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

**Sunday, March 19, 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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Parish Lenten Mission Retreat

### Friendship in Christ a Friendship Like No Other

Please join our Retreat Presenter Fr, Bill Neubecker to explore this deep friendship!  
March 20, 21, 22 at Saint Jerome Parish

Fr. William Neubecker OMV was ordained a priest for the Religious Congregation of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary in Rome in 1979. Since that time, he served for 29 years in Brazil as a Pastor and Seminary Rector. He has also served at a parish in California. At present, he is the Director of the St. Joseph Retreat House in Milton where he acts as a spiritual director and retreat master.

# MASS Intentions

**Saturday, March 18**

Claire Cunningham

John and Marilyn Cunningham

**Sunday, March 19**

George Daly

Ann Naples, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**Tuesday, March 21**

Albert Noakes

**Thursday, March 23**

Fayne McGrath Daniels

**Saturday, March 25**

Martin, Anna and Felix Guida

Peter and Loretta Fleming

Holly Campbell, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**Sunday, March 26**

Robert West

**Sunday, March 19**

Richard Norton

Katherine Knott, Memorial

Sean Daly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**Monday, March 20**

Karen L. Shore

**Wednesday, March 22**John Connolly, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**Friday, March 24**Anthony Sgroi, 29<sup>th</sup> AnniversaryJoanna Ryan, 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**Sunday, March 26**

Arthur and Rita Gautreau

Jennifer Murphy

Mary Sylvester

**Offertory - March 12, 2023***Immaculate Conception: \$4,319 Online \$666**Saint Jerome: \$3,556 Online \$1,209**Second Collection next week Fuel/Snow****Thank you for your Generous Support*****Memorial Gifts for the Week****March 19, 2023***The Hosts, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Light  
have been donated in loving remembrance of****Katherine Knott*****SAVE THE DATE.....MUSIC BINGO**

Saturday, April 29

Saint Jerome Parish

More details to follow

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE - OPERATION RICE BOWL 2023**

Lent can feel like a long time. But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of His Resurrection. This Lenten season, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has shared stories on its website of how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. It asks us to consider how our Lenten sacrifices can also help people and communities around the world?

It is not too late to consider a sacrifice. Obtain a Rice Bowl from the entrance of the church and become a part of this Lenten process of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each year, the funds raised are divided between CRS's global work (75%) and local work here in the Archdiocese (25%). Last year the Boston Archdiocese raised \$41,112 for global poverty overseas with \$13,704 staying here in Boston. These funds locally went to Catholic Charities to help address a number of pressing challenges including homelessness and hunger. These funds are so important in helping our brothers and sisters in need.

For those of you who have participated in Operation Rice Bowl in the past, Thank You! For those who have not yet joined, we invite you!! It is easy and there are so many ways to save. Consider giving up something - a coffee, special treat, or having a simple meal - and putting the money you don't spend in the Rice Bowl. You can empty any spare change in your pocket or just put in a dollar or two each day. This will all add up. Rice Bowls are collected during the Easter Season.

To learn more, visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org)



**PARISH LENTEN MISSION RETREAT—MARCH 20 - 22**  
**THEME: FRIENDSHIP IN CHRIST A FRIENDSHIP LIKE NO OTHER**



Monday, March 20: Friendship means Relationship - 7pm at Saint Jerome

**\*\*Mass begins at 7—Solemnity of Saint Joseph**

Tuesday, March 21: Friendship means Forgiveness - 7pm at Saint Jerome

Wednesday, March 22: Friendship means Self giving - 7pm at Saint Jerome

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Each morning following the 9am Mass, Father Bill will give a short presentation and then he will offer Spiritual Direction and/or Confession by appointment from 10-11:30am. Please sign up for Spiritual Direction/Confession by calling the parish office (781-337-0380) or email [office@catholicweymouth.org](mailto:office@catholicweymouth.org). All appointments will take place at Immaculate Conception's Hackett Ctr.

On March 21 from 7-8pm Fr. Bill Neubecker will present during a Holy Hour with Confession

On Monday & Wednesday, March 20 and 22 Father's presentation will be within the Mass beginning at 7pm.

**THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**



As we continue our Lenten journey of prayer and dedication, we are rewarded by in-depth scripture citing Jesus' true strengths and all-encompassing compassion. We have heard Jesus' dialogue with and the defeat of Satan's power, His glorious transfiguration and His incredible revelations to the woman from Samaria.

Today's gospel of Jesus' healing of the man born blind, gives us more food for our Lenten journey.

During the miraculous healing in the first part of our Gospel story today, the "man born blind" is clearly amazed and thankful for his precious new gift and this leads to his declaration for all to ponder "I was blind and now I see." He recognizes and declares that

Jesus is from God, is a prophet, and he challenges the Pharisees for their harassing and devious declarations.

This miracle cure of physical blindness by The Lord is cause for amazement and celebration as we reflect on Jesus' presence in our lives. In today's story Jesus reminds us that "He is the light of the world." In so doing, Jesus reminds us that nurturing and strengthening our spiritual sight is vital for our future.

Much of the rest of today's Gospel story is all about people; neighbors who find it hard to believe a beggar could be so lifted up by God's grace, and Pharisees who just cannot accept Jesus as a savior. Now, we are left with a deeper issue to consider. The soap opera-like antics of the Pharisee's, as they try to discredit Jesus, cast doubt on His authenticity, His power, His healing grace, and of course His reality – not just a man from God, but God Himself! We see how fierce Jesus (and our) enemies can be in trying to discredit God's loving plan to reconcile us all through Jesus. The Pharisee's challenges seem more like an "interrogation" rather than a search for truth.

A deeper teaching from this scripture for us, the disciples of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, is not to be spiritually blinded by evil or by tempting offers from other gods who want to rule our world. We must not let our spiritual vision become opaque through the lens of our secular world. We must not let our focus on Jesus as our personal savior be dulled or lost through our daily inevitable contact with the world.

Let us renew our intimate relationship with Jesus as we continue our Lenten journey!

Peace and love always,      Deacon Fran

### HISTORY OF THE HYMN PART XVIII

#### Lead, Kindly Light



Words by Saint John Henry Newman (1801- 1890)

The music is *Lux Benigna* by the Reverend Dr. John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876)

John Henry Newman was born in London on February 21, 1801 to a banker. At the age of fifteen he experienced and continued to feel for the rest of his life, a sense of the nearness of God. <sup>1</sup>

His Christian faith was initially set within the Church of England, in which he became an Anglican priest and gained a reputation as a powerful speaker. The origins of this hymn came on a journey to Sicily in Italy in 1833, where he became sick with fever. Unable to travel for three weeks, he finally was able to gain passage on a boat carrying a cargo of oranges, only then for it to become becalmed for a week on its passage to Marseilles. While lying on the deck, still recuperating, Newman's eye dwelt upon a lighthouse in the distance and he was compelled to write a poem, "Light in the Darkness", which he changed to "The Pillar of the Cloud". <sup>2</sup> In it describes how he asks God to lead him with His "kindly light", not to show him his future path, but to simply allow him enough light to see his next step. It was first published as a poem in *The British Magazine* in 1934. At an unknown time, the tune came to be set to the tune *Lux Benigna* by Dr. Charles Bacchus Dykes. <sup>3</sup>

Newman came to admire the Roman Catholic faith, although at first strongly opposed to it. In 1843 he issued a retraction of all the words he spoken of against Catholicism. In 1845 he was received into the Catholic Church. In 1846 he was ordained a priest. <sup>4</sup> He became an Oratorian, "part of a Catholic society of apostolic life of Pontifical Right for men (priests and lay-brothers) who live together in a community bound together by no formal vows but only with the bond of charity". <sup>5</sup> He was elevated to the rank of Cardinal of the Church by Pope Leo XIII in 1879 and later canonized by Pope Francis in October 13, 2019. <sup>6</sup>

The original poem (modernized in later forms) is:

*Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,                      Lead Thou me on!*  
*The night is dark, and I am far from home—                      Lead Thou me on!*  
*Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see*  
*the distant scene—one step enough for me.*  
*I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou*  
*shouldst lead me on.*  
*I loved to choose and see my path; but now,                      Lead Thou me on!*  
*I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,*  
*pride ruled my will: remember not past years.*  
*So long Thy power hath blessed me, sure it still*  
*will lead me on,*  
*O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till*  
*the night is gone;*  
*and with the morn those angel faces smile*  
*which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.*

Please listen to this gentle prayer of Saint John Newman to our God for His guiding light, when sung by our collaborative choir at the 10:30am Mass at Saint Jerome Parish this weekend.

In Christ,

Monika Brodsky, Music Director

<sup>1</sup>, <sup>3</sup>, <sup>4</sup> & <sup>6</sup> Found on [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Henry\\_Newman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Henry_Newman). Accessed on March 14, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Lead, Kindly Light: The Hymn and Its Author. Blog presented by Father Ashley Harrington on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Found on <http://olmc.us/2020/10/07/lead-kindly-light-the-hymn-and-its-author/>. Accessed on March 14, 2023.

<sup>5</sup> Found on [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oratory\\_of\\_Saint\\_Philip\\_Neri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oratory_of_Saint_Philip_Neri). Accessed March 14, 2023.

## Collaborative News and Events...

### ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

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

Catholics over 18 years of age and up to 59 years are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to 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.



### EASTER BASKETS FOR SENIORS

Religious Formation Students will be putting together Easter Baskets for Senior Housing homes in Weymouth, delivered just prior to Easter.

Donations of candy for these baskets will be gratefully accepted.

### LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Led by Father Bill Neubecker OMV.  
Monday, March 20 - Wednesday, March 22  
Following the 9am Mass and at 7pm  
at Saint Jerome Parish

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession will be offered on Wednesdays during Lent from 7-8pm at Saint Jerome Parish.

Confession is also offered every Saturday 3-3:45pm at Immaculate Conception Parish.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations will be prayed at Immaculate Conception Parish every Friday evening at 7pm during Lent.

### EASTER FLOWERS

Please consider making an Easter Flower donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Their names will be placed on our Altars and remembered at all of our Masses at Easter. We are grateful for your help in adding to the beauty of our Churches this Easter!

## CATHOLIC WEYMOUTH LENTEN GIVING PROGRAM

Help Father Bill's and MainSpring Support our friends and neighbors who need us most



In 2022 FBMS served over 4,000 people across Southern Massachusetts, provided emergency shelter to over 1,177 individuals and 223 families. They moved 223 individuals to housing or other systems of care and 67 families ended their homelessness and moved into housing. Father's Bills is grateful for Catholic Weymouth's support of their mission and those they serve!

As in past years, here is the Wish List for the Father Bill's/MainSpring program if you would like to donate:

Towels/Wash Cloths	Razors/Shaving Cream	Hair Brushes	Paper Towels
Hand Soap (Bars)	Deodorant	Shampoo	Dish Detergent
Hand Soap (Liquid)	Toilet Paper	Diapers	Q-Tips
Feminine Care Products	Nail Clippers	Baby Wipes	Disinfecting Wipes
Laundry Detergent	Cleaning Supplies	Baby Formula	

Gift Cards: Grocery, Gas, Target, Walmart, Commuter Rail, Charlie Cards (MBTA travel), etc.

Bins will be available for your donations during the Lenten season (Ash Wednesday until Holy Thursday) in the vestibule of Saint Jerome Church and the main entrance of Immaculate Conception Church. You may drop off items before and after Masses. Items may also be dropped at the Parish Office, in the Msgr Hackett Center at Immaculate Conception, weekdays 9am - 3pm. Thank you very much for your generous donations!



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