

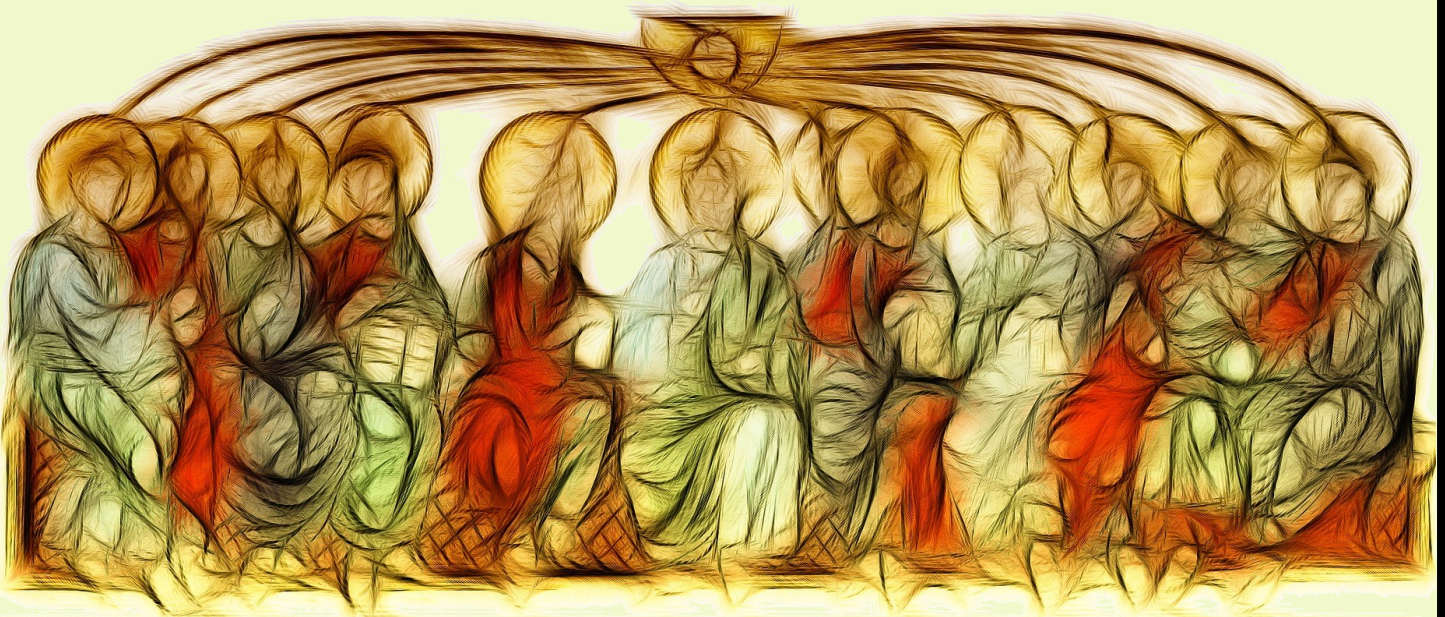
HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Pentecost Sunday

June 9, 2019

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“Pentecost” by Gerd Altmann

“And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...” (Acts 2:3-4)

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

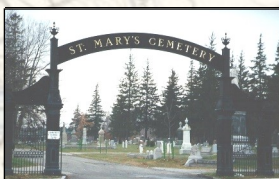
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/8)

4:00pm **IC** *For the intentions of John O'Connor & Ellen Meade* (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **St. Ann** *Armand & Therese Cormier* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (6/9) Pentecost Sunday

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

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

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

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

11:00am **IC** *Dr. William J. Driscoll, III, Jacob Mathew Phillips, John E. Hopwood* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (6/10)

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

Tuesday (6/11)

7:15am **IC** *Graciela Labanca* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Wednesday (6/12)

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

Thursday (6/13)

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

Friday (6/14)

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

Saturday (6/15)

4:00pm **IC** *Meme Risso & Family, Ernie Penta, Elizabeth J. Hanlon, Jessica Gill* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

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

Sunday (6/16) Father's Day

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

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

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

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

11:00am **IC** *John Deneumoustier, Roland Lemelin, Dr. William J. Driscoll, III, Jacob Mathew Phillips, Jane Joe Shea, For the intentions of PB & J* (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember M. Patricia Derick, Gertrude M. Paquin, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

This Week's Second Collection

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we conclude our Easter season with the celebration of the great feast of Pentecost—the sending of the Holy Spirit.



Originally in Jesus' time and culture, this moment was one of the three pilgrimage feasts of Judaism. Passover was the feast of unleavened bread; 50 days later was Pentecost or the feast of weeks (seven, to be precise) that coincided with the first reaping of the wheat crop, and finally, the feast of Tabernacles or Booths which was the harvest feast. So Pentecost, as an agricultural pilgrimage feast, celebrated the first-fruits being harvested and then offered to God collectively, as a community. If we recall the intimate partnership of the Hebrew understanding of God's blessings, we see the very central role that God's grace plays in growing crops and reaping a benefit from them. While human beings toil to plant, water, and fertilize, God provides the sunshine and rain and causes the otherwise lifeless seeds to germinate and grow. The only proper response to the first harvesting of any crop is to offer it back to God as a recognition of our utter dependence on God's goodness and beneficence. In other words, while we may work really hard at trying to grow the food we need, it really is all about God's goodness to us.

In the early Church, the celebration of Pentecost and the sending of the Holy Spirit took on even greater significance when we use the lens of the Christ-event as the new Passover. Recall from the Book of Exodus that the original Passover was the deliverance of the People of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom and the Promised Land—all under God's protective care. Reluctant to let God's Chosen People go, Pharaoh and the Egyptians were made to suffer a number of debilitating plagues to encourage them to reconsider. The last and greatest of these plagues to be visited upon the Egyptians, the angel of death literally "passed over" the doorstops of the Hebrews that were marked with the blood of a sacrificed lamb and instead took the lives of the firstborn sons of the Egyptians. Finally, Pharaoh then freed the Hebrew people and allowed them to exit from Egypt through the Red Sea. When Pharaoh later changed his mind and tried to pursue the Hebrews, he and his army met their own end at the bottom of the sea when the flood waters that had parted for the Hebrews came crashing down upon them. Thus did God deliver Israel from bondage to freedom. Christ went down into the waters of death and rose to new life in the joy of the Resurrection freeing us from our bondage to sin and death. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God—whose blood was sacrificed so that we might pass-over from death to newness of life.

In this light, Jesus Christ is the new Passover—it is through His death on the Cross that we have been delivered from the slavery of sin to new freedom in the resurrected Christ.

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Does Dad Like Coffee?

For Father's Day please consider treating Dad to a pound of Father Ray's delicious San Marcos coffee (or buy it for yourself). This specialty coffee is produced by poor farmers in Honduras who benefit greatly from our quarterly sales. It will be freshly roasted and available for \$10/pound (whole-bean or ground) after **all** Masses on **June 15/16**.

Call Karen Finnegan with any questions about this project. 978-465-4173.

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit our website at HRIccatholic.org to see our calendar

Monday, June 10

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

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

Tuesday, June 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 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Rectory

HR Activities Committee Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

Wednesday, June 12

HR Sandwich Program (Please read updated notice page 9)
7:00–9:00am, St. Ann Church

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

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

IC Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Thursday, June 13

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

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

Friday, June 14

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

Saturday, June 15

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

Sunday, June 16, Trinity Sunday, Father's Day

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

Discovering Christ 3:00pm, Nativity Hall

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Thus, 50 days or 7 weeks after Easter, we mark Pentecost. In the account from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke tells us of the experience of a great gathering from all over the world—and how each person heard what was being said in their own native tongue, even though they came from every corner of the known world. This is a foil to the passage from Genesis 11 that paints the picture of God confusing human speech when people had sought to build a tower to the heavens to make a name for themselves (it was all about them) and thus attempt to achieve some parity to God. The result was confusion and scattering.

So, in the Christian Church, Pentecost reminds us that a). it is all about God, b). it is God who scatters and gathers, c). it is God who causes growth and that d). real and lasting freedom comes from God's action in Christ, not by any effort of our own. Thus, we celebrate the unifying action of the Holy Spirit to bring us together despite our diversity, to enable us to act boldly to build up God's Kingdom (not limited or even primarily found in this earthly realm) and that to accomplish this, God will overcome every obstacle and roadblock. The confusion of tongues becomes a unity of voices from around the world. Tongues of fire come from above, signifying the divine action of God descending among us to build us up properly for His purposes. We are made into the likeness of the divine, not by our own efforts and actions, but by Christ's. What is harvested then, is not human grandeur, but God's glory. It is about recognizing and celebrating God's rightful role and salvific action within our lives and community. The confusion of Babel is replaced with the unity of one voice and purpose. The freedom from earthly servitude is superseded by the divine deliverance from the ultimate slavery to death and sin. Jesus Christ is the new Moses. We are the new harvest, the Church.

Through the action of the Holy Spirit in our midst, may we come together to praise God with one voice and truly become a worthy offering back to the Father for all that He has given us.

Happy Pentecost!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Bulletin Information

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

Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in March, April, and May.

Norah Lynne Barry • James Phillip Blais • Cecelia Marie Fournier • Reid Brian Joseph Mango • Emersyn Monroe McCoy • Cole Gregory Ripley • Riley Rose Worth

Questions of the Week



Adult: What strength do you get from living in God's Spirit?

Child: How does having the Holy Spirit in your life make you stronger?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Scripture Readings: June 9–June 16, 2019

Please refer to the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, June 9: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23
- Monday, June 10: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 87; John 19:25-34
- Tuesday, June 11: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Psalm 98; Matthew 5:13-16
- Wednesday, June 12: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Psalm 99; Matthew 5:17-19
- Thursday, June 13: 2 Corinthians 3:15 – 4:1, 3-6; Psalm 85; Matthew 5:20-26
- Friday, June 14: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Psalm 116; Matthew 5:27-32
- Saturday, June 15: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Psalm 103; Matthew 5:33-37
- Sunday, June 16: Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Olde-Fashioned Sunday Church Tour

Save the Date: Sunday, July 28

Join the Adult Faith Formation Team for a special, kid-friendly “Open House” inside IC Church.

- Want to learn about IC’s Gothic architecture? We have a tour for you!
- Want to learn about IC’s history as Newburyport’s Mother Church? We have a tour for you!
- Want to learn about Catholic Traditions & Sacraments? We have a tour for you!
- Want to learn obscure facts? We have a scavenger hunt for you! (Teaser: find fossils in the sanctuary marble; guess how many stops the Tracker organ has; locate the stoup, the Paraclete, the thurible, the cloud of witnesses, the ambry, the sacristy and more—includes an answer key.)
- Prefer a self-directed tour at your own pace? We also have that option for you.

Everything is **free**: handouts, tour guides, and amazement at what the Catholic Church contains historically and sacramentally. It’s our heritage. Get personally acquainted with it. No sign-up necessary.

Date: Sunday, July 28

Time: 12:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. (specific tours will be posted on a sidewalk billboard)

If you’d like to serve as a presenter or greeter to hand out tour flyers to guests, please contact Mary at 978-462-6191

Hosted by the Adult Formation Team



50th Wedding Anniversary

Deacon Paul and Maureen Dow are blessed by Fr. Tim following Mass at St. Ann’s this past week in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Congratulations Deacon Paul and Maureen!

Lent in the Holy Land

We are in the early stages of organizing a return Pilgrimage to the Holy Land on February 28–March 9, 2021 for Lent. Often known as “The Fifth Gospel,” the Holy Land is truly a place where we experience the love of God in Jesus Christ. Come walk where He walked. Come pray where He prayed. Come see what He saw. It is a life-changing experience like no other! For more information please contact Paul Blanchette at 978-500-5661 or visit <http://www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric/holyland/>.

Below: Our Pilgrimage Group from 2015 on the Via Dolorosa



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Summer “House” Calls

Calling all fans of *House*, the TV medical drama. If you appreciate witty writing and nuanced acting set in life-and-death situations, come for 90 minutes of **free** evening entertainment. Explore 5 provocative narratives that challenge Gospel values. The characters and setting at Princeton-Plainsboro Teaching Hospital are fictitious, but the dichotomy between peer *admiration* from House’s life-saving diagnostic team vs *disgust* at House’s unethical rule-bending reflects how Catholic moral decision-making could tip the imbalance.

Here’s a peek at sample discussion questions:

- **Does everybody lie?** House says yes
- **Can people die with dignity?** House says no
- **Is *quality of life* a compilation of isolated one-on-one dialogues?** House equivocates
- **Given a choice between a life of extraordinary but limited talent OR a lifetime of simple pleasures, which is richer?** House won’t choose, a dad lovingly does

In 2008, *House* was the #1 TV show worldwide. See why. The medical mysteries are reality-based, the moral tensions are too. Be challenged. 5 nights, 5 dramas, **free** air-conditioned viewing, facilitated discussion, popcorn, and Kleenex.

Dates: June 17–June 21 (one week, Mon.–Fri.)

Time: Evenings: 7:00–7:15 (intro), 7:15–8:00 (DVD) 8:00–8:30 (optional group discussion)

Location: Air-conditioned IC Charity Dining Room, Parish Center, 2nd floor)

Facilitated by Adult Faith Formation Team

Vocations Bible School

Children entering grades K–6 in fall 2019 are invited to *Discovery Mission*, a Catholic Vocation Bible School, held June 24–28, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, at the Holy Family Parish Hall in Amesbury. The week, led by young people entering grades 7–adults, will be filled with crafts, music, games, prayer, and snacks all designed to let children know that God has a plan for their lives, educate them about Catholic vocations, and encourage them to say yes to Jesus. For more information or to sign up, please contact: www.livingwatercatholic.org.

AFFT Help Wanted

Be Part of the Adult Faith Formation Team. We have two “One & Done” Limited-Engagement Opportunities:

Are you adept in computer formatting? AFFT has text for which a graphics whiz is needed to create tri-fold brochures. Also needed are 4 AFFT Greeters for 60-minute shifts to hand out the brochures at IC during the Yankee Homecoming Church tours (see bulletin announcement page 5). To volunteer to be a Greeter (no experience necessary) or to format info. (experience necessary), call Mary at 978-462-6191 with your contact information.

“Ask A Priest”

Makes a Pop-Up Comeback

It’s our 3rd year to invite you to this impromptu 9-evening event that’s based on simple street evangelization protocol: friendliness, prayerfulness, simple social engagement with passers-by and other Team members.

If you love Jesus or have a passion to (somehow) inspire others to love Him, take the plunge and let the Holy Spirit direct you how to use your open heart and goodwill to impact neighbors, visitors, and fellow parishioners.

Dates: Friday nights from July 5 through August 30

Place: Begin at St. James Chapel (IC Parish Center) for prayer then to Inn Street, Newburyport

Times: 6:00 p.m.–sunset

Children, dogs, and those curious about what this is (and is not) are all welcome. A priest is always part of the Team and laypeople are the bulk of it. Together with the Holy Spirit, we are powerful in our understated presence! Please join us for a few minutes, a few evenings, or all 9 nights of “Ask A Priest” street evangelization.

Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team

“Ask A Priest” Casting Call

Jesus asked His fishermen Apostles to cast into the deep, to become “fishers of men.” We 21st century disciples get the same invitation. Jesus is counting on us, too, to test the waters of evangelization—not on the Sea of Galilee but on Inn Street, Newburyport.

“Ask A Priest” launches its 3rd annual “Evangelization Workshop.” We’re casting for a deeper participation: Why limit the joy and fruitfulness of being an Ambassador for Christ to only 65 parishioners?

Do you participate in HRIC ministries/activities? (See the partial list below. If you answered “yes” to even one, you’re perfect for “Ask A Priest” too.):

RCIA • St Vincent de Paul Societies • ChristLife • CAMPS • K of C • Cursillo • Holy Jammers • BSA • IC-Haiti • Hunger for Justice • Fr Tim’s Pilgrimages • AFFT • Pro-Life • Religious Ed., students/catechists • Daily/weekend Mass attendee • AA • Holy Quilters • Collaborative Priority Teams • Pelican Intervention Fund • HR/IC choirs

Every Catholic—child and adult—is called to serve the Mission of the Church as a witness of Jesus’ love. Share your smile and an hour of your time on Inn Street this summer. Bring your dog, an instrument, a friend, honest gratitude, and humility. Receive a whole lot more.

Please come to an unthreatening “training” session to see how fully equipped you already are to join us.

DATE: Saturday, June 22

PLACE: Charity Dining Room (IC Parish Center Rm. 205)

TIME: 8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.-ish.

Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, June 1–2	\$9,724.00
Monthly	\$1,493.00
Ascension	\$ 683.00

The second collection **this** weekend is the **Seminary**.

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$55,614.00
To Date \$44,513.00
80% of goal



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

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 20.00
Poor Box	\$385.00
Total	\$405.00

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.

Archdiocese Web Site

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

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.

Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Registration forms for the upcoming school year beginning September, 2019 are now available for both Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer Parishes.

Please complete a registration form indicating your interest in participating in a school-year program. Forms can be downloaded from our website hricatholic.org or by contacting the Life-Long Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420). Please watch the bulletin for information regarding program times and dates.

Summer Program

A week of Religious Education will be offered for those students **entering** grades 1–8 in September of 2019. This will be held at IC the week of June 24–28. **Registration forms are still being accepted for children entering grades 1–3. A wait list has been created for those children entering the upper grades (4–8).**

Summer Volunteers

The summer program for grades 1–8 is fast approaching! Without volunteers we will have to turn children 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. Thank you to those who have stepped forward to help. For more information, contact the Life-Long Faith Formation office.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative Offices for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, July 14** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on July 21.

Confirmation

For those students who anticipate receiving the sacrament this Fall, please note that this will take place on **Sunday, September 22** at IC. Information regarding the retreat and rehearsal times will be made available as soon as possible. Any questions please contact the Life-Long Faith Formation 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 at IC from 5:30–8:00pm.

IC Summer Mass Schedule

Please remember that the IC Sunday Mass schedule will be as follows: Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m., **11:00 a.m.**

The schedule will remain in effect through September 1.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School students in grades K–8 put on a dazzling performance last week of *Shrek, Jr. the Musical*. The students began rehearsals in March, under the direction of Deirdre Budzyna and Beth Anderson-Song. Many parent volunteers created scenery, sewed costumes, perfected the make-up, and guided the children to learn their lines and harmonize throughout the songs. Mr. Mike Driscoll was sound technician while the backstage student crew queued performers in the wings and calmed the actors' nerves. It is wonderful that our youngest students have the opportunity to be part of our annual musical and work side-by-side with their older role models.



Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, June 11** at 7:30 p.m. 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 membership@kofc231.org, (978) 572-0231.

Local Knights are encouraged to ensure email addresses are on file so volunteer opportunities are communicated. Please contact us at membership@kofc231.org.

EWTN: Catholic News

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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.

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.

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.

Consolers Circle Meal

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

IC Knitting Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group 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 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.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, June 1-2	\$ 2,638.00
Monthly	\$ 1,744.00
Ascension	\$ 376.00

The second collection **this** weekend is the **Seminary**.

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,183.00
To Date \$21,741.00
98% of goal
Almost there!



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

HR Scholarship for High School Seniors

Holy Redeemer Activities Committee is happy to offer a scholarship to any graduating high school senior who is furthering their education after high school. The applicant has to have attended Religious Ed. classes and been confirmed through the Holy Redeemer religious education programs. Those wanting to apply should write an essay about "How I live a Catholic life as a member of Holy Redeemer."

Essays must be **hand delivered** to the white mailbox to the left of the glass doors going into the parish hall in Merrimac. (**Do not mail.**) Applications must be received by Sunday, June 23 by 12:00 noon.

HR Sandwich Program

June, July, and August Requests

The Holy Redeemer Sandwich Program delivers salad and sandwiches to the Good Shepherd Center (Lazarus House Ministry) on the **second** and **fourth** Wednesdays of the month.



For the **summer months** they would like some **peanut butter & jelly sandwiches**. We also bring large containers of **coffee** (about 30oz.) and **minced garlic** (32oz.). Packaged **snacks** are also helpful. Items should be dropped in the kitchen of St. Ann Church (door on the large parking lot side) between 7:00-9:00 a.m. on Wednesday. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, June 12**.

If you have any questions please call Dottie Carr (978-363-2909) or Marie Pierce (978-518-0898—call or text)

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? 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.

Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Registration forms for the upcoming school year beginning September, 2019 are now available for both Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer Parishes.

Please complete a registration form indicating your interest in participating in a school-year program. Forms can be downloaded from our website hriccatholic.org or by contacting the Life-Long Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420). Please watch the bulletin for information regarding program times and dates.

Summer Program

A week of Religious Education will be offered for those students **entering** grades 1-8 in September of 2019. This will be held at IC the week of June 24-28. **Registration forms are still being accepted for children entering grades 1-3. A wait list has been created for those children entering the upper grades (4-8).**

Summer Volunteers

The summer program for grades 1-8 is fast approaching! Without volunteers we will have to turn children 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. Thank you to those who have stepped forward to help. For more information, contact the Life-Long Faith Formation office.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative Offices for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, July 14** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on July 21.

Confirmation

For those students who anticipate receiving the sacrament this Fall, please note that this will take place on **Sunday, September 22** at IC. Information regarding the retreat and rehearsal times will be made available as soon as possible. Any questions please contact the Life-Long Faith Formation 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 at IC from 5:30-8:00pm.

Activities Committee Meeting

The Activities Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Nativity Hall, Merrimac. **All are welcome.** We will be discussing future events, dinners, and activities for our Parish. **New ideas are welcome.** Contact Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.