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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

5:00 p.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 PaulaStidsen@gmail.com

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

February 16, 2020

BLESSED

are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the
law of the LORD.

PSALM 119:1-2
BLESSED ARE THEY

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are those who keep his statutes
and seek him with all their heart.

Dear Lord,

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.



PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (direct, confidential line).



Papal Tweet

I entrust to the Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, all those who carry the burden of illness, along with their families and healthcare providers. I warmly assure everyone of my closeness in prayer.



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.

* PERSON IS LIVING

Note: In the event of school cancellation due to inclement weather, Mass will not be celebrated. In the event of a school delay, Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. that day.

Saturday, February 15:

5:00 p.m. Fr. Jim Kerrigan, 7th Anniversary
Requested by the Stidsen Family

Sunday, February 16:

8:00 a.m. Tammy Murphy, 22nd Anniversary
Requested by the Totas Family

10:30 a.m. Beverly Lange, 13th Anniversary
Requested by her husband, Gerry Lange

5:00 p.m. NO Mass this week

Monday, February 17: Adoration & Benediction
- Parish Office Closed -

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, February 18:

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

Wednesday, February 19:

8:00 a.m. German Martinez
Requested by Maryann Sabetti-Gramayo

Saturday, February 22:

5:00 p.m. MaryAnn Persson, 3rd Anniversary
Requested by the Family

Sunday, February 23:

8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. Jack Hatton
Requested by the Clarke Family
5:00 p.m.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday February 16	School Vacation Week, No CCD Feb 16, 17 and 18
Monday February 17	8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Benediction
Tuesday February 18	8:30 a.m. Scripture Study & Faith Sharing—Church Hall 5:30 p.m. Dismas Farm, Group A, Team 3 5:45 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting-Parish Center 7:00 p.m. The Wild Goose Class, Parish Center
Wednesday February 19	
Thursday February 20	
Friday February 21	
Saturday February 22	

February 9, 2020 Weekly Collection

Higher Utility and Energy Costs	\$ 552.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 609.90
Weekly Offering	\$ 3,685.00
Thank you for your generosity!	\$ 4,846.90

Mark Your Calendars

February 17th: Adoration & Benediction

8:30 a.m. — 6:00 p.m., Please sign up,
All are welcome to drop in any time as well

February 18th: The Wild Goose: Class on the Holy Spirit, Parish Center Hall at 7:00 p.m.

February 26th: Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. Mass with distribution of Ashes
7:00 p.m. Mass with distribution of Ashes

February 28th: Lenten Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. - Church (Weekly during Lent)

March 1st: Monthly Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet:

11:30 a.m., After the 10:30 Sunday Mass

March 8th: Annual training for Lectors, 11:30 a.m. Church

March 13th: Fish Fry Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 5:30-7:00 p.m, Parish Center

March 17, 18 & 19: Lenten Mission, 7:00 p.m. Church

TABERNACLE LAMP

MaryAnn Persson

February 16 - 22, 2020



From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I command?" Luke 6:46

I had heard this many times in the past, but I really *heard* this passage of Scripture a few years ago. Now when I say *heard*, I mean that there comes those times where we truly hear a passage and can say at that point we've *heard* it because it hits us in a particular way that's really personal.

There is not one among us that God is not calling to Himself. Jesus, as the second person of the Holy Trinity, God made man, calls us to the fullness of relationship with the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For many though, such a reality seem miles upon miles away – a ship that will never see the shoreline. I understand this because when I was younger sitting in the pews every Sunday, such a relationship with God seemed so far away. While an intense experience of God would propel me into the Seminary, for the next three years afterward, I found myself going back and forth between great extremes in my life in Christ. To say things were as a roller coaster would be an understatement. The question crossed my mind constantly: "Lord, where are we going? When does this level out?"

It came in this passage, at least implicitly. Trying to have God bend to our own will and pleasure is never going to work out, and I'd imagine we can all relate. We try to make God follow us – bartering with him by trying to make deals that if He does what we want, we'll do his will as payback. Here is where above passage rings greatly true in our lives. We call Jesus **Lord**, which means someone or something having power, authority, or influence; a master or ruler.* We are used to this potentially being a bad thing, as we've been hurt or burned by people in authority in the past. Yet when we are talking about the person of Jesus, who literally loved us so much that he laid down his life in atonement for our sins, is it ever a bad thing to allow ourselves to be under *that* kind of authority?

What is the greatest obstacle keeping you from a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ? Whatever it is, that is what we need to work on. We call him **Lord**, but are we doing what he commands us? Do our lives truly reflect placing ourselves in relationship with him by living the Commandments, the Beatitudes, and lives of prayer according to our state in life? Because when we do that – we will see more stability come forth in our lives; the rollercoaster will level off, and we will begin to live in the peace that only Our Lord Himself can provide.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim

*-<https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/lord>



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above other people.

Jesus is clear – it's the **love that you have** in your heart that will get you to heaven.

***Sponsored by our own
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Come enjoy our Lenten



***March 13th, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
in Parish Center***

*Enjoy a great meal, time with family and friends
and keep the Lenten Fast, abstaining from
eating meat on Fridays!*

Rutland Food Pantry



Distribution Dates:

February

Saturday, February 22, 2020—9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

March

Thursday, March 12, 2020—6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28, 2020—9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Our **Wish List:**

- ☐ Hot and Cold Cereal (Low Sugar also needed)
- ☐ Canned Pasta
- ☐ Jelly (Low Sugar also needed)
- ☐ Tea/Cocoa//Coffee/INSTANT Coffee
- ☐ Juice/Juice Boxes
- ☐ Baked Bean
- ☐ Canned Tuna or Chicken (Low Salt also needed)
- ☐ Boxed Rice
- ☐ Hamburger Helper, Pasta Sides
- ☐ Snacks for Kids

Traveling Holy Hour for Vocations

Come join the traveling holy hour for vocations on

Tuesday, March 3 at 7 pm at St. Joseph

Church in Charlton. All are welcome to attend and pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life in our diocese.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE



Date	Time	Lector	Extraordinary Min of Holy Communion	Hospitality	Altar Servers * Observing
2/15	5:00 p.m.	Paula Stidsen	Sr. Angela Kavil Linda Sweeney	Carole Cordiner Greta Scully	Kameron Morris Lauren Mulry Connor Reidy Nicolas Hayes *
2/16	8:00 a.m.	Joe Becker	Mark Alarie Arlene Taylor	Laurie Becker Greeter Needed	Julie Becker Tommy Becker Grace VanOudenhove Megan Jeffcoat *
2/16	10:30 a.m.	James Buttitta	Mary Buttitta Dot Tsotsis	Jean & Cathia Marc Dot Tsotsis	DJ Maceiko Jaden Marc Jeremiah Marc Page Pettes *
2/16	5:00 p.m.	No 5 P.M. Mass tonight			
2/22	5:00 p.m.	John Fitzgerald	Sandy Ackerman Kathy Troy	Sandy Ackerman Mary Galli	Rachael Dinsdale Jack Fitzgerald Brigid Kirton
2/23	8:00 a.m.	Harry Sechman	Cindy Katinas Gail Totas	Megan Greevy Nancy Sechman	Famy Greevy Kalliyon Greevy Kiera Greevy Tatum Hargreaves *
2/23	10:30 a.m.	Brendan Shaw	Phil Black Annemarie Woodward	Chris Roy Greeter Needed	Rowan Clarke Michael Gates DJ Maceiko Kathryn Maceiko *
2/23	5:00 p.m.	Pat Martin	Donna Evans Brenda Nordquist		Matthew Wells

20th Anniversary
Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference
Saturday, March 28, 2020

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to the 20th Anniversary Conference, scheduled at **Assumption College on Saturday, March 28.**

Come and hear dynamic and outstanding Catholic leaders: Dr. Scott Hahn, Luis Soto and Bishop Robert Reed of Boston.

Visit the conference website at **www.firstmensconf.org** for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere.

What To Do with Last Year's Palms?



Between now and Ash Wednesday February 26, you may bring palms to church and place them in the **baskets that will be at the doors** or bring them to the Parish Center during office hours. We will arrange for proper disposal.

KNOW ANYONE WHO IS UNABLE TO GET OUT OF THEIR HOME OR IS IN THE HOSPITAL?

We count on you, our parishioners, to notify us if you know of someone who would like to receive Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick, and/or a visit from a member of our Visitation Ministry.

Our Deacons, Fr. Jim and volunteer Visitation Ministers are ready to serve and will reach out to anyone in need.



2019 Tax Statements

If you would like a statement of your 2019 contributions to St. Patrick Parish, please leave a message with the Parish Center at **508-886-4984** or email us at **das@stpatricksrutland.org**.

Lenten Mission

*Apart from Me,
You Can Do
Nothing*

March 17, 18 & 19, 2020

John 15:5



Fr. Christopher Peschel

Starts at 7:00 p.m. each Evening

Mass on the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17.

Preached Eucharistic Holy Hours on March 18 & 19.

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