

Catholic Weymouth

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

Sunday, February 5, 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



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“You are the light of
the world. A city set
on a mountain
cannot be hidden.”
- Mt 5:14

MASS Intentions

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

Jean Devine

Tuesday, February 7

Gregory Russell

PFC Walter Hurley

Thursday, February 9

Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, February 11Marie Crawford, 11th AnniversaryPaul Mullen, 1st Anniversary**Sunday, February 12**John Polhemus, 1st Anniversary**Sunday, February 5**

Peter P. Shalno

Steve and Louise Cheney

Kevin Carnrick, 5th Anniversary**Monday, February 6**

Virginia Eibel, Memorial

Wednesday, February 8

Patrick James Smith

Friday, February 10

Peter Conroy Lacey

Sunday, February 12Henry P. Mahoney, 53rd Anniversary

Carmela Urdi, Memorial

Offertory - January 22, 2023*Immaculate Conception: \$4,895 Online \$633**Saint Jerome: \$3,958 Online \$1,094**Second Collection next weekend**Capital Improvements****Thank you for your Generous Support*****ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Annual Contribution Statements for 2022 will be available upon request soon. Please email or call the parish office - office@catholicweymouth.org or 781-337-0380 and leave your name and envelope number.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The darkness and cold of winter still surround us making very relevant to our spiritual lives the theme of light and darkness in today's readings. In the first reading, Isaiah gives us the reminder that performing any work of mercy brings light into the darkness of our hearts and the world. Jesus, in speaking to the disciples and to us says, "You are the light of the world.... your light must shine before others. . ." As baptized children of God, we carry the light of Christ within us. In what ways do your words and actions shine before others, and make Christ visible? If they are not, what will you do this week to make the Christ light in you shine for others to see and thus bring light into the darkness that exists around you?



Catholic Weymouth will celebrate World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 12 at Immaculate Conception and Saint Jerome Parishes. Married Couples will be recognized at the 9am and 10:30am Masses with a special blessing.

We invite you to join us!

COUPLE'S DATE NIGHT

Saturday, February 11

National Marriage Week is February 7-14. Whether you are married or engaged, celebrate with a fun and resourceful date night as we learn the tools to "Manage Daily Stress" and "Resolve Conflict" with Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Greg Kolodziejczak. Join us on Saturday, February 11 from 7-9PM in the formal dining room of the Pastoral Center in Braintree (transformed into an Italian Bistro). Dinner, libations and a few surprises! Cost is \$30 per couple. For more information or to register, visit bit.ly/Dateforcouples or scan the QR code below



THE HISTORY OF THE HYMN PART XVI

City of God



Words and music by Daniel Schutte (1947 - present)

In 1979 the composer Dan Schutte was asked to write a piece for an event at Union Square in California. This was a fundraiser for St. Anthony's foundation, which had a shelter and soup kitchen in the tenderloin district, known as a depressed area with a significant homeless presence. There was a group of 6 or 7 Jesuits doing ministry at St. Anthony's shelter and soup kitchen in this district and they wanted a new piece of music to draw people in for this event. Schutte, envisioning the spotlights and holiday lights of the Advent season in which the event would take place, and the backdrop of the area by which it would occur, wrote this piece, with the original title of *Lord of Light*. There was some controversy regarding the piece, with its phrase "Let us build the City of God." Some questioned the appropriateness of the text as it is only God

or Christ, who can build the City of God (the new Jerusalem, or heaven). However, Schutte was at pains to explain that it becomes obvious in the song that it is indeed Jesus who builds it, but we are invited to join him.

Dan Schutte grew up in Wisconsin. He was a founding member of the St. Louis Jesuits, a group of Catholic musicians who composed music of a primarily folk style for worship. He is a prolific composer of church music and offers workshops and concerts at many parishes. His other well-known songs include *Here I Am*, *Lord, Table of Plenty*, and *You Are Near*.

Please join us in the joyful mood and vibrant energy of this song of praise and hope!

~ *Monika Brodsky, Music Director*

1 From the podcast Episode 27: "City of God"(Schutte) by Zack Stachowski and Matt Reichert. By Look Up Here Productions, January 4, 2019. Accessed on January 31, 2023.

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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: 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

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 SCHOLASTICA - FEAST DAY FEBRUARY 10



Scholastica, whose name means “the learned one,” was born of noble blood in Umbria, Italy. She was the twin sister of St. Benedict. The siblings were very close, and had wonderful talks together. On St. Benedict’s last meeting with Scholastica before her death, she begged him to stay longer. She loved him so much she did not want to let him go just yet. Even more, she loved the holy conversations she had with him about God and heavenly things.

On this particular night, she implored him to remain with her talking, and he said he must return to his monastery. St. Scholastica began to pray, asking God to let her beloved brother stay. A storm began that forced Benedict to remain with her through the night. And so, St. Scholastica is the patron saint of storms! She is also a paragon of trust and confidence in prayer and devoted love.

Shortly after their last talk, Scholastica died and St. Benedict had a vision of her soul ascending to heaven in the shape of a dove. He buried her in the tomb that he had planned for himself. The love and holy admiration between these saintly siblings ran deep.

By listening to St. Scholastica, we are encouraged to be unperturbed when someone denies us a favor and to ask God instead; to chat about God with others; and to celebrate the joy and peace of the spiritual life. St. Scholastica is endearingly vulnerable and through it all, modeled piety, persistence, and love. Let us journey more deeply with this loving saint all month long as our guide and celebrate her feast on February 10.

Collaborative News and Events...

IRISH PASTORAL CENTRE - YOUNG AT HEART COFFEE GROUP



Upcoming Meetings 1-3pm

February 7 TRIVIA and Blood Pressure Check

February 14 YOGA with Deirdre Kelly

February 21 BINGO

February 28 MAGICIAN Jack Ryan and Blood Pressure Check

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 beginning on March 8. 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



STEPHEN PULEO, WEYMOUTH AUTHOR COMING TO SAINT JEROME

Steve is a Weymouth author, historian, teacher, and public speaker. He will be discussing his most recent publication: *Voyage of Mercy: the USS Jamestown, the Irish Famine, and the Remarkable Story of America's First Humanitarian Mission* at Saint Jerome on Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30pm in Saint Paula Hall.

If you would like to attend, please email: Trisha.carlson@verizon.net



MERCY SEWS

Mercy Sews Ministry is looking for people who sew and may be interested in using their talent to help clothe the Pygmy children in the Central African Republic. Please join us for an informational meeting on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, Feb 14 at 10am, Saint Mary's Parish Center, 392 Hanover Street in Hanover. To find out more about the simple items we sew and how you can help, please visit **MercySews.org** or email Clare Noonan at **MercySews@comcast.net**



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