

Catholic Weymouth

Immaculate Conception Parish | 781-337-0380 | Saint Jerome Parish

Sunday, January 29, 2023

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Mass Times

Immaculate Conception
Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 9:00am
Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am

Confessions: Saturday 3-3:45pm

Saint Jerome
Sunday 7:30am and 10:30am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are they who are
persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult
you and persecute you and utter
every kind of evil against you
falsely because of me. Rejoice and
be glad, for your reward will be
great in heaven.” - Mt 5:10-12a

MASS Intentions

Saturday, January 28

Andrew DeLuca, Memorial

Louis Pumphrey, 1st Anniversary**Sunday, January 29**

Edith V. Miller

Tuesday, January 31

Jon Faulkner

Thursday, February 2

Marcia Specht

Saturday, February 4Marie Richard, 9th Anniversary**Sunday, February 5**

Jean Devine

Sunday, January 29

George Zantuhos

Arthur Jacovini

George and Eleanor MacInnis

Frederick Driscoll, 5th Anniversary**Monday, January 30**

Philip Vincent Tiemontese

Wednesday, February 1

John Alexander

Randy Eibel

Friday, February 3

Jeremy Vaughan

John A. Sematones, Birthday Memorial

Sunday, February 5

Peter P. Shalno

Steve and Louise Cheney

Kevin Carnrick, 5th Anniversary**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS**

Low gluten hosts are available to anyone who has allergies to wheat. Please see a priest or the sacristan before Mass so we may make arrangements for you.

Offertory - January 22, 2023*Immaculate Conception: \$4,242 Online \$645**Saint Jerome: \$4,397 Online \$1,489**Second Collection next weekend**Parish Maintenance****Thank you for your Generous Support******Memorial Gifts for the Week******January 29, 2023***

*The Hosts, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Light
have been donated in loving remembrance of*

Frederick Driscoll

Pray For... Mary L. Quinlan

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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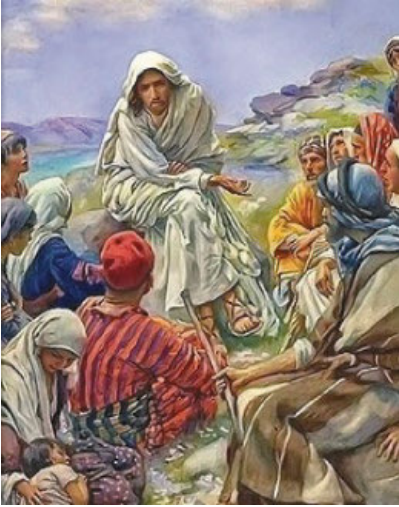
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It has been said that at one time or another, we will be invited to assume the attitude that each one of the Beatitudes speaks of. To those caught up in worldly values, these beatitudes can appear foolish and of little significance. However, we know that to offer mercy, to be a peacemaker, to live a chaste and pure life or to withstand insult because of your love of Christ - we need to take on the mind and heart of Christ. Pray for the grace to live each day with a "beatitude attitude."

IN THE ARMS OF THE SHEPHERD**A Morning of Reflection - March 4**

The Family Life team of the Archdiocese of Boston invites all those impacted by divorce or separation to attend **In the Arms of the Shepherd: A Morning of Reflection** on Saturday, March 4 at the Pastoral Center, Braintree from 8:30am-12:30pm. Mother Olga, founder of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth will offer the keynote; Irina Robinson, director of family & respect life in the Fall River Diocese is the lay witness speaker. Adoration, Confession, Mass, small-group sharing and a light breakfast are included. To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/INHISARMS> or email Emily_Elliott@rcab.org for more information.

BLESSED ARE WE WHO HEAR THE CALL TO THE MOUNT OF CALVARY



The Sermon on the Mount is often looked upon as the first act of the drama of Christ's life with the second act being the Mount of Calvary. None of us can hear the words from the Mount of the Beatitudes without putting them into our hearts, realizing this way of living will draw the wrath of the world and lead us straight to the crucifixion on Mount Calvary.

The Pharisees and the Romans may as well have brought the hammers and nails to the grassy plain, as they laid out their objections to this Jesus from Nazareth. Blessed are the poor in spirit; rubbish! We are in this world to gather riches, popularity and fame. Blessed are they who mourn; we live for pleasure and ignore those who are suffering as burdens. Blessed are the peacemakers; war promotes economies and serves at the altar of power. Who is this man, Jesus, telling us, blessed are the clean of heart? We much rather enjoy the pleasures of the flesh, able to objectify and use one another at will. Is he a fool to promote such "soft" virtues of patience, meekness, love, peace?

Jesus invited the people on that glorious day to infiltrate the powers of self indulgence, hate, and moral decadence with love. He asked the people to endure one another's injuries and insults: to write a letter of kindness to a mean co-worker, to offer a gift to someone who might steal from you, to repay an offense with a gracious word. The only way to stop hate is to infect the person with love, to act with the cure. Christ was the cure from the cross and his blood and water flowed directly from the cross into our woundedness. How magnificently contradictory, and how like Christ, that a dead man, soon to rise, became the means of salvation for all of humanity! The Beatitudes are like the cross, they speak to the culture from the opposite side of the road, and by doing so, they are a bridge for salvation. They teach us how to have the mindset of Christ, a mind that does not see the world the way the world sees itself. The Beatitudes put us on high moral ground, a grounding that does not proclaim the gospel of the strong but a gospel of the patient, the peacemaker, the humble, the merciful, the marginalized, whose reward will not be presented at an earthly banquet, but will be enjoyed with Jesus, Our Lord at the heavenly table. Blessed are we who hear the call to Calvary!

Mary Ellen Cassani
Pastoral Associate



In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like *that*? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— Father John Muir

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SPRING ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS Begins Sunday, March 19

Where: Saint Jerome Parish, 632 Bridge Street, Weymouth, lower church hall, 6-7:30pm.
Program ends with Confirmation on Monday May 1 at Saint Francis Xavier Church, Weymouth

Class Dates: March 19, 26, April 2, 16, 23, 30 (No class April 9 - Easter)



Who may come?

Any baptized adult who has received First Communion but who has postponed the reception of Confirmation is invited to attend. Please note that the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary to be a godparent at baptism and recommended for service in many church ministries. This sacrament is also highly recommended for those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

*****A baptized Catholic, if married, is expected to be validly married in the Church prior to receiving Confirmation. Any questions regarding marriages, please consult your parish priest/deacon before registering**

What will the course be like?

The course will introduce the adult learner to major aspects of the Catholic faith through the study of the mass which includes reflection on the sacraments, the Creed, prayer and the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit essential to live the moral Christian life. The six weeks will be a chance to ask questions and move forward in faith.

****Please note attendance at all classes is essential**

Contact your parish priest for further information or maryellen.cassani@gmail.com

Mary Ellen Cassani, Pastoral Associate Catholic Weymouth and Instructor for Adult Confirmation

SAINT BLAISE - FEAST DAY FEBRUARY 3



Very little is actually known about this early Christian martyr. The first reference we have of St. Blaise is in the medical journals of a court physician, from the end of the fifth or beginning of the sixth century, where St. Blaise is mentioned as being called upon for treating objects stuck in the throat.

We also know that Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and suffered martyrdom under Licinius about AD 316. Supposedly, this early Christian martyr was born to noble and wealthy parents who provided him with a Christian education. He became a physician and was elected and consecrated a bishop at a young age. During the persecution of Licinius, a former ally of Constantine who began persecuting the Church, Blaise experienced a call to live as a hermit in a cave

outside of town, where he was known to heal sick and wounded wild animals. Eventually he was discovered by hunters. Blaise was taken to Agricolaus, the governor of Cappadocia and Lesser Armenia, and thrown into jail.

By the sixth century St. Blaise's intercession was being invoked in the east for illnesses related to the throat. By the ninth century, the saint was also revered in Europe and went on to become one of the most popular saints in the Middle Ages. In time, the custom of blessing the throats of the faithful developed, with priests holding two tapered candles — over the head or the throat while invoking the intercession of St. Blaise against any ailment of the throat and body.

While ailments of the throat are the main thing for which St. Blaise is invoked in the West, he is also considered a protector against wild animals, a protector of cities and a patron of veterinarians, wool-combers and the wool industry.

Collaborative News and Events...

IRISH PASTORAL CENTRE - YOUNG AT HEART COFFEE GROUP
****TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 FROM 12-3PM****



NEXT MEETING: February 1 - 12pm - 3pm

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Brigid at the Irish Pastoral Center. Mass and luncheon. A van will transport from Saint Jerome to the Pastoral Center in Dorchester..departs STJ at 12pm

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY MARCH 4

Knights of Columbus annual Saint Patrick's Day Dinner at IC



Doors open at 5pm

dinner served 6pm.

\$20 per person

More details to follow.....



COMING TO SAINT PAULA HALL ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 **TRIVIA NIGHT! (OVER 18 EVENT)**

Doors open at 6:30pm, \$10 per person, test your Trivia knowledge! Prizes for First and Second place. Tables of 8/10 may be reserved. Cash Bar, Bring your own Snacks. Register by emailing the parish office at office@catholicweymouth.org or at the door.



CATHOLIC WEYMOUTH BASKETBALL ACADEMY

PLEASE NOTE—GRADES 2/3 FULL

NO ADDITIONAL REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED FOR GRADES 2/3.

Catholic Weymouth is planning a six week Basketball Academy at Immaculate Conception's Hackett Center in March. The program will have four divisions based on grade K-1 (4-5pm) 4&5 (6-7pm) 6,7&8 (7-8pm). Each division will be capped at 40 students.

Rich Fazzi, a Weymouth resident will be jumpstarting the program. He comes to us with 16 years of collegiate coaching experience and is currently Athletic Director at Saint John Paul II High School and Saint Francis Xavier Preparatory School in Hyannis.

Please go to the parish website for sign up information.

Catholicweymouth.org, click on New Programs, then Programs for Youth



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION - 2023

Grade 1 & 2 (First Communion) Sunday Mornings 10-11:15am

Dates: February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2

Grades 3-5 Youth Group Jr - First Tuesday of the Month, 5-7pm at Immaculate Conception Hackett Ctr

Dates: February 7, March 7, April 4 and May 2

Please join us for a light dinner, games, and faith sharing! Students 5-7pm. Parents invited 5-6pm

Grades 6-8 Middle School - Thursday Nights, 7-8:30pm at Immaculate Conception Hackett Center

Dates: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6

Grade 9 Confirmation Prep

Once a Month - Sunday Night @ 6:30-7:30 at Immaculate Conception Hackett Center

Dates: January 29, February 26, March 26, April 30

Grade 10 Confirmation

First Sunday the Month - 6-7:30pm at Immaculate Conception Hackett Center

Dates: February 5, March 5, April 2

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