

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2019



Jesus Christ in tile mosaic from the apse of St. Paul Outside the Walls, Rome, Italy

“Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it.”

(1 Cor 12:27)

All Are Welcome

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Immaculate Conception School

Please join us, **Sunday, January 27, 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 newly renovated 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*

OPEN HOUSE (9 - 11 am) • Thursday, February 7 • Tuesday, March 5 • Private Tours Available

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 (1/26)

4:00pm **IC** Mario & Nayla Rathle, Stanley Jancewicz, Lillie Muldoon (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (1/27)

7:15am **IC** Charlie & Larry Howard, Regina M. Stronge (Fr. Harrison)

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

9:00am **IC** Patricia Casey, Lillian Casey, Mary Hefron (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (1/28)

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

Tuesday (1/29)

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

Wednesday (1/30)

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

Thursday (1/31)

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

Friday (2/1)

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

1:30pm **Avita** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (2/2)

4:00pm **IC** Joseph H. Brown, Jr. (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (2/3)

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

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

9:00am **IC** Bill Dwyer (Fr. Morin)

10:15am **St. Ann** The Pendergast Family (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** Thomas "TC" Dieter, John R. Ford (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember Robert Doyle, Ann Hickey, Virginia McDonald, Phyllis Packer, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Many years ago, I owned an old TV that functioned well enough, except there was one, single pixel that didn't work. Most of the time, I tried to ignore it. What was one pixel among thousands after all? Yet, there it was, annoyingly dark when the image panned a bright sky. There it was, like a tiny bug that moved awkwardly across the scene as the camera-view panned left to right. A few times, forgetting, I even went to shoo it away...only to remember, oh yeah, it is a dead pixel. It is amazing how distracting that tiny little dot that would not do what it was supposed to could be!

In some ways, this weekend St. Paul invites us into what our proper role as "pixels for the Lord" might be.

Take a close look at this week's bulletin cover. We see an image of Jesus Christ, of course...a spectacular one from a grand basilica in Rome! But look a little closer and you will see tens of thousands of tiny tiles, each glazed with a different color of the spectrum. These are all masterfully set together to produce an image of the Lord that has called to faith and inspired millions over the years. While each individual tile may seem unremarkable by itself, when combined with others they begin to fashion themselves into patterns and color combinations that set them aside and produce something bigger and more magnificent than anything any single tile could ever accomplish on its own.

It is in this same way that St. Paul invites us to consider ourselves as members of the Church, the Body of Christ. While we can certainly celebrate our individuality as unique expressions of God's love, created in God's image, and sustained in our being by a loving God, our true beauty lies

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"The Mass" DVD Series

Whatever You Know about the Mass, It's Not This!

Bishop Barron's 6-part DVD on "The Mass" will keep you saying, "I didn't know that!" Experience superb preaching, imagery, music, and the wealth of our liturgy's sacred Tradition. Enter into the Mass's call-and-response in a more profound grasp of the sacred mysteries we take for granted. Sessions will be offered Thursdays (7:00–8:30 p.m.) at Nativity Hall, Merrimac. **Free** and life-changing! Highly recommended lessons marked *.

January 31: A Privileged Encounter (overview)*

February 7: Called Out of the World*

February 14: God Speaks Our Story

February 21: Responding to God*

February 28: Preparing for Sacrifice

March 7: The Real Presence Creates Communion*

{Facilitated by Fr. Morin and the Adult Faith Formation Team}

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, January 28

AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall
HR Boy Scout Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
IC PFC Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room
Compassionate Friends 7:30pm, IC Conference Room 209

Tuesday, January 29

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
HR Religious Ed., Grades 7 & 8 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

Wednesday, January 30

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 31

Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel
"The Mass" Video Series 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Friday, February 1

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 2

Holy Quilters 8:00am, Nativity Hall
Leadership Team Meeting 8:30am, IC Charity Dining Room
Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, February 3

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
Coffee & Baked Goods Sunday 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall
HR Religious Ed., Grades 3-6 9:00am, Nativity Hall
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church
IC Religious Ed., 10:00am, IC Parish Center
IC Confirmation Class 1:00pm, IC Parish Center
Baptism Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Questions of the Week



Adult: Name a moment in your life when you knew Jesus was present in a very special way in your family. How did you know?

Child: Tell about a time when you knew Jesus was with you.

Bulletin Information

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

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not in what we are by ourselves but in something (or, rather, someOne) greater that we have been invited to become a part of: Jesus Christ. Our own role as a member of Christ's One Body will be as different as the various shades of color that each tile makes up in a mosaic. There's room for everyone in the Body of Christ! But the image that we come together to present to our world is that of the Lord Himself. We shine together to bring the image of God's Son to a world that pines for His light and longs for His presence.

So, what is my role? How am I to shine, so as to best do my part, to show Christ to our world? The simplest answer is to be yourself! Be the good, loving, caring, compassionate, creative, forgiving, thoughtful, merciful, kind, patient, understanding, etc..., etc..., etc... person that God created you to be! And then, make sure that you share that with others in some way. Put yourself out there...find a niche, meet someone new, try something different, connect with some kindred spirits, go outside your comfort zone. And do all this for Jesus Christ. The worst thing we can do is to cover over our gifts or hide the God-given uniqueness that is ours. Pixels and tiles must shine the way they were meant to, in order to be part of the bigger picture. And there is no bigger image than that of Christ!

During these snowy days of January, may we seek to best fulfill our own role as part of that one body, whatever it may be: ear, eye, nose, hand, foot...all to the glory of God and all in loving service to our brothers and sisters who need everything we can offer, no matter how small or seemingly unimportant. Let's shine the way God meant us to. No dead pixels allowed!

May God bless us all in the days ahead,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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Mass Scripture Readings: Jan. 27–Feb. 3, 2019

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

- Sunday, Jan. 27: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinth. 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday, Jan. 28: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Psalm 98; Mark 3:22-30
- Tuesday, Jan. 29: Hebrews 10:1-10; Psalm 40; Mark 3:31-35
- Wednesday, Jan. 30: Hebrews 10:11-18; Psalm 110; Mark 4:1-20
- Thursday, Jan. 31: Hebrews 10:19-25; Psalm 24; Mark 4:21-25
- Friday, Feb. 1: Hebrews 10:32-39; Psalm 37; Mark 4:26-34
- Saturday, Feb. 2: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40
- Sunday, Feb. 3: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 71; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

Adult Faith Formation Team Lenten Events

Save the Dates

4th Annual Lenten Soup & Spirit Lecture Series will focus on "The 7 Deadly Sins and 7 Lively Virtues" presented twice for your convenience: Thursday evenings at Nativity Hall (March 14–April 18) and again Friday mornings at IC St. Louis Hall (March 15–April 19).

4th Annual Collaborative Lenten Mission, repeat guest presenter **Fr. Michael Aiello** and hosted at IC (March 25–27) is certain to be uplifting!

Ukrainian Egg Workshop (offered for **adults** only) will accent an ancient Catholic tradition of painting eggs with elaborate designs and rich dyes. Experienced facilitators. Fee charged. Seating limited to 24 participants. Saturday, April 6 (9:30am–noon) at IC St. Louis Hall, Newburyport.

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.



Ireland Travel Night

Monday, February 11

6:30 p.m. Mass at IC St. James Chapel

Irish Dinner and Pilgrimage information to follow in IC Charity Dining Room

Join us for a prayerful, tasty, and informative evening about our next Pilgrimage to Ireland that will leave Monday, May 13 for a memorable spiritual journey through the Emerald Isle. This will be a spectacular 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 or contact Paul Blanchette at (978) 500-5661.

Come on a Faith Journey with us!

Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if Immaculate Conception School, Pentucket Regional, or Newburyport Public Schools, are cancelled or delayed because of inclement weather. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com and we will make every effort to keep our own website and social media updated as well.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Again, please watch WBZ or consult the websites and/or social media for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Ecumenical Candlelight Service

Ecumenical Candlelight Meditation Service at Groveland Congregational Church, Sunday, January 27

All are invited to attend a candlelight meditation service on Sunday, January 27 (snow date February 17) at 7:00pm at Groveland Congregational Church, 4 King St., Groveland. The theme for this month's service is: Behold! I make all things new!" The service lasts 30–40 minutes and consists of Scripture, prayers, petitions, short sung refrains, and a period of silence in the candlelit sanctuary.

For more information, call the church: 978-372-3463 or visit www.grovelanducc.org.

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

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. Contact Fr. George with questions, 978-462-2724.

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.

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.

Fact-Based Dramas that Inspire

Are you weary of moral ambiguity in the Church and in government? Follow the leadership stories of those whose convictions of faith and integrity led to tsunami changes in Catholicism and world history! **"Pivotal Players" is Bishop Barron's superb DVD series** on men & women who lived their vocations to the fullest. These hour-long movies flow seamlessly as part travelogue, part biography. Be inspired: look, listen, learn, lean in, and see how the Saints can lead you to personal holiness in *your* life. Come to one, any, or all of the 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 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.*

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}



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HR Offertory Collection

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 www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latinamerica/index.cfm for more information.

The second collection **next** week is fuel.

A gentle reminder to all parishioners as we move through winter weather: Church expenses don't go down on snowy weekends. Instead, in addition to ongoing expenses for salaries, utilities, and supplies, they often increase with additional costs for plowing and snow removal. So, even if you make a good decision to stay home during inclement weather, please consider making up your weekend offertory collection(s) the following week. Your church's budget will thank you!

**HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
To Date \$19,545.00**



Coffee After Mass

Please join us for a coffee social on Sunday, **February 17** 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!



Activities Committee Meeting

The activities committee will meet on Monday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Ann Hall, West Newbury. We will be making our final plans for our ham dinner on February 23 at Nativity. Join us if you would like to help out.

Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our calendar and Facebook pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, or check out the photos section. We have so much happening in our Collaborative.

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** on **February 9**.

HR Religious Education

Sun., 1/27 **Grades 3–6 classes** 9:00–10:00 a.m. at Nativity Hall
Tues., 1/29 **Grades 7 & 8 classes** 6:00–7:30 p.m. at Nativity Hall
Sun., 2/3 **Grades 3–6 classes** 9:00–10:00 a.m. at Nativity Hall

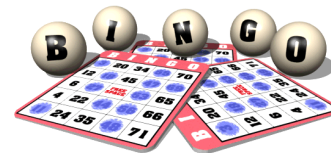
All families can find registration forms, class schedules, and calendar events online at: hriccatholic.org. Click on *Faith Formation*, then *Holy Redeemer* tab. Collaborative bulletins can be found on this site, too.

Contact Info: Office of Religious Education

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

Holy Redeemer Dinner & BINGO Night

February 23, 6:00 p.m.



Join Holy Redeemer Parish for a fun night out. Ham dinner is included. Tickets are \$8 each. Three bingo games will follow dinner. Bingo cards are \$1 each. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Want to help out? Join us for our organizational meeting on **Monday, February 11** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Ann Hall, W. Newbury. All are welcome.

HR Prayer Shawl



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

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

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



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.

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

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IC Offertory Collection

Offertory January 19–20

\$6,457.00

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 www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latinamerica/index.cfm for more information.

Next week's second collection is Restoration/Renovation.

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IC Grand Annual
Goal \$100,000
To Date \$68,540.00



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 28.00
Poor Box	\$212.00
Total	\$240.00

Coffee & Baked Goods Sunday



The Pastoral Plan Welcoming Priority will sponsor a Coffee and Baked Goods Sunday at IC St. Louis Hall on **Sunday, February 3**, at 10:00 a.m. (between the 9:00 and 11:30 Masses). All are invited.

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 School



Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 27. We will kick off the week today (Sunday) in the School Gym after the 11:30 Mass. Parents, students, grandparents, teachers, parishioners: are all welcome to stop by from 1:00–2:00 this afternoon for refreshments.

Open Houses are scheduled for February 7 and March 5 from 9:00–11:00am or call the school to schedule a tour. 978-465-7780.



Online Resources

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., 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.

Call for Bakers



We are in need of bakers for our monthly coffee hours. This could be a good service project for a student or maybe just a way to use your "Star Baker" talents. If you would like to help, email Maureen Catino at

Maureenc@monumentmortgage.com.

Consolers Circle Meal

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

Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our Parish communities and hope you take an active part in parish life. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at www.hriccatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices.

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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?

Confirmation

Registrations are still being accepted for those students who wish to prepare for Confirmation. Please call the Religious Ed. Office for more information. **Class is scheduled for this Sunday, January 27 at 1:00pm as well as the following Sunday, February 3.**

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.

The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Greater Newburyport provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website at tcfnewburyport.org.

Our monthly support meetings are held in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting is **January 28.**

Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

Adoration

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

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.

The Advent Project



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Immaculate Conception church is very grateful for the community's generous support of the 2018 Advent Project, which collected \$7,470 in gift cards. During the weeks of Advent and through the Christmas holiday, hundreds of gift cards were donated.

Residents of Newburyport and Newbury who call on The Society of SVdP for help will directly benefit from the gift cards. Most of the donated cards are for use at grocery stores. Other gift cards came from pharmacies, gas stations and department stores. The most common gift card dollar value was \$25, but other cards had a \$10 value, or \$50 or even \$100. We know that there are dozens of local families who struggle financially every month. The challenge is even greater during this home heating season. The extended government shut-down increases the anxiety of everyone who relies on food stamp benefits and other subsidies. The success of the Advent Project reflects the willingness of Immaculate Conception parishioners to help those who are in need. Last year we served 500 families in Newburyport/Newbury. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will continue to seek out the forgotten, the suffering, and the deprived, and supported by your continued generosity, we will bring them God's love in the form of the basic necessities required for a life of safety and dignity.

Thank you for helping us to help others.

IC Online Giving

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