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EUCHARISTIC 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.

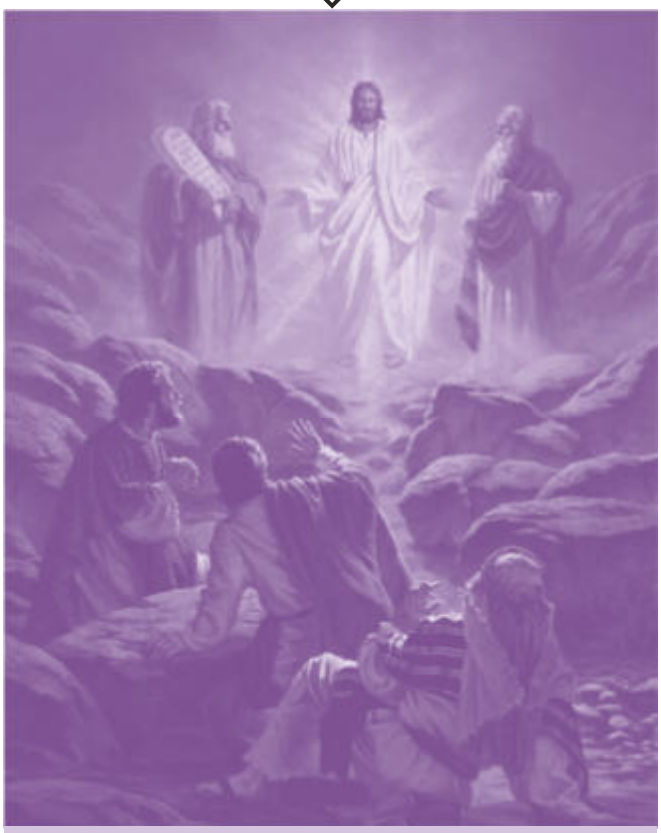
Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

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
508- 886-4724 Jackie O'Brien

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
March 8, 2020



Jesus …
led them up a high mountain …
and He was transfigured
before them
Matthew 17: 1-2

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).

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

Papal Tweet

The Gospel (Mt 4:1-11) shows how Jesus responds to the tempter who tries three times to ensnare Him. May His experience also help us to be vigilant in the face of temptation and not to surrender to any idol of this world.

Mass Intentions

Those 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, March 7:
5:00 p.m. Brian Fitzpatrick
Requested by Paul & Nancy McKenzie

Sunday, March 8:
8:00 a.m Peter P. Valeri
Requested by Sister and Brother-in-Law Nancy & Walter Carroll
10:30 a.m. Barbara Lester
Requested by the Bailey Family
5:00 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Monday, March 9:
8:00 a.m. Lynne Fontaine
Requested by the Skrocki Family

Tuesday, March 10:
8:00 a.m. * The People of St. Patrick's

Wednesday, March 11:
8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 14:
5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 15:
8:00 a.m
10:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

March 1, 2020 Weekly Collection

Higher Utility and Energy Costs	$	150.00
Electronic Giving	$	869.70
Easter Flowers	$	75.00
Weekly Offering	$	4,830.00
Thank you for your generosity!	$	5,924.70
Church in Latin America	$	30.00

Weekly Schedule

Sunday March 8	**10:30 a.m. Instructional Mass:** Communion & Concluding Rites, **for First Communion Candidates;** all are welcome to attend **11:30 a.m. Lector Training** - Church
Monday March 9	**6:00—7:00 p.m.** Confessions **6:00—7:15 p.m.** Children's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
Tuesday March 10	**8:30 a.m.** Scripture Study & Faith Sharing—Church Hall
Wednesday March 11	**7:00 p.m.** Troop 306 Comm. Meeting
Thursday March 12	
Friday March 13	**5:30—7:00 p.m.** Fish Bake, Parish Center, Adults $12, Children $6 **7:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross—Church
Saturday March 14	Irish Bread Sale after 5 p.m. Mass

Newly Baptized

Welcome the newly baptized member of our Parish Family,

Baptized in January:
✞ Lucas James Redmond

Mark Your Calendars

March 9th: Confessions (Weekly during Lent): 6:00—7:00 p.m.

March 13th: Baked Haddock Dinner: By the Knights of Columbus 5:30-7:00 p.m, Parish Center

March 14th & 15th: Irish Bread Fund Raiser, After the Masses

March 16th: Adoration & Benediction
8:30 a.m. — 6:00 p.m., Please sign up.
All are welcome to drop in any time as well

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

March 20th: Stations of the Cross, Church

March 27th: Living Stations of the Cross, Church

From the Pastor…

Dear Friends,

All too often, our daily lives can feel like they are moving at a blistering pace. We move from one activity or commitment to another, hardly having time for any personal reflection or prayer. This can be frustrating, but even more so – it can be isolating. When we don't slow down and try to quiet our interior, we tend to be overwhelmed. It is because of this that I hope this Lent will be an invitation to refocus on our life in Christ.

As we begin our Lenten journey, I wish to invite us all to take time during this season to grow in our spiritual lives for our upcoming Parish Mission. A Parish Mission is an opportunity for our St. Patrick's community to be reawakened to the call of Christ that our frantic pace of life can obscure. Fr. Christopher Peschel, from the Diocese of Fall River, will join us for three nights from March 17th through the 19th. He will be speaking on the theme from the Gospel of John – Apart from Me, you can do nothing (Jn 15:5). Fr. Chris will emphasize our need to be close to the Lord, especially through the gift of the Eucharist.

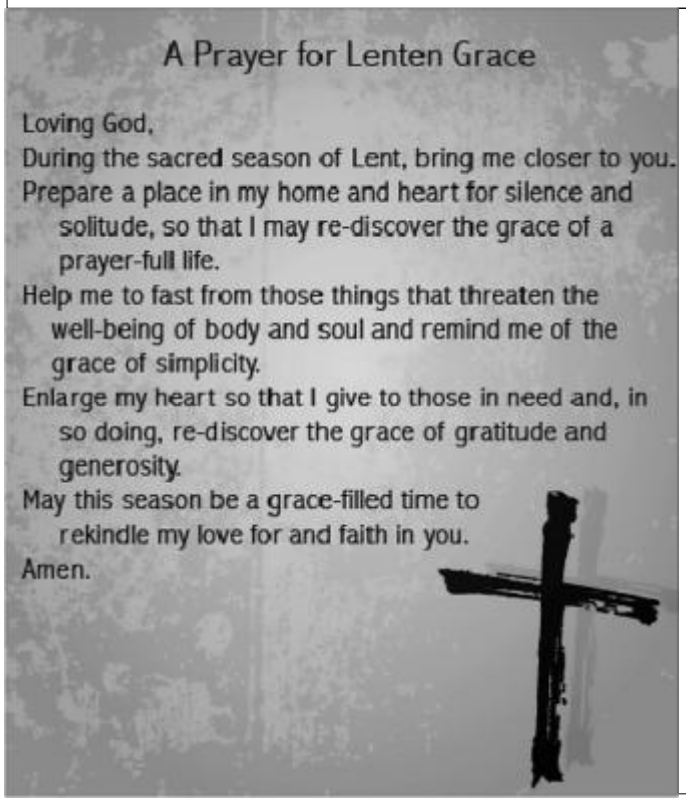
Recently, a Pew Research forum survey spoke of only 4 in 10 Catholics holding belief in the Eucharist as the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Fr. Chris will speak to our need for Jesus, in the Eucharist and our Daily Lives, helping us to move closer to Him as we make our way towards Easter.

I hope you can join us for all 3 nights, starting with Mass on St. Patrick's Feast Day March 17th, but even if you can only join us for 1 night, please come. March 18th and 19th will each include a Eucharistic Holy Hour with a Liturgy of the Word, giving us time in front of the Lord to slow down and pray.

There is not a day that goes by where God is not calling each of us personally. If we are feeling that interior pull to attend 1, 2, or all 3 nights of this mission, we must not let the typical worldly distractions pull us away. The Lord desires us to be close to Him, and what better time than in Lent to take a step toward Him. As always, know you are all in my prayers and I ask for your prayers for me as well. It is in this way that we all grow in relationship with Jesus Christ, who sacrificed all on the cross for us.

God Bless,

Fr. Jim



Girl Scout Troop 30862 Needs Your Help!

We are collecting goods to help Abby's House, a shelter for homeless, battered and low-income women, with or without children.

Below is a short list of needed items. To see the full list, go to **http://abbyshouse.org/get-involved/donate-needed-items/**

- Bottled Water
- Weather-proof tote bags
- Weather-proof backpacks
- Paper towels
- Thermal Travel mugs
- Insulated water bottles
- Paper Plates (Large & Small)
- Plastic Forks/knives/spoons
- Aluminum foil pans
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags
- Dollar Tree Gift Cards
- 8 1/2" x 11" copy paper
- Envelopes 9 1/2 x 4 1/8" white
- Sponges
- Dawn Dish Detergent
- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Dryer Sheets
- Febreze Air Freshener
- Clorox Wipes
- Scotch-Brite Scouring Pads
- Dish Towels (neutral colors)

Rutland Food Pantry

Distribution Dates:

March

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

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

April Note: Only 1 Distribution in April

Saturday, April 11, 2020—9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

May

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

Saturday, May 23, 2020—9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Our **Wish List:**

Vegetables: Boxed and Canned potatoes
No other vegetables are needed

Pasta: All kinds are needed

Juice: Bottled Juice and juice boxes

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 - we cannot give out anything that has expired.

Looking for a new Recipe for Easter Dinner?

There are many wonderful recipes in the St. Patrick Cookbook, *Recipes from the Heart*!

We're sure you'll find a new family favorite.

Cookbooks are available for $18.00
in the Sacristy or Parish Center Office.

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.

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.

Knights of Columbus
Baked Haddock Dinner

Friday, March 13
5:30 -7:00 p.m.
Adults $12, Children $6

Children's menu will be Mac & Cheese
Carry-Out available

Sign up at this weekend's Masses
or for reservations email:
cdb1859@yahoo.com
or Call Chris Daniel at 774-364-7319

"Join us for dinner
Followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m."

Be A Knight of Columbus

As we head into the Lenten season, please consider joining the ranks of our Parish's Knights of Columbus.

Our council provides a way of giving back to so many.

Earlier this month, we held a membership drive and hope that you consider this active group of Catholic men that do so much for the Parish and the surrounding communities.
For more information, please contact us at:
kofcstpatricks16001@gmail.com .
We look forward to hearing from you!

Visitation House Donations

The **Saint Patrick's Knights of Columbus** council are collecting donations for the Visitation House. Visitation House provides a caring home for women facing crisis pregnancies in the Worcester area.

Baby bottles are located in the front and side entrances of the Church and may be filled with your extra change, bills etc. Any donation is helpful. Please return the bottles by **April 12th by placing them** in the baskets from which they came.

Easter Children's Choir

The St. Patrick Children's Choir will sing at the **10:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday (April 12).** The next rehearsal is **Monday, March 8 from 6 - 7:15 p.m.** in the choir loft in the Church.
All children who are at least in first grade are welcome to join. If you are interested please contact Chris Mulry at the Parish Center or join us for the rehearsal.

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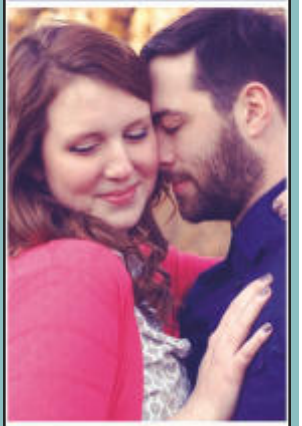
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