

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019



When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread...Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." (Jn 21:9-12)

All Are Welcome

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Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

“Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...”

St. Ann

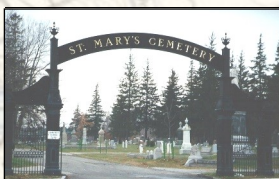
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (5/4)

4:00pm **IC** *Jerry Cody, Marion Laverty, Anna Frances Nason Robinson* (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **Nativity** *Julie Brousseau* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (5/5)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
9:00am **IC** *Mary Collins Dupont, Richard Dylingowski* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
11:30am **IC** *Lena & Andrew Filomia, Mary Razza, Luke Picillo, Ronald Jean* (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (5/6)

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

Tuesday (5/7)

7:15am **IC** *Dorothy Cruise, James McInerney* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (5/8)

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

Thursday (5/9)

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

Friday (5/10)

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

Saturday (5/11)

4:00pm **IC** *Rita M. Snow, Marie Kadehjian, John & Ellen Johnson* (Fr. Morin)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

Sunday (5/12)

7:15am **IC** *Regina M. Stronge, Patricia Kelly* (Fr. Morin)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
9:00am **IC** *Grace & Nelson Tsai, Tina Siedler, Anna Frances Nason Robinson, Dale Deveau, Jr.* (Fr. McLaughlin)
10:15am **St. Ann** *Marion Landry* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)
11:30am **IC** *Robert Filomia, Lillian Pecht* (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Pelican Intervention Fund Plant Sale

My name is Carol Robertson and I am a parishioner at Immaculate Conception. I own and operate a landscaping company, Garden Imprint, in Newburyport.

In 2014, I hired a young college student named Joe as a summer laborer for my business. Many of our first-time laborers have no skills with physical labor; many have never pushed a wheelbarrow or planted a tree or pulled weeds.

Joe was not one of those. He was smart, handsome, and capable. And, clearly Joe wanted more. He had a terrible disposition; he was too smart for the job, and I used to tease him that I could never get him to smile; he always seemed angry. I thought about myself at his age and thought it must be a phase; what my mother used to call "growing pains."

I remember driving Joe home after work one day. Joe was clearly proud of the beautiful and inviting home his family had created together. As we pulled in, a youngster came running out and excitedly exclaimed "Joe is home!" I thought he would be alright; I was sure he would be alright.

Joe worked for us for two summers while completing his studies at UMass. He graduated in May 2016 and died of a drug overdose in October. At Joe's wake, I learned that he had been through rehab for drug addiction. I could feel the family's painful resignation that he was, at last, at peace. I can't begin to imagine the struggles that beautiful family lived through and continues to feel. Clearly many of our youth are in crisis; nothing in our past experience has provided us with the tools we need to deal with this issue. The Pelican Intervention Fund provides funding and support to local men and women struggling with addiction.

In memory of Joe, and all those affected by this terrible scourge, Garden Imprint will offer summer flowering plants for sale at all the Masses of the HRIC Collaborative the weekend of May 18. Proceeds will go to the Pelican Intervention Fund to continue their efforts with this ongoing crisis.

We look forward to your generosity and your prayerful support. Thank you.

Come Support the Pelican Intervention Fund

**Plant Sale after all Masses
on Saturday & Sunday, May 18–19**

Pick up some beautiful flowering plants
for your garden and help support
the Pelican Intervention Fund



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.

Bulletin Information

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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, May 6

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

IC First Eucharist Rehearsal (Sat., May 11 Group) 4:30pm, IC Church

HR Boy Scouts Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Tuesday, May 7

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

IC First Eucharist Rehearsal (Sun., May 12 Group) 4:30pm, IC Church

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

Wednesday, May 8

HR Sandwich Program 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

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, May 9

Reunion Prayer Group 9:00am, IC Conference Room 209

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

Friday, May 10

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

Saturday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast 9:00am, Nativity Hall

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

Baptisms 2:00pm, IC Church

Discovering Christ Series 3:00pm, Nativity Hall

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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.

Choral Society Concert

**Newburyport Choral Society to Perform
"Voices of America" Concert**

Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 p.m., at Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St., Newburyport. (Pre-concert lecture begins 90 minutes before the performance).

The NCS Spring Concert "Voices of America" will feature Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, Aaron Copland's *Old American Songs*, and the New England premiere of a new work by contemporary composer Andrew Maxfield. Through these inspiring works, audiences will be connected to different dimensions of the best of the American spirit. For information: www.newburyportchoralsociety.org.

Online Resources

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hricatholic.org for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, religious ed., Mass times, registration forms, and current events. Link to our **calendar**, **Twitter**, **Instagram**, and **Facebook** pages, view our current and archived bulletins, find other Catholic websites, see our Get Involved tab to see how your talents can be utilized, or check out the photos section. We have so much happening in our Collaborative.



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Disciples in Mission Survey

In the weeks ahead, parishioners will be invited to participate in a brief, online survey to gauge the effectiveness and understanding of the Archdiocesan initiative called, "Disciples in Mission." This is the overall guiding document that was introduced in 2012 and has produced the system of collaboratives (or pairing of parishes) that the entire Archdiocese is in the process of being reorganized into. The entire text of "Disciples in Mission" as well as the online survey may be found at: <http://www.disciplesinmission.com>.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Movie Presentation



The Knights of Columbus Council 202 will be showing the pro-life movie Gosnell on Thursday, May 16, at All Saints Parish Hall, Haverhill. The movie will be followed by a presentation by Gemma Curran from Merrimack Valley Pregnancy Services. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

For more information, please call Deacon Tom Anthony: (978) 973-0437.

When: Thursday, May 16, 7:00 p.m.

Where: All Saints Parish Hall, 120 Bellevue Ave., Haverhill

Women's Evening of Prayer



The next Women's Evening of Prayer is Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church.

All women of the Collaborative are invited to attend this evening of prayer and song. No reservations needed. Join other women in an hour of prayer and reflection through words and song. This will refresh you. Invite your friends.

All Care Hospice

Did you know that All Care Hospice provides free grief support services to the community and volunteer opportunities to support our hospice program? To learn more about our grief groups and workshops, please contact our Bereavement Coordinator at 781-244-1198. Registration is mandatory for all programs. To learn more about volunteer opportunities in our office providing administrative support or with our patients and families providing companionship, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 781-244-1129. Opportunities available close to home! Visit our website, allcare.org to download a volunteer form.

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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What is one action that you can do this week to show Christ's love to someone?

Child: What one thing can you do this week to show Jesus your love?

Centering Prayer

Welcome All Members of Our Collaborative Family

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. As God moves us closer to him, through our daily discipline of silent prayer, we find our focus turns from self to God and we are blessed with the fruits of Centering Prayer.

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 or visit our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Get-Involved.

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www.ewtnnews.com/

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.hriccatholic.org or you can call the Parish offices.



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

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.

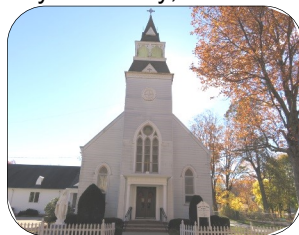
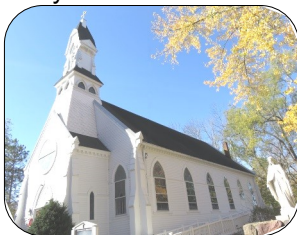
Each month, we gather for an “Ultreya” (onward!) evening of Liturgy, sharing, food and fellowship at 7pm in St. James Chapel to continue the Cursillo spirit. All are welcome. Please join us! For more information, contact Jonathan Temple 978-809-9337 or Pat Forbes 617-899-0424.

Cursillo/Ultreya Calendar 2019

Cursillo weekends	Ultreya evenings
June 6, Women	May 31
October 3, Men	
November 7, Women	

Our Collaborative

Holy Redeemer: St. Ann, W. Newbury & Nativity, Merrimac



Immaculate Conception, Newburyport



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.

Mass Scripture Readings: May 5–12, 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, May 5: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
- Monday, May 6: Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119; John 6:22-29
- Tuesday, May 7: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Psalm 31; John 6:30-35
- Wednesday, May 8: Acts 8:1b-8; Psalm 66; John 6:35-40
- Thursday, May 9: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66; John 6:44-51
- Friday, May 10: Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117; John 6:52-59
- Saturday, May 11: Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 116; John 6:60-69
- Sunday, May 12: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 100; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30

Food Pantries/Markets for Those Seeking Assistance

Please call ahead for details and/or possible restrictions. Phone numbers and locations are at www.hriccatholic.org/local-food-pantries---markets.

Monday Markets

- 1–4 pm The Salvation Army, Newburyport
- 9–11 am every other Monday, West Newbury Food Pantry

Tuesday Markets

- 9 am–3:30 pm Community Action, Amesbury
- 9 am–2 pm Pettengill House, Salisbury
- 10 am–noon Rowley Food Pantry
- 11 am–2 pm 2nd Tuesday of month The Salvation Army
- 4–6 pm Pettengill House, Salisbury

Wednesday Markets

- 10 am–4 pm The Salvation Army, Newburyport
- 12–3 pm Our Neighbors Table, Amesbury

Thursday Markets

- 11 am–6 pm Community Action, Amesbury
- 1–5 pm The Salvation Army, Newburyport
- 3–6 pm Our Neighbors Table, Amesbury
- 5:30–7:00 pm Rowley Food Pantry

Friday Markets

- 9 am–noon Our Neighbors Table, Amesbury
- 3–5 pm First Parish Community Pantry

Saturday Markets

- 9 am–noon Our Neighbors Table, Amesbury
- 9:30–10:30 am 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Merrimac Mobile Food Pantry

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Grand Annual \$20,335.00

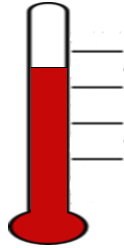
The second collection **next** weekend is the Monthly.

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,183.00.00

To Date \$19,101.00

86% of goal



\$22,183
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$ 5,000

Women's Evening of Prayer



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All women of the Collaborative are invited to attend this evening of prayer and song. No reservations needed. Join other women in an hour of prayer and reflection through words and song. This will refresh you. Invite your friends.

HR Sandwich Program

The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers soup/salad and sandwiches to the Lazarus House Ministry twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The sandwiches go to the Good Shepherd Center on Park Street in Lawrence. 200 sandwiches are needed each day to feed the hungry.



We are always in need of more sandwich donations. To help, please make sandwiches by using 1 loaf of bread and sandwich meat (**No condiments added**), individually wrap the sandwiches and place them back into the bread bag. Deliver the bread bag to St. Ann Church, West Newbury, by **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, May 8.**

See the Collaborative calendar at www.hriccatholic.org for the schedule. Contact Dotty Carr at 978-363-2909 with questions.

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society



Please return your mite boxes whenever convenient. You can leave them at the rear of either church.

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

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

HR Religious Education

Sun., May 5 Youth Mass at 5:00 p.m. at Nativity Church with Fr. George presiding. Pot Luck dinner to follow at 6:00 p.m. in Nativity Hall.



First Eucharist 2019

Congratulations to our group:

Nate Conrad, Mya Galvin, Lila Dell Isola, Brody LeColst, Keira Thompson, Tommy Walsh, and Olivia Woodbury.

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

Holy Redeemer's Scout Troop 41 will be preparing a **complimentary Pancake Breakfast** for the entire parish on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, after the 8:00 Mass at Nativity. The scouts are thankful for the continued support from the Parish of their scouting journey. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, and fruit. Please, plan on attending. All are welcome.

If anyone grade 6 or older is interested in learning more about the troop or joining, contact the scoutmaster, Mark Townsend. All faiths welcome.

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, June 6.**

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** on **May 11.**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

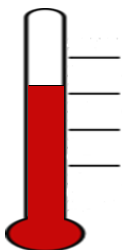
Offertory, April 25–26	\$10,246.00
Monthly	\$ 1,604.00
IC Grand Annual	\$77,180.00

The second collection **this** weekend is Restoration/Renovation. The second collection **next** weekend is the Monthly.

Due to a printing error, we are scheduling the Pastor's Charity Account Collection for May 19, 2019. Please save your envelopes until this date.

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$55,614.00
To Date \$42,938.00
77% of goal



\$55,614
\$40,000
\$25,000
\$10,000

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 550.00
Poor Box	\$ 645.00
Total	\$1195.00

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, 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.

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 next monthly support meeting is May 27 and will be held this month at Barbara's home, 64 Northern Blvd., Plum Island, Newbury from 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara with questions.

Immaculate Conception School



The 2nd Grade is learning about famous people through “biography bottles.” The students studied the life of a past or present person, and then created a mini-model from a plastic bottle dressed in historically accurate garb. The engineering challenge of building a mini-model from a water bottle requires students to interpret the use of materials creatively as they construct the finished product.



Pictured from left to right: Olympic Snowboarder Shawn White, chimpanzee enthusiast Jane Goodall, and Benjamin Franklin

Adoration & Rosary

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration in IC's St. James Chapel in the Parish Center on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 8:00 a.m. Join us for recitation of the Rosary on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, May 14** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protections for you or your family, or just connecting with other Catholic men, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. We welcome new members to this long-standing group of Catholic men. For more information, contact us at membership@kofc231.org.

Catholic TV

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Religious Education

Religious Ed. Office: 978-462-2724

School Year Programs

The School Year program for Grades K–8 has finished for this academic year. Thank you to all who took part in making it a wonderful, Faith-filled experience for our children.

Registration forms for the upcoming school year beginning September, 2019 will be available in June.

Watch the bulletin for updates.

Grades 1–8 Summer Program

Depending upon the availability of volunteers to teach and assist, we plan to offer a week of Religious Education for those students **entering** Grades 1–8 in September of 2019. This will be held **the week of June 24–28**.

Registration forms are available. If you have not yet received one or you are able to volunteer, please contact the Religious Ed. office.

Summer Volunteers

We are once again asking for assistance in making our Summer Program a reality. Registration forms are being submitted, but **there is still a huge need for catechists/assistants**. We do not want to have to turn any applicants away.

Many families depend on this week of Faith Formation as classes during the school year are not feasible for them. Please consider offering your time the week of June 24. Perhaps you could co-teach with a friend. For more information as to what this would entail please contact the Religious Ed. office.

Reconciliation / First Eucharist

We are looking forward to the celebration of First Eucharist on **Saturday, May 11 at the 4:00pm Liturgy** followed by another celebration on **Sunday, May 12 at the 11:30am Liturgy**.

Rehearsals for these 2 sessions will begin promptly at **4:30pm in the church**.

Upcoming rehearsals:

Monday, May 6 **for those receiving on Saturday, May 11**

Tuesday, May 7 **for those receiving on Sunday, May 12**

If you are not sure of your scheduled date for Eucharist, please check with the Religious Ed. Office.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Parish Office for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, June 2** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on **June 9**.

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, and 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.

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.

Cookies for Haiti



Hello. My name is Margot Anderson-Song and I am an 8th grader from Newburyport, MA. For the past 5 years I have run a bake sale to raise money for the Fr. Marc Piché School in Puit Chacha, Haiti. This year, I am holding my 6th annual "Cookies for Haiti" bake sale on May 11–12, and would truly appreciate your support. Cookies will be sold before and after each IC Mass on the 11th and 12th. Whether you are a cookie-lover or just want to

donate to a good cause, I truly hope to see you all there. I am excited to see the ever-increasing generosity that I have been so lucky to witness over the past 5 years once again. Thank you for the support!

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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. Information regarding the retreat and rehearsal times will be made available as soon as possible. Any questions please contact the Religious Education office.

Summer Confirmation 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.

These classes will be held in the evenings from 5:30–8pm. Registration forms are available. If you have not yet received one, please contact the Religious Ed. office.

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