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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023



*But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly,
who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD: the remnant of Israel...
they shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them.*

(from Zeph 3)

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Fr. Tim Harrison

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Mass Schedule

- Saturday (1/28)**
 4:00pm **IC Robert Hanson** (Fr. Morin)
 4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
- Sunday (1/29)**
 8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)
 9:00am **IC Elizabeth L. McBride, Eleanor & Angelo Messina, Ted LoPreste** (Fr. Morin)
 10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
 11:30am **IC Theresa McKinnon** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)
- Monday (1/30)**
 No Daily Mass
- Tuesday (1/31)**
 9:00am **IC Margaret O'Hara** (Fr. Harrison)
- Wednesday (2/1)**
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
- Thursday (2/2)**
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)
- Friday (2/3)**
 9:00am **IC Margaret Babst** (Fr. Harrison)
- Saturday (2/4)**
 4:00pm **IC Gerald & Jane Volpone, Joseph H. Brown Jr.** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
 4:00pm **St. Ann Thomas Ritter** (Fr. Morin)
- Sunday (2/5)**
 8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)
 9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
 10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
 11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Margaret Connolly, Lillian McKinney, Verna Hartman, Ellen Jones, Theodore Stanwood, Robert Carbone Jr., Jennie Jancewicz, and all of the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through our website: hriccatholic.org and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).

Questions of the Week



Adult: Which one of the Beatitudes was most meaningful for you when you heard it today? Why?

Child: Which one of the Beatitudes is your favorite? Why?

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Bulletin Information

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In the popular Netflix series, *Stranger Things*, the cast of characters encounters what is called in the show the “Upside Down.”

(Spoiler alert!)

For the uninitiated, it is an alternative universe, a parallel dimension where everything that exists is overcome by evil and darkness. Of course, the heroes of the show spend their time (and lives) seeking to defeat this gloomy state and triumph over betrayal, greed, deceit, hatred, and division. It is extremely well done for those looking to dive into a great and compelling viewing experience.

This weekend’s Gospel passage, one of the most famous and memorable of the sayings of Jesus, is an exhibition of a positive and redeeming parallel vision of our place here on earth. In a sense, it portrays our world turned upside down—where things that normally end in defeat and despair, now triumph into glory, joy, and peace. If we stop and think about it, what is so particularly blessed about being in a state of mourning? When we experience a loss, it is usually a bitter and turbulent experience, uprooting our lives and casting into doubt almost everything we once thought was stable and secure. Being “poor in spirit” usually means being downcast and miserable. Showing mercy means taking a hit without exacting the full measure of justice that we are due—with us absorbing the loss. Being meek...well, whoever got ahead in life by exhibiting

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Celebrating 80 Years! Fr. Bill celebrated his 80th birthday with a reception at IC St. Louis Hall this past weekend.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, January 30

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

Homebound Ministry Training 6:00pm, IC Church

Women at the Well Mtg. 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, January 31

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

IC Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, February 1

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Thursday, February 2

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

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC 175th Anniversary Committee Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, February 3

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

Collaborative Staff Mtg. 1:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Ultreya 7:00pm, Holy Family Church, Amesbury

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

Saturday, February 4

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, February 5

Scouts Pinewood Derby 7:00am, Nativity Hall

RCIA Mtg. 9:15am, IC Parish Center Room G19

Faith Formation, Grades K-8 10:00am, IC Parish Center

RCIA Mtg. 10:00am, IC St. James Chapel

RCIA Mtg. 12:30pm, IC Parish Center Room G19

IC Confirmation Prep., Year 1 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Confirmation Prep., Year 1 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

To schedule your group's in-person meeting, contact Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.

HRIC Pastoral Council Updates

The HRIC Pastoral Council met on Zoom on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Among the issues discussed were the following:

- Some follow-up discussion on our ongoing discussion about "bringing people back to Church."
- Role of Pastoral Council Members.
- Update on activities being planned for Immaculate Conception's 175th Anniversary in 2023.
- Formation of a Committee on Spirituality.
- Continuing formation of a Committee on Social Action/ Social Justice for the Collaborative.
- Report from the newly-formed Ministry Committee.

Meetings are held on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. once a month. In February and March, meetings will be on Zoom and after that will be in-person. Watch the bulletin for information on upcoming meetings and invitations to participate.

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that virtue? And whenever we try and be true peacemakers in this world, we usually end up being fired upon and hated by both opposing forces. Being clean of heart can seem like an impossible dream with so much corruption and vice that constantly swirl around us.

But Jesus' vision of this divine "Upside Down" is compelling nonetheless, because it does not surrender the ideal that there can be a better world, that good can triumph over evil, that hope is not in vain, and that true, honest, self-sacrificing love can be the final word on an otherwise fallen world. It is breathtaking in its vision! And yet these "Beatitudes" only begin to scratch the surface of what God has prepared for those who believe in the power of His love. Every act of righteousness, every moment of sacrifice, every mercy offered, every emptying of one's self, every effort to do the right and good in this world will not only never be overlooked or go unnoticed by God, but rather, the complete fulfillment of every good and holy action will be brought to its absolute and complete fulfillment in Christ.

This will happen in such a way that our world will be completely transformed and made anew. More than simply turning the tables or flipping things upside down, we are promised a new Heaven and a new Earth...a fresh start, a new beginning where God's grace will shine so brightly that there will not even be the need for the sun and moon to light our way!

It may be hard for us to even conceive of our lives being so completely transformed by Jesus' vision of the Beatitudes, but in reality, through God's grace, we build this Kingdom piece by piece, bit by bit, moment by moment...through every act of faithfulness, every moment of love. No effort on our part is ever in vain for God will take the weak and make it strong, grasp the insignificant and make it overwhelming, bring the healing where none was ever found before.

With confidence and resolve, let us embrace these words of Christ in our hearts that they may give us hope and strength to do the right and good that our world so desperately needs, no matter how much of an upper hand evil seems to get. After all, through His Resurrection, Christ has triumphed over even death itself.

Winter blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Youth and Adult Altar Servers Needed

We are looking for new altar servers for all weekend Masses at all three Collaborative churches.

Any student who is 4th grade or older and has made their First Communion is eligible to become an altar server.

We also welcome any adult who might be interested. This is a wonderful way to serve our parish communities and our Lord.

Training will be provided. If you are interested in serving, please call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 and ask for Melinda or Christine.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



*Fr. George marking his birthday at the rectory last week.
Ad Multos Annos!*

AED and First Aid Kits

You may have noticed that the AEDs or Automated External Defibrillators kits, “stop-bleed” kits, and updated first-aid kits have been installed in all of our worship spaces and parish halls.

The cost for these complete kits (AED, stop-bleed, and first aid) with their respective cabinets and required supplies is \$1,768.00 each. To date we have received \$5,900 in donations to help pay for the purchase of these life-saving kits and we have received a commitment for an additional \$1,800.00.

We will still need \$6,500.00. We invite parishioners who are able to consider making a donation to help pay for these potentially life-saving kits. Full or partial donations for these sets are welcome and appreciated for both parishes.

Additionally, we have multiple offers from parishioners who are familiar with how to use these devices to do an informal training after weekend Masses. Plus, we hope to also offer certification in CPR and basic first aid for anyone who might be interested in going through the training. Stay tuned for more information about where and when. Please contact Dennis LaMalfa in our business office for more information. Thank you for your generosity in the care of others!

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 either Pentucket Regional or Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Faith Formation classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website 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.

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

IC Haiti

May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA, 01950. Checks should be made out to “IC Haiti.”**

Community Service of Newburyport



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The HRIC Collaborative is teaming up with Community Service of Newburyport and their **Making it Personal** program to help our neighbors in need. Please purchase new dish soap and laundry detergent (**small bottles please**) and bring them to church during the **weekends of January 22 and 29**. There will be collection bins in all three churches to receive your donation.

Community Service of Newburyport serves those in need in all HRIC communities and will distribute these items to our neighbors.

If you have any questions please send an e-mail to hricshare@gmail.com. God bless you for your generosity.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Prayers for the Sick

May the comfort and healing of Christ embrace all in our Collaborative who are suffering from illness, especially:

Priscilla Brown	Hillar Haan
Baby Boyle	Jay Hanslig
Judy Capone	Terence Healey
Cindy Calcina	Sam Kitchen
Pat Connolly	Lee Preble
Bill Crouse	Maureen Russell
Kristen D'Entremont	Rob Schweizer
Carol Ann Doyle	Yvonne Sloban
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	Tom Tribble
Jack Flynn	Michael Tucker
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler	Laurent Vincent
Charmaine Haan	Lorraine Zollo

Contact the Collaborative offices to add someone to or remove someone from our prayer list: 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

The Sacrament of the Sick

The **Anointing of the Sick** is one of the seven sacraments of our Church and is administered by a priest for healing and inner wholeness. Those who are seriously ill, elderly, or are entering the hospital can request to be anointed. Due to varied schedules and availability, it may not always be possible for a priest to come on short notice to offer the Sacrament, therefore it is strongly recommended that you request the Anointing of the Sick **before going in for a hospital stay, upon entering a nursing home, or at the beginning of hospice care.** Please call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

Confessions



We offer confessions Saturdays from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at IC Church. No appointment needed. Confessions are also available at other times and places during the week by appointment only. For more information or to schedule a time for confession, contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

women at the well

We invite all women to come join us at any time, no matter where you may be in your relationship with God. The new study, *Keeping in Balance from Walking with Purpose*, is all about managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness rooted in Christ. We meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in person at the IC Parish Center and virtually on Zoom. If you have any questions, or would like to join via Zoom, please email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.

If you are unable to make it to every meeting, please do not worry! This group is designed to allow you to drop in whenever you are able to join us, no pre-reading necessary from week to week.

Snow Removal Volunteers

We are looking for **volunteers to assist with snow removal** at all 3 churches, the rectories, and the IC school this winter. If you are interested in helping us out, please call the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

Collaborative Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

Summer 2023 Faith Formation Week
Mark your calendars! Grades 3–8
June 26–30, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. each day.

School Year Programs (Grades K–10)

School year Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation schedules and registration forms are available on the website at (hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

Baptism

We have resumed our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Ordinary Time Welcomes Extraordinary Time with Jesus



As we step into weeks of **Ordinary Time**, if you are a visitor or parishioner seeking an extraordinary moment of inner transformation, enter Sacred Silence any Thursday for serene dialogue with Jesus the Lord in the monstrance. His personal loving words to you will not disappoint. (Short visits are welcome: you need not stay the entire time.)

Enter through the Green Street door only.

Place: IC Church (rain or shine)

Time: Thursdays: 7 p.m.–8 p.m.

Also: Fridays 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

Note: If a Friday funeral is scheduled, or in the absence of a presider, IC Church will remain open for "Sacred Silence" only. Check the HRIC calendar online for updated information

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.



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

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

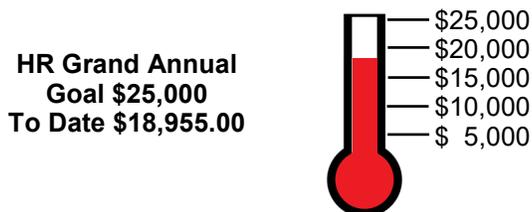
HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Jan. 14–15	\$1,329.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Jan. 13	\$1,890.00
Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 975.00
HR Offertory, Jan 21–22	\$1,744.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 446.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Jan. 20	\$ 350.00
Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 975.00

No second collection this weekend (Jan. 29). The second collection next weekend (Feb. 5) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Holy Redeemer Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860**

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving.



HR Online Giving

It's convenient and safe. To learn more about Online giving (one-time or recurring donation options available), visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Linda Temple 978-462-2724 x404

Communion to the Homebound

We would like to offer our Holy Redeemer parishioners the opportunity to receive the Eucharist if you are homebound or unable to attend Mass on a regular basis. If any parishioner knows of someone who might be interested in receiving the Eucharist, please also let us know. This could be a one-time occasion, or a regular schedule could be arranged. Please call Melinda Burrell at 978-462-2724 to schedule a visit.

Activities Committee Meeting

The Holy Redeemer Activities Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 15 at 6:00pm in the Merrimac Hall to discuss future events.

Some possibilities are a bake sale, Lenten "Simple Suppers" prior to the Stations of the Cross during Lent, a parish dinner after a 4:00 Mass, or a yard sale.

Please join us and bring your ideas. All are welcome.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

"Lord Jesus, deepen our Vincentian spirit of friendship during this meeting, make us responsive to the Christian calling to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived so that we may bring them Your love"



The HR conference recites this prayer as we gather twice each month. Do you feel a calling to help? Can you share God's love with the "suffering or the deprived"? If so, we would welcome you to our conference. Please call 978-346-8604 (x4) and leave a message on our voicemail if you're interested. We would truly like to hear from you!

As the pandemic-driven social safety nets provided by government assistance programs fade away, more of the burden falls upon the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our community needs your help.

There are envelopes in the pews at St. Ann and Nativity churches or simply use the poor boxes in these churches. Make checks out to **HR SVDP**. Market Basket gift cards are much appreciated.

Please give what you can so that we can continue to make a difference in the lives of the poor around us. As always, we appreciate your generosity. If you know of someone who needs help, please have them call our hotline at 978-346-8604 X4.

Shawls and Lapghans



Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy! We would be happy to deliver to anyone. Or if you personally would like to give one to a friend, relative or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673 or hvktax@aol.com.

Come join us. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. **Our next meeting is Thursday, February 2. All are welcome!**

Greeters Needed

We could still use some more greeters. High school students and adults are welcome. In particular, we need greeters at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both Nativity and St. Ann. This little task simply involves smiling and saying hello, handing out bulletins, or perhaps giving directions to the restroom or the ramp.

Would you like to help? Please contact Sue Noyes at susanjnoyes@gmail.com.

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** for the month of **February**.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Jan. 14–15	\$3,800.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Jan. 13	\$ 700.00
Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,907.59
IC Offertory, Jan 21–22	\$3,674.00
Church in Latin America	\$1,529.00
Mailed in Offertory, week ending Jan. 20	\$1,819.00
Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,907.59

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If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.

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IC St. Vincent de Paul



If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are ready to assist.

You can now make online donations on our website: www.svdpnewburyport.org. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to “**SVdP of Newburyport**” and drop it into the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Breaking Bread to-go Meal

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed at the entrance to the IC Parish Center from 4:30–5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

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See ICS in Action!



Fr. Tim, Steve Swochak, and members of the IC School 4th Grade class following a Mass in St. James Chapel this past week.

Immaculate Conception Parish: 175th Anniversary



Did you know Immaculate Conception Parish will celebrate its 175th anniversary in 2023?

In celebration of this milestone of faith and service to the greater Newburyport community, the parish is planning a series of events throughout the year with the culmination at the Feast of the Immaculate Conception during the weekend of December 8, 9, and 10, 2023.

A committee is being formed to create, plan, and execute these year-long events, focused on celebrating the history of our parish and our patroness. The first meeting will be held on February 2 at 6:30p.m. at IC St. Louis Hall. Please join us and bring your ideas on how best to recognize the importance of the life of the IC community. IC School graduates: let us hear from you!

“The Immaculate Conception shines like a beacon of light for humanity in all the ages. At the beginning of the third millennium, it guides us to believe and hope in God, in his salvation and in eternal life. In particular, it lights the way of the Church, which is committed to the new evangelization.”
Pope John Paul II

IC PARISH

Scout Sunday: February 5

Troop 21 Girls and Boys Linked Units will be observing Scout Sunday which is celebrated on the Sunday before February 8 every year and this year the day will be marked on Sunday February 5, 2023 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

When it comes to the Scout Law, last is certainly not least. Being reverent is a year-round part of a Scout's life, but there's one time each year when the connection between Scouting and faith takes on even more significance.

On Sunday February 5, Troop 21 will be at the Mass and after the service will be handing out flyers about Troop 21 Girls and Boys Linked Units. Please take a few minutes to talk to our scouts and leaders about the program and see if your youth would like to join Troop 21.

Troop 21 meets at the Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria on Sunday evenings. Please visit Troop 21 website for more information at: www.nbptroop21.org.

Wanted: Smiling Faces to Welcome People to Our Church

After the last 2 years, we want to create a warm, welcoming experience for all our parishioners and visitors. First impressions matter.

We are seeking individuals, couples, or families willing to come to Mass 15 minutes early and warmly welcome parishioners to that day's celebration. You can select the Mass you usually attend and how often you would like to serve.

If this ministry interests you, please email Kathie Williamson: Kathie108a@gmail.com and indicate which Mass you will attend.

St. Mary's Cemetery

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.

Free Hair Cuts



Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser for 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.

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Ultreya

Reminder our regional Ultreya will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3 at Holy Family, Amesbury.

Join our brothers and sisters from Amesbury, Haverhill, and Newburyport in prayer for those living their weekend.

De Colores!

Knights of Columbus



All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month in the IC Nazareth Library.

For more information about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.

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Ecumenical Candlelight Taizé

The Groveland Congregational Church 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 evening, January 29, at 7:00 p.m. at 4 King St., Groveland. Snow date: February 5.

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 meditation. The theme for this month's service is "Behold; I make all things new!"

The service lasts approximately 30 to 40 minutes. For further information, contact Groveland Congregational Church at 978-372-3463 or visit www.grovelanducc.org.

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