

# St. Patrick Parish

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## **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**

**Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday 8:00 a.m.**

**10:30 a.m.**

## **WEEKDAY MASS**

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:00 A.M.**

**BAPTISM:** Parents are asked to call the Parish Office to arrange for instructions and Baptismal date.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples planning marriage should contact the Pastor at least one year in advance. Participation in a Marriage Preparation Program is expected.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday at 3:00 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

**HOME & HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Please notify us if you know of someone who would like to receive Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick, and/or a visit.

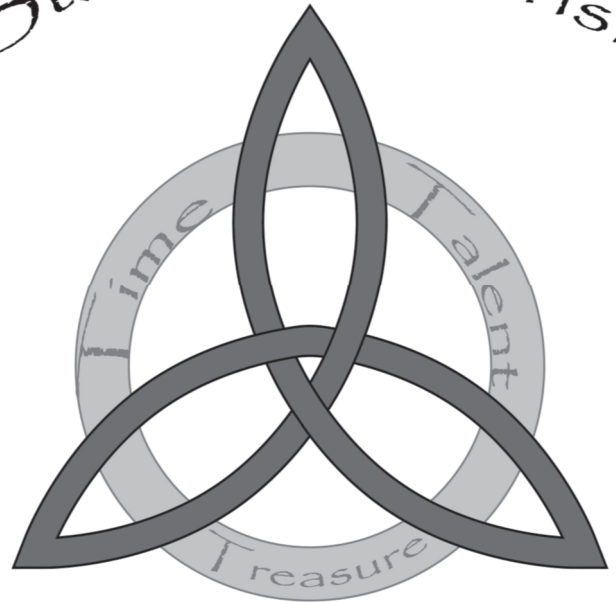
**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family. Please introduce yourselves after Mass or stop by the Parish Center to register.

**PRAYER REQUEST LINE:** Call with your requests.

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Rutland, MA

## **St. Patrick Stewardship Prayer**

Gracious God,

We thank you for the unique gifts you have given us to foster your kingdom here on earth.

Inspire us to examine our values, always placing you at the center of our lives.

Open our hearts to realize we are blessed and called to share our gifts with others.

Help us to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent and our treasure to connect, serve and impact the world.

AMEN



Full handicap accessibility by the elevator entrance on the left driveway side of the Church building.





### Papal Weekly Tweets

Every stranger that knocks at our door is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ.



### Mass Intentions

Families requesting a Mass are asked to bring up the gifts at the offertory. Please stop in the sacristy to let us know you are at Mass.

#### WEEKDAY MASS

**MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 8:00 A.M.**

\* PERSON IS LIVING

\* From November to April, in the event of school delays or cancellations due to weather conditions, Mass will not be held on that day.\*

#### Saturday, December 23

**4:00 p.m.** Aurora Allard 42nd Anniversary  
Requested by the Nichols Family

#### Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

**8:00 a.m.** Sr. Katherine Byrne  
**10:30 a.m.** Patricia DeLuca Request by her Husband

**4:00 p.m.** Pageant Mass Children's Choir  
**10:00 p.m.**

#### Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

**10:30 a.m.**

#### Tuesday, December 26

**8:00 a.m.** For the People of St. Patrick's

#### Wednesday, December 27

**8:00 a.m.** David Stone 25th Anniversary  
Katy Crutcher-Riedle  
Requested by Maggie wife & mother

#### Saturday, December 30

**4:00 p.m.** Kenneth Sweeney Sr. 1st Anniversary  
Requested by the Family

#### Sunday, December 31

**8:00 a.m.** Matthew Chasse 6 year Anniversary  
**10:30 a.m.**

## Weekly Schedule

**Sunday  
December 24**

**Fr. Jim Kerrigan  
Parish Center**

**9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**  
**NO CCD Class**

**Monday  
December 25**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**NO CCD Class**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**NO CCD Class**

**Tuesday  
December 26**

Scripture Study & Faith Sharing  
After 8:00 am Mass

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**NO CCD Class**

Dismas Farm  
Group B Team 3

**Wednesday  
December 27**

**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**NO CCD Class**

**Thursday  
December 28**

Girl Scout Troop 30320  
Church Basement 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

### December 17, 2017 Weekly Collection

Higher Utilities	\$	428.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	35.00
Christmas Offering	\$	50.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$	111.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	255.00
Weekly	\$	4,135.00
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,014.00</b>

The Parish Office will be closed from December 26, 2017 till January 2, 2018  
If you need any assistance during this time please email Allison Winer at [arw@stpatricksrutland.org](mailto:arw@stpatricksrutland.org)



**TABERNACLE LAMP**

**Theresa Corbin-Gusek**



**December 24, 2017— December 30, 2017**



Brothers and Sister in the Lord,

I'm sure many of you have experienced at one point or another a viewing of the animated classic "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" One of the Grinch's greatest complaints was all the "noise, Noise, Noise, NOISE!" Sometimes in the midst of the Christmas season, we might feel we can relate to that complaint. With so much on our plate, we can feel overwhelmed and just want the whole season to end so we can get back to *our routine*.

But to immediately dismiss this season of Christmas misses the entire point of it: We know Christmas is a season of giving, but it's important to remember *why* it is a season of giving. You and I have been given the **greatest** gift imaginable: that God was made Man for you and I so that we may, through Him laying down His life for our sins, have the opportunity for eternal life.

Even more, this same person: Jesus Christ, is available to us *personally* through the gifts of the Sacraments and the gift of prayer. To forget these gifts leads us away from the call of Christ. It was the Second Vatican Council that proclaimed that we do not find ourselves except through the sincere gift of ourselves. Just as Jesus has made a gift of Himself to us, we are called to make a gift of ourselves – First to God by participating in the sacraments and prayer, and also to one another.

In other words, lest we fall into the trap in these days of caring only for our own routines, let us remember that even the Grinch himself came to the conclusion that "Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more." Christmas is reminder to us all that *Gift* is at the heart of what it means to be human. So whether it's your time, talent, or treasure you give this season, make sure that Christ is at the center of it all, so that we may all have a very, Merry Christmas.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" (LUKE 1:28) Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.

## Winter Fest in Westminster

A Winter Fest Dinner will be held on **Saturday, January 6, 2018 from 5 to 7 pm** at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, 10 Church Street, Westminster. Menu: Pork Loin, applesauce, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered corn, tangy 4 bean salad, rolls, tapioca pudding and cookies. Cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child under 12 and children under 6 eat free. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, Please call Wendy Provencial at 978-874-0767.

Are you a baptized, catechized Roman Catholic adult (18 or older) who has never been confirmed? The Diocese of Worcester will celebrate a diocesan-wide adult Confirmation on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at the Cathedral of St. Paul. A retreat to prepare for Confirmation will be offered on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. If interested, please contact the pastor for more information.

## Rutland Food Pantry Distributions

### January

Thursday, January 11, 2018 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 27, 9:00– 11:00 a.m.

### February

Thursday, February 8, 2018 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 24, 2018 9:00—11:00 a.m.

### Food Pantry Needs

Hot and Cold Cereal

Dried Onions

Pie Crusts

Pie Filling (except Pumpkin)

Quick Breads

Coffee, Tea

Large Cans/Jars Spaghetti Sauce

### Reminder:

Please do not leave household items, electronics or toys at St. Patrick's. We do not have the space to store these items or to offer these items. We gladly accept food and seasonal (WINTER) clothes that you would like to donate. Please make sure the clothing is in good condition and that the food **HAS NOT EXPIRED**—as we cannot give out anything that has expired.

## Merry Christmas

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Catholic Faith Explained

December 2017

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A chapel in Shepherd's Field outside of Bethlehem commemorates the wondrous events of Christmas in three beautiful paintings.

In the first painting, the shepherds, keeping watch over their flock by night, are roused from their silent vigil by the glad tidings of an angel, glorious streams from Heaven, and the strains of an angelic choir. In the second painting, the shepherds, having traveled to Bethlehem, bow in awe and adoration before the new born Christ child in the manger as heavenly light illuminates the Holy Family. In the final painting, dawn is breaking, the Heavenly streams of God's glory are fading, and the shepherds are again back amidst their flock. But the shepherds are changed.

In the third painting, an elderly shepherd looks upward with an expression of wonder. Another shepherd pipes a tune on a simple musical instrument while a shepherd boy skips with exuberance, joy, and uplifted arms. They have returned to the place where they were but they have not returned the way they were. They are filled with joy, wonder and awe that God has come to them.

Christmas reminds us that God has also come to us. The shepherds' path to joy is also ours. At Christmas Mass and every Mass we might think of ourselves as shepherds going to Bethlehem. After hearing God's Word, we go to Him in the communion line, bow in adoration and receive the same Divine Child born of Mary and worshiped by the shepherds at the manger.

As the shepherds departed from the stable, so may we depart Christmas Mass, and every Mass, with joy, wonder and awe that God has come to us. May this Christmas change us so that as we return to our routines with a deeper appreciation of God's love for us, we may bear witness to that love just as the shepherds did on that first Christmas morning.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester



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