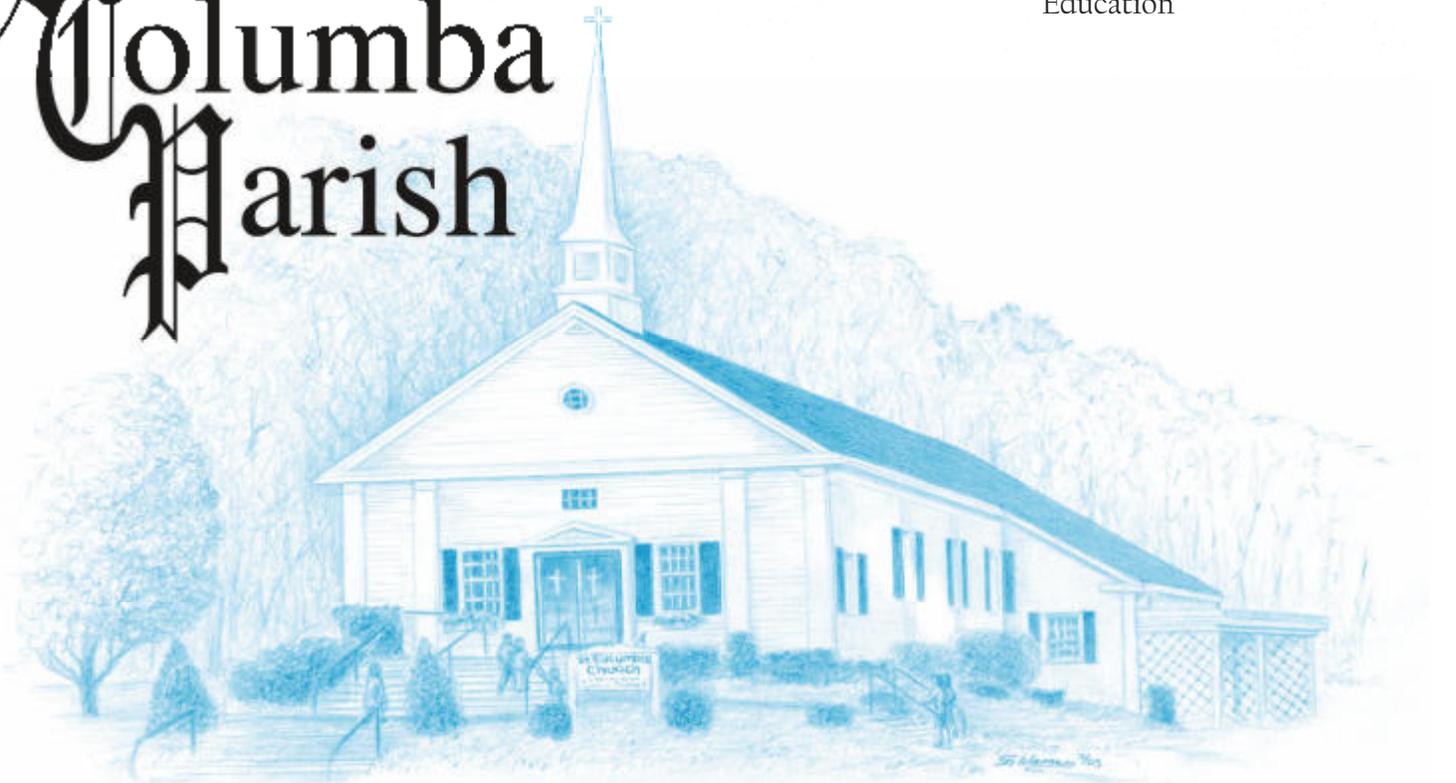


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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening 5:00PM, Sunday Morning 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:00AM (Monday—Thursday)

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please call the office when you become engaged.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on Saturday at 4:15PM

Any other time is by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the office for instructions and a Baptismal date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday 12:00 PM

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourselves. We want to know and serve you.
We hope you become an active part of our Parish Community.

WORSHIP SCHEDULESATURDAY- JUNE 12TH

9:00a.m. -Rosary

5:00p.m. -Mass

In Memory of Gail Hicks
Requested by Jay O'DaySUNDAY - JUNE 13TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass

MONDAY - JUNE 14TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

TUESDAY-JUNE 15TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 16TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

THURSDAY - JUNE 17TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

FRIDAY - JUNE 18TH

NO MORNING MASS

SATURDAY - JUNE 19TH

9:00a.m. -Rosary

5:00p.m. -Mass

SUNDAY - JUNE 20TH

8:00a.m. -Mass

10:00a.m. -Mass In Memory of Pete Belsito
3RD Month Anniversary

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.”- Mk 4:30-32b
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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK
AND IN A SPECIAL WAY FOR:

Muriel Walsh, Dan Daignault, Eric Henault, Doris Metilly, Mellissa Angiolillo, Kay Johnson, Garry Power, Jackie Cook, Ben St. George, Blake George Murawski, Barbara Englander, Cathy Mattison, Patrick Remington,, Robert Mertig, Patricia Jones, Elena & Paul Coffey, David Johnson, Theresa Mars, Emily Ellen Calamari Doris Urbanovitch, Ginny Bean, Aline Riedle, Charles Daigneault, Ramona Brodeur, for all those sick with the coronavirus

Weekly Offertory Collection

Our parish budget requires \$4,000 weekly to meet our expenses. For the week of May 31st through June 6th we received \$2667 through the Church Collection plus \$648 through Online Giving for a total of \$3315. Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parish.

If you wish to make a weekly direct deposit to the parish, please refer to the instructions on the parish website listed under the “DONATE” tab at www.stcolumbapax.org.

First Reading

And all the trees of the field shall know
that I, the Lord,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

Psalm

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading

We are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in
the body
we are away from the Lord
for we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor 5:6-7)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

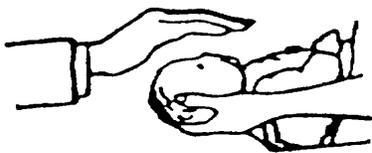
June 13, 2021

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, “do small things with great love.” This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God’s kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people’s faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air. As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God’s kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

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Welcome to the Newly Baptized



Our faith community recently welcomed Parker Reid Siegmann into Christ’s life and the Catholic Church through Baptism. Congratulations to Parker and his family.

Baptism, Marriage, Pastoral Care of the Sick -
Please call Father Cotter at the rectory or email him at dcotter01@gmail.com.

Priestly Ordinations

Please remember in your prayers Deacons John Larochelle and Lucas LaRoche who will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 19th at 10a.m. at St. Paul’s Cathedral.

Partners In Charity Appeal

St Columba parishioners have currently contributed \$30,075 towards our goal of \$39,900 (75%). We ask your prayerful consideration in helping us reach our goal and support the very important programs administered through Partners in Charity. Thank you.

Hope for Housing Sale of Food Cards

The Hope for Housing sale of food cards will continue after all the masses next weekend, June 19th and June 20th. Thank you for your support of this program.

The Mass can be watched on Paxton Cable Channel 192 on Sunday and Monday at 4p.m., 6p.m. and 8p.m.

The Rosary is recited every Saturday at 9a.m.
All are welcome.

6/13/2021

The Haitian Sewing Ministry

The Haitian Sewing Ministry is meeting again on Wednesday mornings from 9a.m. until 12p.m. All are welcome. If anyone would prefer to sew at home there are many kits available to choose from, please contact Marianne Girouard by email at mcgirouard@hotmail.com or at (508) 798-8330. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



We honor our graduating students. As a parish community we want our students to know that they are in our thoughts and prayers. Whether college/ university graduates, high school graduates or eighth grade graduates, the students have reached a new plateau and we wish them well and continued success.

**The Journey of Grief:
Finding Your Way and Healing Your Spirit**

Join us on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Miles Funeral Home in Holden from 1p.m. to 2:30p.m. as we reflect on the impact of the pandemic on grief, recognize complications of loss and explore the fundamental principles of healthy grieving. Reservations are needed, please call 508-829-4434 to reserve a place.

St. Thomas More Law School Scholarship

Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of varying amounts, usually around \$3000 to a law student attending an accredited law school in the fall. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies. Applications may be obtained by visiting the diocesan website www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomasmore society, by mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA. 01609 or calling Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Applications are due on or before June 30, 2021. Should anyone wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly appreciated and you can contact us at the above address or phone number.

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Religious Freedom Week will be celebrated in dioceses nationwide from June 22 to June 29. Throughout the week the focus will be on the importance of preserving the essential right of religious freedom, both now and in the future, for Catholics and all people of faith. This year's theme is "Solidarity in Freedom". Please visit www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek to download the "Pray-Reflect-Act" pages for each day on various religious liberty topics.

Paxton Woman's Club Scholarship

The Paxton Woman's Club offers any high school senior who is a Paxton resident the opportunity to apply for a \$1000 scholarship.

The recipient must be planning to pursue his/her education at a college or an institute of higher vocational training. A Common Scholarship application and resume must be sent to our scholarship committee on or before June 20, 2021. The following requirements must be included. Incomplete applications will be automatically disqualified.

- (1) Transcript of grades
- (2) List of schools applied to
- (3) Two letters of recommendation
- (4) Tuition costs and other fees
- (5) List of hobbies and interests
- (6) Volunteer and community services work
- (7) Any other information that might assist this committee in selecting the recipient

All information will be considered confidential and the student selected will be notified on or before June 30, 2021.

Applications may be obtained from
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