likely impact our school program and other successful organizations such as our partner Health Equity International (formerly Saint Boniface Haiti Foundation). However, IC Haiti remains committed to the Puit Chacha community and, fortunately, the unrest is not affecting the students' ability to attend school either in Puit Chacha or in Fond-des-Blancs.

We encourage you to view the recent report done by CBS News on St. Boniface Hospital in Haiti. The CEO of Health Equity International, Mr. Conor Shapiro, is interviewed extensively, and he offers a most informative and inspirational perspective on the success of this amazing hospital. This is the organization we are proud to work through in Haiti. It is located about five miles from Puit Chacha. Here's the online link to the video report:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/st-boniface-hospital-a-beacon-of-hope-in-post-quake-haiti/>

## Immaculate Conception School



Catholic Schools Week is a celebration of everything we believe in at Immaculate Conception School—God, service, academic excellence, leadership, and community. We have a really fun week planned for our students that encompasses all of these beliefs. We start the week with a special luncheon for the VIPs in our lives. Over 650 students and guests will enjoy a delicious meal together, served by our 8th grade students. This year's luncheon theme is **PEACE**, which will include students' and guests' handprints arranged in a huge peace sign. A wax museum, and talent show showcase the students' performance skills and personal interests. The National Geography Bee is an anticipated event for qualifying students to test their knowledge of geography. Artist Rob Surette returns again for an inspirational and dynamic multi-media presentation that is empowering, faith-based, and simply awesome! Two buddy activities will pair our younger students with their older buddies for purpose and fun. A school-wide service project entails making Valentine's Day placemats for area nursing home residents. Breakfast Buddy Bingo will finish out the week, complete with breakfast treats and prizes. Everyone at the IC loves Catholic Schools Week because it is a celebration of God, service, academic excellence, leadership, and community.

## IC Knitting Ministry

The Knitting Ministry meets Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in Room 209 in the IC Parish Center. We knit/crochet prayer shawls, hats, mittens, and scarves for charity. Come join this friendly group. New people, ideas, and patterns are always welcome. For more information call Julia O'Connor 978-465-3350 or Frances Ronan 978-462-4972.

## 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 February 2 at St. Louis Hall.

## 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.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## 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.

## Wanted: Cooks

The St. Vincent de Paul dinner held each Tuesday at the IC Parish Center is in need of help for one evening each month. The team of two chefs would be assisted by experienced volunteers helping prepare the meal in the Parish Center kitchen. We are a welcoming group! Please visit our kitchen and observe the process of preparing and serving a free meal to a group of appreciative guests. We gather late afternoon on Tuesdays and serve at 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Bunny Chiasson, 978-465-5810.

## Call for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

We are seeking additional Lay Ministers to assist at Mass

What is an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?** Often referred to as simply a “Eucharistic Minister” an EM is a lay person who assists the priest in distributing Holy Communion at Mass. While the priest or deacon is viewed by the Church as the “ordinary minister of Holy Communion,” because of the large number of people attending Mass, it would be impractical or impossible for the clergy alone to offer Communion to so many. EMs are trained to help for precisely this reason. At most Masses at IC, we usually need 4 or 5 trained EMs to allow our Communion procession to go smoothly. It is an important role. EMs may also volunteer to take the Blessed Sacrament to those who are ill or otherwise unable to attend Mass i.e., nursing homes, hospital, in home, etc.

What is a **Lector?** A Lector is a lay person who assists at Mass by reading passages from the Old and New Testament and leading the Universal Prayer or “Prayers of the Faithful” at Sunday Mass when the Deacon is not present.

Both Lectors and EMs are baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church and living a life of prayer and service within our community.

If you or someone you know might be interested in serving in either of these two ministries or have any questions about what it means to serve, please contact Mary Zerigian or Mary Ann Lawler. Training will be provided.

## IC Faith Formation

### School Year Programs

School year programs continue to take place for all grade levels.

If you have not yet registered it is not too late to join us for the remainder of the sessions. Forms and the class schedule can be found on our website ([hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org)) or call the Faith Formation office for information.

### Confirmation

The next Confirmation Prep class for **Year 1** (Grade 9) will be held this Sunday (January 26) from 1:00–2:30.

Class for **Year 2** (Grade 10) will meet again on Tuesday, February 4 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, February 2** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on February 9.

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

The children have begun preparing for their First Eucharist. Please mark your calendars now for the first **Parent Meeting** scheduled for **Tuesday, February 25** at 6:30 p.m.

Please also remember to complete and submit the **First Eucharist registration form** if you have not already done so.

## 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](http://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 **January 27**.

Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at [barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com).

## 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.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

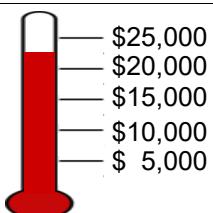
## HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, January 18–19      \$2,303.00

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please visit [usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latinamerica/index.cfm](http://usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latinamerica/index.cfm) for more information.

Next week's second collection is the Fuel Collection.

**HR Grand Annual  
Goal \$25,000  
To Date \$22,050.00**



*Congratulations to  
Matthew Pallone and Laura Montini  
who celebrated their wedding at St. Ann this past Monday!*

## HR Dinner & BINGO Night

February 29 at Nativity Church Hall  
Watch the bulletin for details.

## HR Faith Formation

### School Year Programs

School year programs continue for all grades. If you have yet to register it is not too late for your child to join us for the remainder of the sessions.

Forms as well as a class schedule can be found on our website ([hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org)) or call the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420) to request information to be sent to you.

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Sacramental Prep classes for those children anticipating the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist continue to take place.

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**.

### Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, February 2** at 1:00 p.m. in the Charity Dining Room located in the IC Pastoral Center.

### Confirmation Prep Classes

The next class for **Year 1 (Grade 9)** is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11 in the Nativity Church Hall beginning at 6:30.

**Year 2 (Grade 10)** class will meet again on Sunday, February 9, from 6:00–7:30 also in the Nativity Church Hall.

Please remember an adult does need to accompany the candidate.

## Activities Committee Meeting

The Activities Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Ann Hall, W. Newbury, to organize the up coming BINGO Dinner planned for Saturday, February 29.

Please join our group and consider helping out, joining in, and serving your parish!

## 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 6**.