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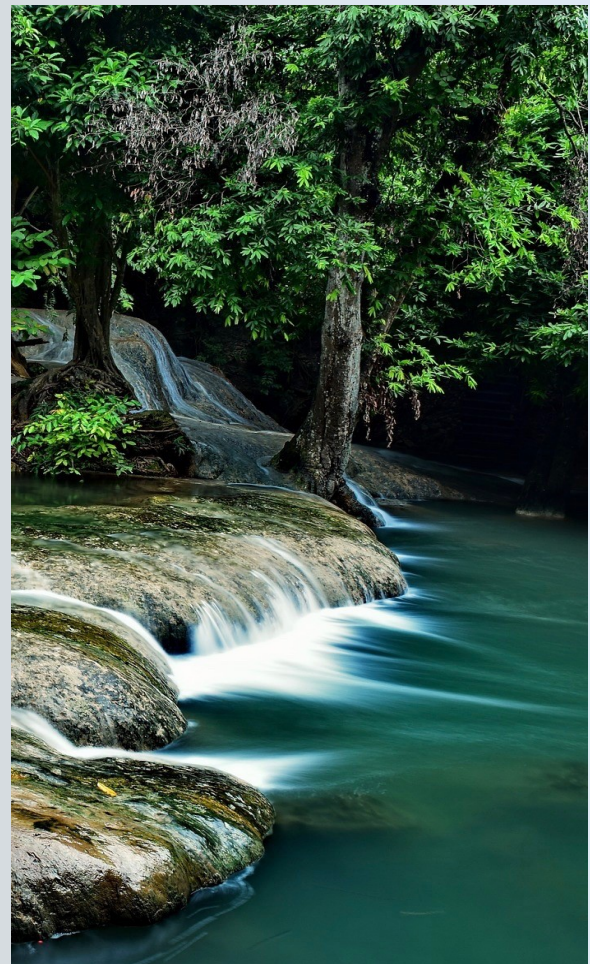
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17, 2019

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"Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings..., whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season..."



Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green ...but still bears fruit." (from Jer. 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...”

St. Ann

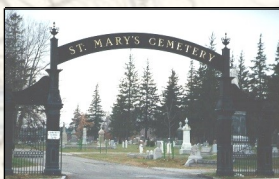
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (2/16)

4:00pm **IC** *Michael & Lucy Lombardo, Kelly Martin, Francis X. Babineau, Ted LoPreste, The Messina Family* (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (2/17)

7:15am **IC** *Michael Stone & Patrick O'Keefe* (Fr. Morin)

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

9:00am **IC** *Phyllis Packer, Lawrence Lofaro* (Fr. McLaughlin)

10:15am **St. Ann** *The McCann Family* (Fr. Harrison)

11:30am **IC** *Jeanne Baughn, Robert Kealey, Johnathan Perry* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

Monday (2/18)

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

Tuesday (2/19)

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

Wednesday (2/20)

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

Thursday (2/21)

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

Friday (2/22)

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

Saturday (2/23)

4:00pm **IC** *Stanley Jancewicz, Kelly Martin, Phyllis Packer, Kathleen Horn Santo, J.J. Nicastro* (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (2/24)

7:15am **IC** *Seamus Murray* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

8:00am **Nativity** *Marion Carew* (Fr. McLaughlin)

9:00am **IC** *Moise Djeutcha* (Fr. Morin)

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)

11:30am **IC** *Joseph H. Brown, Jr.* (Fr. O'Brien)

In your prayers, please remember Pauline Daigle, Lorraine Slish, Linda Causey, Lillian Brauneis, 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,

Laughter. The praise of others. Consolation and satisfaction. Well-earned wealth.

These are all good things, right? In between them, we might add: joy, happiness, good health, the company of good friends, and the comfort of having our needs fulfilled. I don't know about you, but when I am conscious of any of these things in my life, I bless God and am thankful for receiving these gifts of grace. I know they can be fleeting, so they must be seen as blessings when we have them... right?

The short answer is yes, but only if they don't get in the way of your relationship with God. Laughter is good, but there are times when we must be sad and feel sorrow. The praise of others is great, but sometimes we must stand up for the truth, which may be wildly unpopular. Enjoying good food and drink are signs of God's Kingdom, but not when they come at the expense of others going hungry. Money is helpful in providing so many of the things we need in this world, but can be a real curse if it ever becomes more important than the things that are important to God.

Jeremiah writes, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD." (Jer 17:7). Because, if we have that, everything else can fail us and, yet, we will still have what is most vital. We can be poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted, and denounced in this world, yet if we have the Lord, we have every good reason to be glad and rejoice. If we were to gain the whole world and every "blessing" it contains, yet be separated from the Lord: it will all come to pass, it will all fade away. And if the "blessings" of this world distract us from our true state before God, if they blind us to our true need for the Lord... then they really have become curses, indeed. Woe for us if we ever let that happen!



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"The Mass" DVD Series

Whatever You Know about the Mass, It's Not This!

Bishop Barron's 6-part DVD on "The Mass" will keep you saying, "I didn't know that!" Experience superb preaching, imagery, music, and the wealth of our liturgy's sacred Tradition. Enter into the Mass's call-and-response in a more profound grasp of the sacred mysteries we take for granted. Sessions will be offered Thursdays (7:00–8:30 p.m.) at Nativity Hall, Merrimac. **Free** and life-changing! Highly recommended lessons marked *.

February 21: Responding to God*

February 28: Preparing for Sacrifice

March 7: The Real Presence Creates Communion*

{Facilitated by Fr. Morin and the Adult Faith Formation Team}

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This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hricatholic.org to view our online calendar.

Monday, February 18, President's Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Tuesday, February 19

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

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

Knights of Columbus Assembly 391 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205

Wednesday, February 20

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

Pivotal Players Video Series 10:00am, IC Charity Dining Room

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 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, February 21

HR Religious Ed., Grade 9 Sandwich Making (Merrimac Valley Hope Mission) 6:00pm, St. Ann Hall

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

Service & Ministry Meeting 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library, Room 205

"The Mass" Video Series 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Friday, February 22

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

Saturday, February 23

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

HR Ham Dinner & BINGO Night 5:00pm, Nativity Hall

Sunday, February 24

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

HR Religious Ed., Grade 2 w/Parent 9:00am, Nativity Church

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 9:45am, St. Ann Church

Collaborative Mission

Save the Dates

March 25–27 is our annual Collaborative Mission.

This year's topic is *Holiness: a Lifestyle Change*. All are invited to attend.

7:00 p.m., IC Church, 42 Green Street, Newburyport.

Presented by Fr. Michael J. Alello (padrehooch.com)

Topics include:

- Rehydrate your Life: Beginning the journey towards holiness
- Wrestling with God: Overcoming injury & experiencing healing
- Marathon Training: Practical ways to get into the race

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Living our lives with grateful hearts and a keen eye for the things of God is the only way to safely navigate the many blessings and curses of this world. Because to the untrained eye and lethargic heart, they often can look too much alike.

May God give each of us a loving and generous spirit to respond wisely to the many situations and needs we encounter in the world this week.

Blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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President's Day

Collaborative offices will be closed for the President's Day holiday on Monday, February 18.

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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: How and when were you able to trust in God recently?

Child: Tell about a time you trusted God to take care of you.


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Mass Scripture Readings: February 17–24, 2019

In praying with the Scriptures, we have the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord while discerning His ever-gracious invitation to love as He loves us. Please refer to the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to <http://www.hriccatholic.org/blog/lectio-divina> or to www.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Feb. 17: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26
- Monday, Feb. 18: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Psalm 50; Mark 8:11-13
- Tuesday, Feb. 19: Genesis 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Psalm 29; Mark 8:14-21
- Wednesday, Feb. 20: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Psalm 116; Mark 8:22-26
- Thursday, Feb. 21: Genesis 9:1-13; Psalm 102; Mark 8:27-33
- Friday, Feb. 22: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23; Matthew 16:13-19
- Saturday, Feb. 23: Hebrews 11:1-7; Psalm 145; Mark 9:2-13
- Sunday, Feb. 24: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if Immaculate Conception School, Pentucket Regional, or Newburyport Public Schools, are cancelled or delayed because of inclement weather.  WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com and we will make every effort to keep our own website and social media updated as well.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Again, please watch WBZ or consult the websites and/or social media for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.

Offertory Envelopes

You can attend Mass at any worship site in our Collaborative and use your usual offertory envelope. Drop it in the collection and we will deliver it to your home Parish.

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 7pm in St. James Chapel to continue the Cursillo spirit. All are welcome. Please join us! For more information, contact Jonathan Temple 978-809-9337 or Pat Forbes 617-899-0424.

Cursillo weekends 2019

March 7	Women
April 4	Men
May 2	Women
June 6	Women
October 3	Men
November 7	Women

Ultreya Evenings

March 1	March 29
April 26	May 31

Adult Faith Formation Team Lenten Events

Save the Dates

4th Annual Lenten Soup and Spirit Lecture Series will focus on "The 7 Deadly Sins and 7 Lively Virtues" presented twice for your convenience: Thursday evenings at Nativity Hall (March 14–April 18) and again Friday mornings at IC St. Louis Hall (March 15–April 19).

4th Annual Collaborative Lenten Mission, Holiness: a Lifestyle Change, repeat guest presenter **Fr. Michael Aiello** and hosted at IC (March 25–27) is certain to be uplifting!

Ukrainian Egg Workshop (offered for **adults** only) will accent an ancient Catholic tradition of painting eggs with elaborate designs and rich dyes. Experienced facilitators. Fee charged. Seating limited to 24 participants. Saturday, April 6 (9:30am–noon) at IC St. Louis Hall, Newburyport.

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.

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Pilgrimage to Ireland

Join us for a prayerful and exciting **Pilgrimage to Ireland** that will leave Monday, May 13 for a memorable spiritual journey through the Emerald Isle. This will be a spectacular opportunity to travel through various sites of unparalleled beauty, historic significance, and religious importance. Our tour will include visits to Dublin, Galway, the Dingle Peninsula, Kilarney, the Ring of Kerry, Clonmacnoise, Knock, and more.

Visit www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric for more information or contact Paul Blanchette at (978) 500-5661. Come on a Faith Journey with us!

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Fact-Based Dramas that Inspire

Are you weary of moral ambiguity in the Church and in government? Follow the leadership stories of those whose convictions of faith and integrity led to tsunami changes in Catholicism and world history! **“Pivotal Players” is Bishop Barron's superb DVD series** on men and women who lived their vocations to the fullest. These hour-long movies flow seamlessly as part travelogue, part biography. Be inspired: look, listen, learn, lean in, and see how the Saints can lead you to personal holiness in *your* life. Come to one, any, or all of the presentations and stay for refreshments and 30 minutes of lively, facilitated discussion. All presentations will be shown in the IC Charity Dining Room (10:00–11:30 a.m.) on these Wednesdays:

February 20: *Michelangelo, the Artist who leads with Beauty so all have access to God.*

February 27: *G.K. Chesterton, the Evangelist who shows that JOY is the fundamental disposition of evangelization.*

{Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team}

Drivers Wanted

As a result of recent knee surgery, Fr. McLaughlin will be unable to drive his truck for a while, but he wishes to keep up with his pastoral and medical responsibilities, some of which are too far away to limp to.

Since his knee brace makes it impossible for him to sit in the front seat, wonderful volunteer drivers will need a four-door vehicle. Please call him at 781-910-4944 if you are able to help him out. **Many thanks.**

Here are some dates, times, and locations for which he will need help.

Friday, Feb. 22: 8am–10am. From IC rectory to Nativity Church in Merrimac, and back, right after Mass.

Sunday, Feb. 24: 7am. From IC rectory to Nativity Church, Merrimac, then 9:15 from Nativity to St. Ann, W. Newbury. 11:30 From Saint Ann to IC Rectory.

Monday, Feb. 25: 8am–10am. From IC rectory to St. Ann, W. Newbury, and back, right after Mass.

Friday, March 1: 12:45pm–2:15pm. From IC rectory to Avita (just behind Anna Jacques Hospital) and back.

Saturday, March 2: 2:30pm–5:30pm. From IC rectory to St. Ann, W. Newbury, and back.

Sunday, March 3: 7am. From IC rectory to Nativity Church, Merrimac, then 9:15 from Nativity to St. Ann, W. Newbury. 11:30 From St. Ann to IC Rectory.

Monday, March 4: 8am–10am. From IC rectory to St. Ann, W. Newbury, and back.

Sunday, March 17: 5:30pm to March 18, midnight: to Feeney residence, West Galway. Whoops!! Wrong schedule. Here's the real one: 9:15am–11:30 IC rectory to St. Ann, W. Newbury and back to IC.

Thursday, March 21: 10:15am–12noon. IC rectory to dentist, Byfield, and back to rectory.

Friday, March 22: 8am–10am. From IC rectory to Nativity, Merrimac, and back to IC.

Saturday, March 30: 2:30pm–5:30pm. IC rectory to Nativity Church, Merrimac (Deacon Paul will preach and may also provide transportation).

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer, resting silently in God, facilitates the process of inner transformation. Our prayer without words is one of intention to surrender to God's presence and action in our lives and desire for a closer relationship with God. Join us on Wednesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm, in the IC Conference Room 209. Join us as we pray in this ancient Christian tradition and together deepen our understanding of this prayer in our own spiritual journey. For information please contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.



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IC Offertory Collection

Offertory February 9–10 **\$9,171.00**
Monthly **\$1,603.00**

The second collection **this** weekend 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. 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: usccb.org/crscollection;
2. Church in Africa usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/solidarity-fund-forafrica/index.cfm
3. Church in Central and Eastern Europe: usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/centraland-easterneurope/collection/index.cfm;
4. Military Archdiocese www.milarch.org
5. Catholic Home Missions: usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/catholichome-missions-appeal/index.cfm
6. Black and Indian Missions blackandindianmission.org.

**IC Grand Annual
Goal \$100,000
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The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 50.00
Poor Box	\$ 445.00
Total	\$ 495.00

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 School

Immaculate Conception School is an affordable, private Catholic elementary school (pre-k–eighth grade), providing high-quality, faith-based education, preparing young people for life—spiritually, academically, and socially.



Our next Open House is Tuesday, March 5 from 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Private tours are also available. Contact Kelley Pappalardo at 978-465-7780 to schedule a private tour. You can visit our website at icsnewburyport.com.



From our 2018 Advent Coffee

Parish Membership

We welcome all newcomers to our Parish communities and hope you take an active part in parish life. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at www.hricatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices.

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 **February 25**.

Barbara J. Hopkinson is founder and chapter leader. Contact Barbara for questions on either TCF or ABJ at barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com.

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal, provided by volunteers, is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Inform the funeral director that you request this service when making arrangements.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Religious Ed. Office: 978-462-2724

School Year Programs

Classes for Grades K–8 are held Sunday mornings from 10:05–11:05. We are always happy to enroll new students. For more information contact the Religious Ed. Office.

Due to the February school vacation week, **classes will not resume until Sunday, March 3.**

Grades 1–8 Summer Program

At this time, we anticipate offering a week of Religious Education this summer for those students **entering** Grades 1–8 in September of 2019 dependent upon the availability of volunteers to teach and assist.

There will only be (1) session this summer on the week of June 24–28 for this age group.

Please contact the Religious Ed. Office if you think you might be able to volunteer.

Registration forms are not yet available.

Confirmation

For those students who anticipate receiving the sacrament this Fall, please note that Confirmation will take place on **Sunday, September 22** here at IC. More information will be provided as details become available.

Confirmation Summer Program

A summer session will be held the week of July 15 for those students **entering** Grade 9 in September.

For those students **entering** Grade 10 in September, classes will be held the week of July 22.

More details and registration forms will be available soon.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please keep in mind that there are no Baptism classes scheduled until after the celebration of Easter which is April 21 this year.

Please call the Parish office for information regarding the next **Baptism class** scheduled for **Sunday, May 5** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on May 12.

Reconciliation / First Eucharist

Anyone preparing for First Eucharist who was not baptized here at IC, and has not as yet provided a copy of their child's baptismal certificate, please do so as soon as possible.

If unsure whether or not we have it, please, check with us in the Religious Ed office.

IC Knitting Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets Tuesdays at 1:00pm in Room 209 in the IC Parish Center. We knit/crochet prayer shawls, hats, mittens, scarves for charity.

Come join us; we meet every Tuesday at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call Julia O'Connor 978-465-3350 or Frances Ronan 978-462-4972.

Our Neighbors' Table

Our Neighbors' Table would like to announce that we've opened a new market in Newburyport—so come and shop with us for free.

The ONT 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.

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 Liturgical Ministers

All liturgical ministers must fill out a CORI every year for us to submit to the Archdiocese. We are still missing some minister's CORIs. If you have not yet filled out your CORI, please complete and submit the form to the Parish Office as soon as possible as they are past due. Forms are available in the church sacristy.

Also, be aware that the Archdiocese **will not** accept copies so please submit your form in person or by mail.

Remember when submitting your CORI form by mail, a **picture ID** must also be submitted for verification purposes.



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Adoration

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in IC's St. James Chapel on Fridays from 8:00am–12:00noon.

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HR Offertory Collection

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: uscgb.org/crscollection;
2. Church in Africa uscgb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/solidarity-fund-forafrica/index.cfm
3. Church in Central and Eastern Europe: uscgb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/centraland-easterneurope/collection/index.cfm;
4. Military Archdiocese www.milarch.org
5. Catholic Home Missions: uscgb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-home-missions-appeal/index.cfm
6. Black and Indian Missions blackandindianmission.org.

**HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
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Coffee After Mass

Please join us for a coffee social on Sunday, **February 17** after the 8:00 Mass in the Nativity Church Hall. A great time to catch up with your parish family or maybe meet a new friend!



Activities Committee

Open Enrollment & Meeting

Sign up with **no fee!** Our group organizes the **social events** of our Parish and, if we are lucky, we make some money. Come check us out at our next meeting, **Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.** at Nativity Hall, Merrimac. All are welcome to join.

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, March 7.**

HR Religious Education

No Religious Ed. Classes this week due to February vacation.

Thurs., 2/21 **Grade 9** students are invited for Merrimack Valley Hope Mission **Sandwich Making at St. Ann Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.** We will be putting together 150 bagged lunches for distribution at GAR Park in Haverhill on Friday, 2/22. Any siblings are welcome to join us for sandwich night; parents are most welcome to stay, too.

All families can find registration forms, class schedules, and calendar events online at: hricatholic.org. Click on *Faith Formation*, then *Holy Redeemer* tab. Collaborative bulletins can be found on this site, too.

PCC Thank You

We want to express our sincere appreciation for your generous support of the Baby Bottle Campaign this past fall.

Thank you very much for showing your respect for life, through your very kind donation of \$913.98. Because of your support, we can come alongside women, children and families to build relationships and help meet needs both physically and spiritually.

The funds you provided will help supply new moms and their families with material services (formula, diapers, cribs), education (unplanned pregnancy, infant care, sexual integrity) and the love and support of our client advocates.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like a tour of the center or more information.

Thank you again,

The Pregnancy Care Center (978-373-5700)

Holy Redeemer Dinner & BINGO Night

Next Saturday—February 23, 5:00 p.m.



Join Holy Redeemer Parish for a fun night out. Ham dinner, including homemade mac and cheese, green beans, roll, and homemade apple crisp, is included. Tickets are \$8 each. Four bingo games will follow dinner. Bingo cards are \$1 each. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.