

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2019



*“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’
and it would obey you.” (Lk 17:6)*

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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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/5)

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

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

Sunday (10/6)

7:15am **IC Sean Perkins** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

8:00am **Nativity John R. Minihan** (Fr. McLaughlin)

9:00am **IC Nora Waystack, James Carew** (Fr. Harrison)

10:15am **St. Ann Helen & Paul Ringenbach & Fr. John Leonard** (Fr. McLaughlin)

11:30am **IC Gordon P. Mitchell, Sr. & Catherine L. Mitchell, Robert Filomia, Rockey Carnevale, Stanley Baikewicz** (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (10/7)

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

Tuesday (10/8)

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

Wednesday (10/9)

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

Thursday (10/10)

No daily Mass

Friday (10/11)

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

Saturday (10/12)

4:00pm **IC Louis Paul Dubuc, Carmella Herlihy** (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (10/13)

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

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

9:00am **IC Rev. Paul Bérubé, Doreen O'Leary** (Fr. McLaughlin)

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

11:30am **IC Mario Ochoa** (Fr. O'Brien)

In your prayers, please remember Lorraine Batcheller 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,

Recently I was making a simple pasta sauce in the rectory. Fr. George was coming back from a meeting and the two of us hadn't had any dinner yet, so I decided to whip up something simple. A parishioner had given us some fresh tomatoes from their garden and another had just dropped off a few tiny, hot peppers. So, a traditional arrabbiata sauce it was to be. The tomatoes cooked down quickly enough and then it came time to add the hot peppers. One went, then two... they were so tiny. More is better, I thought! So I added a third. It was about that time that I made the mistake of wiping my forehead with the same hand that I had used to cut up the tiny red peppers. Fire shot across my face as the capsaicin in the residual oil from the peppers seared my skin! It was only then that I realized just HOW hot these tiny peppers were! Too late...there were three of the little suckers in the sauce! I tasted the sauce when it was finished reducing—my lips caught fire. Dinner that night was tasty, but my mouth, my lips, my tongue were all on fire throughout. Fr. George was kind, but we both agreed that two peppers would have been sufficient. Note to self: the smaller the peppers, the hotter they usually are!



What is it about us humans that pushes us to think that if one is good, more is better? Whether in cooking or in life, sometimes we just think we want more, no matter what the directions might say.

In this weekend's Gospel, the disciples push Jesus to "increase their faith." They feel like they have so little. More would be better, right? Jesus' response indicates that it is not about "how much" or "how big" your faith is, it's rather, about your patience and trust in God...that the Lord will see to the fulfillment of all matters that appear to be unresolved. Honestly, we humans are often impatient. We see life through the tiniest and narrowest of viewpoints and are often frustrated when things do not go as we think they ought. We even, magnanimously, get frustrated and impatient when things don't go the way that we think God would want them to. How dare things not go the way that I understand that God would want them to! The nerve!

Of course, God is bigger than all of this. God will not ever be frustrated or confounded in His salvific plans for our world or any of us individually. But God's timeframe and schedule are most certainly not ours, nor are we ever completely capable of figuring it all out.

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ALS Walk

In Memory of Sandy Lambert

On October 6, at Endicott College in Beverly, please join Team Sandy walking in memory of the love and hope of Sandy Lambert, who lost her battle with this horrible disease on July 7, 2017. The ALS walk is an effort to raise money for equipment and research which will help many of our friends and neighbors who are stricken by ALS. The three-mile walk begins at 11:00am and meanders through the campus of the college. Please contact Larry Lambert for more information (978) 462-4842.

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, October 7

- AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall
- Discipleship Priority Meeting 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room
- HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
- Leadership Team Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Tuesday, October 8

- IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
- Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
- IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
- HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory
- HR Activities Group Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall
- IC Haiti Board Meeting 7:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
- Knights of Columbus 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Wednesday, October 9

- IC PTO Meeting 8:30am, IC St. Louis Hall
- HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall
- Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209
- Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall
- IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church
- Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel
- Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
- IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church
- IC PTO Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, October 10

- Reunion Prayer Group 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209
- Discovering Christ 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
- Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel
- Reunion Prayer Group 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Friday, October 11

- Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
- AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, October 12

- Discovering Christ Retreat 9:30am, IC St. Louis Hall
- Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, October 13

- Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
- St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 10:00am, St. Ann Church
- Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church

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So, patience and trust are the prescription for us disciples in all things. The little faith we might think we have will be more than sufficient to flavor the dish, as long as we give God the time and the room to complete His recipe. If we try and mess with the ingredients or hasten the process...well, we get burned. Let's not get burned. Let's take Jesus' advice, accept our role as servants of the Lord, and look forward to whatever God may be cooking up in our lives. It's bound to be better-seasoned than my arrabbiata sauce! Even the smallest amount of true faith will be more than sufficient to complete God's plans for us in the right measure, and in God's own good time.

Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

America Needs Fatima

Parishioners are invited to join the faithful of the region for the "America Needs Fatima Campaign" on **Saturday, October 12 at noon in Market Square, Newburyport** for a public Rosary.

Held annually throughout the world on a day close to the anniversary of "Miracle of the Sun," the famed miracle that took place in Fatima on October 13, 1917, people gathered will simply answer the Blessed Mother's call to pray the Rosary. Please consider joining this beautiful public witness of our faith and prayer for the world. For more information, contact Dave Colby at (978) 204-7675.

San Marcos Coffee Sale

October 5-6 after all Masses

Hopefully many of you were able to greet Fr. Ray Richard while he was here at IC for 5 weeks visiting his home town of Newburyport as he does every year. He has now returned to his missionary work—serving the poor people of Honduras.

As Catholics, we are called to help the poor to rise out of poverty. *Padre Ramon* started "The Coffee Project" back in 2003 to help the farmers in his parish to receive a fair price for coffee beans grown on their small family-owned farms. On Oct. 5-6 you can buy this specialty Honduran dark-roasted coffee for \$10 per pound (whole bean or ground) after all collaborative Masses. The farmers of San Marcos say "*Muchas Gracias*" and "*Paz de Cristo!*"



Call Karen Finnegan with any questions: 978-465-4173.

Fr. Ray enjoying a belated birthday celebration at the IC rectory.



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Questions of the Week



Adult: Who is God for you? What opportunities do you have to promote or explain your faith?
Child: What does God look like to you? How does God help you to live each and every day?

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

R.C.I.A.

Do you know someone who has expressed a wish to become Catholic? Someone who has been baptized in another Christian faith but desires to become Catholic? Maybe your child is making First Communion this year and you would like to be able to receive also. It could be the time to become a one-faith family?

To discover how to become Catholic, please email Marin at fortune@newburyportcatholic.org and start on your journey in faith.

Pro-Life Seminar

The Adult Faith Formation Team invites you to a Human Rights seminar on an issue that impacts all of us and demands that we educate ourselves on the Law our Commonwealth is about to enact to expand abortion rights. An adult informed conscience leads to wise laws that protect everyone. Learn more so you may speak more effectively with state legislators and neighbors on behalf of the unborn.

Guest speakers are Attorney Fran Hogan from the Mass. Catholic Conference and Marianne Luthin, Director of the Boston Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office/Project Rachel.

Date: Sunday, October 27

Time: 2:00–3:30

Place: St. Louis Hall, IC Parish Center

Hosted by the Adult Faith Formation Team

Centering Prayer

If you are searching for the peace the world cannot give please consider joining us at Centering Prayer. 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. Consider leaving the noise of the world and the busyness of your day behind for an hour on Wednesday evenings, 6:00–7:00 p.m. in IC Conference Room 209. Following Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina enriches and instructs us as we listen to and reflect on the words of scripture.

Voice of the Faithful

2019 Conference

Former National Review Board Interim Director of the Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke will talk about the effectiveness of the Church's response to clergy abuse. Boston College theologian Fr. Richard Lennan will present a recent study on priestly formation, including the seminary's contribution to clericalism. Also, parishioners from the Mid-Atlantic, Northeast, and Midwest will discuss how they are creating a just Church.

Date: Saturday, October 19, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. at the Boston Marriott Newton, \$125/person, lunch included.

Register at www.vof.org.

Retrouvaille

Marriage is about beautiful weddings, romance, love, and candlelight anniversary dinners, but marriage is also about dirty laundry, confrontations, balancing budgets, and hanging in there with teens and aging parents.

Retrouvaille (Retro-vi) is a Christian ministry designed to provide help and support to married couples who are undergoing difficulties in their relationship, for those who are hurting in brokenness and loneliness. It has also proven helpful to couples who are separated or divorced. Although Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin, couples from all or no faith traditions are welcome to attend. The next program begins with the weekend of November 8–10, in Tewksbury, and continues with 6 follow-up 4 hour sessions over the following six weeks. For further information visit www.helpourmarriage.org or contact our registration team at 508-271-7155. You can also e-mail questions at retrouvaille@gmail.com.

Pro-Life, Pro-Mary Lecture/Discussion

Come to a presentation based on Carrie Gress' book *The Anti-Mary Exposed*. It took 12 women and 2 generations to wean millions from a media blitz that effectively numbed our culture into accepting abortion. The liberating Catholic answer to 60,000 USA abortions since then, is to realign our culture to Mary, the Mother of God—the unparalleled model for real feminist freedom! Prior reading of Gress' book is recommended but not required. Mary Schmidt will lead lecture and facilitate an optional group discussion, a 5-point call to action, and a concluding prayer service. Mature subject material, but appropriate for young adults. (Note that this event is offered twice).

Date: Monday, October 21

Place: St. Louis Hall, IC Parish Center

Times: 1:00 pm–2:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.–8:15 p.m.

Presented by the Adult Faith Formation Team

Holy Hour for Life

Join Deacon Paul Dow in unity with the *National Day of Prayer & Penance*. A Holy Hour for Life is an Archdiocesan response to the US Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion on demand. Deacon Dow will lead us in pray for those wounded by abortion and for the dignity of life from conception to natural death within a service of Scripture, silence, and Benediction.

Date: Sunday, November 3

Place: St. James Chapel, IC Parish Center

Time: 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Presented in Cooperation with the Adult Faith Formation Team

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Pelican Intervention Fund

The Pelican Intervention Fund Event at Newburyport's Steeple Hall at Mission Oak Grill.

On November 7, 2019 from 7:00–10:00 p.m. join us for an evening of cocktails, appetizers, and raffle prizes with a guest presentation and music by “Ball in the House” the Boston acapella group.



Tickets can be purchased at the Newburyport Chamber of Commerce, 38R Merrimac Street, Newburyport or by contacting Kim Keene at 978-430-1408 to reserve tickets. Please help support the Pelican Intervention Fund by purchasing tickets and attending the event.

Tickets are \$75 per person (cash or check made out to “PIF at ECCF”). 100% of the ticket price goes to supporting local young men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery.

Since our founding in 2015, Pelican Intervention Fund has supported 55 clients into long-term 12-step residential sober living programs We are grateful for all the support from our Parish Collaborative. For more information, contact Steve and Kim Keene: 978-430-1408.



Mass Scripture Readings: October 6–13, 2019

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.

- Sun., Oct. 6: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Psalm 95; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10
- Mon., Oct. 7: Jonah 1:1 - 2:2,11; Jonah 2:3-5,8; Luke 10:25-37
- Tues., Oct. 8: Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 130; Luke 10:38-42
- Wed., Oct. 9: Jonah 4:1-11; Psalm 86; Luke 11:1-4
- Thurs., Oct. 10: Malachi 3:13-20b; Psalm 1; Luke 11:5-13
- Fri., Oct. 11: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Psalm 9; Luke 11:15-26
- Sat., Oct. 12: Joel 4:12-21; Psalm 97; Luke 11:27-28
- Sun., Oct. 13: 2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 98; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

N.B. There is a free App named “Laudate” which allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone. Whether traveling on the bus or train to work, setting aside a regular time in your home or workplace, or finding an unexpected quiet time in your day, easy access to the daily Scripture readings is only a click away with the “Laudate” App. This Latin word translates to “Give praise.” Choosing to interact with the Lord by praying the Scriptures is a wonderful way of giving praise to God.



HR PARISH



Above: the beautiful, inspirational signs created at the “Make and Take Sign Party” at Nativity Hall on October 1. What a great evening of community, sharing, and, of course, food!

Veterans Gift Bags

Holy Redeemer will be collecting personal care and hygiene products, puzzle books, snacks, and more for men and women veterans. These gift bags will be given out at Christmas to the men Veterans living at Northeast Outreach Center, Haverhill and women Veterans at Edith Nourse Rogers Medical Center, Bedford, MA. Items donated for these gift bags will be collected on Sunday, November 3 (the weekend before Veterans Day).

Cookies for Okinawa

We will be sending homemade Christmas cookies to the marines stationed in Okinawa this year for Christmas. If you would like to contribute, please package 12 cookies in each quart-size Ziploc bag and label the cookie type. Cookie donations will be collected on Sunday, December 8.

HR Activities Committee Meeting

All are welcome to join us at the HR Activities Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Nativity Hall. We will be planning for the November Holiday Fair as well as Veteran’s gift bags in November and Cookies for Okinawa in December.

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, November 7.**

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HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, Sept. 28–29 \$2,903.00

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

Next week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection will also provide support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests and lay people for ministry and for the Inner City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various missionary efforts at home and abroad.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our conference raised nearly \$500 at our bake sale. Thank you for supporting and helping the needy.

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, October 9**.

HR Holiday Fair Updates

*The Holiday Fair is Saturday, November 23
Always the Saturday Before Thanksgiving.*

The Fair Committee is looking for help. We are looking for someone *or* a group of volunteers to **decorate the outdoor entrance, door, and ramp** of Nativity Hall to greet and inspire our fair goers. Decorating could be started the week before the fair and done anytime. We have many decorating items available to be used. Perhaps an opportunity for **service hours** for Confirmation or school. Please call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072 if you are interested.



We are asking parishioners to help support the fair with a donated themed gift basket filled with treasures. Our experience shows that \$20.00 baskets sell best. No need to overstuff your donation.

We are also looking for silent auction donations. If you have any questions about our silent auction please call Carole

Sokolowski 978-346-9031.

HR Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Registration forms for those children who entered **Grades K–8** this fall as well as those students who entered **Grades 9 & 10** are now available. Forms (including the class schedule) can be downloaded from our website (hricatholic.org) or by contacting the Lifelong Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420).

Please submit your family's registration form as soon as possible.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Sacramental Prep classes are forming for those children anticipating the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. 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 p.m. 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, November 3** at 1:00 p.m. in the Charity Dining Room located in the IC Pastoral Center.

Confirmation

For those students who anticipate receiving the sacrament this fall, please note that this will take place on **Saturday, October 26** at 11:00 a.m. for the Holy Redeemer Parish at the Church of the Nativity.

Rehearsal is planned for Wednesday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. If you have a child eligible to receive the sacrament, and you have not received an informational email yet, please contact the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible.

Confirmation Prep Classes

Classes for **Year 1** (Grade 9) have begun. It is not too late to register. Please submit your registration form. Class takes place at the Church of the Nativity. Also remember that an **adult** needs to accompany the candidate.

Year 2 (Grade 10) classes will start on Sunday, **October 20** from 6–7:30 p.m. also in the Nativity Church Hall. An **adult** must also be present for these sessions as well.

The complete schedule for both years can be found on our website or by calling the Faith Formation Office for information.

HR Altar Server Training



Additional Altar Servers are needed for Nativity and St. Ann Masses. Training will be provided for Grades 4 and up. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Tracy Blais at tblais@comcast.net.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, Sept. 28–29 **\$8,634.00**
Rostro de Cristo **\$2,696.00**

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The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 5.00
Poor Box	\$136.00
Total	\$141.00

IC Haiti Fundraiser



Hello,

My name is Alyson Rose and I am a former student of the Immaculate Conception School in Newburyport and a current student at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School, Dover, NH. Out of the many things I like to do, one of my favorites is to draw and paint. I recently finished a painting of the Immaculate Conception Church and donated this painting as a gift

to the IC school as a "thank you" to my principal and teachers for the past nine years.

*I decided to have this painting printed on to 3x5 and 5x7 blank notecards and will be selling them after masses on **October 12–13** to raise money for the Fr. Marc Piché Immaculate Conception School in Haiti. The small notecards can be purchased for a suggested donation of \$1 each and the large cards for \$3 each. I will accept cash and/or checks made payable to IC Haiti. **100% of all proceeds will go to the Fr. Marc Piché Immaculate Conception School in Haiti.***

"For it is in giving that we receive" ~ St. Francis of Assisi

Thank you, Alyson Rose

Free Hair Cuts

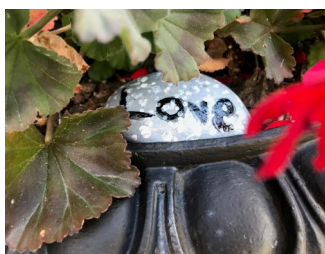


Donna Koen, a parishioner and licensed hairdresser of over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

Immaculate Conception School

An education at Immaculate Conception School encompasses so much more than reading, writing and arithmetic. Our students learn to serve and support others through their words and their actions. Students in all grades make a meaningful difference by acting upon the wonderful ideas they have as a class and as individuals. Two recent examples illustrate this beautifully. As a school we are embracing **Peace** as a central theme for the school year.



Our Pre-K and Kindergarten students painted "peace rocks" in class and then placed them around the neighborhood for others to enjoy. Although the children may never meet the individuals who take notice of the lively painted rocks, spreading the message of

peace to others is reward enough.

Last week's parish bulletin highlighted IC alumna Alyson Rose, who recently presented the school with a watercolor painting of the Immaculate Conception Church. She spent four months working on the painting, which is truly an expression of her love for her faith and church, and her gratitude for 13 years in Catholic education.



Randomly placed rocks and a magnificent painting—two meaningful acts of service and support inspired by a love for God.

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.

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.

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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.


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.

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

Local Knights are encouraged to ensure email addresses are on file so that volunteer opportunities can be communicated. Please contact us to update your information at membership@kofc231.org.

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, October 8** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

IC Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Registration forms for children who entered **grades K–8** this fall as well as those students who entered **Grades 9 & 10** are available. Forms (including the class schedule) can be downloaded from our website hriccatholic.org or by contacting the Lifelong Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420).

Classes for **Grades K–8** have begun. It's never too late to join us. If you have not already submitted your registration forms please do so as soon as possible.

Confirmation

In an effort to accommodate busy families, we have made changes to Confirmation Year 1 (Grade 9) and Year 2 (Grade 10) at Immaculate Conception Parish. Year 1 classes will be held once a month on Sundays 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.; Year 2 classes will be held once a month on Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. If your son/daughter has a conflict with these times, please consider Holy Redeemer Parish's Confirmation Prep for a second option for dates and times.

Confirmation Prep class for Year 1 (Grade 9) will be starting here at IC this Sunday, **October 6** from 1-2:30 p.m. Come and register in class if you have not already done so. Please remember an adult does need to accompany the candidate.

Classes for Year 2 (Grade 10) have already begun. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5 from 6:30–8 p.m. Registrations still accepted.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, November 3** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on November 10.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Sacramental Prep classes have started for those children anticipating the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Parent meetings will be held prior to each sacrament. The first meeting for parents and children to attend prior to Reconciliation is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 11** at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars now. Our group Reconciliation service here at IC is planned for **Saturday, December 14** at 11:00 a.m. More information will be made available in the weeks ahead.

Christmas Fair

November 16, 9:00–2:00, IC School Gym

All are invited to attend the IC Christmas fair on Saturday, November 16. Crafts, fun, and food (Coffee & donuts and lunch will be available).

Interested **crafters** can contact Melinda for information.

We are also looking for **bakers**. Interested bakers can contact Betty.