

# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### February 4, 2024

All Are Welcome

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*Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John.  
Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever.  
They immediately told him about her.  
He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.  
Then the fever left her and she waited on them.*

(Mk 1:29-30)



## 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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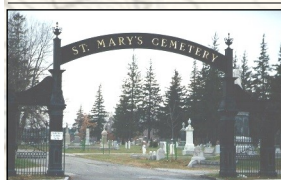
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#### Confessions

Saturdays 3:00-3:30 p.m., IC Church  
Or by appointment. (Call Collaborative  
offices to schedule.)



## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

## Saturday (2/3)

4:00pm IC (Fr. Stanley)

4:00pm St. Ann (Fr. McLaughlin &amp; Deacon Moranski)

## Sunday (2/4)

8:30am **Nativity** *Jamie Grabowski* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)9:00am IC *Michael Perruccio* (Fr. Stanley)10:00am **St. Ann** *Jerry Mullen* (Fr. Morin)11:30am IC *Donald TeBeau, Gerald & Jane Volpone* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

## Monday (2/5)

9:00am IC (Fr. McLaughlin)

## Tuesday (2/6)

NO MASS SCHEDULED

## Wednesday (2/7)

9:00am IC *For the Niles, Keefe, Swochak, and Macri families* (Fr. Morin)

## Thursday (2/8)

9:00am IC (Fr. Morin)

## Friday (2/9)

9:00am IC *Patricia A Mosher* (Fr. Morin)

## Saturday (2/10)

4:00pm IC *Michael & Lucia Lombardo* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)

## Sunday (2/11)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)9:00am IC *Martha Collins* (Fr. Morin)10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)11:30am IC *Donald TeBeau* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

*In your prayers please remember Martha Collins and all of the faithful departed.*

**The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.**

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

**Saturday Vigil Mass is live-streamed online** through our website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

## No Daily Mass Scheduled February 6

**Please note that there is no daily Mass scheduled for Tuesday, February 6.**

## Death of Kathleen McLaughlin

We are greatly saddened to inform you of the death—January 19—of Kathleen McLaughlin, second oldest sister of Father McLaughlin.

**Live-streamed Requiem Mass is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, at 10:30 a.m. at IC Church.** May she rest in the peace of Christ.

**Please email any bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).**



### Ash Wednesday, February 14

**Ashes will be distributed at the following Masses:**

9:00 a.m., IC (Live-stream)

9:00 a.m., St. Ann

7:00 p.m., IC

7:00 p.m., Nativity

## An Evening of Lenten Reflection with Father John Predmore, S.J.

**February 22, 6:30-8:00pm**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

An evening of Lenten reflection and Ignatian Spirituality will be offered on February 22 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the main church at Immaculate Conception.

Father John “Jack” Predmore, S.J. will guide us through the discovery of words, thoughts and actions which can lead to a fruitful, meaningful, and abundant prayer life.

*Fr. Predmore serves as the Chaplain for Ignatian Ministries at Boston College High School, where he forms parents, faculty, staff, and alumni in Ignatian Spirituality. While serving in Amman, Jordan, Fr. Predmore became a painter and photographer and continues his work today in his studio in Boston's South End.*

### Guidelines for Lent

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter. See our website's Lent 2024 page for more Lent inspiration: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

### Fasting during Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

### Abstinence during Lent

Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all. Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: [hricCatholic.org](http://hricCatholic.org)

### Monday, February 5

**Bible Study** 9:45am, IC Conference Room 209

**AA Mtg.** 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

**Women at the Well Mtg.** 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

**Scout Troop 41** 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

### Tuesday, February 6

**Women's AA Mtg.** 7:00am, St. Ann Hall

**Breaking Bread Meal** 4:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**IC Adult Choir Rehearsal** 6:30pm, IC Church

### Wednesday, February 7

**Holy Jammers Practice** 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

**IC Youth Choir Rehearsal** 4:15pm, IC Church

### Thursday, February 8

**ICS PTO Mtg.** 8:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

**Metanoia Series** 9:45am, IC Charity Dining Room

**Social Action Committee Mtg.** 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**Adoration** 7:00pm, IC Church

### Friday, February 9

**Adoration** 9:30am, IC Church

**AA Mtg.** 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

### Saturday, February 10

**Confessions** 3:00pm, IC Church

**HR "Fat Tuesday" Bake Sale** after all HR Masses

### Sunday, February 11, World Marriage Day

**HR "Fat Tuesday" Bake Sale** after all HR Masses

**Faith Formation, Grades K-8,** 10:00am, IC Pastoral Center

**IC Confirmation Prep., Year 1** 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

**HR Confirmation Prep., Year 1** 7:00pm, Nativity Hall

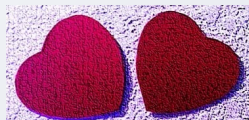
## HRIC Celebrates World Marriage Day

**February 10-11, 2024**

World Marriage Day is observed annually on the second Sunday in February. This observance began in 1983 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana as a grassroots effort to support couples in strengthening their marriages.

In 1993, Saint John Paul II pronounced his official blessing for the day.

In 2024, the theme for World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week, is *Love Beyond Words*.



**A general blessing and vow renewal for married couples will be offered by Fr. George at the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Ann on Saturday, February 10 and at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on February 11 at Immaculate Conception.**

All are welcome to join in praying for the beauty of sacramental marriage in the eyes of Christ.



## Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in the month of **January**:

**Claire Ellen Flynn • Meredith Brooke Gauvin •  
Hunter Keith Gauvin • Leila Raja Mirandi •  
John Patrick Raimo Jr.**

## Baptism Updates

Beginning Sunday, February 11, our Collaborative will be holding baptisms regularly on the second Sunday of each month at the 11:30 a.m. Mass at IC Church. This change will not make these Masses much longer than they already are since some elements of Mass get shifted around when baptisms are celebrated. We are confident that this small change will benefit all involved. Some of the reasons for this change and the benefits are:

- First, by bringing together the celebration of baptism with the larger community celebrating the "source and summit" of our faith in Sunday Mass, we hope to make it more clear to the young families who are presenting their children the close relationship of these Sacraments. The graces of Baptism flow from the Source that is Christ's Sacrifice on Calvary, remembered and experienced at each Mass. This weekly communal celebration is key to supporting our life of faith as the baptized.
- Second, we hope to draw the larger community around those who are bringing their children to us for baptism, giving them a greater sense of belonging and support from others in their faith journey. The life of faith is meant to be shared and supported by others, contrary to a common societal norm that would have us "privatize" our faith.
- Third, we hope that this enriches all of us in the pews as we all regularly see our numbers growing. These families are the future of our parish and it gives us hope to see them embarking on this journey of faith as a family!

For more information on baptism at our parishes and our preparation program, contact IC offices at (978) 462-2724.

## Bible Study

The new weekly Bible study group will meet again on **Monday, February 5** after the 9:00 morning Mass at IC Conference Room 209. All are welcome.

If you would like to learn more, come to a meeting or contact Melinda at 978-462-2724.

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## National Eucharistic Revival Returns to the Collaborative

*Save the Date and Spread the News*  
Thursday, March 21, 6:00–8:00 p.m.



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic Revival**

120+ guests experienced the reverence of Adoration and Reconciliation at the December Revival. The two-hour event began with an hour of communal hymns and witness talks about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, then concluded with an hour of dusky silence in Adoration. The spiritual benefits humbling. Thus, a Revival is planned for Lent at IC Church from 6:00–8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21. Here are three ways to *participate* in Lenten Eucharistic Revival:

1. **Be IC's publicity:** invite family, friends, and neighbors to attend *with* you.
2. **Be a Greeter:** open doors and/or pass out smiles and exit gifts.
3. **Be a Witness Speaker:** compose a sample paragraph that reveals how belief in the Real Presence of Jesus impacts your life and contact NER point-person Sean Goguen at 339-927-5777. Four will be selected to speak that evening for 5 minutes.

Plan to come. Expect to be changed. Reverence & Adoration honors our Eucharistic Lord.

## Metanoia Series

**What:** The Wild Goose "Metanoia" Series, Discussion, Prayer, and Fellowship

**Where:** IC Charity Dining Room

**When:** Thursdays, February 1–April 4; 9:45–11:15 a.m.

"Metanoia" is the Greek word for "repent" or "convert," but it more pointedly means "to alter" or "go beyond" one's current mindset. Wild Goose Ministry has created "Metanoia" as a 10-part video series, taking the audience on a journey into conversion with Christ. It is powerfully presented by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, the president of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio and beautifully filmed in locations around the world. Please come and join us as we move into Lent in the coming weeks, seeking to conform our hearts more to Christ as we approach Easter. We will watch the series, discuss it, pray and, yes, enjoy some treats and drinks together. Go to [www.wildgoose.tv](http://www.wildgoose.tv) to learn more about the series and Wild Goose Ministry.

## Pilgrimage Opportunities

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: April 8–16, 2024**

With Fr. George Morin and Christine and Paul Blanchette

\$2,599 (double occupancy) from Boston  
(add \$649/person for Dubrovnik option)

Visit [www.206tours.com/blanchette/medjugorje/](http://www.206tours.com/blanchette/medjugorje/)



## Prayers for the Sick

May the comfort and healing of Christ embrace all in our Collaborative who are suffering from illness, especially:

Patricia Baikewicz  
Kathy P. Brodeur  
Priscilla Brown  
Vasfije Buhali  
Autumn Rose  
Coulombe  
Bill Crounse  
Drew Daubach  
Kristen  
D'Entremont  
Deb Downie  
Jeanine Ebacher  
Fowler  
Ann-Margaret  
Ferrante

Jay Hanslig  
Ed Hardy  
Jane Harney  
Chloe Hequet  
Rosemarie Hines  
Linda Hofferty  
Armand Hyatt  
Michael Juralewicz  
Arthur LaPointe  
Helen McCance  
Patricia Carey  
McCarthy  
Carol O'Neal  
Eleanora Paciulan  
Joseph Palumbo

Joanne Pesa  
Lee Preble  
Donika Pulake  
Maureen Russell  
Rob Schweizer  
Frank Siderio  
Yvonne Sloban  
Gary Smith  
Mona Spalding  
Arlene Stoddard  
Tom Tribble  
Michael Tucker  
Maddie Villers  
Laurent Vincent

Contact the Collaborative offices to remove someone or to add someone on our prayer list: 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

## Shawls and Lapghans



Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy! We would be happy to deliver to anyone. Or if you personally would like to give one to a friend, relative or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673. Come join us. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you!

We will be taking a "winter break" from our meetings until May 2, but will continue to deliver shawls and lapghans to those who need them during our break. When we start again, we meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. **Our next meeting is Thursday, May 2. All are welcome!**



On Thursday, January 18, an All-Pilgrimage Reunion took place which included Mass and a social hour for all those who have participated in any of our 8 pilgrimages offered from our Collaborative since 2015. We look forward to our upcoming journeys to Medjugorje and Portugal / Spain later this year.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima and Flavors of Portugal Duoro**  
With Fr. Harrison

\$8,174 (double occupancy) from Boston in Cabin D  
(Cabin upgrades available at an extra cost).

Visit [www.206tours.com/blanchette/fatima/](http://www.206tours.com/blanchette/fatima/)



## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### Confessions During Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We have scheduled some extra times for Confession in Lent. All times are 6:30–8:00 p.m. Please join us.

**Wednesdays at HR:** February 28 (Nativity), March 6 (St. Ann), March 13 (Nativity), March 20 (St. Ann)

**Thursdays at IC:** February 29, March 7, March 14, and March 21 (During the Eucharistic Revival).

### Individual Directed Lenten Retreat

**“Who Do You Say I Am?” Mt 16:15**

Jesus’ question to the apostles, “Who do you say I am?” is one he asks each of us to answer. How will you answer him as you prepare to follow Jesus to the Cross? This Lenten retreat will focus on your coming to know who Jesus is in your heart and in your life.

Through readings and scripture, Lectio Divina, prayer, and pondering the life of Christ we will explore Jesus’ human emotions, his temptations, his motivation for his actions, and his relationship to his Father. As you share the fruits of your retreat work in four spiritual direction sessions the Holy Spirit will guide our sharing to his purpose, aid you to answer Jesus’ question and follow him to the cross and each day.

#### Additional Offerings

**Explore a different Lenten theme or simply focus on where God is present and acting in your life this Lent.** *I will provide appropriate material for reading and reflection and meet with you for four spiritual direction sessions. As we open ourselves to the wisdom of Holy Spirit, I will listen as you share and together, we allow the Holy Spirit to move us and bless and guide our sharing.*

**Retreat opens February 12 and closes: March 27. However, you may begin your retreat any time during Lent.**

Four one-hour spiritual direction sessions scheduled at your convenience and at your pace. You may schedule direction sessions throughout the retreat. We will meet via telephone or Zoom on a day and time convenient for you. This offering is designed to provide an affordable, convenient, safe retreat and create an intimate space for you to share yourself deeply with the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

Spiritual director: Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director, MA Pastoral Counseling. Call (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information. Suggested donation: \$90.00

### Ushers Wanted

We would like to bring back ushers. We are looking for volunteers over the age of 18 who would like to be ushers in the churches during weekend Masses. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact the Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

Duties may include: assisting with seating, collecting the offering and bringing it to the altar, as well as distributing the bulletin.

### IC Haiti

May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our ministry to the Father Marc Piché school community in south-central Haiti, there is an eight-part historical overview at our website: [ichaiti.org](http://ichaiti.org). If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950. Checks should be made out to “IC Haiti.”

### Collaborative Faith Formation

#### Summer Program

Check back in a few weeks for information about our Summer Program.

#### Baptism

We celebrate this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

#### Confirmation

In January, Cardinal Seán announced his decision to move the Sacrament of Confirmation from 10th grade to 8th grade. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation process will need to change. While we are working on how this change will be rolled out, please help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not yet be aware. Program updates will be made available as they occur.

### Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass will be cancelled if Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Faith Formation classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Channel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at [boston.cbslocal.com](http://boston.cbslocal.com).

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let’s use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.

### Questions of the Week



**Adult:** When have you been called by God to do something that was difficult? How did you handle it?

**Child:** What do you think it means to follow Jesus?

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| HR Offertory, Jan. 27–28                    | \$1,549.00        |
| HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Jan. 26 | \$ 190.00         |
| HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving           | \$ 377.50         |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory, Jan. 27–28</b>   | <b>\$2,116.50</b> |
| Church in Latin America, Jan. 27–28         | \$ 677.00         |

The second collection this weekend (Feb. 4) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. The second collection next weekend (Feb. 11) is the Monthly.

Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Holy Redeemer Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: [hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving](http://hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving).

HR Grand Annual  
Goal \$25,000  
To Date \$21,315.00



## “Fat Tuesday” Bake Sale

The Activities Committee is hosting a “Fat Tuesday” bake sale after all three Masses on **February 10 and 11 (St. Ann at 4:00, Nativity at 8:30, and St. Ann at 10:00).**

This is the weekend prior to Ash Wednesday so stop by the baked goods tables in the foyers and pick out a few delicious treats to indulge in before the start of Lenten fasting!



Anyone who would like to contribute a fabulous delicacy can drop it off at St. Ann on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 3–4 p.m. or Sunday, Feb. 11, from 9–10 a.m. Delectable delights can be dropped off at Nativity on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 1–2 p.m. or Sunday, Feb. 11 from 7:30–8:30 a.m.

Please label each scrumptious offering and note if it contains nuts. Cookie or candy contributions should be bundled 6 to a pack. Donations of tea breads, 8x8 pans of bar cookies, individually wrapped pieces of fudge, and other items are all thankfully accepted! Questions? contact Donna: (978) 683-3632 or Nancy: (978) 363-5416.

## St. Ann Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent, 9:00 a.m.

Please join us at St. Ann on Friday mornings during Lent as we retrace the footsteps of Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Garden Tomb.

Lenten Fridays: February 16 and 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 (Good Friday) at 9:00 a.m.

Please note that Stations will be cancelled if there is a funeral at St. Ann on any of these Friday mornings or if school is cancelled due to inclement weather.

## Volunteers for Confessions During Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We have scheduled some extra times for Confession during Lent. We are looking for parishioners from St. Ann and Nativity to be present in the churches during Wednesday night Confessions from 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Dates: February 28 (Nativity), March 6 (St. Ann), March 13 (Nativity), March 20 (St. Ann)

This is a wonderful opportunity to attend Confession and sit in the silence of the church to pray or read. There is nothing to do—just be a presence in the church during Confessions. To volunteer, contact Melinda (978-346-8604).

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

*It's cold. People need help.*

Please make use of the envelopes in the pews at St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or placed in the poor boxes. An even easier way to donate would be to scan the QR code (seen here) and donate online.



As always, anything that you can give is greatly appreciated. Please keep us and those we serve in your prayers.

## Nativity Stations of the Cross and Simple Supper

Friday evenings during Lent: 5:00 supper, 6:00 Stations

Nativity will be praying the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays during Lent starting at 6:00 p.m.

We will serve a “Simple Supper” starting at 5:00 p.m. We will serve supper until 5:55 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to make the suppers for 2/23, 3/1, 3/8 and 3/15. The first night, 2/16, is vegetable soup. A sign-up sheet available on Fridays for people to volunteer.



## St. Ann Coffee Hour

*Join us for Our “Coffee And...”*

We will meet on **Sunday, February 4**, after the 10:00 Mass. For your convenience, the side door on the parking lot side will be open with easier access to the hall.

## Nativity Coffee Hour

Coffee and conversation after the 8:30 Mass at Nativity on **February 25**. Please plan on attending and bring a friend!



## Gift Baskets and Christmas Cards Wanted

If you received any baskets this Christmas and have no use for them, the Activities Committee would love to repurpose them for next year's **Holiday Fair**. We are looking to reuse **Christmas cards**. Please leave baskets and cards in the back of either church and we will collect them for our fair in November.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

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| IC Offertory, Jan. 27–28                   | \$4,363.00        |
| IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending Jan 26 | \$1,524.00        |
| IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving          | \$3,607.59        |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory, Jan. 27–28</b>  | <b>\$9,494.59</b> |

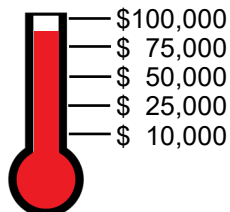
The Church in Latin America, Jan. 27–28 \$ 752.00

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### Breaking Bread Meal

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner. Supper is served from 4:45–5:30. Those who prefer to continue "Grab & Go" can pick up at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

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**Place:** IC Church (enter at Green Street door only)

**Time:** Thursdays 7:00–8:00 p.m.  
Fridays 9:30 a.m.



## Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School kicked off the Catholic Schools Week celebration with a VIP Luncheon and Mass. Students in all grades had the opportunity to invite a special person for lunch, cake, a tour of the building, and to celebrate Mass. Over 400 people enjoyed a selection of sandwiches from Jersey Mike's, chocolate and vanilla cake, coffee and tea, and conversation. Students gave tours of the building to their VIPs and shared what they are learning in their classrooms. The day concluded with Mass at church (pictured). Additional Catholic Schools Week celebrations will include Breakfast Buddy Bingo, a service project to decorate Valentine's Day placemats for area nursing home residents, a Wax Museum, an assembly featuring Rob Surrence the Art Hero, a Geography Bee and pajama day to watch movies, and also kick off the annual Read-a-Thon with a buddy bedtime story read aloud. Celebrating Catholic Schools Week is always a highlight of the year and is a wonderful way for students and their families to celebrate the faith foundation of the education at Immaculate Conception School.



*Photo courtesy of Fr. Harrison*

## IC Online Giving

To get started, you need to be a registered member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. You can also register online.

To learn more visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site or contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 x 402.



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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## Emmy's Valentines at MGH



Please help Emmy and her Nana, Melissa, make this Valentine's Day a bit brighter for children diagnosed with cancer at Mass General Hospital for Children.



Emmy was diagnosed 3 years ago with a rare aggressive brain cancer. She was given a 4% chance to live but we are happy to say she celebrated her 4th birthday and has remained NED (No Evidence of Disease) for 3 years. Now she wants to pay it forward by donating stuffed animals to those still in treatment.



We ask that stuffed animal donations are:

- Brand new, tags on if possible (they are being delivered to a hospital)
- **Not** Valentine themed
- 6–12 inches tall
- Lovable and squishy

Donations can be dropped off in the foyer of the IC Pastoral Center. There will be a plastic bin with a photo of Emmy and last year's donations. Please feel free to take home a photo.

## IC Faith, Fun, and Fellowship Committee

After such a glorious and fun gala on Friday, December 8 to celebrate our 175th Anniversary, a group of parishioners shared our hopes with one another that having that much fun as a parish is something we'd love to do more often.

We are reaching out to all our fun-loving parishioners to join in! We are having our first meeting of Immaculate Conception Parish's Faith, Fun, and Fellowship Committee on **February 15 at 7:00 p.m.** in IC St. Louis Hall. If you would like to be a part of our parish's new committee please contact Nancy Rose via text at 978-270-1579. Thank you and let the fun continue!

## Knights Hospitality Sunday

Join us **Sunday, February 4, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass**, in IC St. Louis Hall for Hospitality Sunday. We will have free coffee and donuts for all.

All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call 978-225-0804 or email [kofc231@outlook.com](mailto:kofc231@outlook.com).



### Hospitality Sunday

1st Sunday after the 9AM Mass | Parish Center



## Recitation of the Rosary

Join us for recitation of the rosary Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. (before 9:00 Mass) in person at IC Church or on Facebook. [www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/](http://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/)



## St. Joseph's Day Dinner

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### Why do Italians celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph?

March 19 is a very special day in Italy as the country honors the adopted father of our Lord and celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph or *La Festa di San Giuseppe*.

Southern Italians and Sicilians place a special emphasis on St. Joseph's Day, as it is believed that prayers to St. Joseph saved them from significant drought and sent the rain which staved off starvation by saving their crops.

And, what would an Italian festival be without food? Specialty items such as pastries, fruits, and nuts are placed at the foot of a statue of St. Joseph and friends are invited to open houses to enjoy all that has been prepared. Foods are made with breadcrumbs to resemble the sawdust from the carpenter's workshop and lemons and fava beans bring good luck.

The shining star of any St. Joseph Feast is Zepolle di San Giuseppe. While there are some variations in the recipe, the typical zeppola is fried or baked and then filled with cream, custard or sweetened ricotta, topped with a cherry, and finished with powdered sugar.

## Side Altars of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother

*175th Anniversary History Continued*

The church renovations that Rev Ryan began in 1903, in preparation for the jubilee celebration that year, were finalized in 1913. At this time the Carrara marble side altars were installed. St. Joseph's altar was given by Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor in memory of their son Joseph. Joseph, an aspiring seminarian, had died of tuberculosis in 1909, just four days before his 23rd birthday.

The Blessed Virgin Mary's altar was the gift of Thomas H. Glynn in memory of his sister Agnes. Agnes Theresa Glynn McGrath died from breast cancer at age 38. The statues of St. Francis Xavier and St. Ignatius Loyola on that altar and those of St. Patrick and St. Vincent de Paul on St. Joseph's altar were likewise donated. (By the way...it seems that St. Patrick has lost his crozier!)

As we look upon these altars today, let us remember the O'Connor, McGrath, and McGlynn families and their devotion to Immaculate Conception Parish.



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