

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2019

hricatholic.org



*“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Lk 11:9-10)*

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

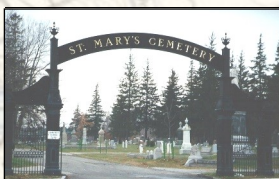
Church: 300 Main St., W. Newbury 01985
Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985
Phone: 978-346-8604
Email: holyredeemer@verizon.net

Nativity

Parish offices and church:
4 Green St., Merrimac 01860
Office Hours: By appointment
Phone: 978-346-8604
Email: holyredeemer@verizon.net

Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
42 Green St., Newburyport 01950
Office Hours: M–F 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Phone: 978-462-2724
Fax: 978-234-7399
Email: info@newburyportcatholic.org



St. Mary's Cemetery

36 Storey Avenue,
Newburyport 01950

Immaculate Conception School

1 Washington Street, Newburyport 01950, Pre K–grade 8,
Mrs. Joan Sullivan, Principal, Phone: 978-465-7780,
Fax: 978-234-7331, www.icsnewburyport.com



Collaborative Staff

Pastor

Rev. Timothy Harrison,
978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604
info@newburyportcatholic.org,
holyredeemer@verizon.net

Parochial Vicar

Rev. George E. Morin,
978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604
gemorin1945@gmail.com

Weekend Assistant

Rev. James Broderick

Senior Priest in Residence

Rev. William McLaughlin

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Paul Dow
978-887-5350, pauldow49@gmail.com

Office Associates

Donald Alunni, Business Manager
978-462-2724 x 7351
dalunni@newburyportcatholic.org
Sheila Cruise, Receptionist
978-462-2724 x 7403 or 978-346-8604
scruise@newburyportcatholic.org or
holyredeemer@verizon.net
Karen Leff, Coordinator of Media Outreach
hricbulletin@gmail.com
Linda Temple, Administrative Assistant
978-462-2724 x7404
temple@newburyportcatholic.org

Music Ministry

Jennifer Acorn, Nativity Organist
jen.acorn@comcast.net
Donna Postle, IC Music Ministry Director
978-317-8903
donnapostle233@gmail.com
Tim Richard, IC organist
trichard23@gmail.com
Steve Swochak, IC Music Coordinator
978-462-2855
swochak@netzero.com

Lifelong Faith Formation

Aaron Giard, Director of Lifelong Faith
Formation
978-462-2724 x 7405 or 978-346-8604
agiard@newburyportcatholic.org
Melinda Burrell, Administrative Assistant to
Lifelong Faith Formation
978-462-2724 x 7420
burrell@newburyportcatholic.org
Marin Fortune, IC RCIA, 978-462-2724
fortune@newburyportcatholic.org

Immaculate Conception School

Joan Sullivan, Principal, 978-465-7780
sullivan@newburyportcatholic.org

Maintenance


Bud Kent, IC Building Maintenance
978-462-2724
bkent@newburyportcatholic.org
Eddie Martinez, IC Facilities Manager
978-462-2724
emartinez@newburyportcatholic.org
Cliff Vandenbulcke, IC School Custodian
978-465-7780
cvandenbulcke@newburyportcatholic.org


St. Vincent de Paul


Saint Vincent de Paul Society at
Holy Redeemer
978-346-8604 x 8
hsvdp300@gmail.com
St. Vincent de Paul Society at
Immaculate Conception
978-518-0728

St Mary's Cemetery

Joseph Viel, 978-208-0266
joeviel@comcast.net

 [Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes](https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Redeemer-Immaculate-Conception-Collaborative-Parishes)

 [@HRICatholic](https://twitter.com/HRICatholic)

 [hricatholic](https://www.instagram.com/hricatholic)

Website: www.hricatholic.org

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/27)

4:00pm **IC** Ronald "Ronnie" Corbett, Henry Szymura, Ann Richebourg, John K. Herlihy (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **Nativity** Marilyn Wolfe Viens & Connie Wolfe Stevenson (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (7/28)

7:15am **IC** Jozef Javor, Henry DiBurro (Fr. Harrison)

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

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

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

11:00am **IC** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (7/29)

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

Tuesday (7/30)

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

Wednesday (7/31)

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

Thursday (8/1)

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

Friday (8/2)

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

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

Saturday (8/3)

4:00pm **IC** Marie Flore Dubuc, Mary Lou Gannon, Sheila Kay Russo, Special Intention for the Class of 1957—IC High School (Fr. Morin)

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

Sunday (8/4)

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

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

9:00am **IC** The Bruno, Capone & Gautreau Families (Fr. Morin)

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

11:00am **IC** Richard Ring (Fr. McLaughlin)

In your prayers, please remember Kristen M. MacLeod and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

"Teach us to pray...." I guess it doesn't get any more fundamental than that, does it? From the earliest moments of our lives, our parents and families begin teaching us how to pray. In the baptismal ritual, we make the Sign of the Cross over the child to be baptized as a silent gesture of prayer and hope for so much more yet to come. In the pews during mass every week, I hear the murmurings of tiny children attempting to imitate us older ones as we recite memorized prayers from our youth. In song, the young and old pray together (twice?!) in harmony. In between the masses or on a quiet afternoon, individuals come into our worship spaces to find a conducive space to pray, maybe without any words at all, but only the angst of the heart and a tenuous hope that God, somehow, might be out there listening. In the tender moments of a funeral, the repetition of old, familiar prayers gently tugs at the soul and offers a measure of solace. The eyes of the newly-married are bursting with so many prayers for the loving journey ahead. We bring it all into our prayers, don't we? In the tenderness of our inner-self, we bare our souls to God, who maybe is the one singular person in the whole universe who might possibly understand the convoluted messiness of our lives. We hope against hope that He is listening.

This weekend, we are confronted with the most time-honored Christian prayer of all: the Lord's Prayer—the one that Jesus Himself taught us. This prayer is all about expressing our needs before God and trusting in His faithfulness to us: that those needs will not go unmet.

First—and foremost—we need to bless God and pray always that God's Kingdom come in its fullness. Only there will all of our needs be completely met. Everything in our lives needs to be ordered to praising God and working towards the coming of God's Kingdom according to God's plan. Anything else is vanity and distraction.

Then, we ask for the basics—that which we need to live each day: the sustenance necessary for human life. Notice that Jesus did not teach us to pray for champagne and filet mignon...just that which we need to sustain our human

(Continued on page 4)



Strawberry/Blueberry Dessert Festival

This Sunday, July 28 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(or until we run out of berries)

Join us on the front lawn of Immaculate Conception at the corner of High and Green Streets, across from the Bartlett Mall.

Park in the IC Church lot and come enjoy some sweet homemade desserts.

(Proceeds to benefit all HRIC ministries.)



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, July 29

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

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

Tuesday, July 30

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

Wednesday, July 31

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

Thursday, August 1

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Rectory

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

Friday, August 2

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Ask A Priest 6:00pm, Inn St., Newburyport

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

Saturday, August 3

Holy Quilters 8:00am, Nativity Hall

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

Sunday, August 4

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

C.A.M.P.S. 2019—36th Year

August 5–August 10, 2019 for high school youth grade 9 through recently graduated seniors at Lakeside Christian Camp and Retreat Center, Pittsfield, MA.

What is C.A.M.P.S.?

C.A.M.P.S. is a ministry to youth with a three-fold mission:

1. That all participants come to a saving, personal relationship with Jesus Christ
2. That Christian community be formed and lived
3. That continued spiritual growth and commitment be fostered

C.A.M.P.S. Leadership

Fr. George Morin, 978-346-8604: Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, W. Newbury. For more information and registration, visit: campsministry.com/application.

Cost: \$489. Registration includes bus.

Questions of the Week



Adult: In what ways do you generously provide for the needs of others who have little or nothing?

Child: How do you share what you have with others? a neighbor? a friend? a classmate?

(Continued from page 3)

lives for the above-expressed purpose of praising God and working for the coming of the Kingdom. The lobster thermador may be nice, but it can wait....

Then, we pray for the forgiveness of our sins and the grace to forgive others who have offended us. Notice it has to work both ways. We ought not hope for one without actively seeking the other. Sin gets in the way of everything God wants to accomplish through us. We must repent and seek the healing that only God can offer. We must imitate God's forgiveness by offering it freely to others. We may not often think of this as a need, but try living the life of grace without it and none of us will get very far at all!

Finally, we are to ask for deliverance from "the test," that is, from the trials that those with evil intent will pit against us. Life is hard enough by itself, without falling into the traps that maliciousness and hardened-hearts can set. There has been some controversy recently surrounding the Pope's intention to change the traditional wording of the "Our Father" from "lead us not into temptation" to "do not let us fall into temptation." Although this has not yet been formally introduced into the language of our liturgy, it would better reflect the true intention of Jesus' prayer—that we be kept from the ravages of excessive temptation in our moments of weakness. God doesn't want us to be overwhelmed when we are fragile and feeling powerless. Our true need in these moments is to trust in God's strength and protection against all that is unholy. Our true strength lies with God, not our own efforts.

So—learning to pray—this is a lifetime journey of discovery from the cradle to the grave and every moment in between. It shifts and changes in its expression throughout our entire life, seeking with the voice of our inner, truest self to commune with the ineffable, with the One who made us in His own image and sustains us in being. However we might find ourselves praying today, may it be true and honest, fearless and help transform us into a better reflection of the One who first loved us, unconditionally.

Summer blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

"Ask A Priest"

Fr. John Kiley joined Fr. George and 11 Team members (only 5 of us pictured here) on Inn Street for a muggy night of greeting folks with bikes, ice cream cones, and toddlers. You are always welcome to be among us for a few minutes. No two evenings have the same vibe as visitors vary and weather is always a factor, yet nearly all encounters are pleasant and some truly memorable. It's God's work in the marketplace one smile at a time.



Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Scripture Readings: July 28–August 4, 2019

All of us are encouraged to start or end our day praying with the Scriptures. The Word of God can speak to our hearts as well as strengthen and support us to live by Jesus' great commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Please access 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, July 28: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13
- Monday, July 29: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Psalm 106; John 11:19-27
- Tuesday, July 30: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Psalm 103; Matthew 13:36-43
- Wednesday, July 31: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; Matthew 13:44-46
- Thursday, August 1: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Psalm 84; Matthew 13:47-53
- Friday, August 2: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Psalm 81; Matthew 13:54-58
- Saturday, August 3: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Psalm 67; Matthew 14:1-12
- Sunday, August 4: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalm 90; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

An Invitation to Enrich and Enliven your Faith

Join Us for Discovering Christ Series

This fall the Collaborative's "Forming Intentional Discipleship" team will again offer the "Discovering Christ" faith formation program. Every Thursday evening from September 12 to October 24 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. a session of "Discovering Christ" will take place in the Immaculate Conception Parish Center. There will also be a Holy Spirit retreat day on Saturday, October 12, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. All are invited to participate in the program by registering at the Collaborative website www.hriccatholic.org or by calling John Leary at 978-462-2053

"Discovering Christ" starts with a meal followed by prayer, a video lesson, and a table discussion. This is a wonderful experience of Christian fellowship, faith formation, and spiritual growth. Topics that are addressed include: what's the meaning of life, why does Jesus matter, what does Jesus want us to know, why do I need a Savior, why is Jesus' resurrection important, the Holy Spirit, new life in the Spirit, and our need for the Church.

Your schedule for the fall will begin to fill up soon, so save the dates and register now. Those who have already taken part in the "Discovering Christ" program look forward to welcoming you into our Collaborative's growing community of intentional disciples.

Say No to Roe

Many people may not be informed of this latest bill being proposed by Massachusetts lawmakers. This bill, The Roe Act S1902/H 3320 is due to be voted upon soon.

"The Roe Act" overhauls the abortion code contained in Massachusetts General Law thus creating a right to unrestricted abortion. (Dr. David Franks of masscitizensforlife.org)

What does this mean? Why should we be concerned?

- Eliminates parental consent requirements for minor girls seeking an abortion
- Expands taxpayer funding of abortion
- Refuses legal protection to infants who survive an abortion thereby allowing for passive infanticide
- Eliminates the requirements that abortions after the first trimester be performed in the hospital
- Allows for late-term and full-term abortions (from masscitizensforlife.org)

What can you do?

- Visit masscitizensforlife.org.
- Contact your State lawmakers and let them know what you think about this bill.
- Pray a rosary for our legislators.
- Tell others.

Collaborative Website

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

Irish Sunset Cruise

A. O. H. Division #1/Bracken Irish Dance School

Proudly present **Annual Irish Sunset Cruise**

In connection with www.captainsfishing.com

Featuring: Songs of Ireland by **Joe Leary**

Thursday, August 8, 2019

Cruise time: 6:30–9:30pm (Boarding at 6:00pm)

Boat: Captain's Lady II, from Plum Island Point, Nbpt.

Cost of admission: \$35.00 with cash bar

21 years of age or older only

Tickets available by contacting:

Dan Cleary 978-360-9603

Michael Volpone 978-479-2550



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Olde-Fashioned Sunday Church Tour

This Sunday: 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)

Hosted by the Adult Formation Team

March in the Yankee Homecoming Parade

The Pelican Intervention Fund is inviting **you** to march in the Yankee Homecoming Parade. We’re putting together marching squads from churches that have supported PIF and everyone from the HRIC Collaborative is invited to march with us. The Yankee Homecoming Parade is on Sunday, August 4, gets underway at noon, and runs about 3 hours. You can choose to walk the entire 2-mile course, or just a portion. This is a great family event and is open to kids of all ages. For more information and logistics please sign up by contacting Jonathan Temple at 978-809-9337, or jntemple@comcast.net.

Centering Prayer

If you are searching for the peace the world cannot give please consider joining us at Centering Prayer. Daily periods of silent prayer shift focus from self to God. As God becomes the center of our being the vicissitudes and storms of life affect us less. Consider leaving the noise of the world and the busyness of your day behind for an hour on Wednesday evenings, 6:00–7:00 p.m. in IC Conference Room 209. Following Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina enriches and instructs us as we listen to and reflect on the words of scripture.

Yankee Homecoming Parade

Need a Good Place to Watch the Parade?

Immaculate Conception will be hosting a “watch party” on the Parish Center’s lawn facing High St.

Tents and chairs will be supplied.

The “entrance fee” for this prime watch area is a nonperishable food item per person.

The food items will be put into the “Pennies for Poverty” grocery cart brigade as they pass our site (See penniesforpoverty.org for a full donation list.)

Food bank donations are historically down in the summer and “Pennies for Poverty” will be distributing all donations to our local food banks.

Please come on August 4 and help stock our local food banks and maybe make some new friends at our gathering.

Viewing site will open at 12:00 noon on August 4.

Like Us on Facebook

Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes



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



Follow Us on Twitter
[@HRICatholic](https://twitter.com/HRICatholic)



HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, July 13–14	\$3,131.00
Monthly, July 13–14	\$1,801.00
Offertory, July 20–21	\$2,526.00

Catholic Appeal

Goal \$22,183.00
To Date \$22,051.00
99% of goal
We can do it!



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

Saturday Mass at St. Ann

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **St. Ann, W. Newbury** on **August 3**.

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, August 1**.

Senior Center Bake Sale

On your way to Merrimac Old Home Days...The Friends of the Merrimac Senior Center invite you to stop by at their "Gateway to Merrimac" bake sale on Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Goodies for all and **free** coffee and tea!

100 East Main Street (Rte 110), Merrimac, MA

HR St. Vincent de Paul Society

There is a wonderful way to honor someone who has requested "No gifts, please." You can send a check to Holy Redeemer Saint Vincent de Paul at 4 Green Street in Merrimac. Your donation will honor someone's celebration and will also help those in need. A note will be sent to let that someone know about the donor's meaningful gift. Donations can be made to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and other significant occasions.

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



If anyone would like to write a note to Doreen O'Leary expressing their gratitude for her many years of service to our parish teaching our children. Or, write a favorite memory of yours about the activities she directed, possibly remembering a story your child shared with you. We are sure reading these

notes will bring such **joy** to Doreen. There will be a designated basket in the back of both churches. We will be collecting the notes until Sunday, September 8.

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 Lifelong Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420). Please watch the bulletin for information regarding program times and dates.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, August 11** at 1:00 p.m. in the Charity Dining Room located in the IC Pastoral Center.

Confirmation

For those students who anticipate receiving the sacrament this fall, please note that this will take place on **Saturday, October 26** for the Holy Redeemer Parish at the Church of the Nativity. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

Confirmation Retreat

In an attempt to accommodate the busy summer schedules of our families, we will be offering the Confirmation Retreat at the following times at the IC Pastoral Center:

Saturday, August 10 11:30–4:00 (attending 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Sunday, August 18 11:00 (attending 11:00 a.m. Mass) – 4:30.

Please contact the Faith Formation Office (978 462-2724 x7420) with your preference.

HR Altar Server Training

Additional Altar Servers are needed for the Nativity and St. Ann Masses. Altar Server training for grades 4 and up will be provided by Ryan Hankins, current Altar Server, and recent St. John's Prep graduate. Ryan will train and serve alongside new Altar Servers throughout the summer until he leaves for college in late August.



If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Elaine Hankins.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

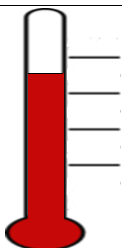
IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, July 20–21 **\$8,614.00**
 Restoration/Renovation **\$1,385.00**

The second collection **this** weekend is Electrical and Cooling Costs. The second collection next weekend is IC-Haiti. **Please make checks payable to IC-Haiti.**

Catholic Appeal

Goal **\$55,614.00**
 To Date **\$48,783.00**
 88% of goal
We are getting close!



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

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection \$ 20.00
 Poor Box \$264.00
 Total \$284.00

Knights of Columbus

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 (978) 572-0231.

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.

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, August 9** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.



Follow Us on Instagram

HRICCatholic

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Join Shirley and Jim Noonan on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Oct. 3–10, 2019. Our group will be staying with Marjana Soldo. Mirjana is one of the visionaries and she will interact with the group during the week at mealtime, and also give a private talk to our group. The total cost of the pilgrimage will be \$2,499, which covers plane fare, taxes, housing, and two full meals each day. Lunch and tips are not included. To sign up, go to medjugorje.org. For further information, please call 978- 465-8495.

Immaculate Conception School

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



Registrations for 2019–2020 Pre-K and Kindergarten are currently being accepted.

Visit www.icsnewburyport.com or call Admissions at 978-465-7780.



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.

Newburyport Choral Society

Newburyport Choral Society's Free Community "Summer Sing" —Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*

Join your voice with the Newburyport Choral Society on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church on 7 Harris Street, Newburyport, as we feature excerpts from Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*.

NCS Music Director Dr. George Case will conduct and several professional vocal soloists will perform the arias contained in the *Mass*.

All musical talent levels welcome to sing along, or just come and listen. Admission is free and open to all, and a reception will follow.

Copies of the vocal score will be available. Please bring your own score if you have one. For information, visit newburyportchoralsociety.org.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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 Lifelong Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420). Please watch the bulletin for information regarding program times and dates.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, August 11** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on August 18.

Confirmation

For those students who anticipate receiving the sacrament this fall, please note that this will take place on **Sunday, September 22** here at Immaculate Conception Parish. If you have not received a letter with more details, and you have a child who is eligible to be confirmed at this time, please contact the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible (978 462-2724 x7420).

Confirmation Retreat

In an attempt to accommodate the busy summer schedules of our families, we will be offering the Confirmation Retreat at the following times at the IC Pastoral Center:

Saturday, August 10 11:30–4:00 (attending 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Sunday, August 18 11:00 (attending 11:00 a.m. Mass) – 4:30.

Please contact the Faith Formation Office (978 462-2724 x7420) with your preference.

IC Annual Back-to-School New Socks and Underwear Drive

Our annual sock and underwear drive begins in August. Bins for your donations will be at the doors of the IC Church during the month of August. Please donate socks and underwear for school children ages 5–18 years old. Packages collected will go to the Community Service Center and will be distributed to those in need. Thanks so much for your generosity.



EWTN: Catholic News

Want the latest Catholic News? EWTN News has you covered. EWTN News: Your Online Catholic Resource.

<http://www.ewtnnews.com/>

Consolers Circle Meal

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

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.

Call for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

We are seeking additional Lay Ministers to assist at Mass

What is an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**? Often referred to as simply a "Eucharistic Minister," an EM is a lay person who assists the priest in distributing Holy Communion at Mass. While the priest or deacon is viewed by the Church as the "ordinary minister of Holy Communion," because of the large number of people attending Mass, it would be impractical or impossible for the clergy alone to offer Communion to so many. EMs are trained to help for this reason. At most Masses at IC, we usually need 4–5 trained EMs to allow our Communion procession to go smoothly. It is an important role! EMs may also volunteer to take the Blessed Sacrament to those who are ill or otherwise unable to attend Mass (those in nursing homes, hospitals, in home, etc.).

What is a **Lector**? A Lector is a lay person who assists at Mass by reading passages from the Old and New Testament and leading the Universal Prayer or "Prayers of the Faithful" at Sunday Mass when the Deacon is not present.

Both Lectors and EMs are baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church, and living a life of prayer and service within our community.

If you or someone you know might be interested in serving in either of these two ministries or have any questions about what it means to serve, please contact Mary Zerigian or Mary Ann Lawler. We'd like to have a full compliment of EMs and Lectors by the end of summer so please let us know of your interest by August 16. Training will be provided.