

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

hricatholic.org

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019



*Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:27)*

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

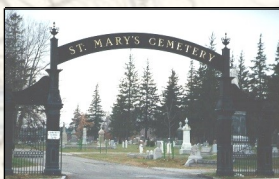
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Collaborative Mass Schedule

Saturday (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** *John Thumser* (Fr. Morin)

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

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

11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (9/9)

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

Tuesday (9/10)

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

Wednesday (9/11)

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

Thursday (9/12)

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

Friday (9/13)

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

Saturday (9/14)

4:00pm **IC** *Rose Rowe, Laurie Freeman* (Fr. Morin)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (9/15)

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

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

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

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

11:30am **IC** *Fred & Raymond Mitchell, For the intentions of those recently married* (Fr. Morin)

In your prayers, please remember Nora Waystack and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

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 a 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.rationrisk.com/amesbury/ or call Doreen at 617-913-2017.

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.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

St. Paul was one of our most sly and clever saints. Forthright in his proclamation of the Gospel, he also knew well how to manage the things and structures of this world to achieve good works aimed at the world to come.



Today's Second Reading offers a good example of this worldly savvy. Paul found himself in prison for his efforts of spreading the Gospel. In ancient times, the task of caring for prisoners fell to their families—to clothe them, feed them, etc....Since Paul was celibate, it was a small number of his companions or recent converts who took up this task on his behalf. Onesimus was a runaway slave, who encountered Paul, was converted by his preaching and had been baptized. He now served Paul's needs while in prison. But several things were not right: technically, Onesimus had been someone else's property. According to Roman Law, Paul was bound to return such "property" to its rightful owner. Onesimus had his own problem, too. As a runaway slave, he risked being severely beaten or even put to death upon a return to his rightful master. So Paul faced a conundrum. If he kept Onesimus with him, he was guilty of harboring a fugitive and keeping someone else's property. If he sent Onesimus back to his owner, torture or death could be the outcome.

So, following Jesus' own example, Paul sought to create a third option when faced with what appeared to be a "damned if I do, damned if I don't" scenario. When Jesus was confronted by the "woman caught in the very act of adultery" and realizing the trap that was being set before

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SVdP 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.**

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit hricatholic.org to view our entire calendar.

Monday, September 9,

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

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

IC PFC Meeting 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, September 10

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

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

IC St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

HR Activities Committee Meeting 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30pm, IC Nazareth Library

Wednesday, September 11

HR Sandwich Program 9:00am, St. Ann Hall

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, September 12

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

Discovering Christ Series 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Reunion Prayer Group 7:00pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Friday, September 13

Adoration 8:00am, IC St. James Chapel

Staff Meeting 9:00am, IC Charity Dining Room

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

Saturday, September 14

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 3:30pm, Nativity Church

Sunday, September 15

Nativity Choir Rehearsal 7:45am, Nativity Church

HR Faith Formation, 9:00am, Nativity Hall

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

HR Faith Formation, 11:15am, St Ann Hall

Baptisms 1:00pm, IC Church

Him, the Lord bent down and wrote in the sand, and ended up creating another option by later stating that “the one without sin may cast the first stone,” knowing very well, there were no innocent people in that crowd. Of course, we remember the outcome: one by one, they all walked away, beginning with the elders.

So Paul decided to write a letter to Onesimus’ owner, Philemon, whom he fortunately knew from his past missionary work. In the passage we heard in church this weekend, he makes a plea for Philemon to treat Onesimus with compassion and receive him as he would receive Paul himself. Fair enough. Paul baptized him, and was asking Philemon to be kind to him. But here’s where the real creativity came in: This letter wasn’t private. Today, we are used to private, personal mail that would exchange thoughts from one person to another. But in ancient times, while there were many examples of private correspondence, this form of letter-writing that Paul undertook would have been read aloud in front of the entire Church at their Sunday Assembly. One can almost picture Philemon slinking down in his pew, as Paul’s insisting words called him to forgiveness...and emancipation for Onesimus.

In effect, what Paul had done was publicly shame Philemon not only into forgiving Onesimus, but now that he was baptized and therefore an equal brother before the Lord, he also must free him from his slavery, thereby ending all of the awkwardness and legalities of his having run away. Had Philemon failed to do both of these things, he would have been shunned by all those in his community—Christian and otherwise. Knowing that he was a good and honest man, Paul’s words pushed Philemon to magnanimity and the generosity of heart that leads to forgiveness and true reconciliation. The fact that this was all done publicly ensured its ultimate success. No doubt, Onesimus slept soundly that night!

Jesus once enjoined His disciples to be as innocent as lambs but as cunning as wolves and to use wisely the things of this world so that we remain focussed on the world that is to come. Paul was truly a clever master of using quill and parchment to right a wrong, save a life, free the enslaved and further the Kingdom of God so that all might rejoice in God’s goodness.

All this, done from the stench and dinginess of a prison cell. Imagine what we might accomplish for God’s Kingdom from the many freedoms and resources we enjoy every day!

September blessings,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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.

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.

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 or emailing 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.

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.

Meet the Ministry

Coming Soon: New “Meet the Ministry” Series



We will be launching a new bulletin series called “Meet the Ministry.”

The Holy Redeemer-Immaculate Conception Collaborative is blessed with laity in action who breathe life into our ministries through their service to both the Collaborative community and the communities of the towns we serve. With over 30 active ministries, the depth and breadth of the ministry base is bountiful and powerful.

Liturgical Ministries enrich our worship services and celebrations throughout the year.

Faith Ministries nurture a relationship with Jesus Christ through personal and community growth in faith, prayer, and sacramental life.

Service Ministries tend to the diverse needs of those who are ill, vulnerable, and marginalized within our Collaborative, surrounding communities, and throughout the world.

Each “Meet the Ministry” article will introduce one of these ministries, describe its mission and scope, and highlight those who serve and those who are served.

Each of these ministries invites you to participate . . . but one ministry may call out more profoundly to you individually. If it does, please answer the call and personally “Meet the Ministry”!

Watch this space and “Meet the Ministry”

Women of Grace Program

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.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Scripture Readings: September 8–15, 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. 8: Wisdom 9:13-18b; Psalm 90; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33
- Monday, Sept. 9: Colossians 1:24-2:3; Psalm 62; Luke 6:6-11
- Tuesday, Sept. 10: Colossians 2:6-15; Psalm 145; Luke 6:12-19
- Wednesday, Sept. 11: Colossians 3:1-11; Psalm 145; Luke 6:20-26
- Thursday, Sept. 12: Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 150; Luke 6:27-38
- Friday, Sept. 13: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Psalm 16; Luke 6:39-42
- Saturday, Sept. 14: Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17
- Sunday, Sept. 15: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 51; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

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. 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.

Questions of the Week



Adult: How do you help those close to you grow in their faith?

Child: How do you show others what it means to follow Jesus?

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, October 3.**

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, Aug. 31–Sept. 1 \$2,738.00

The second collection **this** weekend is the Monthly. Next week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

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

To properly prepare for the upcoming classes we ask that you submit your family's registration form as soon as possible. Thank you!

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, October 6** 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.

HR Sandwich Program

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



We are always in need of more sandwich donations. To help, please make sandwiches by using 1 loaf of bread and sandwich meat (**No condiments added**), individually wrap the sandwiches and place them back into the bread bag. Deliver the bread bag to St. Ann Church, West Newbury, by **9:00 a.m.** on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The next sandwich delivery date is **Wednesday, September 11**.

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

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, Aug. 31–Sept. 1 \$9,984.00
Fr. Ray \$9,024.00

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Next week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Collection \$ 10.00
Poor Box \$304.00
Total \$314.00

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)

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.

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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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).

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

To properly prepare for the upcoming classes we ask that you submit your family's registration form as soon as possible. Thank you!

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, October 6** with the sacrament scheduled to be celebrated on October 13.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 22** at 11:30 a.m. and again at 2:30 p.m. here at Immaculate Conception Parish.

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers.

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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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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.

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.

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.

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.

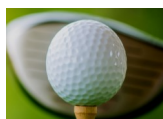
"Thirty years ago, three remarkable young people, barely out of their teens—Jim Yong Kim, Paul Farmer, Ophelia Dahl—came together in a squatter settlement in Haiti. Determined to provide the same world-class level of medical care they would expect for their own families to the Haitians that soon became 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>)

Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School began the 2019–20 school year on Tuesday, September 3. The first day of school always has a unique energy about it. Although it is a "homecoming" in many ways, there is the anticipation of newness and possibility that excites the children, their families, and the teachers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the support staff who worked tirelessly over the summer to prepare for the new school year. Every space was taken apart, cleaned, polished, and put back together by our Maintenance Crew—Eddie Martinez, Cliff Vandembulcke, and Bud Kent. Ordering books and supplies, collecting student and family information, and the publication of procedure and policy handbooks is a huge undertaking—handled by our expert (and always smiling) Office Staff, Monique Labrecque and Kelley Pappalardo. Our Business Office oversees tuition payments and school finances—Linda Temple, Donald Alunni, and Dennis LaMalfa, who joined the IC in July as the school Business Manager. The IC has a fantastic team that supports and contributes to the educational experience of our students. We are grateful for their service, dedication, and commitment to Immaculate Conception and Catholic education.



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*

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.

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.