

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Presentation of the Lord

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February 2,
2020



*"Now, Master, you
may let your servant
go in peace,
according to your
word, for my eyes
have seen your
salvation, which you
prepared in the
sight of all the
peoples:
a light for revelation
to the Gentiles, and
glory for your
people Israel." (Lk
2:29-32)*

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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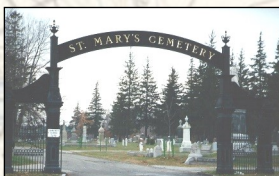
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (2/1)

4:00pm **IC Hazel Boguzewski, Joseph Keefe**
(Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **St. Ann Thomas Ritter** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (2/2)

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

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

9:00am **IC Leslie Ramsay, Jr., Jamie Grabowski**
(Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am **IC Joseph Brown, Cameron D'Ambrosio**
(Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (2/3)

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

Tuesday (2/4)

7:15am **IC Eugene & Rose Campiola** (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (2/5)

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

Thursday (2/6)

7:15am **IC Raymond J. Haley** (Fr. Morin)

Friday (2/7)

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

1:30pm **Avita** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Saturday (2/8)

4:00pm **IC Rev. John L. Doyle, Loretta Minalio**
(Fr. McLaughlin)

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

Sunday (2/9)

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

8:00am **Nativity Jim Murphy** (Fr. McLaughlin)

9:00am **IC Linda Causey** (Fr. Morin)

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

11:30am **IC Cameron D'Ambrosio** (Fr. Jack O'Brien
& Deacon Dow)

In your prayers please remember Sarah T. Kennefick, Philip Blanchette, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

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.

From the Pastor

Collaborative Pastoral Plan Update 2017–2019

Dear Parishioners,

In 2015, the **Holy Redeemer / Immaculate Conception (HRIC) Collaborative** was established as part of the broader initiative within the Archdiocese of Boston called, "Disciples in Mission." The Collaborative was created to share certain clergy and lay staffing resources among the two parishes to enable their continuation until financial and human resources will hopefully allow for their eventual return to independence. The Archdiocese charged the parishes with developing a Pastoral Plan to provide a vision for the parishes over the coming 3 years.



As we advance the calendar to 2020, we move into the third year of implementing our HRIC Pastoral Plan. For the last two years, the focus has been on the Plan's four priorities:

- **Welcoming**—to create a more inviting and welcoming environment and to provide fellowship opportunities and visibility within HRIC and our surrounding communities
- **Intentional Disciples**—to enhance and enrich our faith life and to help us become more intentional and confident in sharing our faith and in following Christ
- **Vocations**—to raise awareness of the need for priestly vocations and to create an environment which fosters all vocations including religious life and laity
- **Service & Ministry**—to encourage active participation in ministries and community initiatives and to foster a culture of service and outreach

Thanks to the diligence of the priority teams and all of you, we are advancing our goals. In sharing this update, you will get a sense of only a small example of the "fruits of this labor," which supplements the work of the many ministries at both Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception.

Welcoming Outreach: A welcoming brochure was developed for all churches, and a new parishioner welcoming packet is underway to introduce new parishioners and visitors to the offerings of our parishes.

Engagement & Fellowship: The new Ministry Directory is a standing invitation to each parishioner to participate in our 30+ ministries. Parishioners enjoy fellowship at IC monthly coffee hours, as well as at the ongoing Nativity coffee hours.

Community Outreach and Service: Local hotels and inns are stocked with welcoming brochures and Mass schedules, inviting guests to worship with us. We are engaged with the community during Newburyport's Yankee Homecoming celebration through the annual berry festival, houseboat raffle, and parade viewing stand and Pennies for Poverty collection.

Building Faith Sharing Communities: Encouraging a renewed focus on Scripture to enrich our prayer lives, a

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, February 3

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

Women at the Well Prayer Group 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, February 4

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

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

IC Confirmation 2 Class 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

Wednesday, February 5

IC PTO Meeting 8:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

IC Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm, IC Church

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

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

Thursday, February 6

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

Family Activity Day Planning Meeting 6:30pm, Nativity Hall

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

Friday, February 7

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Staff Meeting 12:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

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

Saturday, February 8

Holy Quilters 8:00am, Nativity Hall

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

Sunday, February 9

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

IC Faith Formation 10:00am, IC Parish Center

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

HR Faith Formation, Grade 2 11:45am, Nativity Church

Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church

HR Confirmation 2 Class 6:00pm, Nativity Hall

Questions of the Week



Adult: We, too, are called to recognize Jesus as Lord and to see Jesus in others. What is one way you can help with a need of someone else?

Child: How can we recognize Jesus in others?

Bulletin Information

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

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guide to daily Scripture Readings is published in the weekly bulletin. Parishioners have been introduced to Lectio Divina to help reflect on Scripture individually and in small groups.

Lifelong Faith Formation: The three-part *Christlife* series was introduced to invite participants to deepen their relationship with the Lord. To date, *Discovering Christ* and *Following Christ* continue to enjoy robust participation. Parishioners also have access to *FORMED*, an online gateway to Catholic content in movies, books, videos, and articles.

Increasing Vocation Awareness: The YOLO banners “you only live once, make it holy,” installed in each of the Churches, remind us of the importance of answering our personal vocation call. The fall bulletin insert for National Vocation Awareness week urges us to create environments within our parishes and homes which foster vocations, particularly to the priesthood.

Serving our Churches: A call was initiated for adult altar servers and saw a significant response. Serving at the Table of the Lord is a privilege for both youth and adults and ensures clergy have the full complement of assistance at each Mass.

Increase in Ministry Volunteers: Our ministries are all fueled by the time, energy, and talents of volunteers. Your work has been instrumental in attracting over 50 new volunteers as lectors, extraordinary ministers, and music! The monthly bulletin column, “*Meet the Ministry*,” highlights the work of all the HRIC ministries to introduce and encourage participation.

Community Collaboration: HRIC parishioners once again took part in the annual care packs for the homeless program. Over 350 supply packages were delivered for distribution through the YWCA, Community Service, the Pelican Fund, Lazarus House, St. Vincent de Paul, and Pettengill House.

These efforts are works in progress. They have motivated us to be intentional about service within our parishes and the greater community, as well as individual discipleship and personal vocation discernment—all within an environment where “All Are Welcome.”

Looking forward, I am filled with hope that the Holy Spirit is leading us toward fulfilling our Collaborative Purpose: “... to become ever more intentional disciples of Christ by using our diverse talents and shared love for God to enliven our faith community and enrich those we are called to serve.”

As we come to the close of the first term of the Plan, I will be asking for input on how to “refresh” these priorities to respond to our continuing needs. I encourage you to become familiar with the details of the Pastoral Plan on our website (www.hriccatholic.org). As you discern where God is calling you on your own faith journey, I hope you will consider joining in this work to enliven and enrich our parish communities with your time and talent.

Winter Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison,

Pastor

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

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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

Mass Scripture Readings

February 2-9, 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 and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Feb 2: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40
- Monday, Feb 3: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Psalm 3; Mark 5:1-20
- Tuesday, Feb 4: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Psalm 86; Mark 5:21-43
- Wednesday, Feb 5: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Psalm 32; Mark 6:1-6
- Thursday, Feb 6: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mark 6:7-13
- Friday, Feb 7: Sirach 47:2-11; Psalm 18; Mark 6:14-29
- Saturday, Feb 8: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Psalm 119; Mark 6:30-34
- Sunday, Feb 9: Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

(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

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
PASTORAL CENTER
42 GREEN STREET
NEWBURYPORT, MA

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

please email HRICWomenAtTheWell@gmail.com if you have any questions

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

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

February 6	Men
March 5	Women
April 2	Men
April 30	Women
June 4	Women

Ultreya Evenings

February 28
March 27
April 24
May 29

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.



Immaculate Conception School

OPEN HOUSE



Girls Varsity Basketball Team



New flexible furniture creates a student-centered environment for collaboration and creativity.

DISCOVER WHAT'S NEW at the IC!

Immaculate Conception School is an affordable, private, Catholic elementary school (pre-k to eighth grade) achieving academic excellence in a faith-based environment, preparing young people for success in the 21st century.

OPEN HOUSE (9-11 am):

Wednesday, February 5 • Wednesday, March 11
Tuesday, April 7 • Wednesday, May 13

PRIVATE TOUR: Call Kelley Pappalardo

(978) 465-7780 for a private tour or for more info

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, Jan. 25–26 **\$9,601.00**
Church in Latin America **\$1,563.00**

This week's second collection is Ongoing Church Maintenance.

Next week's second collection is the Monthly.

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



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$.00
Poor Box	\$179.00
Total	\$179.00

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. 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.

IC Advent Giving Tree Thank You

We would like to thank all parishioners who purchased gift cards for our neighbors in need. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

God's blessings to all,

IC SVdP Society



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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



At Immaculate Conception School the 8th Grade experience includes many opportunities for students to serve the school community. The VIP Luncheon is a Catholic Schools Week event where students invite someone important for lunch. We serve over 600 people in three seatings, thanks to the help of our 8th graders. The students decorate the cafeteria, cover the tables with tablecloths, set-up a buffet line, and then serve salad, lasagna, pizza, rolls, and cookies. Pairs of students circulate the dining room offering cookies and coffee to diners, while others clear plates from the tables. The students' ability to flex into the role of "caterer" speaks to their dedication to service but also represents their confidence in approaching a new experience. Our students shine in this moment—their joy in serving their community and the efficiency with which they organize the VIP Luncheon is a proud moment for our 8th graders. The IC school experience encompasses many growth opportunities that extend beyond classroom learning.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents, pictured, who managed the kitchen for our VIP Luncheon.



Catholic TV

Visit www.catholicTV.com for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

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.

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 February 2** at St. Louis Hall.

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.



*How lovely the rose window colors reflected on the painting of the Crucifixion last Sunday at the 7:15 Mass.
Thanks to Tim Richard for capturing it.*

IC Faith Formation

School Year Programs

School year programs continue to take place for all grade levels. If you have not yet registered it is not too late to join us for the remainder of the sessions. Forms and the class schedule can be found on our website (hriccatholic.org) or call the Faith Formation office for information.

Summer Programs

Plans for the summer session are in the making and will be made available soon. Please watch for further details.

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, February 4 from 6:30–8:00.

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.

Family Mass

There will be another Family Mass (formerly known as Children's Mass) next Sunday, February 9 at 9:00 a.m. at IC Church. Family Masses occur whenever there is K–8th grade Faith Formation at IC (typically twice a month). They include the angelic voices of the Children's Choir, an opportunity for kids to sit on the altar steps during the family-friendly homily, depending on the priest, and opportunities for kids to serve as gift bearers. Please also consider bringing a **canned-food item** for your child to bring to the altar as donation to the local food pantry during the Offertory.

Future dates: March 1, March 15, and March 29.

Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, February 11** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205. Local Knights are encouraged to ensure email addresses are on file so that volunteer opportunities can be communicated. Please contact us to update your information at membership@kofc231.org.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

This week's second collection is the Fuel Collection.

Next week's second collection is the Monthly.

HR Grand Annual
Goal \$25,000
To Date \$22,050.00



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, February 6.**

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 St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

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.



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HR Faith Formation

School Year Programs

School year programs continue for all grades. If you have yet to register it is not too late for your child to join us for the remainder of the sessions.

Forms as well as a class schedule can be found on our website (hricatholic.org) or call the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420) to request information to be sent to you.

Summer Programs at IC

Plans for the summer session are in the making and will be made available soon.

Please watch for further details if you would like for your child to participate.

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, February 11 in the Nativity Church Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Year 2 (Grade 10) class will meet again on Sunday, February 9, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. also in the Nativity Church Hall.

Please remember an adult does need to accompany the candidate.

Archdiocese Web Site

Visit www.bostoncatholic.org for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

HR Dinner & BINGO Night

February 29 at Nativity Church Hall
Watch the bulletin for details.

