

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

[hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org)



*Thus says the LORD: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless;  
clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own.  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed;  
your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. (Is 58:6-8)*

*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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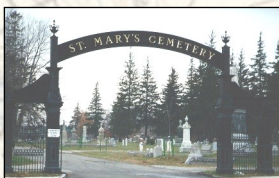
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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Collaborative Mass Schedule

### Saturday (2/8)

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

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

### Sunday (2/9)

7:15am **IC** *James Murray* (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. O'Brien & Deacon Dow)

### Monday (2/10)

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

### Tuesday (2/11)

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

### Wednesday (2/12)

**No Mass Scheduled**

### Thursday (2/13)

**No Mass Scheduled**

### Friday (2/14)

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

### Saturday (2/15)

4:00pm **IC** *Michael & Lucia Lombardo* (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)

In your prayers please remember Eleanor Thomson 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

Dear Parishioners,

Over the past number of weeks, many of you have asked me how Fr. Broderick is doing. The group of parishioners who help prepare the weekly Intercessions for our Collaborative have been including his name among those who are sick, but this has not been because of specific health concerns, but rather due to his age and overall



fragile condition. In fact, he has been in and out of the hospital several times over the past few months. I hate to say this is "normal," but his stays have been relatively brief, and like the Energizer Bunny, he is back at the Regina Cleri Residence for Priests in Boston where he has been living full-time for the past few years. I was fortunate enough to have the chance to visit with him this past week and found him in great spirits. I know that many of you have taken the time to go in and visit with him as well and that he enjoys the close contact that you have kept with him. His room is flooded with pictures of so many families and friends who have been part of his life in decades-past. Although he is confined to a wheelchair these days, his laughter and child-like spirit abound. Please continue to keep him in your prayers in the weeks ahead and don't hesitate to reach out to him by writing, calling on the phone, or visiting in person if you are able to make the trip. I know he appreciates hearing from everybody who makes the effort.

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## 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.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

### Monday, February 10

- AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall
- Discipleship Team Meeting 6:00pm, IC Nazareth Library
- Women at the Well Prayer Group 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room
- HR Boy Scouts Troop 41 Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

### Tuesday, February 11

- IC Knitting Ministry 1:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
- Breaking Bread Meal 5:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
- IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall
- HR Confirmation 1 Class 6:30pm, Nativity Hall
- HR St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory
- Reunion Prayer Group 7:00pm, IC Conference Room 209
- Knights of Columbus 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library

### Wednesday, February 12

- HR Sandwich Program 7:00–9:00am, St. Ann 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
- HR Ham & BINGO Night Planning Meeting 6:30pm, Nativity Hall
- IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

### Thursday, February 13

- Reunion Prayer Group 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209
- Sharing Christ 6:30pm, IC Nazareth Library Room 205
- Rosary for Life 6:30pm, IC St. James Chapel

### Friday, February 14

- Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel
- AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Saturday, February 15

- Cursillo Group Reunion 8:00am, St. Ann Church
- St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, St. Ann Church

### Sunday, February 16

- Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church
- St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 10:00am, St. Ann Church

## Questions of the Week



- Adult:** What obstacles do you face in being “salt” or “light” to others?
- Child:** How do you let your light shine for others?

## Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).



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This coming week I will be in Florida once again for the annual retreat that I have been making with more than 50 of my brother priests from the Boston area. This year, a newly-retired priest whom you may have heard of, Fr. George Morin, will be joining with us as well! Having heard



tales of warmer temperatures and alligators over the years, I think his curiosity was piqued! In addition to enjoying a bit



of break from the cold, dreary New England winter, this retreat gives us the opportunity to connect with many brother priests from all over the Archdiocese and share some time of prayer and reflection together. That there might burst-forth a few moments of frivolity and laughter here and there, goes

with the territory. I am reminded of a quote from Milton that was carved above the mantle in a refectory in a retreat center many years ago: “They eat, they drink, and in communion sweet, quaff immortality and joy.” (John Milton, *Paradise Lost*) Needless to say, the time away is good for the body, mind, and soul. Please keep Fr. George, myself, and our brother priests in your prayers in the days ahead, as we will all of you.



I look forward to seeing everyone when I return.  
God Bless you all,  
Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

## Fr. Broderick's Address

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Boston, MA 02114

# 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

## Mass Scripture Readings

February 9–16, 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 9: Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16
- Monday, Feb 10: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Psalm 132; Mark 6:53-56
- Tuesday, Feb 11: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Psalm 84; Mark 7:1-13
- Wednesday, Feb 12: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Psalm 37; Mark 7:14-23
- Thursday, Feb 13: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Psalm 106; Mark 7:24-30
- Friday, Feb 14: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Psalm 81; Mark 7:31-37
- Saturday, Feb 15: 1 Kings 2:26-32; 13:33-34; Psalm 106; Mark 8:1-10
- Sunday, Feb 16: Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

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



## EWTN: Catholic News

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[www.ewtnnews.com/](http://www.ewtnnews.com/)

## 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*

## 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](http://www.pelicaninterventionfund.org) to learn more.

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Daily Masses in the Area

### Monday

6:45am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH  
 7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford  
 8:00am St. Mary, Rowley  
 8:00am St. Luke, Newton, NH  
 8:00am All Saints, Haverhill  
 9:00am St. John the Baptist, Haverhill  
 9:00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH  
 9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

6:45am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH  
 7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford  
 8:00am St. Mary, Rowley  
 8:00am All Saints, Haverhill  
 9:00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH  
 9:00am St. John the Baptist, Haverhill  
 9:00am Star of the Sea, Salisbury  
 6:30pm, St. Luke, Plaistow, NH

### Thursday

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

### Friday

6:45am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH  
 7:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford  
 8:00am All Saints, Haverhill  
 9:00am Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Hampton, NH  
 9:00am St. John the Baptist, Haverhill  
 9:00am St. James, Haverhill  
 9:00am (First Friday of the month) Star of the Sea, Salisbury  
 9:00am St. Mary, Georgetown

### Saturday

8:00am Sacred Hearts, Bradford  
 8:00am (First Saturday of the month) All Saints, Haverhill  
 9:00am St. James, Haverhill  
 9:00am (First Saturday of the month) St. Mary, Georgetown

## Archdiocese Web Site

Visit [www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org) for the latest news and information around the Archdiocese of Boston.

## 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.

## 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

## 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.

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, January 25–26	\$2,601.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 359.00
Offertory, February 1–2	\$2,918.00
Fuel	\$1,718.00

This week's second collection is the Monthly.

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



## HR Sandwich Program



The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers soup/salad and sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The sandwiches go to the Good Shepherd Center on Park Street in Lawrence. 150 sandwiches are delivered and need to be **individually wrapped or bagged** and returned to the bread wrappers. Please, **no** condiments. **Large** containers of coffee, adobo, and minced garlic are also needed. Drop off is at St. Ann Church, West Newbury, from 7:00–9:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. (Door on the larger parking lot side of the church). Our next dropoff date is **February 12**. See the Collaborative calendar at [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org) for the schedule. If you are new to the program, or have any questions, please contact Dottie Carr at 978-363-2909.

## 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 5**.

## 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. Invite your friends.

## Activities Committee Meeting

The Activities Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Ann Hall, W. Newbury, to organize the upcoming dinner & BINGO night planned for Saturday, February 29.

Please join our group and consider helping out, joining in, and serving your parish!

## HR Faith Formation

### School Year Programs

School year programs continue for all grades. We hope that all families will make every effort to attend as we enter into the last few weeks of class.

### 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.

## 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, Feb. 1-2 **\$9,893.00**  
Ongoing Church Maintenance **\$1,608.00**

This week's second collection is the Monthly.

Next week's second collection is St. Vincent de Paul.

**Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul.**

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



## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection **\$210.00**  
Poor Box **\$171.00**  
Total **\$381.00**

## 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.

## Catholic TV

Visit [www.catholicstv.com](http://www.catholicstv.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.

## 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



Catholic Schools Week is a wonderful week of celebration for our school community. This year's activities included the VIP Luncheon for 600 people, Breakfast Buddy Bingo, a visit from world-famous artist Rob Surette who shared his multimedia message of empathy and kindness, the National Geography Bee competition, a student talent show, and a Valentine's Day placemat service project, pictured.



*Eighth grader Blake and her two Kindergarten buddies, Elizabeth and Catherine, work together to decorate a placemat for an elderly resident at a local nursing home.*

Our Buddy Program, which pairs older and younger students, is designed to foster strong relationships across all ages. The Buddy Program is a springboard for many important components of an IC education: leadership, mentoring, actively caring for others, inclusion, and community while providing a sibling-like connection between students. The faculty and staff at the IC are witness to the benefits of the Buddy Program that play out each school day. The students know each other, care for each other, and truly enjoy each others' company.

## 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.



# 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.

## 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.



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## 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, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.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.

## IC Faith Formation

### School Year Programs

School year programs continue to take place for all grade levels. We hope that all of our families will make every effort to attend as we approach the last few weeks of class.

### 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, March 3 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.

## 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.

## 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.

We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at (978) 572-0231, [membership@kofc231.org](mailto:membership@kofc231.org).

## Parish Membership

Welcome! We are pleased you joined us today and we invite you to become a member of our Parish communities. Please introduce yourself and register in the parish. Forms are available online at [www.hriccatholic.org](http://www.hriccatholic.org) or you can call the Parish offices at 978-462-2724 to register.