

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY



## The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

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*And a voice  
came from  
heaven,  
“You are my  
beloved Son;  
with you  
I am well  
pleased.”  
(Lk 3:22)*

The Baptism of the Lord in  
tile mosaic from St. James  
Church in Bellagio, Italy

*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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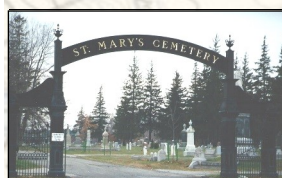
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (1/12)

4:00pm **IC** *Richard & Mary Shachok*  
(Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **Nativity** *Madeline Brodie* (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (1/13)

7:15am **IC** *Marsha Reilly Sullivan* (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

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

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

11:30am **IC** *Bob Scorzoni, Paul M. Doyle*  
(Fr. O'Brien)

### Monday (1/14)

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

### Tuesday (1/15)

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

### Wednesday (1/16)

7:15am **IC** *Bill Dwyer* (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Thursday (1/17)

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

### Friday (1/18)

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

10:30am **Port Rehab** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Saturday (1/19)

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

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

### Sunday (1/20)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Al Paciulan* (Fr. Harrison)

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)

11:30am **IC** *Thomas "TC" Dieter* (Fr. O'Brien)

In your prayers, please remember Doris Meaney, Bill Dwyer and all the faithful departed.

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

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

## Memorial Mass for Bill Dwyer

A Memorial Mass for Bill Dwyer who passed to the Lord on Christmas Day will be held at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, January 19 at 11:00am.

Refreshments will follow immediately after Mass in St. Louis Hall. All are welcome.

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The whole point of John's baptism was inclusion: all have sinned and thereby all need to repent in order to open themselves to the new offer of Salvation through Christ. No exceptions! Some of John's most vitriolic words were reserved for those who didn't think they had sinned or didn't see the need to repent. It was thought by some that a careful following of laws and prescriptions, rules and regulations would make one "righteous" by definition, and in no need of God's mercy or forgiveness. It was precisely by admitting that there was a personal need for forgiveness that a path was opened for a person to experience the new offer of salvation. You had to admit the need in order to proceed.

This was the pathway through the desert and wasteland of sin that the prophets had foretold. By leveling the playing field for all, John the Baptist's preaching brought the high and mighty down and lifted up the lowly. All were equal in the eyes of God: equally loved, equally in need of forgiveness, equally offered a chance for salvation.

It might seem to be a curiosity, then, as to why Jesus submitted to John's Baptism, as He never sinned. Arguably, if there was anyone who didn't need to be forgiven, it was Jesus. He might well have stood on the bank of the Jordan River and shouted to John, "Good work! Keep it up!" But that wasn't who Jesus was.

As St. Paul once wrote: *"For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him."* (2Cor 5:21) and, *"He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."* (2Cor 5:15) Jesus Christ so immersed Himself into our human condition of sin and death that He held nothing back in being one with us, loving us, weeping with us,

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## The Mass As You've Never Known It

Because no spiritual moment in Catholicism impacts our relationship with Jesus more than the Mass, AFFT is repeating Bishop Barron's superb 6-part DVD series for those who prefer evening sessions of "The Mass." Powerful, transformative, and provocative! All are invited to this team-facilitated discussion, fellowship. Light refreshments served. Free to all, but priceless! Please come. You won't regret it. Watch for session specifics in future bulletins.

**Place:** Nativity Hall, Merrimac

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

**Dates:** Thursdays, January 31–March 7

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

**Monday, January 14**

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

**HR Boy Scouts** 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

**Tuesday, January 15**

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

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

**Wednesday, January 16**

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

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

**Holy Quilters** 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

**IC Youth Choir Rehearsal** 4:30pm, IC Church

**Adoration** 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

**Centering Prayer** 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

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

**Thursday, January 17**

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

**Friday, January 18**

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

**Holy Hour for Life Adoration & Benediction** 6:00pm, IC Church

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

**Saturday, January 19**

**Nativity Choir Rehearsal** 3:30pm, Nativity Church

**Sunday, January 20**

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

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

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suffering for us and even being completely overwhelmed by the scourge of sin: either symbolically in a water bath, or by dying on the cross. He was all-in, right from the beginning.

From the very beginning, Baptism has held the two-fold meaning of dying to one's self, and rising to new life in Christ. We go down into the waters of death, so as to rise from them to the eternal life promised us in Christ. No death? No life. As St. John would later explain it in his Gospel: *"John tried to prevent him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?'"* Jesus said to him in reply, *'Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'* Then he allowed him." (Jn 3:14-15)

So what we celebrate today is the completeness of Christ's dedication to His mission from the Father to reconcile all things in Himself. We might well examine our own commitment to Christ through our common baptism. Am I "all in" in my discipleship of the Lord? Do I hold anything or any part of me back, when I look to the task of ongoing conversion and holiness? Is there anything that I *wouldn't* do for Christ? Am I thoroughly convinced of my need for forgiveness and reconciliation? Where would I be in line at the edge of the Jordan River? First? Last? Somewhere in the middle? Cowering by the riverbank? Or would I be under some shade at a café in the city, chuckling at all those fools who were suffering under the heat of the day for a few minutes in the murky green water? Where are we in our commitment to following Jesus? As we enter into this New Year, 2019, let us renew our dedication to the new life and promise of salvation He came to offer us.

May our New Year be filled with many blessings for us all.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

## Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in November and December.

**Elizabeth Michael Edinger • Savannah Mae James •**

**Caleb Michael Kites • Nova Ryan Larson •**

**Pia Jacqueline Rivas • Eliana Marie Strobel •**

**Eliza Blessing Towne • Sadie Elizabeth Wojtukiewicz**

## Feast of the Holy Family Open House

**Nativity Hall was filled with mangers, big and small, for the Feast of the Holy Family on December 30.**

AFFT thanks the presenters of the 56 mangers from around the world, the bakers who provided refreshments, the enthusiasm of door prize & scavenger winners, and all 126 visitors who made this event worth repeating on December 29, 2019!

*Pictured below is just a taste of the large display.*



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Scripture Readings: Jan. 13–Jan. 20, 2019

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

- Sunday, Jan 13: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.
- Monday, Jan 14: Hebrews 1:1-6; Psalm 97; Mark 1:14-20
- Tuesday, Jan 15: Hebrews 2:5-12; Psalm 8; Mark 1:21-28
- Wednesday, Jan 16: Hebrews 2:14-18; Psalm 105; Mark 1:29-39
- Thursday, Jan 17: Hebrews 3:7-14; Psalm 95; Mark 1:40-45
- Friday, Jan 18: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Psalm 78; Mark 2:1-12
- Saturday, Jan 19: Hebrews 4:12-16; Psalm 19; Mark 2:13-17
- Sunday, Jan 20: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** Name a time when you felt your actions were pleasing to God.

**Child:** What are some things you can do to please God?

## 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.



## Pilgrimage to Ireland

Join us for an enriching journey through the Emerald Isle in 2019! We depart May 13, 2019 for a memorable pilgrimage through various sites of unparalleled beauty, historic significance, and religious importance. Our tour will include visits to Dublin, Galway, the Dingle Peninsula, Kilarney, the Ring of Kerry, Clonmacnoise, Knock, and more.

For more information, visit: [www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric](http://www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric) or contact Paul Blanchette at (978) 500-5661. Come on a Faith Journey with us!

## Youth SNOWCAMPS

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

## Bulletin Information

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

## The Saints Are B-A-A-CK!

It's a new year and while we hone our resolutions, let's hone in on saintly people who have impacted Catholicism. **Bishop Barron's "Pivotal Players" DVD series** is 50% travelogue, 50% hagiography, 100% engaging! Come to one, any, or all of the 60-minute presentations and stay for refreshments and 30 minutes of lively, facilitated discussion. All presentations will be shown in the IC Charity Dining Room (10:00–11:30 a.m.) on these Wednesdays:

**January 16:** *John Henry Newman, the Convert who clarified Catholicism amidst a secular world.*

**January 23:** *Francis of Assisi, the Reformer who made simplicity the bedrock of rebuilding the Church.*

**January 30:** *Benedict, the Monk who founded a religious community that revived the Church after Rome fell.*

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

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

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

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

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer, resting silently in God, facilitates the process of inner transformation. Our prayer without words is one of intention to surrender to God's presence and action in our lives and desire for a closer relationship with God. Join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm, in the IC Conference Room 209. Join us as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of this prayer in our own spiritual journey. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

## Pelican Intervention Fund

*Dear friends of the Pelican Intervention Fund,*

*Many thanks for your generous donations to the recent Pounds for Pelican fundraiser spearheaded by Mitch Cohen, a recipient of Pelican funding. Support for Mitch's event has been tremendous. To date, mostly through the efforts of Mitch himself, we have raised over \$13,000. These funds will allow us to fund men and women seeking our help in 2019 and support their journey from addiction to recovery. To date, we have funded 38 men and women and the call for help continues to increase.*

*Mitch used his skills as a competitive weight lifter in service of others as a way to thank the PIF for his own funding and insure others have the same opportunity to experience the Twelve Step based long-term residential treatment that has changed his life. His story sends a message of hope for recovery to men and women struggling with the disease of addiction and those who love them. His actions exemplify an attitude of gratitude that is possible by living the Twelve Steps.*

*We are also grateful for your donations and support of our mission and to Mitch for his tremendous effort in securing funds as well as his spectacular performance in the New Hampshire RPS Powerlifting Championships Competition in December. Mitch won First Place in the 242 pound Amateur Open Division and First Place in the 242 pound Master's Division. He set a new state record for bench press for the 242 pound Master's Division and a new state record for overall total in the 242 pound Master's Division.*

*Again, many and sincere thanks for your part in making the Pounds for Pelican fundraiser so successful. Your donations and continuing support provide men and women an opportunity to heal from the disease of addiction and reclaim their lives. Your continued donations make this transformation possible. Thank you.*

*Warmest regards,*

*Elizabeth McCarthy,*

*Kim and Steven Keene*

*Pelican Intervention Fund Founders*

*A note from Mitch,*

*I would like to add my thanks to all of you for your generosity. The best part of creating Pounds for Pelican, besides raising money to help others, was being able to personally meet many of you and share my story of recovery. Thank you for believing in me and believing in PIF. Your donations will directly save lives and bring families back together. I wish you all a Happy New Year.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mitch Cohen*



## 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.

## Cursillo and Ultreya

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

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

### Cursillo weekends 2019

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

### Ultreya Evenings

	February 1
March 1	March 29
April 26	May 31

## R.C.I.A.

**RCIA classes meet at 10:15, IC Parish Center, G19**

The R.C.I.A. program is for people interested in joining the Catholic Church and/or learning about the Catholic faith. Anyone over the age of seven who wishes to become baptized, or has been baptized in another Christian Church, and/or is interested in the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation is welcome. If you have a friend or family member who might be interested, please have them contact Marin Fortune: [fortune@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:fortune@newburyportcatholic.org).



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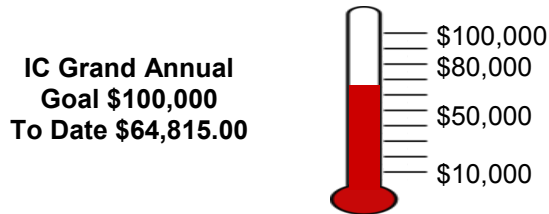


# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

Offertory Dec. 15–16	\$ 8,843.00
IC Haiti Dec. 15–16	\$ 7,935.00
Offertory Dec. 22–23	\$13,080.00
Clergy Health/Retirement Trust (12/24–25)	\$19,561.00
Offertory December 29–30	\$ 9,171.00
Mary, the Holy Mother of God (1/1/19)	\$ 1,698.00
Offertory January 5–6	\$ 9,693.00
Restoration/Renovation January 5–6	\$ 1,621.00

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



## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$160.50
Poor Box	\$290.00
Total	\$450.50

## Our Immaculate Conception Parish Prays for Life

A *Holy Hour for Life* will be held on **Friday, January 18, 2019 from 6:00–7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church** as part of the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion on demand. A Holy Hour will be held at parishes throughout the Archdiocese to pray for safe travel and a successful pilgrimage to Washington DC for all those attending the annual March for Life.

Led by Deacon Paul Dow, we will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life.

The *Holy Hour for Life* is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join us; all are welcome.

## 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 School



Pre-K is "over the moon" about outer space! The children countdown to liftoff at the virtual space station, sporting earphones just like real command center personnel. The planets are ablaze with intricate patterns

of color created by marble painting, done on a large covered cookie tray. It's a galaxy of fun and hands-on learning in the Pre-K classroom.



Pre-K learns about space

Registration for 2019–2020 is now open! For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Kelley in Admissions at [kpappalardo@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:kpappalardo@newburyportcatholic.org) or 978-465-7780.



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## Memorial Mass for Bill Dwyer

A Memorial Mass for Bill Dwyer who passed to the Lord on Christmas Day will be held at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, January 19 at 11:00am.

Refreshments will follow immediately after Mass in St. Louis Hall. All are welcome.

## IC Christmas Flowers

The Sullivan, Furbush and Kelleher Families •  
The LeVangre-Volpone Family • Lillian Pecht

## IC Knitting Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets Tuesdays at 1:00pm in Room 209 in the IC Parish Center. We knit/crochet prayer shawls, hats, mittens, scarves for charity.

Come join us; we meet every Tuesday at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call Julia O'Connor 978-465-3350 or Frances Ronan 978-462-4972.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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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. We are always happy to enroll new students. For more information contact the Religious Ed. Office.

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

**Please note that *next* Sunday, January 20 we will not have class as it will be the holiday weekend.**

### Confirmation

Registrations are still being accepted for those students who wish to prepare for Confirmation. Please call the Religious Ed. Office for more information.

**Our next class is scheduled for January 27.**

### Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Parish Office for information regarding what is needed to **pre-register** for the next Baptism class scheduled for **Sunday, February 3 at 1:00 p.m.**

Our group Baptism will be celebrated on February 10.

***Please keep in mind that this will be the last class and sacrament date scheduled until after the celebration of Easter.***

### Reconciliation / First Eucharist

Should you have a child in need of these sacraments please contact the Religious Education Office.

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

If unsure whether we have it, please, contact the Religious Ed Office.

## Adoration

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

## 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 28**.

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).

## IC Liturgical Ministers

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

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

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

## Archdiocese Web Site

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

## 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.

## Florida Hurricane Relief

The family in Panama City whom we have been helping has finally been able to return to their home, although they still face many repairs and challenges going forward as they attempt to rebuild their lives. At this point, the best way to continue to help them is through the GoFundMe page: <https://www.gofundme.com/gxv84-hurricane-michael-relief>  
Thank you so much for your generosity! We will keep you updated as to their progress. Please continue to keep them and all those affected by Hurricane Michael in your thoughts and prayers.

## 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.



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

Offertory December 22–23	\$3,228.00
Clergy Health/Retirement Trust (12/24–25)	\$6,568.00
Offertory December 29–30	\$3,850.00
Offertory January 5–6	\$3,204.00

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

HR Grand Annual  
Goal \$25,000  
To Date \$18,395.00



## HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



Your donations have enabled us to provide Market Basket gift cards, CVS cards for prescription copays, and gasoline cards for traveling to medical appointments. We have also helped with a car repair and an overdue natural gas heating bill. All of these have been provided since Christmas. Thank you for helping needy people within our two local communities.

We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming part of a wonderful organization, contact Dave Olds at [olds99@comcast.net](mailto:olds99@comcast.net).

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

## HR Prayer Shawl



Do you know of any woman, man, or child who needs comfort and could use a Blessed Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket? Please call Helen Kelley 978-771-4673 or Terry Duhamel 978-384-8099 for a shawl or more information.

Come join us. Don't know how? We will teach you to knit or crochet and give you yarn. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is **Thursday, February 7**.

## Nativity Hall Coffee Pots

Nativity Hall is missing 3 coffee percolators. If you have borrowed one, please return it as soon as possible. We need the coffee pots for several upcoming functions including the coffee social after the 8:00 Mass in January. Thank you!



## Activities Committee Meeting

The Activities Committee will meet at Nativity Hall on **Thursday, January 24** at 6:45pm. All are welcome.

## HR Religious Education

**Sun., 1/13** **Grade 10 class** 6:00–7:30 p.m. at Nativity Hall. Reminder: each student must attend with an adult. Topic: key moments of Confirmation—Part 3, “Eucharist” presented by Fr. Tim Harrison.

**No classes on 1/20/19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.**

**Tues., 1/22** **Grades 7 & 8** resume 6:00–7:30 p.m. at Nativity Hall.

**Grades 3–6 classes** resume Sunday 1/27 at Nativity Hall 9:00–10:00 a.m.

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

**Contact Info: Office of Religious Education**

Doreen O'Leary (Rel. Ed. email: [reledhrp@gmail.com](mailto:reledhrp@gmail.com))

## Our Holy Redeemer Parish Prays for Life

A *Holy Hour for Life* will be held on **Monday, January 21, 2019 from 6:00–7:00 p.m. at Nativity Church and Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at St. Ann Church** as part of the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion on demand. A Holy Hour will be held at parishes throughout the Archdiocese to pray for safe travel and a successful pilgrimage to Washington DC for all those attending the annual March for Life.

Led by Deacon Paul Dow, we will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life.

The *Holy Hour for Life* is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join us; all are welcome.

## Donate Your Christmas Cards

We will be collecting “Christmas card tops” to be used for next year's giving tree tags. Please leave your cards in the back of either church by January 20.

## Coffee After Mass

Please join us for a coffee social on Sunday, **January 20** after the 8:00 Mass in the Nativity Church Hall. A great time to catch up with your parish family or maybe meet a new friend!

