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COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2019



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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

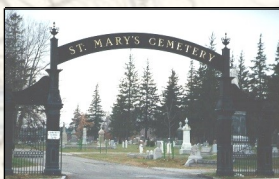
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (10/26)

11:00am **Nativity Confirmation**
(Bishop Hennessey)
4:00pm **IC James Carew, Michael & Kiki Armento, Jeanne Twomey, Frank Lombardi, The Twomey Family, The Grenier Family** (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **St. Ann Leo Jean** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (10/27)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC James Carew, Andrew Casey, Sean Harrington, James Harrington** (Fr. Morin)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:30am **IC Earle H. Baughn, Aileen Neve** (Fr. Morin)

Monday (10/28)

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

Tuesday (120/29)

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

Wednesday (10/30)

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

Thursday (10/31)

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

Friday (11/1) All Saints Holy Day of Obligation

7:15am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)
9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
9:00am **IC School Liturgy** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
1:30pm **Avita** (Fr. McLaughlin)
7:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
7:00pm **IC** (Fr. Morin)

Saturday (11/2)

4:00pm **IC Katherine Doyle Kelley & John E. Kelley, Lorraine Batcheller, Rev. Paul Bérubé** (Fr. Morin)
4:00pm **St. Ann Dorothy Batchelder** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (11/3)

7:15am **IC Tricia Kelley** (Fr. Harrison)
8:00am **Nativity Claire Bibeau** (Fr. Morin)
9:00am **IC Andrew Casey, Lorraine Batcheller** (Fr. McLaughlin)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Paul)
11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Lois Jean Basque, Ann Snell, Kathryn Mulcahy, Ronald St. Jean, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury



All Saints Day

All Saints Day is Friday, November 1 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times in the Collaborative are as follows:

7:15 am IC, Newburyport
9:00am Nativity, Merrimac
9:00am IC, School Liturgy
7:00pm St. Ann, W. Newbury
7:00pm IC, Newburyport

Faustina Film

One Night Only—October 28, 7:00 p.m., at Cinemagic

The incredible true story of St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy will be told one night only in more than 700 movie theaters nationwide in a new film, **Love and Mercy: Faustina**. The docudrama follows the incredible call of St. Faustina to religious life and the healing effects of this message on countless people around the world.

It will be shown locally at 7:00 p.m., October. 28 at Cinemagic in Salisbury.

Spread the good word and invite others to come.

Mass Scripture Readings

October 27–November 3, 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.

- Sunday, Oct. 27: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; Psalm 34; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14
- Monday, Oct. 28: Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 19; Luke 6:12-16
- Tuesday, Oct. 29: Romans 8:18-25; Psalm 126; Luke 13:18-21
- Wednesday, Oct. 30: Romans 8:26-30; Psalm 13; Luke 13:22-30
- Thursday, Oct. 31: Romans 8:31b-39; Psalm 109; Luke 13:31-35
- Friday, Nov. 1: Revelations 7:2-4; 9-14; Psalm 24; Matthew 5:1-12a
- Saturday, Nov. 2: Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 23; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40
- Sunday, Nov. 3: Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Psalm 145; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

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.

Daylight Saving Time



Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend (November 3). Please remember to turn your clocks **back** one hour.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
HR Confirmation 1 Class 6:30pm, Nativity Hall
Safety Committee Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Wednesday, October 30

Holy Jammers Practice 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209
IC Christmas Fair Committee 2:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room
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

Thursday, October 31

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

Friday, November 1, All Saints Day

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
Vocations Committee Meeting 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall
Staff Meeting 12:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room
AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
Ultreya 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Saturday, November 2

Cursillo Group Reunion 8:00am, St. Ann Church
Holy Quilters 8:00am, Nativity Hall
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

Sunday, November 3, Daylight Saving Time Ends

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
HR Faith Formation 9:00am, Nativity Hall
IC Coffee Hour 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall
St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 10:00am, St. Ann Church
HR Faith Formation 11:15am, St. Ann Hall
Baptism Class 1:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room
Pro Life Holy Hour 2:00pm, IC St. James Chapel
HR Confirmation 2 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

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.

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 prayer 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

“No” on Abortion Expansion

A Human Rights Issue for All

Date: Sunday, October 27

Time: 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Place: St. Louis Hall, IC Parish Center

All HRIC parishioners are invited to an important educational event on Sunday, October 27, 2:00–3:30 p.m. at IC St. Louis Hall. Learn more about proposed State legislation on House Bill 3320 and Senate Bill 1209 which seek to expand abortion in Massachusetts beyond Roe v Wade.

Attorney Frances X. Hogan, board member of the Massachusetts Catholic Conference and Marianne Luthin, Director of the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston will explain the bills and offer specific suggestions for parishioners to mobilize and let their voices be heard in opposition.

Hosted by the Adult Faith Formation Team

At Home Retreat

Exploring your relationship with God through daily prayer, reading, and spiritual direction.

Are you desiring some time alone with God, yet don't have the time or money to go away to a retreat center? Then consider this. You can experience a directed retreat centered at home. It begins with a group meeting on Friday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. followed by four individual 30–40 minute sessions scheduled at your convenience. We will end with a group gathering on Friday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. The only requirements are a commitment to read/pray for 30 minutes a day and an openness to talk about your prayer with your director four times during the two-week period. Elizabeth McCarthy and Nancijo Wolter, both certified spiritual directors, will be leading the retreat.

Suggested donation for the retreat is \$80.00. We will use the book *An Invitation to Love* by Fr. William Barry, SJ that we ask you to purchase prior to our first meeting.

Contact Elizabeth at 978-518-9798 (phone or text) to register or for additional information.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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Pelican Intervention Fund

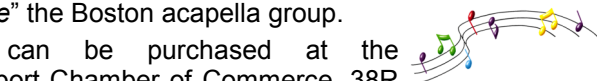
Steeple Hall at Mission Oak Grill

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.



New England Tenors

Save the Date: December 1, 2:00 p.m.



The New England Tenors will be performing an Advent/ Christmas Concert at Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport.

Tickets: adults: \$20 per person. Under 12 years: \$12 per person. Tickets are available from any IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul member or at the door the day of the show.

Complimentary refreshments will be available in the IC School cafeteria at the show's intermission.

{Sponsored by the IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul}

November: Month of the Holy Souls

"The Souls of the Just Are in the Hand of God" (Wisdom 3:1)

Come for a consoling 90 minutes, rich in Church teaching and prayer on behalf of our beloved dead. Using Scripture, CCC, Apostles Creed, and Catholic authors, learn profound prayer models to honor the Holy Souls and to uncover their spiritual attribute and to consult our genealogies for healing our family trees.

Date: Sunday, November 10

Time: 2:00–3:30pm

Location: St. Louis Hall, IC Parish Center

Speaker: Fr. George Morin *The Last Things*

Speaker: Mrs. Lisa Powis Personal Reflection & Genealogy

Collaborative Pastoral Council

We are in the process of re-establishing the Collaborative Pastoral Council and are seeking the names of people you think might be good candidates for this Council. At this point we would just like the names of people who might serve the parish in this capacity. Please list your own name if you are interested and/or list the names of others. No need to ask them at this point—this will be done as the process unfolds. No one will be chosen for this Council until they fully understand what they are being asked to do and the time involved. This is just the initial surfacing of names.

The purpose of the Collaborative Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, faith formation, and service activities within the Collaborative.

If you are interested in serving on the Council, consider nominating yourself. All confirmed, active, practicing members of the parish who are 16 years of age or older are eligible to be nominated. Please record the name, address, and phone number of individuals (if you have that information) you choose to nominate on the form in past bulletins or on a piece of paper and return this in the weekend collection; mail to, or drop off at the Collaborative offices in Newburyport; **by Monday, October 28, 2019**. Thank you for your assistance in this important aspect of the life of our Collaborative. Please also pray for the work of this Council.

Once we have compiled the list of people interested, we will announce the next steps in the process of forming our Council.

Questions of the Week



Adult: When do you allow your spouse, children or friends to see you as you really are?

Child: When did you show your family or your classmates this past week that you loved them?

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Celebration of Life Day

When: Wednesday, October 30, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Where: Great Hall, Massachusetts State House, 24 Beacon Street, Boston.

Please join us for a “Celebration of Life Day” at the Massachusetts State House as we seek to educate and inform legislators and staff about the great work of pregnancy care centers across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to State Representative Marc Lombardo’s office by calling him at (617)722-2460 or by email at nancy.cadigan@mahouse.gov.

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.

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Voice of the Faithful

Kinship Across Borders: A Christian Ethic of Immigration in Troubled Times

Kristin E. Heyer, Ph.D., Professor of Theological Ethics at Boston College, will present a lecture and discussion on Sunday, October 27 from 2–4 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church Hall, 19 Chestnut Street, Peabody. The fear-based approaches that currently shape the immigration debate in our country can distort the realities that migrants face. In this lecture Dr. Heyer will explore the contributions that Scripture and the Catholic social tradition offer, envisioning a future of civic kinship with moral, spiritual, and policy implications.

This program is sponsored by Voice of the Faithful North Shore-Seacoast Affiliate. All are invited. Free will offerings are appreciated. For further information call John and Barbara Gould, 978-535-2321.

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. 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 6:30pm in St. James Chapel and IC Charity Dining Room to continue the Cursillo spirit. All are welcome. For more information, contact Dave & Kelly Colby.

Cursillo Weekends 2019

November 7	Women
December 5	Men

Ultreya Evenings 2019

November 1	November 29
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Mass of Remembrance

Remembrance for children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, or in early childhood.

Date: November 2, 2019 (Saturday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Where: St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover

If you have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or in early childhood, you may feel a very deep loss which few others seem to understand. The St. Augustine community prays for you and invites you to our annual Mass of Remembrance. Those attending the Mass will have the opportunity to remember and honor their child by presenting remembrance cards. You are also invited after Mass to deliver the remembrance cards to the Monastery of Saint Clare in Andover. The Nuns there will keep the basket in their chapel, remembering the children and their families in their prayer during the month of November. Visit www.StAugustineParish.org/miscarried-and-stillborn.



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High School Open Houses

Central Catholic HS Open House

300 Hampshire St., Lawrence, Sunday, October 27 from 12:30–3:30 p.m. Visit our website at centralcatholic.net for more information.

Fontbonne Girl’s Academy

930 Brook Rd., Milton, Thursday, November 7 at 6:00–8:00 p.m. Email us at Admissions@FontbonneBoston.org for more information.

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HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, October 19–20	\$2,347.00
World Missions	\$ 460.00

HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
To Date \$9,890.00



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)**.

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**.

HR HOLIDAY FAIR



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



Gift Basket Donations Wanted



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.

Fair Committee Meeting

Our next fair committee meeting is Tuesday, **November 5 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Nativity Hall, Merrimac. All are invited. Please call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072 if you are interested in helping.

HR Faith Formation

School Year Programs

School year programs for all grades are underway. If you have yet to register your child/ren it is not too late. Forms can be found on our website (hriccatholic.org) or call the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420) to request one.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Sacramental Prep classes for those children anticipating the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have begun.

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, November 3** at 1:00 p.m. in the Charity Dining Room located in the IC Pastoral Center.

Confirmation Prep Classes

Classes for **Year 1** (Grade 9) have begun. It is not too late to register. Class takes place at the Nativity Church Hall. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Year 2 (Grade 10) class is also underway. The next class is scheduled for Sunday (November 3) from 6:00–7:30 p.m. also in the Nativity Church Hall. Registration forms can be brought to class if you have not yet registered. Please remember an adult does need to accompany the candidate.

Silent Auction Donations

We are looking for silent auction donations. If you have any questions about our silent auction please call Carole Sokolowski 978-346-9031.

Fair Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets

Signup sheets for helping at this year's fair will be available in the backs of both churches and classroom areas for students, parents, and parishioners who are looking for service hours, information, or time availability for helping out our parish. Any questions, please call Cindy Quinn: 978-346-0072. Many hands are needed for the success of this parish fundraiser.

We are looking for **door greeters, raffle ticket sales, basket carriers, lunchtime wait staff, and more.**

If you are interested in helping out in one of these positions during the fair and have any questions, please contact Cindy: 978-346-0072. This is a great service hours idea.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, October 19–20 \$8,196.00
World Missions \$1,482.00

This week's second collection is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

IC Grand Annual
Goal \$100,000
To Date \$10,193.00



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 15.00
Poor Box	\$404.00
Total	\$419.00

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 November 3 at St. Louis Hall.

November: A Time to Remember the Faithful Departed

As has been our custom at Immaculate Conception Parish for many years, we continue this year inviting parishioners to bring a small picture of their deceased loved one and place it on the side altar near our Baptismal Font as a way to remember those who have gone before us into the mystery of death and our great hope of being with them again in the resurrection. There is also a place to write their name in the Book of the Names of the Dead. We will keep these in place throughout the weekends in November. Parishioners are asked to retrieve their pictures after Thanksgiving weekend.

The Mass of Remembrance will be on Saturday, November 16 at 4:00pm.

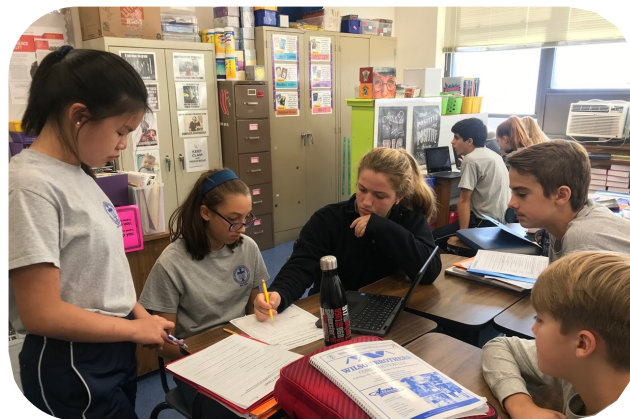
The Compassionate Friends

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 **October 28**. Contact Barbara with questions: barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

Immaculate Conception School

Developing empathy in our students and fostering a sense of responsibility to actively support others are valuable lessons taught at the IC. The 8th grade students are designing communities in their Language Arts class that meet the needs of the homeless. The students are reading *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton, which deals with social class conflict and its impact. The students have been researching the societal challenges, health and financial reasons that can impact people to such a degree that some become homeless. Pictured, students collaborate to design a community that supports the specific needs of the homeless, while developing a greater sense of the human struggle and our ability to make a difference for others. The project design, class discussions, and small group reflections highlight the importance of understanding social factors and provide an opportunity for our students to identify ways that they can lighten the burdens that plague our society.



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.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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).

Do you sew? Or knit? Or maybe you have another talent? Perhaps you could share a table with a friend to display your items. All interested **crafters/ sewers/ knitters/ etc.**, please contact Melinda for information

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

IC Faith Formation

School Year Programs

School year programs for all grade levels are underway. If you have not yet registered your child/ren, it is not too late. Forms can be found on our website (hricatholic.org) or call the Faith Formation office to request one.

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.

The next Confirmation Prep class for **Year 1** (Grade 9) will be held on Sunday, November 17 from 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Class for **Year 2** (Grade 10) is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5 from 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Please remember an adult does need to accompany the candidate to class.

Christmas Fair Items Needed

Do you have any "once loved" items that you no longer use or display that could be donated to the Christmas Table?

Perhaps a "gently used" item that could be part of Grandma's Attic?

Please help support the Parish Christmas Fair by sending us your treasures!

Contact Christine

IC SVdP Walk Thank You

The Annual "Walk for the Poor" was a huge success this year. 55 people joined us as we walked our 3-mile course in downtown Newburyport on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019. It was a bright sunshine-filled morning as we began with a group photo and prayer at 9:30 a.m. We carried signs to announce our purpose and were met with cheers and honking horns throughout the route.

The members of the Immaculate Conception Society of St. Vincent De Paul want to thank our generous walkers, sponsors, and donors who contributed to this successful fundraiser. Special thanks to our Corporate Sponsors:

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Silver Sponsors: Faith E. Delaney, Attorney at Law
 Kelley's Service Station
 Newburyport Bank
 Newburyport Lighting

Through the generosity of our Immaculate Conception parishioners we were able to raise **\$17,066.50!** Amazing. Since STVDP is a 100% volunteer organization, all monies raised remain in our community to help alleviate the struggles of our neediest neighbors. Thank you for all you do to support our efforts. You will be in our prayers.



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 are underway 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.

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.

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.