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EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 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 4:00 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.

508-886-2206 Paula Stidsen or Paula Stidsen@gmail.com

508- 886-4724 Jackie O'Brien



August 26, 2018

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



St. Patrick's Parish Rutland, MA



Papal Weekly Tweets

Love overcomes all difficulties. Love gives us the strength to carry on.



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

Saturday, August 25

5:00 p.m. Sean Twohig Requested by the Leahy Family

Sunday, August 26

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Frank D. Silvestris Requested by the Silvestris Family

Monday, August 27

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 28

8:00 a.m. People of St. Patrick

Wednesday, August 29

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 1

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 2

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Walter & Nora Kuras Sr. Walter Kauras Jr. Requested by Daughter and Sister Cheryl Cadrin

Save the date!!

2nd Annual Fall Festival September 29th Saturday (rain date Sunday 30th)

Sign up for Fall Festival Chile Challenge and Corn Hole Tournament.

We also need parishioners willing to bake for the bake sale table. Please sign up at the entrances of the church.

Thank you for your support!!

Weekly Schedule

	Fr. Jim Kerrigan Parish Center		
Sunday August 26			
Monday August 27			
Tuesday August 28	Scripture Study & Faith Sharing After 8:00 am Mass		
	Dismas Farm Group B Team 3 5:30 p.m.		
Wednesday August 29			
Thursday August 30			
Friday August 31			

August 19, 2018 Weekly Collection

Higher Utility	\$ 120.00
Assumption	\$ 525.00
Weekly	\$ 3,434.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 4,079.00

Religious Education

The 2018-2019 Religious Education program start dates are rapidly approaching...here are the important upcoming dates.

The Grade 1-10 mandatory Parent Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 5 at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Fr. Jim Kerrigan Parish Center. Yearly calendar and class lists will be available at this time.

Religious Education classes for this year will begin on Sunday, September 9, Monday, September 10 and Tuesday, September 11.

St. Patrick Parish will be adding a 5 p.m. Mass on Sunday evening starting September 9 for all parishioners but especially for those high students and their families who will be attending Religious Education classes on Sunday night.

Dear Friends.

This week in wake of the news stories that have now been running since the Pennsylvania reports were issued, I have struggled to write to you. What could I possibly write here that would not feel wholly inadequate and lacking in the wake of all that you're now reading, or seeing on television or the internet. The reality is there is nothing that I can write that will be enough. Yet we must try.

There is a phrase I once heard that keeps coming back to me: "There's no such thing as personal sin." This phrase keeps repeating in my mind because our actions good and bad have an effect on others. They are never isolated to just the person involved, whether through commission or omission.

We are called to more: an authentic love that is gift as opposed to using others for self-gratification. What has been revealed in these reports: whether the issues surrounding now former Cardinal McCarrick, the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report, or other reports that have come to light in these last days, is nothing short of horrific. That those who are conformed to Christ by virtue of their ordination and stand in the person of Christ at the altar have been derelict in their duty to such a perverse level and gravely harmed the faith of those they were called to shepherd, is absolutely abhorrent. Sadly, this is only part of what has occurred. On top of the spiritual damage, the psychological and physical harm inflicted has left so many victims in its wake, hurting those who came and sought Jesus and instead of the Bread of Life, were given a stone instead (Matthew 7:9)

As one who was in the pews as a 16-year-old when the revelations of Boston became the nightly lead on the local news, I am ashamed that we are here once more. I am disturbed that there are some in the leadership who did not do everything that was needed to ensure that all clergy were included when it came to Dallas Charter after Boston. Yet here we are.

Sins affect other people. Maybe not directly at first but it can as it begins to shape us and take hold in our lives. So consuming can it become, that all perspective can be lost. Sin turns us inward, away from the self-gift we are called to make by being Jesus's disciples. When it's those in the clergy who have fallen in this way, the Church suffers greatly.

Now, we know "all who have sinned are deprived of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23). Not one among us can say we have ever not fallen through deliberate choice or human weakness; nor have any of us avoided omitting to do something we are called to do. But we can also say that we all have to atone for our failings, one way or another. There is a penance that must be done. Justice must be served. Ultimately, God is the fullness of Justice – this is only out done by his Mercy when we sincerely repent (contrition for our failings, and a firm purpose of amendment). This needs to occur within the clergy to begin to look at rebuilding trust.

So what are we to do? We must pray for the victims first and foremost: for every healing grace to be granted to those who have already suffered so much. Next, as I said to many last weekend, there needs to be a lot of prayer and penance from those who wear the collar. Trust has been broken, and restoration can only happen with a deep commitment to live faithfully, adhering to the teaching Jesus Christ has put before us. We must begin again, offering prayers and supplications even though so many of us are uninvolved with the behavior being reported on. Finally, I offer you, on behalf of the Church for the failings of her clergy and from the depths of my own heart this: I am sorry.

The Body of Christ that is the Church rises and falls as one and as a parish community we can pray and hope in the Lord together because it is Him who makes all things new. Please know you all remain in my prayers, and if I can help in any way please let me know.

May God be our consolation and strength,

Fr. Jim

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Lots of wonderful things happening! We are always looking for new men who are interested in Joining our council. Please email kofcstpatricks16001@gmail.com for more info.

Dear friends in Christ,

There have been a number of recent news stories from around the country and around the globe revealing reports of sexual abuse of minors by clergy over many decades and how some bishops did not take decisive action to remove them from ministry. That such stories continue to emerge is deeply troubling, to say the least. The horrors of the abuse which are detailed in many of these reports demonstrate in shocking manner how utterly disgusting is the crime and sin of sexual abuse of minors.

Since arriving in Worcester more than 14 years ago, I have had no more difficult pastoral responsibility as your bishop than to hear first-hand from victims the details of the abuse which took place during their childhood. Listening to the painful burdens which they carried for decades is sometimes more than the human heart can bear. Yet we cannot turn a deaf ear or a blind eye to the abuses which occurred at the hands of clerics and other church workers who used their position and influence to subject innocent children to their perverted desires. It is for this reason that zero tolerance of clergy who have been credibly accused must remain our standard.

I do not know what tomorrow will bring as more stories of past abuse from around the world come to light, but there is one thing that I can assure you, my dear people of the Diocese of Worcester. We have been and continue to be committed to responding to victims of past abuse and to the protection of children in our midst today as well as to the reporting of any cases brought to our attention to law enforcement, no matter how many years ago they occurred. The professionals on the Diocesan Review Committee, whose expertise include social work, medicine and law enforcement, have been an invaluable asset to me and our diocesan family as they assist us in vigilantly implementing the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

I ask you to continue to help us to not let any fatigue enter into the Charter's continued implementation. We will continue to insist on background screening of all ordained and lay staff and volunteers, which we have been doing for more than 15 years. We will continue training employees and volunteers in identifying the symptoms of abuse and how to report suspected abuse. We will continue reporting any past or current allegations to law enforcement and cooperate with annual independent audits of our compliance with the Charter. We will continue our commitment to zero tolerance by not returning accused clergy to any ministry and continue to require letters of good standing for any clergy who serve, even temporarily, in our diocese. We will continue to offer therapeutic assistance to victims as recommended by our Victim Assistance Coordinator with the support of our Diocesan Review Committee.

Above all, let us always keep the victims of abuse wherever they may be in our prayers as we lift their needs to Jesus, the Divine Physician and Healer of Souls. May God offer them peace in their struggles against the memories and harm which they have endured.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

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

Wanted - Religious Education Teachers

It is that time of year again....back to school and back to religious education classes! As always, our students are very blessed to have so many dedicated and returning teachers.

Thanks to everyone who has responded to our request for teachers. We still need a few teachers after school on Monday from 4-5 p.m.

We have excellent teacher manuals that make teaching very easy. Please prayerfully consider whether you are being called in this very rewarding ministry. If you are interested please contact Jean Urbanowski or Chris Mulry in the Parish Center (508-886-2010). Thank you!

Rutland Food Pantry Distributions

September

Thursday, September 13, 2018 6:00—7:30 p.m. Saturday, September 22, 2018 9:00—11:00 a.m.

October

Thursday, October 11, 2018 6:00—7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 27, 2018 9:00—11:00 a.m.

November

Note Only 1 Distribution in November Saturday, November 17, 2018 9:00—11:0 a.m.

Food Pantry Wish List

Soup: Hearty and regular

Vegetables: Boxed and Canned potatoes

Cream Corn

No other vegetables are needed at this time

Cereal: Hot and Cold (Low Sugar also needed)

Juice: Bottled Juice and juice boxes

Snacks: Cookies, fruit bars or any snacks for kids

Coffee & Tea (Decaf and Regular)

Rice: Rice Pilaf, Chicken & Beef Flavored Pasta Sauce: Family size jars and cans Canned Meat: Chicken, Ham, and Tuna

(LOW SALT is also needed)

NOTE: 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 that HAS NOT EXPIRED—as we cannot give out anything that has expired. Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry.

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