

# 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.

508- 886-2206 Paula Stidsen or [PaulaStidsen@gmail.com](mailto:PaulaStidsen@gmail.com)

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

*August 16, 2020*



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020**

## 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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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).



*Congratulations!*



## 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.**

\* PERSON IS LIVING



**10:30 am** John Cove, 36th Anniversary and  
Scotty Bies, 93rd Birthday Remembrance  
Requested by the Cove Family



Brenna Bujnowski  
Savana DeCarlo  
Aiden DeLeon  
Darcy Molinari  
Tanner Pulaski  
Hailey Scarborough  
Lily Schmitt

## First Holy Communion

on Saturday, August 22nd.

in the years ahead.



## St. Patrick's 2020-2021 Registration

## Religious Education

Please send in your registrations as soon as possible. This will help us plan appropriately for the coming year. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Mulry at:

***Chris@stpatricksrutland.org or call 508-886-2010.***

**Grade 1 & Grades 3-8 - \$100 per student**

# August 9, 2020

## Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Higher Utilities	\$ 150.00
Holy Day (Ascension)	\$ 75.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,164.06
<u>Weekly Offering</u>	<u>\$ 2,782.00</u>
	\$ 4,171.06

*Church in Central & Eastern Europe \$ 100.00*

*We are grateful to all who have been able to make a 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,

In 2010, Pope Benedict beatified a simple Polish priest, Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko. Now Blessed Jerzy, this priest was a martyr of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, a century described as the bloodiest on record. "But Blessed Jerzy is also seen to be an ordinary young priest: his friend describes him sleeping on the sofa, and he was known to have a sense of humor, on one occasion offering coffee to the agents who were tailing him. His mother, brothers and sisters were present at his beatification."\*



What made Fr. Jerzy unique was his courage in these difficult times. He "did ordinary things in an extraordinary way. He celebrated mass, heard confessions, carried out the duties of a priest in the face of accusations, intimidation, arrests and even attempted murder. His actions were directed towards God and out of love for others. He knew that the only truth which can make men free is God, he spoke that truth and he was prepared to die for the sake of it."\*



Imagine being in an atmosphere where all are walking on eggshells lets they face false accusations and have Communist officials bring to bear many intimidation tactics. Imagine threats of arrest that are carried out because of holding to the Catholic Faith. Imagine threats escalating to the point where attempts on lives become reality. **In short, imagine an existence where fear rules every single move we make.** Some of these seem outrageous to us, but I can imagine that some might seem eerily too familiar in our time.

Blessed Jerzy offers us these words:

*"Overcoming fear is a key element in the process of setting Man free. Fear springs from threat. We fear suffering; we fear the loss of some goods, the loss of freedom, health or job. This fear makes us act against our conscience and it is by means of conscience that we measure Truth. We overcome fear the moment we agree to lose something for the sake of higher values. **If Truth becomes a value worth suffering for, worth taking a risk, then we will overcome fear that keeps us in slavery.** On many occasions Christ said to His apostles: "Do not fear. Do no fear those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do" (Lk 12:4)."*

Friends, don't let the fear of our age lead you astray. We have become worried about a great many things. Jesus reminds us as he did St. Martha: there is only one thing, and he is it (Luke 10:41-42). He is *the way, the truth, and the life* (John 14:6), and it is only by anchoring ourselves to the truth – objective truth found in the commandments that used to make up *common sense* that we will find the same courage of Blessed Jerzy.

God Bless, Fr. Jim

\*-<https://catholic-link.org/jerzy-popieluszko/>



**Feast of the Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
August 15**

## 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. Here's a brief overview of the focus for Session 2 on Saturday:

Our prayer life is the foundation of our relationship with Jesus Christ. In times of trial, we turn to him, our rock. We want to share why and how to pray, especially in the midst of suffering and uncertainty.

"My soul be at rest in God alone, from whom comes my hope."  
(Psalm 62:5)

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 and experience **Hope Alive!**

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading: IS 56:1,6-7

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants—all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

### Responsorial Psalm: PS 67:2-3,5,6,8

**R**O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God have pity on us and bless us;  
may he let his face shine upon us.  
So may your way be known upon earth;  
among all nations, your salvation. **R**

May the nations be glad and exult  
because you rule the peoples in equity;  
the nations on the earth you guide. **R**

May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us,  
and may all the ends of the earth fear him! **R**

### Second Reading: ROM 11:13-15,29-32

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles.  
Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in  
my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus  
save some of them. For if their rejection is the

reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.  
Just as you once disobeyed God but have now  
received mercy because of their disobedience, so  
they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of  
the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive  
mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that  
he might have mercy upon all.

### Alleluia:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom  
and cured every disease among the people.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Gospel: MT 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.



**Prayer In Time of Pandemic :** O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always. Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### 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.





# 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-Feet from non-household members



Keep your hands clean/sanitized

*Thank you*



## Rutland Food Pantry

*...here to help*

Distribution Dates

### Note Time Change

Date	Time
<b>August</b>	
Saturday, August 22, 2020	9:00 - 10:00 AM
<b>September</b>	
Thursday, September 10, 2020	6:00 - 7:00 PM
Saturday, September 26, 2020	9:00 - 10:00 AM

As federal relief monies have stopped, we are expecting an increase in the number of people utilizing our service in the coming weeks. All donations of non-expired, non-perishable food are greatly appreciated.

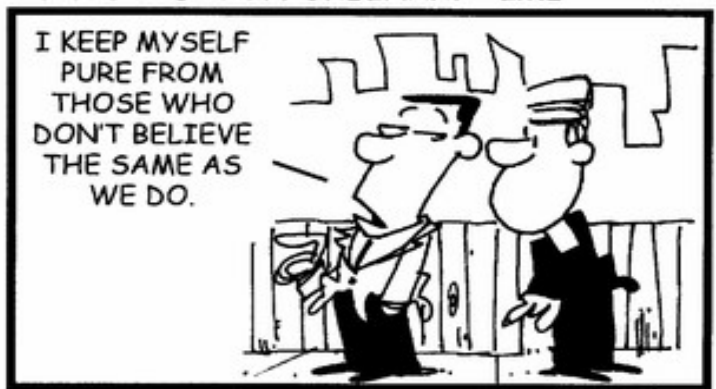
Please continue to drop off donations at St Patrick's Church downstairs on the stage (enter using the door on the Pommogussett side of the church). Donations may be dropped off anytime, as the side door is unlocked during non-Mass hours. Please do not leave bags of food outside the church building.

### Our immediate needs are:

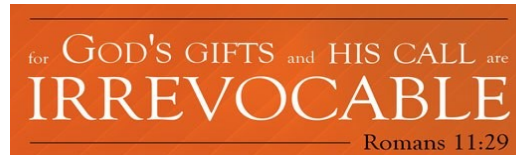
- Gluten Free and Sugar Free items
- Canned Meats- Chicken, Tuna or Ham
- Soup
- Bottled Juice
- Baked Beans
- Coffee/Tea
- Snacks – cookies, fruit bars etc

Thank you  
for all your help,  
support and continued prayers.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.



## PICKING UP THE PIECES: Evangelizing During the Pandemic (Zoom.com Sharing Session)

Many Catholics are stepping up to help others and to share their faith in Jesus Christ with them. "How has evangelizing changed for you over the past months due to the pandemic?" **Choose one of three FREE 90 min. sharing sessions--**, Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm; Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 pm; or Saturday, August 29 at 10:00 am. Send time/date, your name, phone, and email to [boucherjohn@hotmail.co...](mailto:boucherjohn@hotmail.co...) by August 18 to receive Zoom video session link. (Zoom account not required.) Hosted by Worcester Parish Renewal and Evangelization Committee.



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