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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.

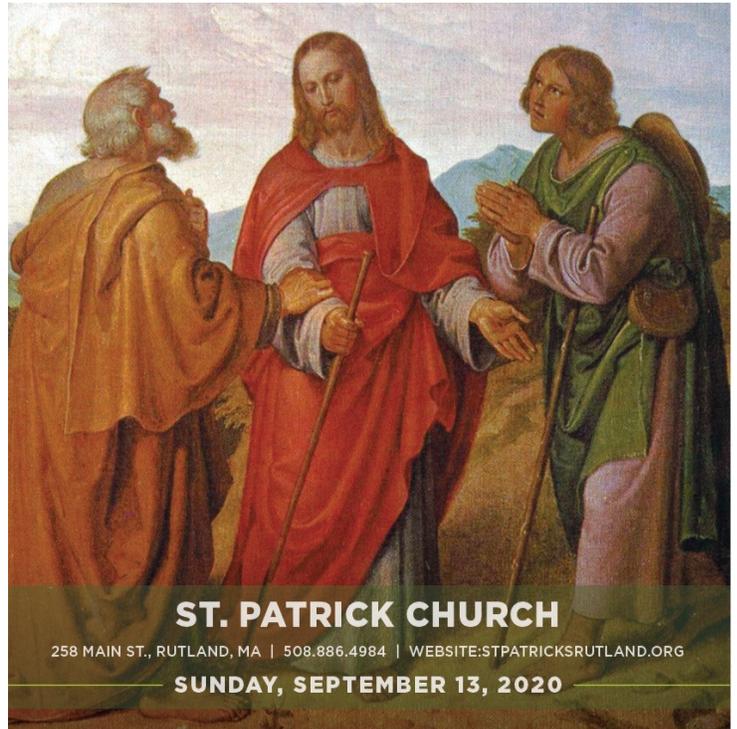
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September 13, 2020



ST. PATRICK CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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TABERNACLE LAMP

Irene Kaminski

September 13 - September 19, 2020



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

A virus that does not recognize barriers, borders, or cultural or political distinctions must be faced with a love without barriers, borders or distinctions.



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, September 12 :

5:00 pm Our Children who received First Holy Communion Today

Sunday, September 13:

8:00 am Irene Kaminski, 2nd Anniversary
Requested by the Stidsen Family

10:30 am Donald Mathieu, 1st Anniversary
Requested by his wife, Nancy

Monday, September 14:

8:00 am Fr. Vincent Fitzpatrick S.T.
Requested by Lauren Maldonado

Tuesday, September 15:

8:00 am Rita Flemming
Requested by the Alarie Family

Wednesday, September 16:

8:00 am Matthew Dolan
Requested by his daughter, Mary Galli

Saturday, September 19 :

5:00 pm

Sunday, September 20:

8:00 am Paul & Theresa Alarie
Requested by the Alarie Family

10:30 am Gerry Lange
Requested by John & Anita Morrison

Congratulations!

Congratulations to

- Lauren Aufiero*
- Fiona Kelly*
- Cameron Lamothe*
- Daniel Laurenzi*
- Tyler Rotolo*
- Hayden Tessier*
- Cole Thompson*



who are celebrating their **First Holy Communion** on Saturday, September 12th.

May the Lord come into your heart and hear your every prayer.

May the joy and blessings of this special day be repeated many times over in the years ahead.



Thank You!
For your generosity

St. Patrick's Parish

Raised: \$48,645 of \$61,800 Goal
Number of Gifts: >84 | 79% of Goal

September 6, 2020

Mass/Mailed in/Electronic Collections

Higher Utilities	\$ 237.00
Holy Day	\$ 35.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,393.86
Weekly Offering	\$ 3,137.00
	\$ 4,802.86

Fall Appeal for Catholic Schools \$65.00

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

Last Wednesday, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Peter Claver, a Spanish missionary who spent his life in serving African slaves brought against their will to South America in the 17th century.*

St. Peter would arrive at Cartagena – a port city located in modern-day Colombia – in 1610 to begin his ministry. “Despite Pope Paul III’s repeated condemnations of slavery during the previous century, European colonists continued importing African slaves, often sold by their own rulers, to work on plantations and in mines. Those who survived the ship journey could expect to be worked to death by their masters.”*

With the Pope ignored regarding slavery, St. Peter went to work, serving the best he could all who would arrive in Cartagena, providing both material assistance and instructing in the Catholic Faith. “In order to minister to speakers of a foreign language, Claver often employed pictorial representations of Catholic truths. He also communicated by means of generosity and expressions of love, giving food and drink to the ailing workers and visiting them during bouts of sickness that often proved fatal. ‘We must speak to them with our hands,’ he reasoned, ‘before we try to speak to them with our lips.’”* “His life of humility and penance led to miraculous occurrences – as when he healed the sick with the touch of his cloak, or appeared surrounded by a supernatural light during his hospital visits.”*

In the example of St. Peter’s Life, we see what it means to uphold the true dignity of the Human Person. While he couldn’t stop the slave trade, he would go with all he had to serve those who were not being loved or treated in a manner befitting their creation in God’s image and likeness. He would give food, water, medicine, and do his best to provide hope through the Gospel to those in need. During his lifetime, St. Peter was estimated to have baptized 300,000 people, all of whom he had instructed in Catholic faith**. As we reflect on St. Peter’s life, we must continue to ask the Lord to illuminate our hearts so that we leave behind anything that is not of God - be it attitudes, habits, or practices. Let us take up the gifts of Jesus Christ in their fullness to be *a light to the world* and *salt of the earth*; or to say it another way: allow Grace to transform us so that the Lord, in and through us as his instruments, may breakthrough hardness of heart and preserve truth and mercy in our world.



St. Peter Claver
September 9th

God Bless, *Fr. Jim*

*-<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-peter-claver-589>

**-<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-peter-claver/>



Now accepting donations to continue to house and feed residents while on their journey to wellness.

Donations may be sent to: Dismas House, P.O. Box 30125, Worcester, MA 01603



It’s wonderful to see the number of parishioners returning to attend Mass in person. We expect that very shortly we will reach capacity in the Church and we are ready to open our Parish Center Hall to accommodate the increased number of attendees.

Our decision to open the Parish Center needs to be made about 10 minutes before the start of Mass so we can have everyone settled in their seat safely. So we are asking all of you to arrive for Mass at least 10 minutes before the start so we can serve you well. Please make the extra effort to give us 10 minutes - we would be most grateful.



Star of Bethlehem

Hand carved olive wood and other religious articles from the Holy Land.
Available after all Masses on
September 26th & 27th.

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: SIR 27:30-28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

Responsorial Psalm: PS103:1-2,3-4,9-10,11-12

**R The Lord is kind and merciful,
slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD,
O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. **R**

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion. **R**

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath
forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us. **R**

Second Reading: ROM 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died

and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Alleluia

Alleluia:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
love one another as I have loved you. .

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: MT 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."



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.



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September 12th & 19th

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Saturday, **Sept. 12th & 19th**
8 am - 2 pm
Sunday, **Sept. 13th & 20th**
8 am - 12 noon



We appreciate your support!



Time, Talent and Treasure Auction is Coming!

September 28th through October 3rd
Join in the Fun!

We are accepting donations of craft items and services such as:

- Gardening
- Landscaping
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- Scratch Tickets

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508-769-4438

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Rutland Food Pantry

No Time Change	
Date	Time
<i>September</i>	
Saturday, September 26, 2020	9:00 - 10:00 AM
<i>October</i>	
Thursday, October 08, 2020	6:00 - 7:00 PM
Saturday, October 24, 2020	9:00 - 10:00 AM

We are very grateful to all of you who continue to support our local food pantry.

Please continue to drop off **non-expired** and **non-perishable** food 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.

September is SOUP-tember

Help us make our soup shelves overflow with every kind of soup - *a spectacular "SOUP-tember"!!!*

Food items needed are:

- **Soup:** Hearty & regular, chowders and broths
- **Cereal:** Hot and Cold (Low Sugar also needed)
- **Juice:** Bottled Juice
- **Snacks:** Cookies, fruit bars, 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)

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O Holy Spirit,

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with your Love...

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