

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2019



*He answered, "See that you
not be deceived, for many will
come in my name, saying, 'I am
he,' and 'The time has come.' Do
not follow them!"*

Luke 21:8

All Are Welcome

Holy Redeemer Holiday Fair

Saturday, November 23
9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Nativity Church Hall
4 Green Street, Merrimac



Get a jump on your Christmas shopping. We have themed gift baskets at great prices.

Visit our “Nearly New” section to find that item you have just been looking everywhere for.

Check out the great silent auction items.

Come for lunch. We serve a variety of homemade soups. Then, visit the bake sale table for dessert.

Take a chance on one of our cash raffle prizes.
Winner need not be present to win.

Everyone is welcome.
Admission is free.

Invite your friends and neighbors.



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (11/16)

4:00pm **IC Mass of Remembrance**

(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **St. Ann** *The LeBlanc, Saulnier, Boudreau & Melanson Families* (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (11/17)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Peg Marsh, Linda Causey*

(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

10:15am **St. Ann** *Maureen Heaton* (Fr. Morin)

11:30am **IC** *Paul F. Doyle, Elena Previte, Mary A. Jayne & Jeremiah Quill, For the intentions of those recently married* (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (11/18)

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

Tuesday (11/19)

7:15am **IC** *Bruce M. Goodnow* (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (11/20)

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

Thursday (11/21)

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

Friday (11/22)

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

Saturday (11/23)

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

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (11/24)

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

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

9:00am **IC** *Alan Chu, Dr. Arthur Hewett, Jr., Carmella Herlihy* (Fr. Morin)

10:15am **St. Ann** *The LeBlanc, Saulnier, Boudreau and Melanson Families* (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** *John Stewart Bennett* (Fr. Morin)

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

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Women's Evening of Prayer



The next Women's Evening of Prayer will be Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church. All women of the collaborative are invited to attend this evening of prayer and song. Invite your friends.

4th Annual Advent Vespers

Praying with Icons



Award yourself an hour for quieting the soul with traditional Western antiphonal prayer blended with the Eastern spiritual illumination of praying with icons.

Dates: Tuesdays, Dec. 10 & 17

Place: St. Ann Church, W. Newbury

Time: 7:00–8:00 p.m.

{Hosted by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes

Cor Unum Ministry

Cor Unum Meal Center, located in South Lawrence at St. Patrick Church, is in need of volunteers to serve meals to the poor.

Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer Parishes serve breakfast to the poor of Lawrence on the first Saturday of every month. Volunteers meet in the IC parking lot at 5:00am on Saturday morning. The Center serves breakfast from 6:00am to 8:00am. If you are able to give a few hours of your time serving this meal, please contact Larry Lambert at (978) 462-4842 for further information.

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.hricatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices at 978-462-2724 to register.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, November 18,

HR Holiday Fair Donation Dropoffs 10:00–1:00, 5:00–8:00
Nativity Hall

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

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

Tuesday, November 19

HR Holiday Fair Donation Dropoffs 10:00–1:00, 5:00–8:00
Nativity Hall

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

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

HR Faith Formation, Confirmation 1 6:30pm, *Nativity Church*

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

Wednesday, November 20

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

HR Holiday Fair Donation Dropoffs 10:00–1:00, 5:00–8:00
Nativity Hall

IC Christmas Fair Wrap-up Meeting 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, November 21

HR Holiday Fair Donation Dropoffs 10:00–1:00, 5:00–8:00
Nativity Hall

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

Service & Ministry Meeting 7:00pm, *IC Nazareth Library*

Friday, November 22

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

Staff Meeting 9:00am, *IC Charity Dining Room*

HR Holiday Fair Donation Dropoffs 10:00–8:30 *Nativity Hall*

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

Saturday, November 23

HR Holiday Fair 9:00am–2:00pm, *Nativity Hall*

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, *St. Ann Church*

Sunday, November 24

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

HR Faith Formation 9:00am, *Nativity Hall*

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

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

Online Resources

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

New England Tenors Concert

Sunday, December 1, 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of wonderful music to begin the Advent and Christmas season.

The New England Tenors will be performing a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 1, at 2:00 p.m.

Where: Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport

Cost: adults: \$20 per person. Under 12 years: \$12 per person.

Tickets available at the door the day of the show.

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

{Proceeds benefit the IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul}.



Scene from last year's wonderful show.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Scripture Readings

November 17–24, 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, Nov. 17: Malachi 3:19-20a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19
- Monday, Nov. 18: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Psalm 119; Luke 18:35-43
- Tuesday, Nov. 19: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Psalm 3; Luke 19:1-10
- Wednesday, Nov. 20: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Psalm 17; Luke 19:11-28
- Thursday, Nov. 21: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Psalm 50; Luke 19:41-44
- Friday, Nov. 22: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Chronicles 29:10-12; Luke 19:45-48
- Saturday, Nov. 23: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Psalm 9; Luke 20:27-40
- Sunday, Nov. 24: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 122; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

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



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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. 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).

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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: Name the date and time that you will set aside to remember all that God has done for you.

Child: Draw a picture or write a story of how Jesus has helped you live as one of His followers.

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 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 at davecolby724@gmail.com.

Cursillo weekends 2019–2020

December 5	Men
January 9	Women
February 6	Men
March 5	Women
April 2	Men
April 30	Women
June 4	Women

Ultreya Evenings

December 6	March 27
January 3	April 24
January 31	May 29
February 28	

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Nativity Display Returns

Join us for the Nativity display again this year on the Feast of the Holy Family

Do you own a Nativity set you'd like to display at the Collaborative show-&-tell on the Feast of the Holy Family? Last year, 56 manger scenes personally enhanced the Christmas season.

Manger drop off: 8am–8pm on Saturday, December 28.
Pick up: Sunday, December 29 at 4pm.

Need more details? Sure you do. We do also: your manger must have a reservation to be displayed, so call 978-462-6191. And if you don't own a nativity, volunteer to set-up someone else's or serve as a greeter or manage our thrift table of religious goods.

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- Add your name and email and click "sign up"
- You will receive an email that links you to the site

HR HOLIDAY FAIR

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



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 Donation Dropoff Times

Drop off fair donations at these times:

Sunday (Nov. 17) 12:30–3:30

Mon.–Fri. (Nov. 18–22) 10:00–1:00 & 5:00–8:00

Fri. (Nov. 22, day before Fair) 10:00–8:30

Donated baskets and other items may be brought to Nativity Hall **this week**. See times above.

The Activities Committee will be working this week to organize the hall for the fair. The hall will be opened at various times. These times will be posted on the glass doors. **Please** consider stopping in and helping at drop off.

Fair Invitations and Raffle Tickets

The Activities Committee has sent out an invitation to attend this year's Fair to all our registered parishioners. If you did not receive an invitation, please contact Linda Temple, our administrative assistant, 978-462-2724 (ext. 7404) to be included.

Our invitation also included 3 sheets of raffle tickets. The committee hopes that you will support the raffle and buy some tickets **and ask your family and friends to buy some also! Winners receive cash prizes.**

Raffle stubs may be mailed back in the supplied envelope or brought to Mass. Activities members will be selling raffle tickets before and after masses starting November 9. Any questions or need for raffle tickets please call Dorine Gorski 978-346-9788.

Nearly New Items Needed

Your nearly new items are needed for the fair. Items may be left in the backs of both churches or dropped off during dropoff times. Any questions, call Stefania Zak: 508-284-1631 or MaryEllen LaPointe: 978-590-5359.

Gift Basket Donations Wanted



We ask all 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 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 to support our Parish Fair. 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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Next weekend the Archdiocese will take up the Collection for Retired Sisters. Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service. For more information, please contact the Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637.

HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
To Date \$15,413.00



HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

The winter heating season is upon us. Our clients frequently have trouble keeping current with the heating bills. Your donations allow us to help those who are struggling. Thank you for remembering those in need.

This year our Conference will be delivering all the fixings for a Thanksgiving dinner to 15 families in Merrimac and West Newbury. This would not be possible without your monetary help. Thank you to all.

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

We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming part of a wonderful organization, contact Dave Olds.

Cookies for Okinawa



We will be sending your 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.

We will also package up any Christmas cards or notes of good cheer you may want to send along.

Cookie and card donations will be collected on **Sunday, December 8**. They will be packaged Sunday afternoon to be mailed Monday morning. Donations for postage would be appreciated!

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **Nativity, Merrimac** on **December 7**.



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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 (hricatholic.org) or call the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420) to request one be forwarded to you.

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

Confirmation Prep Classes

Year 1 (Grade 9) classes have begun. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19 in the Nativity Church beginning at 6:30 (6:30–8:00 p.m.). **Please note the change of location for this week's class (Nativity Church, not hall).**

Year 2 (Grade 10) class is also underway. The next class is scheduled for Sunday, December 8 from 6–7:30 p.m. 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.

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..

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, December 5**.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

The second collection this weekend is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

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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 is Saturday, November 16 at 4:00 p.m.

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.

Immaculate Conception School



The Immaculate Conception School 4th grade students recently brought history to life through four short biographical plays. The students did a wonderful job creating the sets and costumes, and memorized their lines to portray important events in the lives of Betsy Ross, Alexander Graham Bell, Johnny Appleseed and Martin Luther King, Jr. The performing arts are integrated into



learning experiences for every grade level at the IC both on stage and as part of church liturgies. Stage presence, spatial awareness, and voice projection are practiced as purposefully as understanding the characters and historical figures that students portray. In addition, theatrical performances build

community as students from across the grades see their schoolmates shine under the "spotlight."



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.

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, hricatholic.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

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.

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.

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, 978-465-5810.

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 **November 25**.

Our annual candle lighting will be held December 8. Details will follow.

Contact Barbara with questions.

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.

The next Faith Formation class for Grades K–8 at IC is Sunday, November 17.

Confirmation

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

Class for **Year 2** (Grade 10) is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3 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, December 1** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on December 8.

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.

Children's Mass Is Back!

As a part of our K–8 Faith Formation program, we will be re-introducing the Children's Mass at the **9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, November 17**. Children's Masses will occur whenever there is K–8 Grade Faith Formation at the Parish (typically twice a month). They will include kid-friendly music from the Children's Choir, an opportunity to sit on the altar steps during the kid-friendly homily and opportunities for them to serve as gift bearers and ushers. Please also consider bringing a canned-food good for your child to bring to the altar as donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society during the Offertory.

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.