

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020

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*Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.  
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. (Mt. 5:17)*

*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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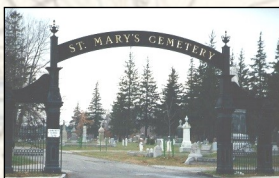
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (2/15)

4:00pm **IC Michael & Lucia Lombardo**,  
Gene Talford (Fr. O'Brien)  
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (2/16)

7:15am **IC Michael Stone** (Fr. McLaughlin)  
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
9:00am **IC Joanne Yourous** (Fr. O'Brien and  
Deacon Dow)  
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
11:30am **IC Robert Kealey**, *For the intentions of  
those recently married* (Fr. O'Brien)

### Monday (2/17)

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

### Tuesday (2/18)

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

### Wednesday (2/19)

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

### Thursday (2/20)

**No Mass Scheduled**

### Friday (2/21)

9:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
10:30am **Port Rehab** (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Saturday (2/22)

4:00pm **IC Joseph Brown** (Fr. Harrison)  
4:00pm **St. Ann Therese & Armand Cormier**  
(Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

### Sunday (2/23)

7:15am **IC J J Nicastro, Mary Reilly** (Fr. Harrison)  
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)  
9:00am **IC Helen Ann McDonell-Jeter**  
(Fr. Harrison)  
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)  
11:30am **IC Ralph Filomia** (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers please remember Margaret Rice, Louis Michaud, Rachel Carey, Winifred Hill, and all the faithful departed.

**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

*IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport*

*Nativity—Merrimac*

*St. Ann—West Newbury*

## February 20 Daily Mass

Please note that there will be no daily Mass celebrated on Thursday, February 20 at Immaculate Conception Church. Mass is celebrated on Thursdays at the following locations:

6:45am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH  
7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford  
8:00am St. Luke, Newton, NH  
8:00am All Saints, Haverhill  
9:00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH  
9:00am Holy Family, Amesbury  
9:00am St. Patrick, Groveland

## A Note from Fr. George



Retirement! Ah, yes! Now I can do what I want, when I want, whenever I want, etc...! The easy life at last! Although I've been in retirement mode for just about a month, I'm still trying to figure it all out. I've never done this before! However, you need to know that when a priest retires he leaves active ministry but he does not leave ministry. Being a priest is not a job, it's a vocation! Priesthood is not something you

retire from. Retirement is from active ministry...which means you are no longer assigned by the Diocesan Bishop to a specific parish or other ministry in the Diocese. The retired priest is free to live where he wants, for example, a family home, a house he may own or even Regina Cleri, our retirement home for priests in Boston, etc. And he is free to be involved in ministry to the degree he wishes or is able. After all, when you get older, you don't have the energy or stamina you had when you were 45. And so the retired priest may make himself available to various parishes to help with weekend Masses, perhaps funerals, filling in when a pastor goes on retreat, vacation, or a day off. With the declining number of priests in our Archdiocese, the assistance of retired priests is needed and most welcome.

Last year when retirement was approaching, Father Tim and I had a conversation to talk about my plans. Although I own a house in Maine with two good friends, Bishop John McCormack and Father John MacInnis, I knew I did not want to live there full time. I expressed my desire to continue living here in Newburyport and I am grateful that he extended the invitation for me to stay and to make my home here at Immaculate Conception Rectory. Immaculate Conception Parish has a long history of retired priests living in the Rectory. Some of the priests I have known who have retired here are Fathers John Jusseume, Roger Carlin, Paul Berube, James Broderick, and presently, William McLaughlin. Each in his own way has blessed this Parish and its parishioners with wisdom and priestly service and ministry. I hope to be part of that legacy and grateful to Father Tim for the invitation to stay.

In addition to welcoming retired priests, Immaculate Conception provides hospitality to our neighboring priests for Saturday night supper. I remember when I was at Sacred Heart Parish in Amesbury from 1987 to 1995, I would frequently come over for supper on Saturday. Then in 2011, when I was assigned to Holy Redeemer Parish, Merrimac and West Newbury, I was amazed and very pleased to know that the welcome mat was still out at IC. You know, when you are the only priest in a Parish, you long for that fellowship with your brother priests, to catch up on news and to share thoughts and ideas. How I looked forward then and how I look forward now to those Saturday evening meals. This long tradition which started more than thirty-plus years ago continues today. We are grateful to Kate Coryell and her husband Steve who always prepare

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

**Monday, February 17, President's Day**

Collaborative Offices Closed

**Tuesday, February 18**

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

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

**Wednesday, February 19**

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

**Thursday, February 20**

Sharing Christ 6:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

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

**Friday, February 21**

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

**Saturday, February 22**

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

**Sunday, February 23**

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

## President's Day

Collaborative offices will be closed for the President's Day holiday on Monday, February 17.

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## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is **Wednesday, February 26** and is a day of fasting (one full meal and two smaller meals) and abstinence (no meat).

Ashes will be distributed at the following liturgies:

- 7:15am** Immaculate Conception
- 9:00am** Immaculate Conception (school liturgy)
- 9:00am** St. Ann
- 12:00noon** Immaculate Conception (service)
- 7:00pm** Immaculate Conception
- 7:00pm** Nativity



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such a wonderful meal for all of us to enjoy.

Part of figuring out what retirement is all about, is a commitment to help Father Tim to the degree I am able. With no priest available to replace me, he will be the only priest assigned to our Collaborative. He needs our support, help, and understanding. And for me, perhaps, there will be time for more travel, for retreats to interesting places, for reading, for attending Friday afternoon matinees with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, for visiting art museums, for prayer and reflection, for spending the entire week at CAMPS—a youth ministry I helped start thirty-six years ago, for continuing to spend one weekend a year on a Cursillo, for walking more, and enjoying the beauty of our communities of Merrimac, West Newbury, Newbury, and Newburyport. Yes, it is good for us to be here.

Very soon, I will be celebrating my 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Priest. I have been blessed to serve in the following Parishes: Saint Peter, East Gloucester (1970–1975), Saint Francis of Assisi, South Braintree (1975–1983), Immaculate Conception, Everett (1983–1987), Sacred Heart, Amesbury (1987–1995), Saint Margaret, Saugus (1996–2011), Blessed Sacrament Parish, Saugus (2008–2011), Holy Redeemer Parish (Nativity, Merrimac and Saint Ann, West Newbury) (2011–2015), Immaculate Conception Parish, Newbury and Newburyport and Holy Redeemer Parish, Merrimac and West Newbury (2015–2019). In addition to parish ministry, I have had the joy of serving on a Cursillo weekend just about every year since I lived Cursillo in 1973. And in 1984, together with Maureen Mulcahy, CAMPS was initiated. CAMPS, an acronym meaning Christ As My Personal Savior, is a high school youth ministry, inviting youth to experience a saving, loving relationship with Jesus Christ. Over these 36 years thousands of young people have participated. As one young camper expressed after his week at CAMPS, “This was the best week of my life.” The true wealth and inspiration of each of these parishes, of the Cursillo movement, and of the CAMPS ministry, are the people who give of their time and talents to form these vibrant communities of faith, hope, and love. I have learned so much and been spiritually enriched by the people of God.

The Pastoral Plan of Holy Redeemer / Immaculate Conception Collaborative has as one of its goals the fostering of vocations particularly to the priesthood. Each of us is called to holiness, to live our Christian vocation, our call to follow Christ. I heard that call long ago. I was very young, and I responded and it has been a blessing ever since. Priesthood has blessed me more than I ever could have imagined or could have asked for. Pray for vocations especially to the priesthood and don't be afraid to encourage a young person to consider service to our Church in the priesthood.

Hopefully, I'll give you some updates on how I'm doing with this retirement experience but right now I'm getting ready to join Bishop Hennessey and 58 other priests on a weeklong retreat in Lutz, Florida. Following that I'll be visiting a friend of mine, Father John Mulloy, who is retired and spends the months of January and February in Florida. Not bad....See you Ash Wednesday!

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## At-Home Lenten Retreat

### *Putting on the Mind of Christ*

Putting on the mind of Christ requires spending time with Christ, getting to know him, learning from him, and letting him lead and change you. During retreat time, through prayer, reading, reflection, group sharing, and individual spiritual direction you will explore following Christ's path of self-giving love as a way to share the mind of Christ.

This nearby, five-week retreat is designed to be both affordable and convenient for you. It will begin with a group meeting Thursday, February 20 to discuss the retreat's theme and prepare participants for a Lenten journey with Christ.

The group will meet again during the third week to share reflections and responses to material read and support each other as the retreat continues.

As we approach Holy Week, the closing meeting, during the fifth week, will provide an opportunity for you and others to share the fruits of retreat, continued desires, and your response to Christ's invitation to follow his path of self-giving love.

During the five weeks of retreat you will have opportunities for four individual one-hour sessions of spiritual direction scheduled at your convenience.

Exploring Jesus' path of self-giving love during Lent may encourage you to follow Christ to his death on the cross, his salvific act of self-giving love, enter into the Paschal Mystery, and celebrate your own rebirth in Christ on Easter.

### Retreat Information

**Location:** 16 Jones Dr., Newburyport, MA.

**Dates:** Thursday, February 20, 2020, 6:00 p.m. opening session; third and fifth week sessions dates to be determined by group.

**Spiritual Director:** Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, Call (978) 462 -7483 to **register** or for additional information

Suggested donation                      \$80.00  
 Provided reading materials              \$10.00

## Collaborative Lenten Family Activity Day

**March 7, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**  
**Church of the Nativity, Merrimac**

This Family Activity Day will be for *all* HRIC Collaborative children K–8th grade and their parents and will focus on the theme of Lent. Come join us for a morning of reflection, activity, crafts, and prayer. If you had a child in our summer program or you homeschool your children, this is a great opportunity to engage with the faith community! We also welcome anyone who has missed several school year sessions, or those who want to engage with community outside Sundays.

Please RSVP at [agiard@newburyportcatholic.org](mailto:agiard@newburyportcatholic.org) at your earliest convenience.

## Mass Scripture Readings

**February 16–23, 2020**

Praying with the Scriptures is an intentional way of deepening our relationship with the Lord. Set aside fifteen minutes each day, in the same place, and at the same time. What do each day's Scripture passages reveal to me about our loving Father, our Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit? What do the passages reveal about me? What am I being called upon to do, to be? Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures [www.HRICcatholic.org](http://www.HRICcatholic.org) and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Feb 16: Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37
- Monday, Feb 17: James 1:1-11; Psalm 119; Mark 8:11-13
- Tuesday, Feb 18: James 1:12-18; Psalm 94; Mark 8:14-21
- Wednesday, Feb 19: James 1:19-27; Psalm 15; Mark 8:22-26
- Thursday, Feb 20: James 2:1-9; Psalm 34; Mark 8:27-33
- Friday, Feb 21: James 2:14-24, 26; Psalm 112; Mark 8:34-9:1
- Saturday, Feb 22: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23; Matthew 16:13-19
- Sunday, Feb 23: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

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



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## 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.

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

please email [HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com](mailto:HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com) if you have any questions

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Second Collection Next Weekend

Next week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. For more information about each of these organizations go to their websites:

1. CRS: [www.usccb.org/crscollection](http://www.usccb.org/crscollection)
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4. Military Archdiocese: [www.milarch.org/](http://www.milarch.org/)
5. Catholic Home Missions: [www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/catholichome-missions-appeal/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/catholichome-missions-appeal/index.cfm)
6. Black and Indian Missions: <https://blackandindianmission.org/>

## 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](http://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.

## Questions of the Week

**Adult:** God's Law can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another. What rules do you follow in your family as a way of showing love and respect for one another?



**Child:** What are some rules you have at home or at school that help you get along with others?

## 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

March 5	Women
April 2	Men
April 30	Women
June 4	Women

### Ultreya Evenings

February 28
March 27
April 24
May 29

## 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.

## 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.



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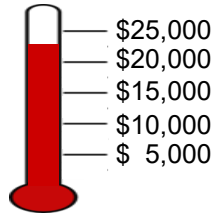
# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, February 8-9  
Monthly **\$2,598.00**  
**\$1,701.00**

Next week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. See page 6 of this bulletin for more information on this collection.

HR Grand Annual  
Goal **\$25,000**  
To Date **\$22,380.00**



## Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **Nativity, Merrimac** on **February 29**.

## 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, April 2**.

## Women's Evening of Prayer

The next Women's Evening of Prayer will be **Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Ann Church. All women of the collaborative are invited to this evening of prayer and song. What a wonderful time for reflection to start your Lenten journey. Invite your friends.

## Service Hours Opportunity

*Lent is almost here...Looking for service hours?*

The Activities Committee is looking for help. We will be setting up Nativity Hall on Saturday, February 29 at 10:30 a.m. Please come help us move tables and chairs, clean the kitchen, set the tables, and get ready for our dinner and BINGO night. We are also looking for help during our parish event serving our ham dinner and, of course, **Clean up help!**

Contact Cindy Quinn if you are able to volunteer.

## HR Faith Formation

### School Year Programs

School year programs continue for all grades. Due to the upcoming school vacation week, there will be no class this Sunday (Feb. 16). We hope that all of our families will be able to enjoy this time off and we look forward to seeing you back in class on February 23.

### Summer Programs at IC

We are happy to announce that the HRIC Summer Program will take place the week of July 13-17 for those children entering grades 3-6 in September, and July 27-31 for students entering grades 7-9.

Please contact the Faith Formation office to request a registration form and/or to have more information sent to you.

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

As the children now begin to prepare for their First Eucharist, please note on your calendars the first of two Parent/Child meetings scheduled for **Thursday, February 27** at 6:30 p.m. in the Nativity Church Hall.

The second meeting will take place on Thursday, April 2 also at 6:30 pm in the Nativity Hall.

### Baptism Dates to Remember

The sacrament of Baptism is not scheduled during the Lenten season. Therefore, our next Baptism class will be held **Sunday, May 3** at 1:00 p.m. in the Charity Dining Room located in the IC Pastoral Center. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for further information.

### Confirmation Prep Classes

The next class for **Year 1 (Grade 9)** is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 in the Nativity Church Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**Year 2 (Grade 10)** class will meet again on Sunday, March 1, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. also in the Nativity Church Hall.

## Holy Redeemer Dinner & BINGO Night

**Saturday, February 29, 5:00 p.m.**

The Activities Committee is having a Ham Dinner & BINGO Night on Saturday, February 29 following the 4:00 Mass in Merrimac. \$8.00 for baked ham, baked beans, coleslaw, and roll with homemade apple crisp for dessert.

4 BINGO games will be played starting after dinner (about 6:30) \$250.00 Cash prizes: **1st game:** \$25.00, **2nd game:** \$50.00, **3rd game:** \$75.00, and **4th game:** \$100.00.

Each BINGO card is \$1.00. Play as many cards per game as you like! New BINGO cards are needed for each BINGO game.



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, February 8–9 **\$8,339.00**  
 Monthly **\$1,694.00**

This week's second collection is St. Vincent de Paul. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

Next week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. See page 6 of this bulletin for more information on this collection.

IC Grand Annual  
 Goal \$100,000  
 To Date \$85,639.00



## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 10.00
Poor Box	\$220.00
Total	\$230.00

## IC Haiti Webpage Manager

### IC Haiti is looking for a Webpage Manager

The Board of Directors for IC Haiti is and has always been an all-volunteer organization. We are currently looking for a volunteer to take over the administration and maintenance of our webpage [www.ichaiti.net](http://www.ichaiti.net). If you or someone you know has the tech skills to take on the role of "Webpage Manager" for IC Haiti, please get in touch with our Board President Stuart Meurer.

## 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.

## 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



Congratulations to the IC basketball teams for their outstanding play in the Merrimack Valley Catholic Basketball League. Last weekend several of our teams competed for the Championship after weeks of regulation play.

Playing in the finals were the 4th grade Girls and Boys teams, 5th grade Girls, 6th grade Boys, 7th grade Girls and 8th grade Girls. Three of our teams came away as Champions—the 4th grade Girls, 6th grade Boys and 8th grade Girls. All teams are coached by volunteer parents of current or alumni students. Pelican pride is powerful and an important part of our school culture!



## IC School Calendar Winners

### Congratulations to the 2019–2020 ICS Calendar Winners

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Paula Sawyer 12/22/19      | Jane Ayer MacLean 01/12/20     |
| Shea Hoffman 12/23/19      | Courtney Belknap 01/13/20      |
| Wayne Andrews 12/24/19     | Angelique Bradford 01/14/20    |
| Catherine Davis 12/25/19   | Dan Eyink 01/15/20             |
| Amanda Kelcourse 12/26/19  | Gregory Brucato 01/16/20       |
| Michelle Laroche 12/27/19  | Noppadon Chatnoppadon 01/17/20 |
| Matthew McDougall 12/28/19 | Chad McDonald 01/18/20         |
| Matthew Frueh 12/29/19     | Jessamyn Anderson 01/19/20     |
| Dianne Dedam 12/30/19      | Dottie Millea 01/20/20         |
| Marilyn Vedrani 12/31/19   | Justine Vitale 01/21/20        |
| Gayle Faro 01/01/20        | Bernie Moughan 01/22/20        |
| Thaneeya Leary 01/02/20    | Matthew McDougall 01/23/20     |
| Tammy Fink 01/03/20        | Julie Bernier 01/24/20         |
| Carol Ann Doyle 01/04/20   | Brian & Ashley Price 01/25/20  |
| Leslie McConnell 01/05/20  | Anna Gallagher 01/26/20        |
| Tara Watts 01/06/20        | Leslie McConnell 01/27/20      |
| Lindsay Shepard 01/07/20   | April Knott 01/28/20           |
| Alison Griggs 01/08/20     | Julie Christie 01/29/20        |
| Carol Kilty 01/09/20       | Brian & Ashley Price 01/30/20  |
| Kelly Stanisewski 01/10/20 | Catherine Hale 01/31/20        |
| Julia Lindner 01/11/20     |                                |

*Thank you to parents, students, and our community who helped support this fundraiser to make it a success!*

## 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.



# 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, 978-465-5810.

## Need for Altar Servers and Videographer



We are in need of altar servers for all weekend Masses. Any adult or child who is 4th grade or older and has made their First Communion is eligible to become an Altar Server. This is a wonderful way to serve our parish community and our Lord. Training will be provided after school hours within the next couple of weeks.

We also need a videographer—someone who would be willing to video a Sunday Mass (your choice of which Mass) and submit the tape to our local television station to be broadcast during the week. For several years we have been blessed with the Doyle family taking on this task. It sounds daunting but with a bit of training this is another perfect way to serve and may be of interest to someone who is about to pursue a career in this field. FYI, all equipment needed is provided.



If you are interested in either of these ministries, please contact MaryAnn Lawler at 978-835-1109 or Mary Zerigian at 508-269-3405.

## 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.

## IC Faith Formation

### School Year Programs

School year programs continue to take place for all grade levels.

Due to the upcoming school vacation week, there will be no class this Sunday (Feb. 16) or the following Sunday (Feb. 23). We hope that all of our families will be able to enjoy this time off and we look forward to seeing you back in class on March 1.

### Summer Programs

We are happy to announce that the HRIC Summer Program will take place the week of July 13–17 for those children entering grades 3–6 in September, and July 27–31 for students entering grades 7–9.

Please contact the Faith Formation office to request a registration form and/or to have more information sent to you.

### Confirmation

The next Confirmation Prep class for Year 1 (Grade 9) is scheduled for Sunday, March 1 from 1:00–2:30. Please note that this class will gather twice in March with another meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 29.

Class for Year 2 (Grade 10) will meet on Tuesday, March 3 from 6:30–8:00 and again on March 31.

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

### Baptism Dates to Remember

The sacrament of Baptism is not scheduled during the Lenten Season. Therefore, our next Baptism class will be held **Sunday, May 3** with the sacrament celebrated on **Sunday, May 17**. Please call the Collaborative Offices (978 462-2724) for further information.

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

The children have begun preparing for their First Eucharist. Please mark your calendars now for the first **Parent Meeting** scheduled for **Tuesday, February 25** at 6:30 p.m.

Please also remember to complete and submit the **First Eucharist registration form** if you have not already done so.

## 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](http://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 **February 24**.

Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at [barbarahopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:barbarahopkinson@gmail.com).