

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

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Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

“Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...”

St. Ann

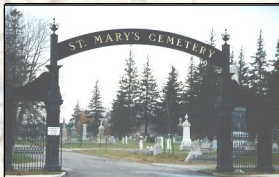
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Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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Office Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
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Immaculate Conception School

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (1/4)

4:00pm **IC Carmella Herlihy, Ann Conway**
(Fr. McLaughlin)
4:00pm **Nativity Julie Brousseau** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (1/5)

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

Monday (1/6)

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

Tuesday (1/7)

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

Wednesday (1/8)

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

Thursday (1/9)

No Mass scheduled

Friday (1/10)

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

Saturday (1/11)

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

Sunday (1/12)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)
9:00am **IC Normand Richard** (Fr. Harrison)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
11:30am **IC** (Fr. O'Brien)

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

Collaborative Pastoral Council

Meeting Rescheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2020

Thank you to all who nominated yourself or others for the Pastoral Council. We received 54 nominations from both parishes. All who were nominated should have received a letter from Fr. Tim inviting you to a meeting on Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 at Nativity Hall in Merrimac. **That meeting was cancelled because of the snow storm and rescheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Nativity Hall in Merrimac.**

At this meeting we will discuss what a Pastoral Council is and what it does, go through a time of discernment, and that evening choose members of this Council. All parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting. Please contact Jim Williamson with any questions.

EWTN: Catholic News

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<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

January 9 Daily Mass

Please note that there will be no daily Mass celebrated on Thursday, January 9 at Immaculate Conception Church.

Mass is celebrated on Thursdays at the following locations:

7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford
9:00am Holy Family, Amesbury
9:00am St. Patrick, Groveland

Collaborative Baptisms

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

Alexandra Lauren Bonaccorso • Luca Gabriel Boucher • Jackson William Bowie • Ronan Kevin Branagan • Henry John Flynn • Stella Maryanne Francoeur • Zoe Lynne Garant • Olivia Margaret Jasiak • Alexander Lucas LeBlanc • Charlotte Ann Megyesy • Charles Maxwell Neville • Kelley Eileen O'Keefe • Levi Bentley Reyes • Addison Rose Smith.

Celebrating the Sacraments

Reconciliation

IC: Saturdays: 3:00pm to 3:30pm or by appointment.

HR: Saturdays before the 4:00pm Mass or by appointment.

Baptism

Call the Parish offices for information and to register.

Marriage

Archdiocesan guidelines request that couples planning to marry in the Church contact the church at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick

This Sacrament should not be seen as only administered when there is danger of death. Please call us if someone is in the hospital, so that we can visit the loved one and have the community pray for them.

Our Collaborative

Holy Redeemer: St. Ann, W. Newbury & Nativity, Merrimac



Immaculate Conception, Newburyport



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, January 6

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

Women at the Well Group Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Discipleship Team Meeting 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

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

IC PFC Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, January 7

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

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

IC Faith Formation, Confirmation 2 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Collaborative Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Wednesday, January 8

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

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

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall

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

ICS PTO Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, January 9

Reunion Prayer Group 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209

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

Reunion Prayer Group 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Friday, January 10

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Staff Meeting 9:00am, IC Charity Dining Room

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

Saturday, January 11

Collaborative Family Activity Day 8:30am, IC Church / St. Louis Hall

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, January 12

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

HR Faith Formation 9:00am, Nativity Hall

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

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

Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church

Bulletin Information

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



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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.

Community Food Pantry

First Parish Church of Newbury Community Food Pantry, 20 High Road, Newbury, is open every Friday from 3:00pm–5:00pm for anyone in need in the Collaborative's towns as well as Georgetown, Rowley, and Salisbury. The volunteers are very welcoming and no one is made to feel uncomfortable when visiting. No registration or proof of residency required. Fresh fruit and vegetables, many types of frozen meats, pasta, and desserts, as well as an array of canned goods, toiletries, etc. are available.

If you would like to donate, nonperishable goods, personal hygiene products, and/or pet food may be dropped off on Sunday mornings from 9:30–11:30am. Grocery store gift cards as well as cash/checks (made out to "First Parish" and write "food pantry" in the memo) are always welcome.

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

January 9	Women
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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Scripture Readings

January 5–January 12, 2020

All of us are encouraged to start or end our day praying with the Scriptures. Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Jan 5: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
- Monday, Jan 6: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Psalm 2; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday, Jan 7: 1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72; Mark 6:34-44
- Wednesday, Jan 8: 1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72; Mark 6:45-52
- Thursday, Jan 9: 1 John 4:19-5:4; Psalm 72; Luke 4:14-22a
- Friday, Jan 10: 1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147; Luke 5:12-16
- Saturday, Jan 11: 1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149; John 3:22-30
- Sunday, Jan 12: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

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



CORI Update

Have you filled out your CORI for 2020?

The Archdiocese of Boston requires all parish volunteers to fill out a CORI every year, even if you filled out one last year. Now is the time to fill out your CORI for 2020. If you have not filled out your 2020 CORI yet, look for Deacon Paul or Maureen after Mass and they can help you fill it out right then. All you need is your ID and they will help you take care of the rest.



Look for Deacon Paul and Maureen after Masses.

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. This act of faith and surrender opens our hearts and minds to God. As we continue to pray, the Holy Spirit moves in the activities and interactions of our daily lives and within us and over time we are transformed.

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). In Centering Prayer each person enters their private room where God is waiting with love.

How often in scripture have we seen Jesus leaving the crowds for the desert or mountain where he can be in communion with his Father in silent prayer. Strengthened and nourished by this time with the Father, Jesus continues to live as his Father wills. Centering Prayer helps us also to say to the Father, “Not my will but yours be done” (Lk. 22: 42).

Centering prayer is a practice and a discipline. Daily periods of silent prayer shift focus from self to God. As God becomes the center of our being the vicissitudes and storms of life affect us less. Living out of God as our Center we experience the peace the world cannot give.

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.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
PASTORAL CENTER
42 GREEN STREET
NEWBURYPORT, MA

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

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

Questions of the Week



Adult: Following the example of the Magi, how do you persevere in following the Light of Christ in your own life?

Child: If you were one of the Magi, what gift would you bring Jesus?

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Our Neighbors' Table

The Our Neighbors' Table Newburyport Market is open Thursdays from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. We are located at Community Service of Newburyport, 35 Summer Street, in the lower level of St. Paul's Church. For your convenience we have several saved on-street parking spots in front of the market.

Each ONT location offers a beautiful, modern market where fresh, healthy food is made available to anyone in need—at no charge! There are no income requirements, just bring an ID with you.

We look forward to showing you around our Newburyport Market. If you have any further questions call Our Neighbors' Table at 978-388-1907.

The Pelican Intervention Fund



The Pelican Intervention Fund is dedicated to supporting men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. The Pelican Intervention Fund offers hope for sustained recovery for adults who live in the communities of Amesbury, Byfield, Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac,

Newbury, West Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and Salisbury. If you have any questions contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

Local Free Meals for Those Seeking Assistance

Please call ahead for details and/or possible restrictions. Phone numbers and locations are at www.hricatholic.org/local-food-pantries---markets.

Monday Meals

9 am Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
11 am Lunch, Greek Orthodox Church, Newburyport
5–6 pm Dinner, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport

Tuesday Meals

9 am Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
11 am–12:30 pm Lunch, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport
5 pm Dinner, Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

Wednesday Meals

9 am Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
11 am Lunch, The Salvation Army, Newburyport

Wednesday Meals (Cont.)

4–6 pm, Main Street Congregational Church, Amesbury

Thursday Meals

9 am Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
5 pm Dinner, The Salvation Army, Newburyport

Friday Meals

9 am Coffee and Danish, The Salvation Army, Newburyport
11 am–12:30 pm Lunch, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport

Saturday Meals

8–10 am Breakfast, Central Congregational Church, Nbpt.
Dinner Delivery for Pettengill Clients (once/month)



Immaculate Conception School

OPEN HOUSE



New flexible furniture creates a student-centered environment for collaboration and creativity.

DISCOVER WHAT'S NEW at the IC!

Immaculate Conception School is an affordable, private, Catholic elementary school (pre-k to eighth grade) achieving academic excellence in a faith-based environment, preparing young people for success in the 21st century.

OPEN HOUSE: Tues. January 7 and Thurs. 16 (9-11 am)
Sun. January 26 (1-2 pm Catholic Schools Week)

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

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory Dec. 21–22 **\$10,660.00**
 Christmas, Clergy Health & Retirement **\$20,898.00**

The second collection **this** weekend is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection **next** weekend is the Monthly.

IC Grand Annual
 Goal **\$100,000**
 To Date **\$61,751.00**



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society




Collection	\$ 5.00
Poor Box	\$178.00
Total	\$183.00

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Newburyport Council 231 was founded in 1897. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protections for you or your family, or just connecting with other Catholic men, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at (978) 572-0231, membership@kofc231.org.

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, January 14** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

Immaculate Conception School



The Annual Glove and Mitten Tree Collection is a January tradition at the IC. School families donate new gloves and mittens to warm the hands of area residents in need. The Leadership Team, comprised of 6th to 8th grade students, is responsible for organizing and overseeing school-wide service projects. IC students put their care and compassion for others into action throughout the school year. If you would like to donate a new pair of gloves or mittens for a man, woman, or child, just drop them off at the School Office to be placed on our Glove and Mitten Tree.



IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish community. (At this time, Online Giving is available for only IC members.) Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. Once you register, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then click on “Online Giving” to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to. If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made. Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

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, sandbunnyc@yahoo.com or 978-465-5810.

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 January 12** at St. Louis Hall.

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.

Faith Formation Family Activity Day

We are planning two **Family Activity Days** geared towards those students who are being home schooled this year as well as for those students who took part in the IC summer program this past summer.

The first day will be held at IC on **Saturday, January 11** followed by another gathering on **Saturday, March 7** at the Church of the Nativity.

Please mark your calendars to join with us as we gather for some fun, prayer, and learning about the Faith.

Both "days" will begin with a light breakfast at 8:30am and will conclude at 12:00pm. If interested please RSVP to the Faith Formation Office.

IC Faith Formation

School Year Programs

School year programs for all grade levels are taking place. If you have not yet registered it is not too late. Forms and the class schedule can be found on our website (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 5, from 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Class for **Year 2** (Grade 10) will meet again on Tuesday, January 7 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

Beginning this month, the children's classes will focus on preparing them for their First Eucharist. Please mark your calendars now for the first **parent meeting** scheduled for **Tuesday, February 25** at 6:30.

Parish Membership

Welcome! We are pleased you joined us today and we invite you to become a member of our Parish communities. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at www.hriccatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices at 978-462-2724 to register.

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 Christmas Flowers



Robert J. Welch • Ann Donohue • Grace Coffin • The Taylor Family • The Boshier Family • Raymond & Carolyn Dower • Charles H. Prescott, Jr. • The Malioneck & Winslow Families • The Carrier & Murray Families • Patti Haggerty • Gramie & Grampie DiGiovanni • Eddie DiGiovanni • Gramie, Grampie Collins • The Donahue, Lynch, & Bryant Family • Albert E. Corey • Gordon McLachlan • Allan T. Friedrich • Mark W. Benson • John & Eileen Friedrich • Dr. & Mrs. Prescott E. Tulloch

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

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 Christmas, Clergy Health & Retirement **\$6,785.00**

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HR Grand Annual
 Goal **\$25,000**
 To Date **\$18,865.00**



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**.

HR Sandwich Program



The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers soup/salad and sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The sandwiches go to the Good Shepherd Center on Park Street in Lawrence. 200 sandwiches are needed each day to feed the hungry.

We are always in need of more sandwich donations. To help, please make sandwiches by using 1 loaf of bread and sandwich meat (**No condiments added**), individually wrap the sandwiches and place them back into the bread bag. Deliver the bread bag to St. Ann Church, West Newbury, by **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, January 8**.

See the Collaborative calendar at www.hricatholic.org for the schedule. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

Holy Redeemer Christmas Flowers



John H. Thumser • Robert M. Thumser • Hal & Rosemary O'Connor • Kathy O'Connor • Anne & Dan Hayes

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** on **January 18**.

HR Faith Formation

School Year Programs

School year programs for all grades are taking place. If you have yet to register it is not too late! Forms as well as a class schedule can be found on our website (hricatholic.org) or call the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420) for 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 are taking 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**. More information will be distributed as the date gets closer but please mark your calendars now.

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, January 14 in the Nativity Church Hall beginning at 6:30.

Year 2 (Grade 10) class will meet again this Sunday, January 5, from 6:00–7:30 also in the Nativity Church Hall.

Please remember an adult does need to accompany the candidate.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

The food and gas cards that we received from giving tree donations will be put to immediate use. Our members and clients thank you for thinking of others during this blessed Christmas season.

Faith Formation Family Activity Day

We are planning two **Family Activity Days** geared towards those students who are being home schooled this year as well as for those students who took part in the IC summer program this past summer.

The first day will be held at IC on **Saturday, January 11** followed by another gathering on **Saturday, March 7** at the Church of the Nativity.

Please mark your calendars to join with us as we gather for some fun, prayer, and learning about the Faith.

Both "days" will begin with a light breakfast at 8:30am and will conclude at 12:00pm. If interested please RSVP to the Faith Formation Office.