

# St. Patrick Parish

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**PUBLIC EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**  
**with COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

You may attend Mass **in person** or continue to participate through **Livestreaming** on Facebook. Mass Schedule is:

**Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 pm**

**Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am**

**WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**  
**8:00 am**

**BAPTISM:** Parents please email the Parish Office to arrange for instructions and Baptismal date.

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

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday Drive Up Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm in the lower parking lot.

**HOME & HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Please notify us if you know of someone who is ill or homebound.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome! We hope that you will become an active part of our parish family.

Please introduce yourselves at your first opportunity, or call the Parish Center to register.

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

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July 26, 2020



**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD



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



## Papal Tweet

Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Whoever believes this message knows that life is born of the love of God the Father.



## Mass Intentions

### MASS INTENTIONS

**PUBLIC MASSES HAVE RESUMED WITH COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS INCLUDING: WEARING MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND USE OF HAND SANITIZER PRIOR TO RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST.**

TO SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION OR REQUEST A TABERNACLE LAMP PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

\* PERSON IS LIVING

**NOTE: PUBLIC MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK SO YOU MAY PARTICIPATE FROM HOME.**

### Saturday, July 25:

**5:00 pm** \* Healing for Rebecca  
Requested by Ann Marie MacIlvane & Karen Cove

### Sunday, July 26:

**8:00 am** \* In Thanksgiving for Anna Catalina's 4th Birthday, Requested by the Gil Family  
**10:30 am** \* Esther Cinelli & her Family  
Requested by Catt Benedict

### Monday, July 27:

**8:00 am** **No Mass** today  
The intention for Gerard LeMay Sr. has been moved to August 2nd at 8am

### Tuesday, July 28:

**8:00 am** **No Mass** today

### Wednesday, July 29:

**8:00 am** **No Mass** today

### Saturday, August 1:

**5:00 pm** Irene Nichols  
Requested by the Nichols Family

### Sunday, August 2:

**8:00 am** Gerard LeMay Sr.  
Requested by Martha LeMay and Family  
**10:30 am** Gerry Lange  
Requested by Paul & Maryann Meleski  
**The Rosary will follow the 10:30 Mass on the steps, Main Entrance of the Church-weather permitting**

*Please Pray For the Repose of the Soul of Gerald "Gerry" Lange and Paul Lampson*



Please pray for Fr. Jim who will be on vacation from July 26, starting at noon, through Friday, August 7th.



**Welcome Fr. Stephen Gemme** who will be celebrating the Masses on August 1st & 2nd. Masses on the weekend **will be** livestreamed.

### Weekday Masses at St. Patrick's:

There will be **no public Masses during the week** on July 27, 28, 29 and August 3, 4 and 5.

### The nearest **public Masses** are:

St. Mary, Jefferson: Mon Noon, Tue & Wed 8am  
St. Columba, Paxton: Mon through Wed 8am  
St. Thomas-a-Becket, So Barre: Mon through Wed 8am

### On-line/TV Masses:

EWTN TV or Internet: 8am  
Catholic TV or Internet: 9:30 am  
St. Paul Cathedral: 9:00 am -  
LIVESTREAM and on Spectrum/Charter Channel 193



Worcester Catholic Women's Conference

**November 21, 2020**  
**3rd Annual Worcester Catholic Women's Conference**

Assumption College in Worcester, MA  
<https://www.worcestercatholicwomensconference.com/>

**CANCELED**

Note: If you purchased a ticket you will be refunded.

### July 19, 2020

### Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Higher Utilities	\$ 210.00
Holy Day (Ascension)	\$ 25.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,744.36
Weekly Offering	\$ 3,091.00
	\$ 5,070.36

**Peter's Pence \$ 25.00**

We are grateful to all who have been able to mail in their weekly offering or make use of on-line giving during this time. It is a great help to us. *Thank you!*



## A Message from the Pastor...

Dear friends,

Thank you to all those who've responded to our email from this last week. It is never easy to speak of the need for money, especially now. But we are grateful for any help you can give going forward. As I said last week, so many in our community step up time and time again. Thank you for your support of our Parish!

Many projects were put on hold when the virus began to take hold. We have begun again to address these necessities with gifts set aside to benefit our Parish. This week, we will be receiving the first check of funds raised from the recent *Legacy of Hope* campaign from this past Fall. These funds are targeted towards the projects of handicap accessibility (a ramp), Church Windows, and Church Restrooms. Before COVID-19, we were progressing on the accessibility issue, but obviously, things stopped during the Shutdown. We've restarted the work, looking at the plans we had drafted for a ramp before COVID and will progress towards addressing accessibility, with the other projects to follow.

Recently, a concern was expressed about safety in the Sanctuary during the humid summer months. We have had many instances, even some recently, of those serving on the altar *nearly or actually passing out*. This has been an ongoing concern, and we continually chose not to address this issue. A motion at a recent Finance Council meeting was brought forward to address this issue by purchasing an air conditioner unit for the Sanctuary area using funds gifted to the capital account for improvements to the Sanctuary. After consulting those who have been in the Sanctuary the most and much debate, the Finance Council did approve the motion on Health and Safety grounds, helping the Sanctuary be more manageable and pray God to avoid any injuries.

A logical question is how does it make sense to address Capital Projects when speaking of our needs for continued offertory support just a week ago? All of the funds in the capital account have been donated and most have designated purposes related to capital improvements within the Parish. Canon Law stipulates that one must respect donor intent concerning funds, something you may remember hearing from me during the Legacy of Hope campaign. *A Pastor cannot redirect targeted funds without seeking explicit permission from all who donated.* Further, to redirect these funds does not solve the issues that we've already targeted as real needs in our Parish. In short, the requirements related to our regular operational funds cannot be addressed by trying to redirect capital funds.

To answer another question, why was this decision on the air conditioning made for only the Sanctuary? The recommendation of the Finance Council, combined with a great concern for the safety of our people serving, has prompted this action. We have seen two of our young people take falls over the last year that, only by the grace of God, weren't worse. We've had too many *near misses*. Dealing with an ongoing safety issue helps keep those serving our community, young and old, safer going forward.

Thank you all for your understanding in these matters. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out. To reiterate the last email, we are doing all in our power to provide for the community and keep everyone safe. All steps continue to be taken, obviously with the virus, but also the ongoing needed issues.

God Bless, *Fr. Jim*



## Celebrating Public Masses

As you enter the Church  
Please follow these Guidelines  
As an act of Christian Charity



Please wear a Face Covering  
Remove only to receive Communion



Maintain Proper Social Distancing  
6-Foot from non-household members



Keep your hands clean/sanitized

*Thank you*

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading: 1KGS 3:5,7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

### Responsorial Psalm:

PS 119:57,72,76-77,127-128,129-130

#### **R** Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces. **R**

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight. **R**

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate. **R**

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple. **R**

### Second Reading: ROM 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

### Alleluia:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia! Alleluia!



### Gospel: MT 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."



### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

### Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



### The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.





Welcome

the newly baptized members of our Parish Family,

Baptized in June:

- † Anthony Joseph Cerrone
- † Maddox Rebel Hunt



# HOPE ALIVE

ROMANS 5:5

*Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”  
Romans 5:5*

“Hope Alive” was the theme for Steubenville Live this year. When all Steubenville youth conferences across the country were canceled this summer, a virtual conference was held this past weekend.



We were fortunate to offer a social distanced and safe opportunity to bring some of our high schoolers together to view and discuss the conference.

While it was not the same as being there, we had some very fruitful and uplifting speakers, discussion and adoration that accomplished the theme of **Hope Alive!**



**Thanks to all of our parishioners who support us each year!**

Many of us live in the midst of uncertainty, suffering, and loss, and it can be difficult to find hope that will last. Often, in our desire for peace and joy, we place our hope in the wrong things and only find disappointment. Jesus Christ offers us a hope that does not disappoint. When we place our hope in Him, He walks with us in our loss, helps us endure, redeems it, and makes us come alive.

Step out of loneliness, sadness, fear and anxiety today and experience **Hope Alive!**



## Rutland Food Pantry

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Distribution Dates

NOTE TIME CHANGES

Date	Time
<i>August</i>	
Thursday, August 13, 2020	6:00 - 7:00 PM
Saturday, August 22, 2020	9:00 - 10:00 AM

For the safety of our volunteers and since many of our drop-off spots around Rutland are closed, please continue to only drop off donations at St Patrick’s Church downstairs on the stage (enter using the door on the Pommogussett side of the church). Donations may be dropped off anytime.

Please do not leave bags of food outside the church

**Our immediate needs are:**

- Canned Meats especially Tuna
- Jelly
- Soup
- Juice or Juice Boxes
- Boxed Rice products
- Hamburger/Tuna Helper
- Boxed or Canned Potato Products
- Baked Beans
- Coffee/Tea

We gladly accept food that HAS NOT EXPIRED - as we cannot give out anything that has expired. Once again, we thank all who continue to support this ministry during these unsettlingly times. Your help and support are so greatly appreciated.



We are hiring now to start Mid-August.

Year Round Part-time Drivers and Monitors Needed State wide.

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