

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019



I have come to set the earth on fire. Luke 12:49

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 (8/17)

4:00pm **IC** *JoEllen Cox-Mulica, George & Christopher Laite, Melissa Smith Brislin* (Fr. Morin)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (8/18)

7:15am **IC** (Fr. Morin)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. O'Brien)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)
11:00am **IC** *For the intentions of those recently married* (Fr. O'Brien)

Monday (8/19)

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

Tuesday (8/20)

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

Wednesday (8/21)

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

Thursday (8/22)

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

Friday (8/23)

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

Saturday (8/24)

4:00pm **IC** *Anita Mazzaglia, Chester Broderick, Ruth Robitaille* (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (8/25)

7:15am **IC** *Harry Kalashian* (Fr. Morin)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC** *Maria Ragosta* (Fr. McLaughlin)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:00am **IC** *Ralph Filomia, Michell Bradley* (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Margaret "Peggy" Guckert, Ryan S. Campano, Frances C. Powers, and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Catholic TV

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

ALS Walk

In Memory of Sandy Lambert

On October 6, at Endicott College in Beverly, please join Team Sandy walking in memory of the love and hope of Sandy Lambert, who lost her battle with this horrible disease on July 7, 2017. The ALS walk is an effort to raise money for equipment and research which will help many of our friends and neighbors who are stricken by ALS. The three mile walk begins at 11:00am and meanders through the campus of the college. Please contact Larry Lambert for more information (978) 462-4842.

St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor



Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer's St. Vincent de Paul Societies' annual fundraiser, **The Walk for the Poor** will be held on **Saturday, September 28, 2019.**

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the Walk will start at 9:00 a.m. This year we will be starting and ending at Immaculate Conception's parking lot. This 3K walk is our organizations' major fundraiser.

We encourage all parishioners, families and friends *to join us as we walk through downtown Newburyport* to raise awareness and money so we can continue to serve the many needy in our communities.

Go to our SVdP Walk for the Poor website at <https://www.fopwalk.org/event/2388> and you can sign up to walk or donate to one of the walkers already registered. This link will take you directly to the walk page.

Beginning Aug. 24, at Immaculate Conception, we will have information at the doors of the church for you to use to sign up to be a "walker" and enlist sponsors to support your walk, or you can simply donate to this walk by using the envelopes we will hand out the weekend of Aug. 24–25.

Mass Scripture Readings: August 18–August 25, 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, August 18: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 40; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53
- Monday, August 19: Judges 2:11-19; Psalm 106; Matthew 19:16-22
- Tuesday, August 20: Judges 6:11-24a; Psalm 85; Matthew 19:23-30
- Wednesday, August 21: Judges 9:6-15; Psalm 21; Matthew 20:1-16
- Thursday, August 22: Judges 11:29-39a; Psalm 40; Matthew 22:1-14
- Friday, August 23: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Psalm 146; Matthew 22:34-40
- Saturday, August 24: Revelation 21:9b-14; Psalm 145; John 1:45-51
- Sunday, August 25: Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 117; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, August 19

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

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

Tuesday, August 20

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

Wednesday, August 21

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 22

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

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

Friday, August 23

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 24

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

Sunday, August 25

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

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

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/>.

Our Pilgrimage Group from 2015 on the Via Dolorosa



Collaborative Website

Visit our **Collaborative Website**, www.hriccatholic.org for up-to-date information on groups, meetings, faith formation, 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.

EWTN: Catholic News

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The Pelican Intervention Fund



The Pelican Intervention Fund is dedicated to supporting men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. The Pelican Intervention Fund offers hope for sustained recovery for adults who live in the communities of Amesbury, Byfield, Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, West Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and Salisbury. If you have any questions contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

“Ask A Priest”

“My sheep hear My voice. I know them and they follow Me.”



There are only 3 more Friday nights this season for you to experience “Ask A Priest.” Please join us (6:00 p.m.–sunset) should you hear His invitation to meet and greet on Inn Street! Your presence and fellowship will give witness to the Love we have for the Lord and for one another. Linger for 5 minutes or 15 minutes. The Lord counts on us to help others hear His voice, to return them to the fold, and to encourage them to come to know the Good Shepherd so they may desire to follow Him personally, too.

Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team

Questions of the Week



Adult: Name a time when you risked your life to help someone or did not take the easy road.

Child: What can you do to help someone who is sick or needs some help?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

“Where Two or Three are Gathered in My Name”

Throughout the Gospels and the history of the Church, Jesus has encouraged his followers to come together in fellowship to grow in a loving relationship with God. He has promised to be truly present whenever two or three are gathered in his name. The “**Discovering Christ**” program is a marvelous opportunity for the kind of growth Jesus wants for all of us. Each session of the program 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 gift of the Holy Spirit, new life in the Spirit, and our need for the Church. There is no cost to attendees other than their time and willing participation.

Every Thursday evening from September 12–October 24 from 6:00 p.m.–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.–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.

Centering Prayer & Recovery Through the 12-Step Program

Centering Prayer is a prayer of silence; a resting in God beyond thoughts, words, and images. The daily practice of this silent prayer purifies and transforms hearts and brings us closer to God.

There is a powerful synergy between Centering Prayer and the 12-Step Program. Both are spiritual paths to freedom from self to freedom in God. Many in recovery practice Centering Prayer in response to the 12-Step Program’s 11th Step: “Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood him.” All who seek a deeper relationship with God can benefit from the wisdom of this step.

We welcome all in recovery from any form of addiction to join us for Centering Prayer followed by *Lectio Divina* which enriches and instructs us as we listen to and reflect on the words of scripture. We keep in confidence all that is shared and support each other through our weekly gathering.

Please consider leaving the noise of world and the busyness of your day behind for an hour on Wednesday evening from 6:00–7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 209 of the IC Parish Center. Contact Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483, if you are interested in learning more or joining us. All are welcome.

Cooks Needed This Fall

Do you have a gift for meal preparation? We’re recruiting volunteers to cook a Thursday evening meal for the HRIC Collaborative during our “Discovering Christ” 7-week program. There’s no need to volunteer every week. One week will be greatly appreciated. An important and delightful part of each week’s session is dinner and conversation at small group tables. Dinner Team volunteers are an important part of this ministry effort, as they serve Christ, fellow parishioners, and guests through meal preparation.

Necessary Qualifications:

You enjoy cooking and would like to provide one meal or more to support the program.

What the Church provides:

- One 9x13 foil casserole pan
- One easy-to-follow recipe card
- A reminder phone call or email

What you provide:

- Your time—the time required to prepare one casserole dish
- The cost of the ingredients
- Delivery of the hot meal to Immaculate Conception Parish Center by 5:30 p.m. on your designated Thursday evening

Thursday meal dates: Sept. 12, Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 24.

To sign up, please go to the hriccatholic.org website to access the link to our Dinner Team SignUp form. **For more information, contact** Lynne at 978-363-2369.

Women of Grace Program

Become the woman of grace God created you to be.

The Women of Grace Foundational Study, *Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life* is a dynamic program for Catholic women, encouraging study participants to come to a fuller understanding of their dignity and vocation as daughters of God. They’ll dig deep into Catholic teaching to examine their gift of authentic femininity using the study text *Full of Grace*, Sacred Scripture, the *Catechism*, citations from Vatican II and other Magisterial documents, as well as the biographies of 16 Catholic women saints. As they learn the great gift of authentic femininity and how to live it out in the world today, hearts are healed, lives are changed, and souls are saved!

Morning and evening sessions offered:

Wednesdays: 10:00a.m.–12:00noon or 6:00p.m.–8:00p.m.

(10 weekly sessions begin on September 25, 2019) at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH

Cost is \$45.00 for materials (financial assistance available if needed). Registration deadline: September 11, 2019. For more information, call Kathy Allen, 603-957-0048.

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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.

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.

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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.

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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.

Save the Date!
Immaculate Conception School
1st Annual Golf Outing
Monday, September
30th, 2019
at
The Renaissance
Country Club
Haverhill, MA
Immaculate Conception School
Pre-K thru Grade 8
1 Washington, St. Newburyport, MA

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, August 10–11 \$2,176.00
 Monthly \$2,006.00

The second collection **this** weekend is **Rostro de Cristo**.

Rostro de Cristo (meaning "Face of Christ" in Spanish) is a Catholic program founded in 1989 by Fr. James Ronan, a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston. Its mission is to provide opportunities for people of faith to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the people of Ecuador. Young adults and youth encounter "the face of Christ" in Ecuador by participating in our one-year volunteer program or our week-long mission immersion experiences. At all HR masses, August 17–18, former Rostro de Cristo volunteer, Eileen Connor Bernau, will share her experiences of living and serving in Ecuador and invite you to support Rostro de Cristo as you are able—through your prayers as well as a second collection. Please visit the website (www.rostrodecristo.org) for more information.



All are invited 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**.

Coffee After Mass



You are invited to join us for **coffee** at our next **coffee hour** after the 8:00 Mass in the Nativity Church Hall on **September 8**. Come join us! Let us all hear about what we did on our summer vacation!

Holiday Fair Lawn Signs

West Newbury Yards needed for Holy Redeemer Fair's Neighborhood Lawn Signs

The new town law, about putting signs on public property, has become a time-consuming endeavor for the volunteers of the Activities Committee. We are searching for any parishioners/friends who would volunteer their yard to allow a "Fair Sign" be placed advertising our yearly fair.

Signs would go outside on Saturday, November 2 and taken in on November 24. If you have a yard that has great visibility to many passersby please consider signing up your yard on the clipboard in the back of the church by Sunday, September 8.

(If needed, we would like to order new signs in September.) Any questions call Cindy Quinn 978-346-0072.

Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Fall registration forms for those children entering grades K–8 in September are now available. Forms (including the class schedule) can be downloaded from our website (hricatholic.org) or by contacting the Lifelong Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420).

For those entering **Grades 9 and 10** (preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation) forms and schedules are now available.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, September 8** 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

A Confirmation retreat has been scheduled for **Saturday, September 7** at St. Ann.

This retreat will begin at 11:30 a.m. concluding with attending 4:00 p.m. Mass together.

If you have yet to attend a retreat, please contact the Faith Formation Office (978-462-2724 x7420) to register.

An Exciting Time to be a Catechist

Are you looking for a new way to engage with and grow in your faith? Do you love children and desire to help form them in the Catholic faith? Come, be a part of our Collaborative's exciting new approach to handing on the faith through the generations! If you are interested in being a catechist for the upcoming fall-spring year, and/or want to know more about the program, please contact the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Aaron Giard, at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org.



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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.

HR PARISH

“Make and Take Sign Party”

Save the Date: Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 p.m., at Nativity Hall, the Activities Committee will be having a Parish Social Fundraiser—a “Pre-Holiday Make and Take Sign Party.” Signs could be created for Holiday gift giving!

Everything needed to create your own 4" x 24" sign will be provided. **You** make it and take it home:

1. Pick your favorite vinyl expression. There will be plenty of sayings to choose.
2. Pick your paint colors.
3. Paint board and apply lettering.

Pre-register by Sunday, September 15 for a discounted price of \$25.00 per sign. Otherwise, \$30.00 per sign can be paid that night.

Go online to <https://Sue-Anne.regfox.com/church-fundraiser> to see what vinyl sayings are available. If preregistering **and paying by check**, please leave your check, made out to **Sue-Anne Evans**, in the white, parish mailbox to the left of the glass doors going into Nativity Hall by September 15. **Remember to write your vinyl saying code / White or black in the memo space.**

Homemade “Finger Foods” will be served with recipes available. Perhaps you will come across a **new** recipe to serve for the upcoming holidays.

All are invited, bring your friends!

Activities Committee Meeting

We will be having an **Activities meeting** on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Merrimac Hall. We will be planning upcoming activities and organizing for our Parish Fair on Saturday, November 23. All are welcome to join our committee of dedicated parishioners!

HR Holiday Fair Volunteers

Holy Redeemer Fair has many opportunities for service to our parish. Please consider volunteering. There will be a need for help setting up displays during the day (starting Monday, November 11), friendly greeters, lunch waitstaff, outdoor sign holders (great job for a bunch of kids), basket carriers, **bakers, soup makers**, clean up help. And of course, **donated gift baskets** that are a crowd favorite. And possibly a unique **silent auction** item. Summer is a great time to think ahead....

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, September 5.**

IC PARISH

Immaculate Conception School

This summer, the IC faculty has “grown.” The entire staff read, *The Growth Mindset Coach*, by educators Annie Brock and Heather Hundley. This book discusses the importance of having a growth mindset, which is the belief that with practice and perseverance, people have limitless potential to learn and grow. This guide provides teachers with ideas and strategies to empower students through creative and innovative teaching methods. Adopting a growth mindset focuses on empowering students to challenge themselves and to always strive to achieve. Studies have shown that adopting a growth mindset contributes to higher academic achievement and classroom involvement.



The IC faculty participated in a book talk through Google Classroom. Assignments based on chapter topics lead to group discussions, individual reflections, and the ability to pose questions to other staff members. This collaborative learning model mirrors the tools and tasks that students at the IC use across content areas throughout the school year. Having the teachers experience what their students experience leads to a whole school model of encouragement, teamwork, and strength-based learning that utilizes technology both in and out of the classroom. The IC faculty and staff are ready to share their excitement with the students as we all embrace a growth mindset for the 2019–2020 school year.

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.

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

Our annual sock and underwear drive is in August. Bins for your donations are 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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, August 10–11 **\$9,588.00**
 Monthly **\$1,583.00**

The second collection this weekend is **Restoration/ Renovation.**

Catholic Appeal

Goal **\$55,614.00**

To Date **\$49,783.00**

90% of goal

Just a little bit more to go!



\$55,614

\$40,000

\$25,000

\$10,000

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection	\$ 60.00
Poor Box	\$608.00
Total	\$668.00

Invitation to IC Haiti Supporters

The Board of Directors of IC Haiti invites you to attend a free screening of the award-winning documentary film *Bending the Arc* on Thursday evening, September 12, at the Newburyport Senior/Community Center, 331 High Street. We want to share this viewing opportunity with you in gratitude for your generous support of IC Haiti's mission to the community of Puit Chacha, Haiti. Come at 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments. The film will be shown at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to attend, please **RSVP** to Eileen Bergin at c.bergin@comcast.net.

Here is a summary excerpted from the website.

*"Thirty years ago, three remarkable young people, barely out of their teens—Jim Yong Kim, Paul Farmer, Ophelia Dahl—came together in a squatter settlement in Haiti. Determined to provide the same world-class level of medical care they would expect for their own families to the Haitians that soon became their friends, they faced obstacles so enormous they weren't even considered surmountable by the rest of the world. The groundbreaking work they began in Haiti—creating a remarkable model of how to deliver the highest-quality care in the most unlikely places—would eventually grow to have massive global effects. Reaching far beyond the issue of health care, *Bending the Arc* shows how moral imagination, strategy, and sheer will together can change the trajectory of the world, bending the arc of the moral universe closer to justice." (Bending the Arc website: <http://bendingthearcfilm.com>)*

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 monthly support meetings are held in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 at 7:30–9:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next meeting is **August 26**. Contact Barbara with questions.

Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Fall registration forms for those children entering grades K–8 in September are now available. Forms (including the class schedule) can be downloaded from our website hriccatholic.org or by contacting the Lifelong Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7420).

For those entering **Grades 9 and 10** (preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation) forms and schedules are now available.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for information regarding the next **Baptism class** which is scheduled for **Sunday, September 8** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on September 15.

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

If you were not able to attend either of the Confirmation retreats held here at IC, you are welcome to join us on Saturday, September 7 at St. Ann. The retreat will run from 11:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m., concluding with attendance at 4:00 p.m. Mass.

If you plan on attending, please contact the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible.

An Exciting Time to be a Catechist

Are you looking for a new way to engage with and grow in your faith? Do you love children and desire to help form them in the Catholic faith? Come, be a part of our Collaborative's exciting new approach to handing on the faith through the generations! If you are interested in being a catechist for the upcoming fall-spring year, and/or want to know more about the program, please contact the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation, Aaron Giard, at agiard@newburyportcatholic.org.

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.