

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

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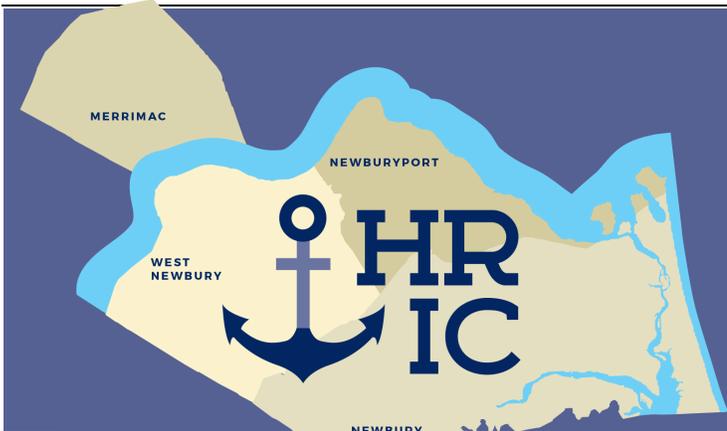
September 1, 2019



*For every one
who exalts himself
will be humbled,
but the one who
humbles himself
will be exalted.*

Luke 14:11

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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Rectory: 46 Maple St., W. Newbury 01985
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Nativity

Parish offices and church:
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Immaculate Conception

Parish, church, rectory, and offices:
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Office Hours: M–F 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (8/31)

4:00pm IC *Lillian M. Foley, Claire Curry*
(Fr. McLaughlin)
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (9/1)

7:15am IC *Derek Hines, Jamie Grabowski*
(Fr. Ray Richard)
8:00am **Nativity** *In honor of Dorine Gorski on the occasion of her 80th birthday* (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am IC *Prisco "Joe" Rosa, Andrew "Drew" Donahue, Frances Ashe* (Fr. Morin)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:00am IC *Michael Filomia* (Fr. Morin)

Monday (9/2)

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

Tuesday (9/3)

7:15am IC (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (9/4)

7:15am IC (Fr. Morin)

Thursday (9/5)

7:15am IC (Fr. Morin)

Friday (9/6)

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

Saturday (9/7)

4:00pm IC *Virginia Reardon* (Fr. Harrison)
4:00pm **St. Ann** *Ruth Leo* (Fr. Morin)

Sunday (9/8)

7:15am IC (Fr. Harrison)
8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)
9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)
11:30am IC (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Gertrude Nicklas, Rodger Morphett, Marie Macdonald, Fr. Paul Bérubé and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury



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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 9:00 a.m.

and the Walk will start at 9:30 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.

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.

"Ask A Priest"

"Ask A Priest" ends its 3rd fabulous summer season of street evangelization on Inn Street.

See more photos on the website hricatholic.org.

Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, September 2, Labor Day

Collaborative Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 3

ICS First Day of School 8:20am

ICS Back to School Cookout 5:00pm, IC Parking Lot

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

Faith Formation Parent Meeting 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Collaborative PPC Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Wednesday, September 4

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

Holy Quilters 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

Discipleship Priority Meeting 6:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Adoration 6:00pm, IC St. James Chapel

Centering Prayer 6:00pm, IC Conference Room 209

Thursday, September 5

HR Prayer Shawl 1:00pm, Nativity Hall

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

Friday, September 6

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

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

Saturday, September 7

Holy Quilters 8:00am, Nativity Hall

Confirmation Retreat 11:30am, St. Ann Hall

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

Sunday, September 8

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

HR Coffee Hour 9:00am, Nativity Hall

IC Coffee Hour 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

St. Ann Choir Rehearsal 10:00am, St. Ann Church

IC Fall Mass Schedule Change

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9:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. (note time change)

Parish Membership

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

Questions of the Week



Adult: Who or what are your priorities and to whom or what are you committed?

Child: When or where does God fit in your life?

Women's Evening of Prayer



The next Women's Evening of Prayer will be Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church, West Newbury. The theme will be "Changing our Hearts."

All women of the Collaborative are welcome to this wonderful evening of reflection through prayer and music.

Lent in the Holy Land



Our Pilgrimage Group from 2015 on the Via Dolorosa

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 contact Paul Blanchette at 978-500-5661 or visit <http://www.pilgrimages.com/fathertim-hric/holyland/>.

R.C.I.A.

Do You Know:

Someone who has expressed a wish to become Catholic?
Someone who has been baptized in another Christian faith but desires to become Catholic?

Maybe your child is making First Communion this year and you would like to be able to receive also. It could be the time to become a one-faith family?

To discover how to become Catholic, please email me at fortune@newburyportcatholic.org and I will be glad to start you on your journey in faith.

Parish Safety Training

Holy Family Parish, 11 Sparhawk St., Amesbury is offering a 4-hour parish safety training program on September 30 from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., that includes designing and implementing a preparedness plan for the parish community and hands-on active shooter response training. Those from other parishes are invited. Lunch is provided. The program is free of charge, but you must register by September 23. To register, go to: www.ratorisk.com/amesbury/ or call Doreen at 617-913-2017.

Labor Day Office Hours

Collaborative offices will be closed on Monday, September 2 in Observance of Labor Day. The offices will reopen on Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

An Invitation to Grow in Your Relationship with the Lord

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. You are sincerely invited to grow in your relationship with the Lord by participating in the “Discovering Christ” program. 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.

Please register by Sunday, September 8, so we can properly prepare for the number of people who will be participating in the program.

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.

Save the Date



**Immaculate Conception School
1st Annual Golf Outing**

Monday, September 30, 2019 at

The Renaissance Country Club, Haverhill

Registration: 11:30am, Shotgun start: 1:00pm;

\$660/foursome; \$50 dinner-only guest

Immaculate Conception School, 1 Washington St., Newburyport, Pre K – Grade 8

Haitian Children’s Choir Concert

Haitian Children's Choir Concert at St. Paul's Church

All are welcome to see the performance by Les Petits Chanteurs (Haitian Children’s Choir) and the Chamber Orchestra of Holy Trinity Music School, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Tuesday, September 3, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s Church, 166 High Street, corner of Summer Street (Route 1), Newburyport. Tickets are \$10 at the door. The vocal choir of 30 children and an eight-piece string ensemble perform choral and instrumental works of Haitian folk and sacred music. The program showcases Haiti’s rich music traditions, highlights the talent of the school, and contributes to replacing their building demolished by a hurricane.

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**Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes**



COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Scripture Readings: September 1–8, 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, Sept. 1: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Psalm 68; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14
- Monday, Sept. 2: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Psalm 96; Luke 4:16-30
- Tuesday, Sept. 3: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Psalm 27; Luke 4:31-37
- Wednesday, Sept. 4: Colossians 1:1-8; Psalm 52; Luke 4:38-44
- Thursday, Sept. 5: 1 Colossians 1:9-14; Psalm 98; Luke 5:1-11
- Friday, Sept. 6: Colossians 1:15-20; Psalm 100; Luke 5:33-39
- Saturday, Sept. 7: Colossians 1:21-23; Psalm 54; Luke 6:1-5
- Sunday, Sept. 8: Wisdom 9:13-18b; Psalm 90; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

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.

Bulletin Information

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

Cor Unum Ministry

Cor Unum Meal Center, located in South Lawrence at St. Patrick Church, is in need of volunteers to serve meals to the poor.

Immaculate Conception and Holy Redeemer Parishes serve breakfast to the poor of Lawrence on the first Saturday of every month. Volunteers meet in the IC parking lot at 5:00am on Saturday morning. The Center serves breakfast from 6:00am to 8:00am. If you are able to give a few hours of your time serving this meal, please contact Larry Lambert at (978) 462-4842 for further information.

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 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.**

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 wait staff, 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....

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

Offertory, August 25–26 \$2,769.00

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

Just a Note



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**.

HR Altar Server Training



Additional Altar Servers are needed for Nativity and St. Ann Masses. Training will be provided for Grades 4 and up. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Tracy Blais.

Holiday Fair Lawn Signs

W. Newbury Yards Needed for HR Holiday Fair 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.

Women's Evening of Prayer



The next Women's Evening of Prayer will be Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Church, West Newbury. The theme is "Changing our Hearts." All women are welcome to this wonderful evening of reflection through prayer and music.

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's share what we did on our summer vacation!

Faith Formation

School Year Programs

Fall registration forms for those children entering **Grades K–8** in September as well as those students entering **Grades 9 & 10** 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).

A **meeting for parents** of those entering **Grades K–8** is scheduled for **Sunday, September 8** at 11:45 in the Nativity Church hall.

A **meeting for parents of Grade 9 & 10** students will be scheduled prior to the start of Confirmation prep classes. Please watch for the date and time.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

This will be a busy year for those children anticipating the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Parent meetings will be held prior to each sacrament. Please watch for further information regarding dates and times.

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 for those who did not attend either of the retreats held at IC. 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.

Saturday Mass at Nativity

Please remember that our Saturday 4:00pm Mass will move to **Nativity, Merrimac** on **September 14**.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

Offertory, August 24–25 \$9,990.00

The second collection **this** weekend is Fr. Ray's collection which will support the Casa de Maria in Ocotepeque, Honduras. They minister to the poor that need medical help and elderly who have nobody to care for them. The "Casa" will soon celebrate 50 years of serving the poor in the parish of Ocotepeque and beyond. We thank you for your generosity.

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Catholic Appeal

Goal \$55,614.00

To Date \$49,873.00

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	\$ 5.00
Poor Box	\$232.00
Total	\$237.50

Fall Mass Schedule Change

Beginning **September 8**, the **Sunday** Mass schedule at Immaculate Conception will change as follows:

Sunday: 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. (note time change)

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, September 12, at the Newburyport Senior/Community Ctr., 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>)*

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In an effort to accommodate busy families, we have made changes to Confirmation Year 1 (Grade 9) and Year 2 (Grade 10) at Immaculate Conception Parish. Year 1 classes will be held once a month on Sundays 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m., Year 2 classes will be held once a month on Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. If your son/daughter has a conflict with these times, please consider Holy Redeemer Parish's Confirmation Prep for a second option for dates and times.

A meeting for parents of those entering **Grades K–8** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 3** at 6:30 in St. Louis Hall. A meeting for parents of **Grade 9 & 10** students will be scheduled prior to the start of Confirmation prep classes. Please watch for the date and time.

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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.

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.

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Fr. Paul Bérubé

This week we received the sad news that Fr. Paul Bérubé passed to the Lord this past Sunday. Fr. Paul served Immaculate Conception Parish as a Senior Priest in Residence from 2003 until 2016, when he moved into an assisted-living apartment in Lowell. His Funeral Mass will take place this coming Thursday September 5, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Anne Church, 290 Jefferson Ave., Salem, MA. Condolences may be sent to his sister, Gloria Brabook, 233 Greenfield Court, Sterling, VA 20164. May he rest in peace.

Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on **Tuesday, September 10** at 7:30pm in the IC Nazareth Library, Room 205.

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

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

Please help with our annual sock and underwear drive. Bins for your donations are at the doors of the IC Church. 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.



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.

Coffee Hour



Come make a new friend or renew an acquaintance. Join us for coffee and homemade baked goods after the 9:00 Mass on September 8 at St. Louis Hall.

Immaculate Conception School

Ms. Jillian Boudreau has joined Immaculate Conception School as an Apprentice Principal for the 2019–2020 school year. Ms. Boudreau is part of the Archdiocese of Boston's Aspiring Leaders program, a program which supports rising educators as they become effective, dynamic, and mission-driven leaders. She is pursuing this opportunity after working for 5 years as the School Counselor and Dean of Students at the Academy of Notre Dame in Tyngsboro, MA. Ms. Boudreau is a product of Catholic education since middle school. She graduated from Ursuline Academy and continued on to receive a dual Bachelor's degree in Human Development and Communications from Boston College. Ms. Boudreau also earned a Master's degree in School Counseling from Boston College and is licensed Pre-Kindergarten–grade 8



in the state of Massachusetts. Ms. Boudreau is grateful for the opportunity to be part of the IC school family and for this next chapter in her service to the Catholic community.

Community Food Pantry

First Parish Church of Newbury Community Food Pantry, 20 High Road, Newbury, is open every Friday from 3:00pm–5:00pm for anyone in need in the Collaborative's towns as well as Georgetown, Rowley, and Salisbury. The volunteers are very welcoming and no one is made to feel uncomfortable when visiting. No registration or proof of residency required. Fresh fruit and vegetables, many types of frozen meats, pasta, and desserts, as well as an array of canned goods, toiletries, etc. are available.

If you would like to donate, nonperishable goods, personal hygiene products, and/or pet food may be dropped off on Sunday mornings from 9:30–11:30am. Grocery store gift cards as well as cash/checks (made out to "First Parish" and write "food pantry" in the memo) are always welcome.

IC Knitting Ministry



The Knitting Ministry will resume knitting on September 10 at 1:00 p.m. at the IC Parish Center, Room 209. Come join this friendly group. New people, ideas, and patterns are always welcome.

For more information call Julia O'Connor 978-465-3350 or Frances Ronan 978-462-4972.